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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ON 15 JANUARY AND 5 FEBRUARY 2020

PUBLIC SESSION

Cambridge South Station

Mike Smith, Consents Development Manager of Network Rail, presented developing plans for a new station in the vicinity of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, along with associated infrastructure to sustainably improve connectivity in Cambridgeshire. (The full presentation is available on the Great Shelford Parish Council website.)

Councillor Questions

Will the current rail line be disrupted? Normal operation is expected and the line will be open as much as possible.

Is there a provision planned for construction traffic and material storage? They will rely as much as possible on the rail line for deliveries.

What about cycle provision? Cycle access is to be encouraged as no parking for cars will be available at the station.

Will this result in the closure of Great Shelford station? There is no knowledge of any plans to close Great Shelford station.

Will the new station have links to the Cambridge Metro? They are talking to other projects and taking this into consideration with the plan. Four platforms will be available to serve all projected timetable requirements.

Public Questions

Why are the four new tracks not extended into Cambridge? Timetable modelling has identified there is sufficient track to deliver the project.

Will a four-track line be required when the East West line is established? The East West line is an uncommitted project and cannot be taken into account at this stage.

With the extra train via Great Shelford station, will a footbridge be included? No comment could be made but the question would be passed on. Support activities include improved signalling and level crossings.

Other comments and questions from the public

The residents' litter bin outside the Wine Bar at High Green has been taken away by SCDC as it is on private land. A tree/bush on Maris Green is obscuring vision to the road access. A replacement Parish Council Notice Board was requested in the vicinity of the old Post Office. The Christmas lights on the Memorial Green tree were appreciated and the tree should be left to

grow. The recently moved seat on Memorial Green is now close to another seat, and would be better closer to its original position. The condition of the Memorial is poor and it is black in places, could cleaning be considered? The Chair agreed to investigate all the above issues.

The S137 Budget for 2020/21 identified for SSYI did not demonstrate value for money. The free use of the meeting room by SSYI should be considered as part of the S137 funding. The traffic calming budget for 2020/21 should be subject to a public meeting and consultation. The Parish Council should consider a merger with the Parochial Charities allotments. The Memorial Hall Budget for 2020/21 should be subject to the rebuild feasibility study that has been omitted. The Cricket Ball stop proposal was previously properly negotiated and a solution agreed with the cricket club and the adjacent residents. The Chair agreed to note the above budget comments.

High Green layby parking signs are in confusion with the new yellow lines. The Clerk stated in the absence of the Highways Chair that he was aware of the situation and a correction had been requested.

Additional Speed indicator devices (SID) were requested. The Clerk stated in the absence of the Highways Chair that two were currently in operation but battery life was restricting use. Replacement batteries were planned.

Air-quality testing on Hinton Way was requested some time ago and could Woollards Lane also be included? District and County Council assistance and advice is required.

Village pot holes continued to be an issue. Residents are encouraged to report pot holes on the SCDC website and on *Fill that Hole* website.

FINANCE

Sixteen cheques to the value of £18,369.78p were approved and signed.

The full F & GP proposal was re-examined at the meeting by Councillors with no significant changes proposed.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

Cllrs. Nick Sample and Peter Fane were in attendance. The January Report was circulated. D Jones from SSYI was put forward for the Volunteer Appreciation award. The consultation on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Issues and Options began on Monday 13 January and will run until 24 February.

County Councillors

Cllr Roger Hickford was in attendance. The January Report was circulated. Main topics were the Network Rail presentation, an imminent announcement

on East West Rail, and the delay of the Local Highway Improvement grant review, with decisions expected by 18 February.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways

All issues were deferred to the next meeting when the Chair is available.

Planning

SCDC has confirmed the BT phone box at High Green (opposite the old Post Office) will remain in use until the next consultation date.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion Committee

The Pavilion Ladies' Toilet is back in operation. Kompan have started work on safety repairs in the children's playground. Delivery of replacement Pavilion front doors is expected in early February. The GSFC first team visitors' dressing room drains are blocked. A roof leak in the Pavilion is under investigation by Samskara. Pavilion Heating System flow valves are to be replaced and supplementary wall heaters with timers have been ordered.

Cemetery & Allotment Committee

All issues deferred to the new Committee Chair for review.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape The skateboard ramp has now been removed.

Community Association The proposed kitchen improvements have been abandoned.

Scouts and Guides There is concern about the use of electricity by outside users. A separate metered supply is needed. The Clerk is investigating options.

SSYI Building works to improve the Club Room were approved and it was agreed to provide a letter indicating that the lease granted will be a minimum of five years.

OTHER BUSINESS

More's Meadow Development There would be an Open Meeting for residents on 21 January to express their views to the Parish Council on the More's Meadow Development, Planning application ref S/4279/19/FL for erection of 21 dwellings (almshouses), the relocation of existing allotments and public open space provision, together with associated landscaping and infrastructure. Parochial Charities representatives were to attend.

Ball Protection Netting Councillor Barbara Kettel gave an update on the current position. Protection netting adjacent to two houses has been erected on Parish Council land, fully funded by home owners. This was noted at a Parish

Council meeting when legality, liability, insurance and terms of use were discussed. A subsequent meeting with home owners by Councillors Barbara Kettel and Charlie Nightingale secured the temporary terms of use to the end of the 2019 cricket season and the storage of equipment until required in summer 2020. Formal agreement between the Parish Council, home owners and the cricket club is now necessary for the 2020 cricket season. Councillors Barbara Kettel and Charlie Nightingale will consolidate Parish Council arrangements with the home owners and cricket club into an official agreement to be reviewed by the full Parish Council prior to the start of the cricket season. There will be an update of progress at the next Parish Council meeting on 19 February 2020.

RECONVENED MEETING 5 FEBRUARY

Review Planning for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22 April 2020 A speaker from the Greater Cambridge Partnership is to be contacted by Councillor Peter Fane. The Clerk will circulate Village Groups as in previous years for reports, with an additional request to focus on the future year's activities. A Working Group was established to develop plans further and report progress as an Agenda item at 19 February 2020 Parish Council meeting.

Consider Event Planning for VE Day (Friday 8 May) Stapleford Parish Council are supporting an event organised by the History Society and it is believed Little Shelford are holding a Street Party. A Sunday Church Commemoration Service is proposed. Councillors Simon Talbott and Charlie Nightingale to liaise on arrangements and advise the next Parish Council meeting of progress.

Review Parish Council Log of Antisocial Behaviour Councillor Greg Price presented a report on the ASB log to date. The continued monitoring of all ASB activity is required with the addition of improved CCTV coverage. The Clerk had been contacted by BBC Local Radio on 5 February re the banning of dogs on the Recreation Ground and had responded with the previously issued statement that this was not the case, but the ASB activity would continue to be reviewed as a RISK action.

Review Christmas Lights Switch-on Event and Consider Future Year's Activity The street and Memorial Hall lighting received excellent comments from Village residents and the switch-on event was extremely well attended. The PTA raised £4,200 and Playscape raised £360. The cost to the Parish Council of street and Memorial Hall illuminations and the event was £8,600.

Full copies of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes and at the library.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN MARCH

Planning Committee Meeting	Wednesday 4 March 6.30pm Pavilion
Planning Committee Meeting	Wednesday 18 March 6.30pm Pavilion
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm Pavilion

Meetings may be adjourned for a period of up to 10 minutes when members of the public will be able to ask questions of the Parish Council and put forward points of view in respect of the business on the agenda.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Great Shelford is expected to have 15 Parish Council Members. We currently operate with 13 Parish Councillors and wish to improve the Village representation on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council wishes to co-opt members to fill the current Councillor vacancies. If you wish to be considered, please inform the Parish Clerk by email or letter prior to **Friday 13 March 2020**. Please indicate why you are interested and provide any further information you think might be relevant.

You must also confirm on what grounds you qualify to be a Parish Councillor:

- That you are a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union
- That you are or over 18 years old

And at least one of the following:

- That you are an elector of the Parish
- That during the whole of the last 12 months you have occupied either as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the Parish
- Or your principal or only place of work is in the Parish
- Or you live within 4.8 kilometers (3 miles) of the Parish boundary

Further information on being a Parish Councillor is available from the Parish Clerk or at capalc.org.uk.

Mike Winter, Clerk to the Council
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APRIL ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 13 March and it should be available in the shops on Friday 27 March. Subscribed copies will be delivered shortly thereafter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/4247/19/FL	Mr Tim Adams Square and Compasses	Proposed rear extension to form new trading area with accessible WC. Relocation of pergola.
No objections, but ask that deliveries are restricted around school start and end times.		

S/4279/19/FL	Great Shelford Parochial Charities	Erection of 21 dwellings (almshouses), the relocation of existing allotments and public open space provision, together with associated landscaping and infrastructure.
The Planning Committee unanimously supported this application.		

S/4454/19/FL	Mr Omar Kuwader 146 Cambridge Road	Part two storey rear extension and two storey side extension to form three flats.
Objected to as it is overdevelopment of the site and access to the proposed rear flat entrance is limited.		

S4462/19/FL	Mr and Mrs Lamb 4 The Orchards	Erection of brick built conservatory.
No objections.		

S/4482/19/FL	Tariq Aslam 1 Mingle Lane	Retrospective planning application for wall, posts and gate.
Recommend refusal as there is insufficient depth for a car to pull off the highway to open the gates.		

S/4517/19/FL	Mr and Mrs Clough 2 Coppice Avenue	Single storey rear extension, loft conversion, new cart lodge and part single, part two storey side extension.
No objection to the extensions but the Planning Committee object to the proposed site for the cart lodge.		

PLANNING DECISION BY SCDC

Approved

11 Shelford Park Avenue. Two storey / single storey extensions.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Huawei Consultation

Last year, Huawei put forward plans for an R&D facility to be built on the old Spicers site. After discussion they decided to withdraw their application to work on modifications incorporating feedback from the consultation and the planning officer. They will shortly be re-submitting their application. There will then be a public consultation. Although within Sawston ward, it is of course of relevance to residents in Great Shelford so please do give your views.

Black Bin Waste

Figures for our shared waste service with Cambridge City Council show residents put almost 10% less in their black bins in 2018/19 compared to the year before. It means less waste ends up in landfill, and increased recycling brings in additional income we can spend on services for local people.

If necessary, you can request a free additional blue bin at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/report-or-request/request-abin.

Better Care Fund

Through the Better Care Fund, South Cambs District Council is able to help low income households living in their own property to boost the energy efficiency of their homes, for example, by helping to pay for a new boiler to replace one that has become inefficient. The Council may also be able to help with improving insulation, replacing draughty windows and doors and carrying out a range of other essential repairs. To qualify for a Discretionary Grant, householders must have owned and lived in their home for at least two years and be in receipt of a means tested benefit. For further details, contact the Home Improvement Agency on 01954 713330 or email HIA@CambsHIA.org.

Small and Medium-size Business Support in South Cambs

We are pleased to report that a new team will be set up to increase support for local businesses – particularly small and medium-sized companies – in South Cambridgeshire. It will deliver activities offering practical advice and targeted support to existing and growing businesses in the District and those looking to move into South Cambridgeshire. The team will be tasked with retaining existing employers, improving the survival rates of new enterprises and securing new investment in communities across the district. The new roles and Business Support Service will now be finalised before recruitment takes place within the coming months.

Peter Fane and Nick Sample
SCDC Councillors

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SHELFORD SCHOOL



Art was a big feature of the school in the run-up to half-term, including the Art Day (or days?) in which visiting artists worked with the children on displays related to the school's vision. This was supported by the governors using an earlier donation by former parents who had particularly wanted to enhance art opportunities. Part of the hall doors installation is illustrated here, along with some of the letters created by pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 to spell out our vision statement. These were made by re-using unwanted plastics, fitting in with one of our key current themes, which is to raise environmental awareness.

The school strongly values its links with the local community, and indeed we believe that a well-rounded education cannot simply be about classroom teaching in pursuit of a narrow curriculum. It is with that in mind that we welcome visitors (sometimes parents, but often others from the community) to speak about their work in science and technology as reported here previously. Earlier this term we also had a visit from a real-life firefighter who helped Year 1 to learn about safety and showed them his uniform and some of his equipment. The staff integrate these activities into the overall school programme – in this case Year 1 were about to have their first camp fire in Forest School.

The school receives fantastic support from the PTA, raising funds for the school through a wide range of activities. This is critically important given continuing funding constraints. One of the old favourites is the quiz which this year was a last hurrah for quizmaster and question setters Greg Wall and Simon Bullock. Over the past five years they have entertained the teams with well-crafted questions and some hilarious video clips, and have helped to raise over £7,000 for the school. A hard act to follow, but we look forward to the Shelford School Quiz 2021!



Peter Ede, School Governor

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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

A Thought for the Month We are just starting Lent, which is often seen as a time of austerity and giving things up. I think we need to see Lent in a much more positive light – a time to take things up as well as give things up. Easy to think about what we can give up, but how about also deciding to give some time as a volunteer, either to help an elderly neighbour or to assist with some project in the community. This is a truly precious way to give something valuable back to God.

Simon Talbott

LENT ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Lent Course 2020 – Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story The course this year is designed to help people explore Christian faith, using paintings and Biblical story as the starting points. It's been created by St Martin-in-the-Fields in partnership with the National Gallery. It was designed as a longer course, and was originally run at St Martin's between September 2015 and June 2016.

The course uses fine art paintings in the National Gallery's collection, along with a theological reflection and a Biblical text, as a springboard for exploring these two questions:

- How can I deepen my faith in God?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus today?

The course is intended to build relationships among those participating. It will run on five Tuesday evenings, starting on 3 March at 7.30pm (for the venue, please see our weekly newsletter) and will be repeated on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30 Holy Communion service in the Community Room.

Lent Lunches The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities, on Fridays from 12 noon to 2pm. These will be on 12 March at St Mary's Great Shelford, 20 March at St Andrew's Stapleford (in the Johnson Hall) and 3 April at Great Shelford Free Church.

Lent Breakfasts There will be Lent breakfasts on Sunday 12 and Sunday 19 March, at 8.45am in the Community Room. This gives an opportunity for those who attend the 8am service and those who can arrive early for the 10am

all are most welcome to the services and breakfast.

Mothering Sunday 22 March Posies will be available at all services – do come along!

New Families & Children's Corner Work is proceeding rapidly in refurbishing the children's corner in church. Pews have been removed and bench seating installed to make a play and role play space. More work is still to be done but why not come along to the next Sunday Club on Sunday 1 March to see how it looks!

St Marys 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:

Funerals:	17 February	The Revd Tim Fyffe
	28 February	Dorothy Starling

Regular services

Daily:	9am	Morning 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)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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FEAST GOING CASHLESS

Despite its medieval origins, The Shelford Feast is now a thoroughly modern event. It still raises money for local good causes while entertaining the community, but the fantastic numbers of visitors and the amount of money involved means it is unrecognisable from the first revived Feast of 1994. In that year it raised about £2,000; last year, revenue was over £140,000!



With so much money and so many visitors things have had to change. We need to move with the times, serve customers faster, and operate more securely. To achieve this, the majority of Feast events will be now cashless, meaning payments for food, drink and tickets on the door will only be taken via debit or credit card. The only day you will need some money in your pocket will be Feast Day, where stallholders will carry on taking cash as usual.

Although modernising The Feast is a positive step, there are challenges. Credit and debit card payments have been routine at The Feast for several years so the technology is nothing new, but it is important we get the message out that we will no longer have the facilities to process cash payments. We know this may catch out one or two to begin with, but with the help of the community we hope everyone will be prepared by July. Expect to hear and see a lot more about 'The Cashless Feast' over the next few months!

What Going 'Cashless' Means for The Feast

Handling cash has been getting more difficult over the past few years, particularly since both local banks have closed. For Feast organisers it has been challenging to pay in money, obtain floats and store cash securely. Likewise for Feast visitors, there are now very few places to obtain cash locally, so many of us have no choice but to use our cards more often.

Going cashless will mean that:

- Feast food and bar service will be much quicker
- The lack of cash machines in Shelford will not be an issue
- The Feast will be safer, with no risks associated with handling cash on the premises
- Time and money will be saved by not handling cash, although this will be balanced by increased fees for card payments
- Feast finances will be better documented, transparent and secure
- By modernising and becoming more efficient The Feast can grow sustainably to raise even more money for local good causes.

Feast Tickets

Events for The 2020 Shelford Feast are selling fast online but those who buy their tickets from local retailers shouldn't worry, there are plenty held back for the village, and they will be available in the usual outlets from 10 April.

For more information about The Shelford Feast and how to get involved, see www.shelfordfeast.co.uk or our Facebook page or email info@shelfordfeast.co.uk.

Will George

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES**STAFF NEWS**

It is with regret that we inform our patients that Dr Chris Schramm and Dr Mig Arbide will be leaving us in March. Both doctors have dedicated over 20 years to the Shelford and Linton practices respectively and will be greatly missed.

Dr Schramm and Dr Arbide's patients have been assigned new registered GPs, and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure our patients that they can access care from any of our clinical team within Granta, irrespective of their registered GP. They have asked us to share these announcements with you:

A message from Dr Chris Schramm (Shelford site) who is leaving on 2 March

'After twenty intense and often satisfying years I have decided to move on to a new challenge. During 2020 I will be working with the national winner of the 'RCGP Research Practice of the Year 2019' award. I am also taking on a role with the regional NHS Research network. I am deeply indebted to my Shelford colleagues, staff and numerous patients, all of whom have taught me many things which generally are not in books and who have, thereby, enriched my life.

A message from Dr Mig Arbide (Linton site) who is leaving on 23 March

'I am immensely grateful to have had the opportunity to serve my patients for the best part of twenty years. I have enjoyed the privilege of their trust, built through respect, dedication, and stability.

I am fortunate to continue offering my time, experience and knowledge to patients in the prison service. I will also continue to practice in my areas of clinical specialist skill and interest: enhanced minor surgery, vasectomy services, sports medicals and dermatology.'

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THE HISTORY OF WOOLLARDS LANE (PART 2)

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AFTER 1906 AND TONY'S



Woollards Lane 1924, Courtesy of the Cambridge Collection

The old British School became redundant in 1906, but it was soon turned to use. All sorts of village events took place there. There was entertainment by the Band of Hope, a group which sought to instil high moral principles in the young, and foster abstinence from the demon drink. There were Penny Readings, a popular entertainment of the time, which featured readings from authors like Charles Dickens (who invented the Readings) and musical entertainment. And, in 1913, there was a meeting of the National Women's Suffrage Union (Great Shelford had a very active band of Suffragists). The building had, in effect, become the village hall. In the 1940s, the Parish Council considered taking it on as such, but it was considered unsafe. It couldn't have been that unsafe though: it stood for another 50 years!

However, another use would soon be found. Frederick Pumfrey was a Little Shelford man, with an eye for business. And in the 1920s he decided cars were the future. His first garage was in an old shack next to the British School. He did well, and eventually bought the British School building. He ran a Rolls Royce and offered a chauffeuring service. There were plenty of affluent business and university people in the village to provide custom. In the 1930s, however, almost everyone in the village went to the garage. This was because their radios needed an accumulator to run, and they had to be recharged. It was Mr Pumfrey who did the recharging.

When Mr Pumfrey retired, a new owner took over, Benny Powell. Benny lived in the house behind the British School, and he is remembered as a great Shelford character. On the opposite side of the road – behind no. 58 – was a shed. This was used to house Benny's pony. I was always delighted by this intrusion into the staid streetscape of Woollards Lane. Benny had two carriages, which were used for weddings, and he himself would drive round the village in a pony and trap. John Crook, who grew up in the village, worked on the petrol pumps at the garage during school holidays:

‘Working there was the most fascinating time because you met all the old characters of Shelford. Douglas January filled up his Rolls Royce there. C. O. Stanley, joint owner of Pye's, used to come in his chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce. Sir Leslie Martin and his wife used to come in a lovely silver-grey Alvis car. He had his architect's offices at the (King's) Mill in Great Shelford. And there were the Walker brothers. They were in their middle thirties when I knew them. They started off work as bricklayers in Shelford and formed their own little building company with their mother. Eventually they were one of the largest builders of bungalows and houses in the Shelford/Stapleford area. They also had their own dance band, which travelled round the various village halls and institutes on a Saturday night – a three-piece dance band, which they both played in. They had identical Jaguar cars and they were quite characters, they were.’

Eventually Benny Powell retired. A succession of firms followed: Ivan Jaggs Fleet Hire, then Cowies, then Auto-Quick. The building slowly ran downhill. But this wasn't entirely a bad thing. It housed a huge colony of swifts, which nested in holes in the roof. Summer evenings were given their own particular quality by large screaming parties of swifts racing round the village. When the building eventually came to be reroofed, the birds were evicted. It seemed as if the population was doomed, but somehow they've hung on. It sank one year to a dismal four, but since has been climbing, with 14 last year.

I mentioned earlier the shack in which Mr Pumfrey started his garage. Such shacks are the lifeblood of small village businesses, and the building housed an assortment of different firms. There was Bri-Gen, which mixed paints and sprayed cars. Then Freestones carpets. Then in 1984, the shop became a greengrocer's called Tony's. It was self-service, and sold all the fruit and veg you could want. On Saturdays there'd be queues of people shopping there. But things are constantly changing, and the business suffered a series of knocks. Waitrose opened in Trumpington, the Co-op expanded into fruit and veg, and slowly business declined. The death knell came with the redevelopment of the site. The planners insisted that a shop should be included in the development,



Tony's Grocery Closing Event 2011

but the new unit was tiny. Tony's had another huge shack behind the shop, which was needed to store the produce. So the business closed, much to the regret of its customers. The new shop was too small to attract the interest of any traders, and eventually, yet another estate agent took over the premises.

Helen Harwood

EXHIBIT BY LOCAL ARTIST AT FITZWILLIAM



There's a fascinating 'Feast and Fast' free exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge (galleries 11,12 and 13) until 26 April 2020. Local resident Susannah Bangham (Cambridge Artmakers) was asked to design a box for the 'Museum in a Box' part of the exhibition, which is featured in the creative zone. The inspiration for this commission was taken from an exhibit in the gallery called the 'Wisbech Swan Register' which records the markings put on swan's beaks to indicate their ownership. Three framed original linoprints created in the Cambridge Artmakers studio, entitled 'Beak' are displayed in the

creative zone. Digital prints are available from the courtyard shop in the museum, and originals from Cambridge Artmakers or the artist herself, here in Great Shelford.

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ANTHONY BROWNE

MP FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE



As I write, it has been just over nine weeks since the general election, although it feels like a lifetime ago. So much has happened in the early days of this Parliament both nationally and locally.

The UK has officially left the European Union and must now focus on negotiating a new trading relationship with our European partners. For South Cambridgeshire, a crucial aspect of this new arrangement will be the provisions on agriculture. I was therefore delighted to make farming issues the focus of my maiden speech to Parliament during the debate on the

government's new Agriculture Bill. In the coming weeks and months I want to engage closely with local farmers to better understand their needs, so that I can best represent their views in Parliament as it shapes the country's future agriculture policy. If you would like to be involved in these discussions, please get in touch.

Our world leading biomedical sector continues to thrive and I have met with Astra Zeneca and AbCam as well as Cambridge University Health Partners to understand the opportunities and challenges in this sector. I know there are concerns about the UK's ability to collaborate with EU research partners post-Brexit and I therefore raised this matter in Parliament with the Science Minister in January. He offered his assurance that the UK would remain committed to the Horizon 2020 programme and would seek as full an association as possible with its successor scheme, but I will continue to meet with local stakeholders and push the government on this issue.

Last week I enjoyed a fascinating visit to the new Royal Papworth. It is the first UK hospital to be rated outstanding across every CQC category, which is a testament to the talent and commitment of its staff and management team. I saw the site where the Cambridge Heart & Lung Research Institute (HLRI) will be built, a brilliant example of how the Biomedical Campus brings together the world's best clinicians and researchers to develop new treatments for the most challenging conditions. We are so fortunate that this local expertise will improve healthcare not only here in South Cambs, but across the world.



Meeting the nursing team at the Royal Papworth

One of my key pledges as your MP is to help to fix our creaking transport system. We had some extremely welcome news this month when the Transport Secretary announced that East West Rail will take a northern route through Cambourne, where local commuter demand is highest. The new Cambridge South Station will form a critical new transport hub for the Biomedical Campus. I have already met with Network Rail to find out more about this project and to discuss parking problems at local stations and the notoriously problematic level crossing at Foxton.

I have had a number of approaches from constituents who are worried about the rate of development in South Cambridgeshire. I share many of their concerns and will be lobbying national government to ensure that we do not become victims of our own success. Whilst growth is welcome, it must be carefully managed and local people's voices must be heard. Infrastructure should always be put in place before expansion – 'I before E' as the saying goes. You can make your views known by taking part in the initial consultation on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which contemplates a significant increase in housebuilding, at cambridge.oc2.uk.

I am actively raising local issues in Parliament. For updates on my questions and speeches, the best place to look is my website (anthonybrowne.org) or Facebook page (@[anthonybrownemp](https://www.facebook.com/anthonybrownemp)). I am now holding regular surgeries in the constituency, so if you have a problem I can help with, please get in touch. I have now added a guide on my website setting out what issues I can assist with. You can reach me at anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk.

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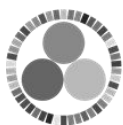
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Thank you to all those who filled shoeboxes, gave donations of money or gave items to go in the boxes which were collected at Great Shelford Free Church. This year the boxes went to Liberia, in West Africa. The sorting warehouse in Sawston sent off just under 31,000 boxes to Liberia, Belarus, Serbia and a central Asian country (of no name for security purposes). This is a wonderful effort and it means 31,000 children have received shoeboxes with gifts of love in them. It is never too early to start collecting items for this year's appeal. Thank you again.



Jane Furlow on behalf of OCC



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COFFEE, CROISSANTS, CRAFT AND CHURCH?

I wonder what people who aren't attenders think happens in a church service? Old ladies with grey perms singing hymns full of 'thees' and 'thous'? A dry boring sermon that people sit still and listen to? A place where children should be seen and not heard? Well, you'd be right on a lot of those counts some of the time. Being increasingly grey (although not yet permed) and with a love of traditional words, hymns and times of silence, I can identify with a lot of those aspects and find them helpful at times. Yet that is only part of 'church'.

Church is actually not a building at all, but God's family, gathering together at times and scattered into a variety of workplaces, schools, social spaces and homes in the community during the rest of the week. And as we disperse to a variety of weekday lives, so our gathered church has variety too. This is why you will find that once a month we come from our work desks, social gathering spaces and family dining tables to gather round tables in our church building. This is what we call Café Church and it involves sharing conversation, food and a craft activity in a relaxed family atmosphere. It is about building relationships and deeper fellowship. It can be messy and noisy but so is life; the point of sharing the stories of how our week has been is to recognise that God's been right there with us when life gets stressful, joyful, sad, busy or whatever ... and He's stepping into our stories.

Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Romans 12:1

The Café Church services will be on the 4th Sunday of the month, the same Sunday as our more reflective and peaceful evening communion service. And just for the record, our 'normal' sermons aren't dry and boring either, nor do we sit through them in silence! You can listen to them here:

<https://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk/media/allmedia.aspx>

Liz Jenkin, Elder

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7	Twinning Association Quiz (page 26)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
10	Shelford Garden Club (page 42)	7pm	Shelford School Hall
12	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
14	Bowls Club Tabletop Sale (page 51)	9.30am	Memorial Hall
19	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
19	Comic Mayhem (page 33)	7pm	Great Shelford Library
21	Granta Deanery Spring Fair (page 34)	10am	Memorial Hall
25	Engage (page 29)	2pm	Great Shelford Library
26	Carpet Bowls AGM	7pm	Memorial Hall
28	SSYI Big Breakfast (page 35)	8–11am	Little Shelford Mem. Hall

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When we'd enjoyed two or three pancakes (maybe one or two more?) we went into the Sanctuary for the film on the big (-ish) screen. We watched *Mon Meilleur Ami* (My Best Friend) with Daniel Auteuil and Dany Boon, which was an excellent choice for a light-hearted evening. It was certainly very funny but, as with many French comedies, there was a bit of psychological depth to it which gave it poignancy to balance out the hilarity. An excellent evening! Well done to the Committee and others who planned it and did all the hard work.

Denise Bell

MONDAY MORNING CYCLE OUTINGS



Fresh air, exercise, the open road – and cake. What's not to like?

Starting on 2 March, a small gang of cyclists will be meeting at Cara Coffee for a ride around the quieter lanes of South Cambs. Gathering for a caffeine fix shortly after 9am, we will set off at 9.30am and return around 1½ to 2 hours later for some well-earned cake.

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Eco-Friendly Gardening in a Time of Climate Change (Tips to cope with a drier, warmer climate and the need to protect wildlife.)

Hopefully some of you had a look at Bill and Valerie's eco-house when they held open house sessions recently.

Coming up:

An Introduction to Extinction Rebellion, 30 March, Cox's Close Community Centre, 8pm. Come and find out more about this headline-grabbing organisation and its aims and actions.

What hope for Cooking and Dying Forests in Africa? 27 April, Johnson Hall, 7.30pm. Bill Powell will be demonstrating a clean cooking stove and talking about his recent visit to Africa. More details next month.

If you are quick you will be still be able to comment on the proposals for **Cambridge South Station** if you haven't yet done so – comments must be in by 2 March on www.networkrail.co.uk/cambridge-south-station.

Helen Hale

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PLAYSCAPE – A SPACE TO THRIVE



A recent review of nearly 400 papers that focus on health, well-being and social integration reveals the benefits that parks and green spaces have for people and communities.

The Space to Thrive Report, conducted by researchers from Sheffield Hallam University and The University of Sheffield, (<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/space-thrive>) found that access to parks and green spaces enhances physical health, mental well-being and life satisfaction. We've been highlighting these benefits for a while, but it's nice to see this review demonstrate the need for quality and accessible green spaces in our local communities. Crucially, it makes the link to social as well as physical benefits from a well-cared-for green area. Indeed *'the quality of green spaces has a stronger bearing on health outcomes than quantity.'*

This is precisely what we hope to achieve with the finished Playscape: an exemplary social hub that encourages people of all ages and abilities to come and enjoy the great outdoors together. Thus we continue to press on with grants preparation, organising civil engineering and arboricultural reports and the Fun Run!

Phasing update The PC had intended to press on with the new car park section (where the skate ramp used to be) and the pedestrian entrance before the Playscape was built. However, we've reviewed the site access and compound requirements for the Playscape construction phase and it may make more sense to do these enabling works afterwards. Construction timings are therefore still TBC!

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At our March meeting, we were delighted by a fascinating talk given by Tamsin Wimhurst about a local treasure, The David Parr House. Who knew such an amazing place existed behind the façade of an ordinary-looking terraced house on Gwydir Street? Tamsin discovered the secrets hidden behind the front door five

years ago and has campaigned for its preservation ever since. While interviewing David Parr's granddaughter, Tamsin noticed the incredible décor on the walls and covering the cornices and doors; designs that looked remarkably like those of famed artist William Morris. The truth is even more astonishing! Everything was created and hand-painted by David Parr himself. Further research uncovered that David Parr had, at one time, been a decorative artist working for a local firm, F R Leach & Sons, who in turn worked on commissions by William Morris and others. Many of us are now looking forward to booking a visit to see the David Parr House for ourselves.

The next meeting, on Thursday 5 March, is our AGM and the speaker will be Megan Sandford on The Royal Papworth Charity. This is a good opportunity to come along and find out about all the activities of the WI.

On Wednesday 29 April our WI will be hosting other WIs from the area in Great Shelford Memorial Hall for a special meeting and talk on Buckingham Palace gardens – more details next month.

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

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The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme is a valuable asset to the elderly residents of our village. Our aim is to help them remain in their own home. This is done by providing daily phone calls, regular visits and help with shopping, going to the post office, managing prescriptions and other essential jobs in the village. As well as carrying out small tasks such as helping members carry out instructions, from medical services to changing a light bulb, the Scheme helps the elderly remain in social contact, therefore reducing the risk of isolation and depression.

The position of Treasurer is a rewarding voluntary role and ensures our Warden Scheme can continue to operate within the village. It is not a difficult or time-consuming task, so if you think you could spare an hour or two a week and have experience of keeping accounts please contact David, who will be happy to talk you through the role and answer any questions that you may have.

He can be contacted on *david49.nunn@btinternet.com*.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the scheme to help cover holidays. If you can spare a few hours each month and would like to know more, please contact me.

Jenny David, Chair, Mobile Warden Scheme 07764 615524

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REVIEW OF LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME 2019



This year's pantomime took us 'Under the Sea' to tell us the tale (tail?) of The Little Mermaid. The wonderfully talented cast led the audience through Libby Ahluwalia's fluid script, weaving the story through the twilight realm of the

mermaids, the sea witch's creepy cave and the palace of the royals under the helmsmanship of director Dick Wallin (who was no fish-out-of-water on his thirteenth year of directing), as well as Heidi Meikle and Sarah Coppendale.



Caspian Milne as Auntie Edna

The locations above and below sea level were created with the help of Francess Richardson and the prop-building team; a set of mechanical waves, an inadvertently submerged car and projections of lyrics and images above the stage were the technical standouts of the show. But perhaps, just like our ocean if we're not careful, the stage would have been lifeless if it weren't for the skill and dedication some amazing people.

The cast this year was full of flamboyant fish, both good and bad,

pirates, sharks and myriad more. The chorus gave us bubbly dances and songs as clownfish, sharks and even fish fingers, and were directed by Persephone Bell, Rachel Atkins and Isis Read. Mr Claude the crabby teacher (played by the charming Archie Meikle) and his *school* of submarine students were a joy to watch, with hilarious names (Tina Tuna, Barracuda Obama) and well-pitched characters. The comic timing and chemistry in this group was clear to see.

SpongeBob SquarePants, now a celebrity in the ocean community, even made a feature this year; the self-absorbed (eh?) superstar was wittily played by Harvey Magee. And of course, the bass, lobsters and goldfish all had their costumes brilliantly created by Karen Rainsford, Lucy Carrick and their team of helpers, helping to plunge the audience into the ocean world from the first scene.

Down in their lair, the baddies of the ocean were truly fearsome, showing that, as Fergal Shark would be quick to assert, we shouldn't always lay the blame on sharks, as brainless box jellyfish, electric eels (replete with flashing lights on their costumes) and the thuggish 'Krayfish' duo Ronnie and Reggie (played by Zac Jepps and Elliot Pratt) caused commotion in the ocean. But these poor unfortunate souls (soles?) were good at heart, and ultimately teamed up with the other seafolk to challenge the dastardly, despicable, devilish Doris the sea witch. The villain was slyly brought to life by Angela Ede, who was a real presence on stage, keeping the other sea creatures in check with her steely gaze and taking on a solo to prove she really is the queen of the high Cs. Angela also joined Lucy Barlow – Shelford Panto's resident singing coach and performance pianist – to accompany the fluorescent scene with a piano duet. The fluorescent scene this year took us to the dark, ocean depths, and was swimmingly executed by members of the cast.

The evil sea witch was thwarted by the efforts of the Bobby, the friendly seagull (Rosie Christelow) and the bickering duo Flounder and Plaice (played the notorious double act of India Wilkinson and Phoebe Meikle), who were a joyous presence in every scene they were in. They brought bright, intelligent performances and well-pitched comedy too.

But of course, the marine host would not have been complete without the merpeople. The serene King Neptune and Queen Calypso (Ariel Diamond and Katherine Ward) watched over the proceedings, and tried as best they could to keep the hapless little mermaid Marina (Josie Rainsford) and her best friend Nerissa (Jess Chaplin) out of trouble. The titular role was seawater under the bridge for Josie, who showed a great range in her performance, from an excited princess desperate to go to the surface, to a melancholic lover and, hilariously, communicating to the other character's exclusively with mime after her voice was taken by Doris.

Up on land, Gwynnie Whitehouse was the dashing Prince Rio, ably taking on the heroic role while also showing sensitivity in a duet with Josie. Also on the surface were the rest of the royals who were, appropriately, astonished by Rio's abandoning his royal duties, along with a gruff but helpful pair of pirates (Corbett Baynes and Euan Barr) who induced groans from the audience with their puns ('the satnav shows us where we *arghhh!*'). Finally, the delightful dame Auntie Edna was played by Caspian Milne, whose well-timed quips and bursts of flamboyancy (such as in his rendition of 'In the Navy') brought great character and energy to the pantomime.

In the end, as the sea witch was defeated and the fish and people lived happily ever after, the audience went home with glee as they were happy to be beside the seaside with the Little Shelford Pantomime.

Jake Dann

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Recently we concluded that there is a gap in the networking market here in South Cambs for a group that suits our criteria, so if you think this might be something for you, please join us at the Three Horseshoes, Church Street, in Stapleford on **Friday 13 March** at 11.30am for an inaugural meeting and friendly discussion about taking this group forward. No cost involved.

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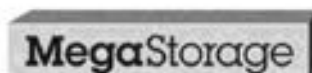


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GARDEN CLUB FASHIONS IN GARDENING



The White Garden at Sissinghurst

Margaret Nimmo-Smith spoke about the changing fashions in plants during a lifetime in gardening. One of Margaret's earliest memories was being taken to Sissinghurst Castle Garden in Kent, and seeing Vita Sackville-West working in the borders there. Vita wrote in detail about plants and was an advocate of planting in drifts. Another strong influence on Margaret at that time were the cottage gardening books written by Margery Fish, who created the garden in East Lambrook in Somerset. In the early 1970s there were no large garden centres as we know them today and plants were usually bought or ordered from specialist nurseries. Growing alpine plants was popular and many gardens had a rockery. The Hillier Manual of Trees and Shrubs was the standard reference. It was full of detailed descriptions and useful lists, but had no pictures.

Alan Bloom, who created the garden at Bressingham in Norfolk, was at the forefront of plant breeding and producing a wide range of hardy perennials which became readily available to gardeners. In the 1980s his son Adrian Bloom became interested in conifers and promoted the many different-shaped,

coloured and dwarf varieties available by creating a display garden, named Foggy Bottom. This increased their popularity at the time, but today the garden has a greater mixture of planting with shrubs, perennials and grasses.

In the sixties and seventies, giant pampas grass was fashionable and many gardens had a specimen clump. Bloom started to promote the use of smaller grasses such as the Japanese shade-loving *Hakonechloa* and the yellow-leaved Bowles' Golden Sedge, which was originally found at Wicken Fen. The extensive range of grasses now available provides variety and contrast in the garden border.

It was once fashionable to plant roses in a bed of their own, but the use of roses that only flowered once a year meant that the rose bed only had flowers blooming for a limited time. The development of repeat-flowering roses mixed in a border with other shrubs and perennials, including variegated varieties, has extended the season of interest throughout the year.

The use of unusual-shaped and variegated ivies, useful for shadier north-facing gardens was championed by Peter Rose, who tracked down and reintroduced many of the old varieties that had been popular during Victorian times. Beth Chatto wrote books promoting the use of plants grown in her own garden, which were naturally adapted to growing in dry and damp conditions.

Garden Festivals started to be held in the eighties in some of the major cities and these introduced the public at large to a wide range of plants and the latest gardening styles. Now every year there is a regular programme of Garden Shows running throughout the country.

The popularity of hostas increased when Diana Grenfell produced an encyclopaedia about these plants, highlighting the different leaf forms and colours. Today there is an emphasis on producing varieties which have the added bonus of attractive flowers.

During the 90s a new range of different-coloured hellebores was developed with some having single, double, anemone and picotee-centred flowers. The first heuchera to gain popularity was the dark-leaved Purple Palace. Since then there has been a wide-ranging breeding programme producing many different-coloured leaved varieties, which provide year-round interest. Growing geraniums and clematis has never gone out of fashion and the development of new varieties continues.

A modern trend is prairie gardening, developed by Piet Oudolf using naturalistic drifts of perennials and grasses, which are often most effective in larger gardens. This style of planting can be seen at the Millennium Garden at Pensthorpe in Norfolk.

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1 March 1806

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29 March 1811

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GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB CENTENARY YEAR TABLETOP SALE 14 MARCH



Please note we have changed the door opening time for the public from 10.30am to 9.30am.

The sale will take place in the Memorial Hall. Thank you to all those who have booked a table. We now have 8 tables including a cake stall, a raffle, a tombola and bric-a-brac. There will also be bacon butties with tea and coffee on sale.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there so we can let you know what else is happening throughout the year ahead.

Alan Edwards, Secretary 07779 834311

GREAT SHELFORD TENNIS CLUB PUNCHES ABOVE WEIGHT IN LOCAL LEAGUES

We may only have four courts, but we have a thriving membership at the tennis club. There are nearly 400 people playing regularly in Great Shelford, whether in matches, formal coaching or social club sessions.

Our membership has grown a lot in the past year and that has led to Great Shelford entering more teams into the Cambridgeshire Leagues for the 2019/2020 season than any other club! Covering men's, ladies' and mixed, Super Seniors and Veterans, we will enter a total of 41 different teams.

We will also be entering at least five teams in the LTA's National League team competition. This is a phenomenal effort for a village tennis club.

But we won't stop there – if you fancy playing tennis at any level, or just coming along to have a go we would love to hear from you!

Contact Colin at membership@gstc.org.uk if you would like information on how to join the club. Or you can visit our website www.gstc.org.uk and fill in our online contact form.

Angharad Harris

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GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



After a great run of form prior to Christmas had seen the first team rise to the top of the league table, the New Year heralded what we hope will be a temporary blip. 7–0 and 7–2 home and away wins against a young relegation-threatened Chatteris Town went as expected, but a 2–1 away defeat to Eynesbury United, our first league defeat in eleven games, halted the run. The disappointment was doubly so as championship favourites Cherry Hinton dropped two points on the same day. In our final game of the month we welcomed the Cherries to Woollards Lane for a Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup semifinal, hoping to lay down a marker, but after a close, hard-fought game ended in a goalless draw we bowed out of the competition on penalties. They return in a league encounter later on in the season, so we look forward to hopefully turning the tables on them.

The reserve team are going from strength to strength and three straight wins left them sitting on top of the table for the first time this season. Home wins against Great Paxton (5–0) and Whittlesford United Reserves (4–1) respectively were followed by an impressive 8–2 away win at old rivals Foxton Reserves.

There will be home matches on most Saturday afternoons, so why not come along and support your local football club? Kick-offs are 2pm and refreshments for mums, dads, little ones and older ones are on sale in the Pavilion before and during first team games.

Terry Rider, Chairman

CRICKET CLUB



If you are looking to play cricket this summer, or you would like your daughter or son to play cricket, then look no further than Great Shelford Cricket Club.

We have three adult teams playing in the CCA League every Saturday and we have 14 (yes, 14!) teams in our youth section, ranging from Under 8s to Under 15s.

The Cricket Club Quiz will be held on Saturday April 18 at 7.30pm in the Great Shelford Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

Contact me at brian_higgins50@hotmail.com for more information or to join our club.

Brian Higgins

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	
2–3	<i>Richard Alston Dance Company</i> Final Tour
4–7	<i>Room on the Broom</i> Ages 3 and up
8–15	<i>Cambridge Footlights</i>
11–14	<i>The Croft</i> Holidaymakers encounter the Highlands' dark history
17–21	<i>An Inspector Calls</i> Stephen Daldry's National Theatre production
24–28	<i>A Monster Calls</i> A dazzling insight into love, life and healing 10+
20–4 Apr	<i>Million Dollar Quartet</i> A night that made rock 'n' roll history
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY		
<i>Along with these concerts, the full programme includes courses, exhibitions and workshops. Please see the website for details.</i>		
5	7.30pm	<i>An evening with Rev. Richard Coles</i>
6	6pm	<i>Drawn from Nature – MKA Ecology</i> Exhibition opening
14	7.30pm	<i>St Catherine's College Choir & Tenor Madness</i>
15	11am	<i>Cann Twins Coffee Concert</i> (Classical)
19	7.30pm	Yorkston/Thorne/Khan (Folk & World)
21	2pm	<i>Study Day on Austen's Emma</i> (Literature Cambridge)
Tel: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

WANDLEBURY

Wednesdays in March	3.30–4.30pm	<i>Mindfulness in Nature Walks</i>
22 March	11am–3.30pm	<i>Wandlebury Wildlife</i> Free drop-in event
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Until 2 March		<i>Walking on Thin Ice: co-operation in the face of a changing climate</i> The Polar Museum: an exhibition co-curated by twelve teenagers working with polar researchers
21	1–4pm	<i>Empowering People: Genetic Counselling in Focus</i> Wellcome Genome Campus: exhibition
Daily except Mondays	10am–5pm (Sundays noon–5pm)	<i>Feast and Fast: The art of food in Europe 1500–1800</i> Fitzwilliam Museum: free exhibition
For information on these and other events, see http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

SCOTSDALES

11	11am	<i>Orchid Talk and Clinic</i> Free, but booking required
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/events/great-shelford-events.html		

SAWSTON CINEMA

5	7pm	<i>Downton Abbey</i>
12	7pm	<i>Judy</i> Biopic of Judy Garland
26	7pm	<i>Official Secrets</i> True story of female journalist who changed history
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

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, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford, CB22 5LN. The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box for next month's date.

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

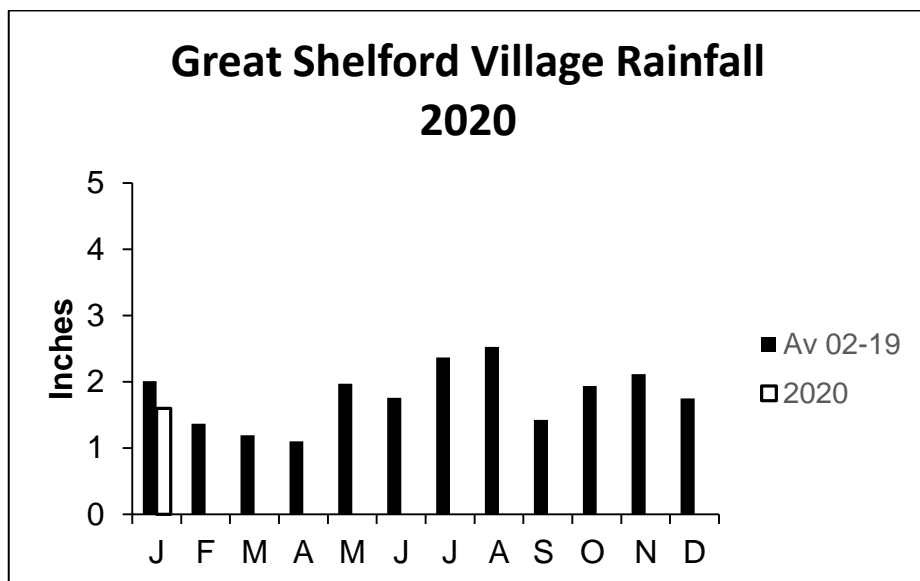
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Bowling Club	Alan Edwards	666965
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Philip Seekings	843416
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0344 848 7979
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel	843946
Cricket Club	Brian Higgins	07557 502840
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	Cheryll Mynot	845435
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Warden)	Home 700920 Mobile 07503 324890
	Jenny David (Chair)	01223 845367
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 Churchwarden	Stella Nettleton	07763 887953
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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
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Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
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	Rosie Cranmer	513572 Gillian Northmore
	Carol Bard	668157
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle	707817
Stapleford Choral Society	Adam Pounds	07842 308042
Tennis Club	Victoria Roles	07747 748891
The Arts Society South Cambs	Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Twinning Association	Penny Pearl	842483
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