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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19 FEBRUARY 2020

PUBLIC SESSION

A resident referred to poor air quality in Ashen Green. The District Councillor stated that they do not have the equipment for mobile monitoring but he would see what could be achieved.

FINANCE

Thirteen cheques to the value of £10,160.68p were approved and signed.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

Cllr. Peter Fane was in attendance. The January Report was circulated.

County Councillors

No councillors were in attendance.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways

A report was circulated and is on the website. Changes to yellow lines in Leeway Avenue, Chaston Road and Hinton Way were reviewed by Cambridgeshire County Council after Parish Council submission of residents' support, and the earlier decision not to approve these changes was reversed by the County Council.

Planning

The Chair advised that the SCDC Planning Portal was not working after the switch to Cambridge Shared Services.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion Committee

Kompan have completed specified work on safety repairs in the Children's Playground as authorised. The installation of new swing hangers was authorised. Replacement front doors have been installed in the Pavilion. GSFC first team visitors' dressing room drains are blocked. Both football pitches received a very early cut and light roll. A leak in the Pavilion roof is under investigation. Replacements are on order for the Pavilion heating system flow valves, and supplementary wall-mounted heaters have been ordered. Monday morning yoga classes have been cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Cemetery & Allotments Committee

All issues were deferred to new committee chair for review as soon as a practical committee meeting can be achieved.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape The Playscape Grand Plan planning approval required two surveys to be completed prior to commencement of major works. A quote for a tree protection survey for the car park extension was approved. A quote for a civil engineering review of previous drainage extension has been requested.

Community Association A proposal for kitchen improvement is to be made at the next meeting.

Twinning Association The visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte by Shelford residents is planned for 23 to 26 May, and the return visit by French visitors from 4 to 7 July.

Feast This is scheduled for 6 to 12 July.

Greater Cambridge Partnership A presentation will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April.

Scouts and Guides The planning issue for doors and windows has been resolved. Scout/Guide HQ asked for temporary brackets/wiring for the Christmas lights to be removed, but the Clerk did not see the need for this as all the equipment is safe. The Scout/Guide HQ doesn't appear to be listed on Playscape consultation documents. The concrete path on the west side of the building needs attention as it is a tripping hazard. Cllr. Ashurst will review both issues.

SSYI Club Room The Parish Council needs to progress the lease as it is causing SSYI issues when applying for funding streams. A water meter needs to be installed in the SSYI section so that they can be charged for water/sewerage. There is concern about the use of electricity by outside users. A separate metered supply is needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

2020 Annual Parish Meeting

Working Group proposals were reviewed with minor changes identified and a change to a 6.30pm start time.

Plans for VE Day (Friday 8 May)

VE Day celebrations will be held on Sunday 10 May at 10.45am. A joint VE Day Memorial Service will be held at the War Memorial in High Street, Great Shelford when Chairs of Great Shelford, Little Shelford and Stapleford will lay wreaths. A Parish Councillor from each parish will read the names. Scouts,

Brownies and Guides will be invited. There will be tea and coffee in the Free Church Hall after the service. It is hoped to clean the Memorial if time allows. A single advert will be placed in the *Village News* for Great Shelford, Stapleford and Little Shelford events over the Friday to Sunday dates. The working group is to continue planning events.

Ball Protection Netting

Councillor Barbara Kettel reported that District Councillor Peter Fane had identified that retrospective planning would be necessary for future use. A meeting will be arranged to report further at the March Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council Reserves

It was decided to make no changes to the current position.

Legal Services and Subsequent Lease or Agreement Documents

Current documents and values were reviewed and the cost of new documents considered. It was proposed to use a web-based lease provider as an objective test for the new SSYI lease. A working group was set up to make a lease proposal.

Parish Clerk

The Clerk circulated a note of his notice from the end of May 2020 and an outline suggestion of an advert for the three vacant positions with web admin remaining unchanged. An Extraordinary F&GP Committee meeting (Committee responsible for HR matters) was summoned on Wednesday 26 February solely to discuss how to progress this matter and the proposed job descriptions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN APRIL

The Annual Parish Meeting on April 22 has been postponed

Planning Committee Meeting	Wednesday 1 April 6.30pm Pavilion
Planning Committee Meeting	Wednesday 15 April 6.30pm Pavilion
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 15 April 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.

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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 10 April 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

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- 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 kilometres (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
clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/4399/19/FL	Mr Lee Melin 125 Cambridge Road	Demolition of the existing dwelling house and garage. Erection of 8 new residential dwellings and work to 6 TPO trees.
We repeat our response from the previous application on this site. We consider this to be overdevelopment of the site, with inappropriate access and difficult visibility onto the A1301.		

S/0022/20/FL	Mr Fleet Stotaer Cooke Hill Trees	Change of use from public house car park to parking for car sales.
We strongly object to this application as the site is in the Green Belt, and change of use would have a negative effect on the rural environment. There are also issues with access to the main road.		

S/0144/20/FL	Mr Omar Kuwaider 150 Cambridge Road	Three bedroom detached dwelling and associated works.
We object to this application as the only access for this house is the very narrow access past 150 Cambridge Road and then via Green Belt land. This house appears to be positioned on the car park provided for the flats proposed for the same site.		

S/3333/19/FL	Mr T Sills Hillstead Farm Hinton Way	Change of use of five former agricultural buildings including associated minor external alterations, parking and upgrading of access.
No objections but visibility splays need addressing.		

S/0233/20/FL	Ewan & Vaila Morrison 4 Hills View	Single storey rear and side extension.
No objections.		

20/01262/HFUL	Mr Chris Woodey Buristead Corner Buristead Road	Installation of double-glazed windows, with anthracite grey uPVC frames, installation of HardiePlank concrete board cladding in anthracite grey to the existing dormer.
No objections.		

20/01170/HFUL	Mr & Mrs Moss 7 Leeway Avenue	Two storey front, side and rear extension and single storey front extension, single storey side and rear building projections, conservatory and covered way to side.
No objections.		

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community Chest Grant The latest round of Community Chest Grants were announced recently, and we were pleased that Cambridge Past, Present & Future were awarded £996 to buy plants and pond dipping equipment for the Wandlebury Pond project. Each year over 2,000 school children learn about their local environment and heritage through CambridgePPF's science, history and orienteering programmes. The grant will go towards supporting these programmes by providing equipment such as nets, trays and collecting jars.

Zero Carbon Community Grants Over £120,000 was handed out by South Cambridgeshire District Council in the end. The grant pot was increased because the council wanted to support all the brilliant ideas that met their criteria. Waterbeach Cycling Campaign, for example, received a grant of £1,200 for cycle stands. Other villages went for electric bikes, tree planting, an Eco-Eats festival, a cycle repair café and other ideas – the full list is at <https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=11231> including those that did not receive funding this time. It would be great to see a grant application from Stapleford or the Shelfords next year, and we'd be happy to support any organisation thinking of applying.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Budget Setting As in recent years, the Council Tax will go up in April by £5 for each Band D property (the amount that the Government has set as a cap for authorities with a low current council tax). There are expected to be difficult decisions to be made next year, when SCDC will get less from the increase in business rates, due to the expected 'Fair Funding Review'.

Energy Efficiency Grant A survey of all houses across the district has been carried out to look at properties which are energy inefficient. Letters have been sent to 250 dwellings across South Cambridgeshire with an Energy Performance Certificate rating of G – the lowest band. Last year, the rules on the allocation of this grant were extended so that homes which were poorly insulated or had inefficient heating systems could be upgraded.

New Complaints Process All complaints regarding the District Council now need to be made online. To access this, go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/feedback/compliments-complaints-and-suggestions/> and select the option 'online complaints form'. For assistance in using this service call our Customer Feedback Team on 03450 450 500. All complaint responses to users who have difficulties accessing online services will continue to be sent via post or phone.

District Councillors Peter Fane and Nick Sample

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By any measure these are extraordinary times, as the nation has been coming to terms with what the Government has been asking us to do in response to the advancing Pandemic. For many vulnerable people, this now means living with self-isolation perhaps for a long period. For all of us, we are slowly getting used to what ‘social isolation’ means in terms of our day to day activities. This all feels quite surreal.



I began the week at Westminster Abbey for my Duty Chaplain’s stint this year. Suddenly the whole round of life (visitors in large numbers) went into free-fall; visitor numbers on Monday were down by 70% and the staff and volunteers were really concerned about their health and the future if the Abbey had to close. By Tuesday, critical decisions had been made that the Abbey would indeed close and cease to offer public worship possibly for several months. I was greatly privileged to celebrate the final public Holy Communion on Tuesday lunchtime; normally this service attracts 50–60 people, but about 20 gathered to receive Holy Communion. Later in the day the choir sang Choral Evensong for the last time; the music was sublime and there was a real sense of holiness in a very special setting. The Abbey closed its doors at the end of the service and will remain closed until further notice. Worship will still be offered daily, on behalf of the nation.

In the coming weeks and months we are being challenged to become ‘Church’ in a radically different way. Regretfully, our services will no longer be public occasions in response to the Government’s directions, but worship will still be offered daily and Holy Communion celebrated. We need to ensure that we still remain connected with the whole community, especially those who are now self-isolating at home. There will be many opportunities to volunteer and serve others and thanks for the many offers that I have already received. We will be part of the network of key contacts which has been established in Great Shelford and Stapleford to help with urgent supplies, post, shopping or just a phone call for those who are self-isolating. We hope everyone has received a leaflet through your door, please let us know if you have not.

Chiefly, we are challenged to be a praying people, who hold up the needs of individuals and families during testing times. The parish church has stood in this community for just over 600 years and born witness to plagues, wars and religious persecution. In all of these years of turmoil it has provided a place

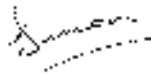
where prayer can be offered and comfort sought. That is still its role today and this is why **the church will remain open every day from 9am–5.30pm.**

Please do come in and spend a moment of quiet or leave a request for prayers. All these requests will be offered in our daily prayer.

Morning and Evening Prayer will be offered every day and Holy Communion celebrated. I am asked to emphasise that these are **not public services nor will Holy Communion be distributed**, but in a sense we can make a ‘spiritual communion’ by associating ourselves with the worship going on in church. Every day you may well hear a single church bell ringing at 9am and 5pm and this is to signify that we are praying for everyone in the village.

The weeks ahead are going to call for huge reserves from us all and a real spirit of service to our neighbours; already this is starting to happen, which gives me real cause for hope. It is a well-worn phrase, but truly we will need to ‘keep calm and carry on’, albeit in a different way from what has been normal.

Every blessing for the coming weeks,



CORONAVIRUS GOLDEN RULES

The following is some of the most sensible advice that I have seen in the current situation. It isn’t official advice, but is food for thought about our attitudes.

Golden Rule One Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don’t demonise anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about each church undertaking an audit of all the vulnerable people they know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day? There’s nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don’t go.

Golden Rule Three Don’t give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do you best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.

Golden Rule Four Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25–34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

The Bishop of St Albans (used with permission)

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 see how it looks!

St. Mary's Sunday Club: will not meet until further notice. We will be offering a regular Mary Mouse letter. For details contact Gillian Pett, gillian.pett29@gmail.com

Regular services

Please note that these are not public services at the moment

Daily:	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday:	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
Sunday:	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
	5pm	Evening Prayer (BCP 1662)

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Unfortunately the number of people affected by the coronavirus causing Covid-19 is increasing rapidly and this new virus is taking a foothold within our community.

At Granta Medical Practices we have a dedicated Covid emergency team who are meeting daily to discuss how we can continue to provide the best possible care for our patients. As a practice we are fortunate in having both multiple sites and a large team of people, including those with experience of managing this sort of situation. This gives us options for delivery of care that are not open to many practices during any epidemic.

Up to date information: At a national level the Public Health England website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> and NHS UK website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> provide up to date information about the national situation and plans, and health advice.

At Granta we will be keeping our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk updated regularly to reflect the local situation and our actions at Granta, along with our social media accounts. We may also use SMS messaging to mobile phones to communicate any urgent messages. Please let us know if you have changed your mobile number or have one that you haven't yet told us about.

Prioritisation: The current evidence is that for the vast majority of the population the Covid-19 virus is a mild illness which can be safely managed at home with rest, paracetamol and fluids just like a normal flu-like illness. However, for those with significant other medical problems and for the elderly it can be more serious.

With this in mind we have postponed all face-to-face GP appointments and some routine nurse appointments. This is for both our patient's safety and the safety of our staff. Instead we are now offering an enhanced telephone service, call 0300 234 5555, and also a non-urgent dedicated email address, capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net, 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. We are working hard to make sure that those who are housebound will continue to receive their medications.

As a community we can help each other – both by following the advice given and by helping look after those who may need help within our communities. If you are able to volunteer to help out in your immediate area, please email your details to granta.socialnavigator@nhs.net

Practical advice: First and foremost is the need to wash your hands on a regular basis – warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. This alone will help slow down the spread of the virus and help protect you, your family and our community.

Dr James Morrow, Managing Partner, 16 March 2020

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EASTER'S HERE!!

And you may expect this article to showcase all the reasons why you should go to church at this time of year. But I'm not going to do that. My request is that you take a moment and consider, 'Is Christianity true?' And then be true to your answer. And if you're not sure what that answer is, have the courage to investigate. Because it may be the most important thing you do. And to get you thinking, I want to tell you a bit about my faith.

You see, I believe in the history of Jesus and the experience of Jesus. There is overwhelming evidence that Jesus was a historical character. In fact, no serious historian would deny that Jesus existed. In addition, textual criticism shows there are many more and early copies of the New Testament than other highly regarded and accepted authors such as Herodotus or Tacitus. This means we can be confident in the accuracy, authenticity and integrity of the Bible we have today.

Easter represents the cornerstone of Christianity, when Jesus died and was resurrected, seemingly conquering death and allowing us to start afresh and know God.

Alongside the historical Jesus, I have my personal experience. When I was 16, I believe I experienced the transformational and cleansing power of Jesus. I can't prove it by scientific methods and, although I am a scientist, I believe science answers a different set of questions. Though I knew of the historical Jesus, at that moment, and ever since, I've known Jesus in my heart. And rather than making life miserable, I find it actually makes the world make sense.

His unique teachings were and continue to be radical. So radical that he doesn't leave the option of 'Good teacher' open to us, nor did he intend to. In John 10:30 Jesus says, 'I and the Father are one'. Such an astonishing claim needs to be tested. If you haven't done so, why don't you test it and ask Him to reveal himself to you? What have you got to lose?

And if you want to meet other people who have also encountered this risen Jesus then that's a reason – a good reason – to come to church. Happy Easter!

Chris Smith, Deacon

NB Some of this text is drawn from Alpha Film Series, Episode 2 'Who is Jesus?' Find it on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) or at [alpha.com](https://www.alpha.com)

EASTER ROCKS – TREASURE HUNT

Hunting Pokémon is great, Geocaching is cool but ‘Easter Rocks’ is really special and brings a blessing!



A treasure hunt looking for Easter-themed painted pebbles hidden around the village will take place between Saturday 28 March and Saturday 11 April. Each stone is decorated and personalised with a word of blessing for the individual who finds it. Everyone who finds one of the Easter rocks is asked to post a picture of their find on our Facebook page with a comment of where it was discovered, then we can keep track of how many are still out there. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website.

#easterocks will be hidden mainly in the following areas: High Street, Church Street, Buristead Road, Tunwells Lane, High Green, Elms Avenue, Shelford Park Avenue, Station Road, Leeway Avenue, Chaston Road, Granhams Road.

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This spring we are appealing for those who are a whizz at knitting to help create Easter chicks! These little chicks are small but mighty and help raise vital funds for the Hospice. Could you (or someone you know) help contribute?

Chick knitting patterns can be downloaded from our website at this page <https://www.arhc.org.uk/news-item.asp?£=1596&o>

If you are unable to print the pattern yourself, please contact Alison Pinney in the ARHC fundraising team on 01223 675888 or email fundraising@arhc.org.uk. Alternatively, copies of the pattern can be picked up at the Hospice Reception.

If you're not a yarner, you can still get involved by donating egg-shaped chocolate treats such as creme or caramel eggs, which can be inserted into the chicks for sale.

Your knitted chicks, and chocolate donations can be dropped off 9am–5pm Monday to Friday at the Reception desks of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity at Shelford Bottom or at any of the Hospice's Charity Shops, including at Woollards Lane in Great Shelford.

Happy yarnning!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity to open The Retail Hub in Sawston in June!

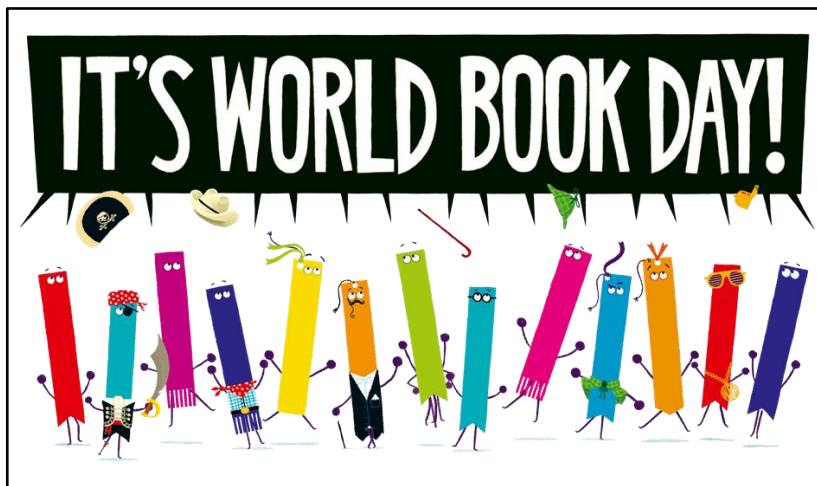
The newest addition to our growing charity shop family is due at the start of summer. The Retail Hub will be based at the Aspec Building between Sawston and Pampisford, on Eastern Counties Leather Industrial Estate, London Road, Pampisford (CB22 3EE) and will welcome pre-loved donations, including furniture and electrical items.

It will not open until June, but ARHC is already recruiting volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with: attending to reception areas, sorting donations, taking photos of donated items, creating eBay listings, van driving and assisting, and PAT testing!

If you would like to volunteer to join the team making this new venture possible, please contact the Hospice's Voluntary Services Team on 01223 675872, email volunteer@arhc.org.uk or apply online at www.arhc.org.uk/how-to-apply.asp

SHELFORD SCHOOL

It was World Book Day on 3 March and it was delightful to see colourful characters as I walked to the station that morning. These represented the different themes which each class had been given. I saw the White Rabbit, Aurora and many others. Some characters were new to me and perhaps were from books purchased at the recent Book Fair held in school.



World Book Day is not just about dressing up, although that is certainly fun, and thanks must go to all the parents, carers and grandparents who spent their time creating the wonderful costumes. It was set up over twenty years ago as a worldwide celebration of reading and its main aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books.

At a parade of characters in the school playground at the beginning of the morning, families had a chance to contribute to a bucket collection raising funds for new books which will further enhance the newly refurbished library and other areas linked to the children's learning.

Class briefings for each class are very important as parents and carers are given the chance to hear how pupils learn in schools. There is then the opportunity to join in a Celebration Worship where children explain and demonstrate aspects of their learning. Recently Year 2 performed a play based on Chinese New Year, retelling the story of the Rat. Celebration Worship ends with awards which are given to pupils who show acts of kindness. There are also awards for practical demonstrations of tidiness and good behaviour and to the House which has been awarded the most house points.

Lent started during the first week of this half term and term will end with an Easter service, reflecting the school's Christian ethos. *As the Easter service takes place at All Saints Church in Little Shelford it also shows the joint support which the school receives from both the village churches as a Voluntary Aided School. The Christians who founded the school almost 177 years ago would surely be pleased to know that this support still flourishes and that the school remains a welcoming, inclusive community.

As part of my duties as a Governor I recently visited classes in school and spoke to pupils. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and it was good to witness the staff inspiring the children. In the words of one pupil, 'We are so lucky at Shelford School that the teachers make learning fun.'

Gillian Scahill, Foundation Governor

*** NB The school closed one week earlier than anticipated as a result of the coronavirus pandemic**



TELEPHONE BOX CONVERSATION THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Mary and her friends arrive at the tomb with spices and oils as a sign of respect to Jesus.

Mary Magdalene: The huge stone – it's been moved!

Mary: How could this be? The tomb was being guarded.

The earth suddenly shook and an angel came down from heaven. When they saw the angel, they fell over and froze.

They were unable to move or speak for fear!

Angel: Please do not be afraid, Jesus has been resurrected. Come and see for yourselves.

The two Marys and Salome slowly move in to take a closer look inside the now empty tomb.

Mary: How could this happen? Are you saying he is now alive?

Angel: Jesus has risen again!

Mary Magdalene: This cannot be?! He died!

Angel: I tell you the truth. If you want to find Jesus he's on his way to Galilee; please let his disciples know!

Year 5, Shelford School

2G3S EVENTS AND NEWS

GREEN GROUPS IN THE SHELFORDS, STAPLEFORD AND SAWSTON



Stop Press – Cancellation

The conversation evening on 30 March at 8pm featuring speakers from Extinction Rebellion has been cancelled due to the risk of Covid-19, the coronavirus. This may also happen with Bill's talk on 27 April (see below). Please check posters nearer the time, or ring me (Helen) on 01223 842403.

What Hope for Cooks and Forests Dying in Africa? A talk and demonstration by Bill Powell, 27 April, Johnson Hall, 7.30pm

Last August Bill and his wife Valerie visited South Africa, where Bill has friends from his student days. They went on to Uganda to meet two young men they have sponsored through university. On his visits Bill learned that cooking is often done on charcoal or on wood between three stones. Smoke from such cooking kills over three million people worldwide each year. The black sooty particulates trap sunlight and are a major cause of global warming. Charcoal is cleaner but destroys forests three times as fast.

Bill then learned of the work on 'clean cook stoves'. These are almost as clean as North Sea gas and use only a third as much fuel. Bill will demonstrate a clean cook stove recently developed in South Africa. We will then discuss what we could do to help the poor improve health and fight global warming and whether it would be better to support big projects or grass-roots help such as sponsoring stoves and reforestation. Some readers may recall that solar cookers have been demonstrated in Stapleford in the past by the Nachingwea committee. Perhaps some links can be made?

Repair Café

There was a very successful event held on 29 February in Great Shelford. If you missed out this time, there will be one in Sawston in May: more details to follow.

The Cambridge Literary Festival 16–19 April

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For further information about regular clubs and societies please contact the individual organisers as listed inside the back cover of this magazine.

BIN COLLECTIONS



Blue bins

Thursday 16 April, Tuesday 28 April

Black bins

Tuesday 7 April, Wednesday 22 April

Green Bins – Collection suspended, see page 29 for details



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LIBRARY

The library has been closed. See page 29 for details

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Editorial Committee

SHELFORD FEAST POSTPONED

The Shelford Feast organising committee is sad to announce that this year's festival is being postponed until next year. The current health crisis means planning any event due to take place in the coming months is fraught with risk, both to the health of our community and the financial future of the Feast. We sincerely apologise to all our friends, supporters, suppliers, volunteers, good causes and, of course, thousands of visitors.

This is a postponement and not a cancellation. We can confirm that this year's stellar line-up will be maintained, 12 months later than planned. Provisional dates are confirmed as 4–11 July 2021. Tickets already bought for this year will be automatically transferred.

There's more good news too! Planning is already taking place for a 'Mini-Feast' that could happen when the crisis has passed and restrictions are lifted. We hope to provide the community with an occasion to come together again.

The next few months, perhaps longer, will be difficult for many in our community and we are aware of how the Feast will be missed. All we can ask is that we all pull together, help our neighbours, shop local, and support those around us in need. The local response to the crisis has been swift and impressive; many inspiring village initiatives are already making a difference. Let's look forward with hope and anticipation to The Shelford Feast 2021!

Information for Ticketholders

If you have already bought tickets online then you do not need to do anything. The dates will automatically change and your ticket will be valid for the same event, same day of the week, same time of day, just one year later. You will receive an email confirming all the details and should anything change between now and next July you will be informed well in advance.

We hope that the majority of customers will be happy to have their tickets postponed but if you do need to cancel for any reason please follow the instructions in your online Eventbrite account or via your email confirmation. For any questions, or concerns please email us at shelfordfeast@gmail.com.

MAY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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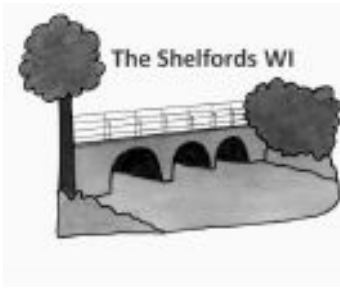
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THE SHELFORDS WI

We held our AGM on Thursday 5 March where we reviewed the activities of the past year and looked forward to the year ahead. Rosemary Livings was elected as our new president and a new committee was formed.

Our speaker was Megan Sandford who spoke about the important work of the Royal

Papworth Charity which exists to support the ground breaking work of the hospital. The charity makes grants to the Royal Papworth Hospital. The aims are:

- to improve the hospital environment
- to provide both state-of-the-art and additional equipment
- to support and develop hospital staff.

Our next three meetings – April, May and June are cancelled in response to the government advice to avoid social gatherings. The Group Meeting of local WIs due to be held on Wednesday 29 April is also cancelled.

We hope to be able to hold the summer garden party in July but this will be announced nearer the time.

In normal circumstances 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 welcome.

Mary Talbott

READER'S LETTER

Surely it is high time that Woollards Lane should be closed to through traffic, which at present from 8am on induces a jam that, apart from incommoding shoppers, exposes children on their way to school to the noxious fumes generated by stationary running engines. An exasperating situation is made worse by Messrs Tesco reneging on their undertaking not to park their delivery vans alongside their store during working hours.

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Professor John A Davis

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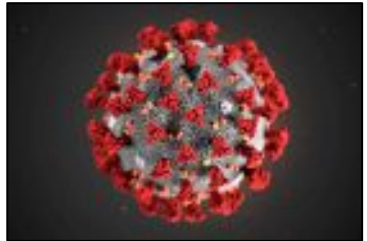
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES

GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS SUSPENDED

Green bin collections will not take place from Monday 23 March and Monday 4 May.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, has made the decision in order to support staff and the recycling and waste service as a whole.

This suspension will allow crews to concentrate on emptying blue and black bins during the coming weeks. It will also assist with any future staff sickness or self-isolation issues.



As always, residents are being encouraged to waste as little food as possible, so they minimise the amount thrown away. For this period only, the advice to residents who do have food waste will be to put it into the black bin.

Residents who are subscribed to the additional green bin collection scheme, and therefore pay for more than one green bin to be collected, will see a reduced fee for their permit upon renewal in the October. The bulky waste collection service, which collects large items from residents' homes, will also be suspended during this period.

More information <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/green-bin-collections-suspended/>

LIBRARIES CLOSED FROM MONDAY 23 MARCH

The Library Service is working to create an alternative offer including:

- Appointments to use IT for those who most need it
- A drop off/collection service for item reservations on an appointment basis – with items quarantined for 72 hours between loans. Details of how to book these appointments will follow shortly.
- An increased Library@Home Service – using more staff and volunteers to drop off and collect books and other resources/services whilst maintaining social distancing
- An Expanded Assisted Digital offer over the phone/online –increasing the amount of online resources for people to borrow and enjoy

Co-ordination Hub A countywide Corvid 19 Co-ordination Hub has been established. Library vans and mobiles will assist in the distribution of essential goods and services to communities, care homes and individual housebound as required and Library staff will be redeployed through the Hub

For more details see

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you>

LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY

‘Elderly’ is a word that my 90-year-old mother-in-law disliked. Why? Because it suggested she was past her best and unable to manage – and that was undoubtedly untrue of her. So please, if you are over that arbitrary age point of 70, don’t imagine the world thinks you are helpless. It’s just that on this occasion, with a virus spreading amongst us, it’s probably better for everyone that you keep away from crowds and spend more time at home. Especially if you have ‘underlying health issues’.

So how will we manage in Great Shelford? Firstly by planning ahead and secondly by relying on the rest of the community. As we went to press local contact groups are being set up so do look out for news.

Make sure that our first aid kit includes paracetamol and everything for our own medical needs. Contact the Health Centre by phone rather than visit in person and have family or a neighbour visit Boots on your behalf.

Those of us under 70 have a responsibility for looking out for our older friends and neighbours and we can help by making a phone call or dropping in a note to offer help. That help could be shopping or simply having a chat. It can be lonely when you’re on your own and scary if you listen to too much virus news. If you can use online video conferencing, families can keep in touch even at a distance.

Staying healthy includes taking exercise so keep up the regular strolls in the garden and use the Recreation Ground if you can, keeping your distance from the playground and other people. It’s the ideal time for spring cleaning and for catching up on your reading. Although the libraries are closed (see page 29) you might explore the possibilities of eBooks or eAudio – a free online service from the library – see the links on this page for details:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-online>

We all have a responsibility to look after others in the community and ‘the elderly’ should realise that so many people want to help; it’s no bother, it’s a privilege.

This is a rapidly developing situation and advice may change quite suddenly, but we all need to look out for each other and rally round. None of us is as important as all of us!

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GARDEN CLUB

DAZZLING DAHLIAS



Nick Dobson spoke about dahlias, which have undergone a recent revival in popularity as plants that add a blast of vibrant colour into the late summer and autumn garden. *Dahlia* is a member of the daisy family (Asteraceae) and contains 35 species. Most originate from the highlands of Mexico and Central America. The Aztecs used the edible tubers for food and medicinal purposes. Dahlia seeds were first sent to Europe via Spain by Vicente de Cervantes, Curator of the Botanic Gardens of Mexico in 1789. They were

grown on by Abbé Cavanilles, and in 1798 the first seeds were sent to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Whereas most plants contain two chromosomes, dahlias are unusual in having eight, which means when crossing two dahlias there is a greater chance of producing different cultivars. By 1836 the first dahlia register was published by the RHS and contained 700 cultivars. In the past dahlias achieved cult status among the rich with new varieties fetching prices ranging from one guinea to £100. Today there are over 50,000 different varieties in existence.

All the dahlia species have single flowers but their cultivation has led to different classes based on the form of their flower heads: namely waterlily, collerette, anemone, pompom, ball, peony, cactus, semi-cactus, orchid, decorative and giant decorative. Colours range from white to red, orange to yellow, and pink to dark purple. Border dahlias are good for garden display and cutting. The bright red-flowered dahlia 'Bishop of Llandaff' discovered in the 1920s remains one of the most popular varieties. Many, especially the giant flowered dahlias, are also suitable for exhibition. Bedding dahlias, which may be raised from seed and treated as annuals, are suitable for mass planting or may be grown in a container.

Dahlias are best established by planting the tubers in pots indoors and once growth starts placing them on a warm windowsill. This avoids the risk of the shoots being eaten by slugs and snails. They should be planted out after any risk of frost has passed in a south-facing, sunny position. They should be staked early and deadheaded regularly to keep them in flower. A granular feed every three weeks will ensure a good crop of flowers from midsummer to the

first frosts. If there are any signs of powdery mildew they should be sprayed straightaway with a mixture of 2 teaspoons of baking powder to 1 pint of water. Aphids can be removed by washing stems with soapy water.

Dahlias can be left in the ground over winter in a sheltered place if earthed up and covered with straw but to avoid the risk of frosts and rotting off due to winter wet, it is better to lift the tubers. The stems should be trimmed to 2–3 inches, any wiry roots removed and the tubers should be hung up to dry and then dusted with sulphur before storing in a box in a frost-free place until spring. Once new shoots appear, dahlias can be propagated by cutting large tubers into smaller pieces, so that each has a shoot attached.

In late summer 70 different varieties can be seen in the dahlia garden at Anglesey Abbey, which are arranged to produce a sweeping rainbow effect from one end of the curved garden to the other.

Helen Chubb

SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ EVENING REPORT

The Twinning Association's annual quiz evening was held in March, a little earlier in the year than has been the case for the last few years. It was decided to alter the timing of the quiz this year to allow us the opportunity to hold a wine-tasting in the summer; this is scheduled for Saturday 13 June when we will be tasting a selection of rosés.



The quiz evening was a great success, with over 40 participants, and the hall was soon full of a lively buzz of conversation over a convivial glass before everyone settled down to the business of the evening. Six rounds of varied questions on unusual themes tested our knowledge and memories, plus a round of 20 paintings to identify. Each question was accompanied by an excellent photograph. Fish and chips halfway through gave us a break and time to chat, with a raffle rounding off the evening.

We would like to thank all those who helped to make the evening a success, including clearing up afterwards. Any profits from the evening will go as always towards the fund for looking after our French friends when they visit us in July.

STOP PRESS: Sadly, we have had to cancel the visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte by Shelford residents planned for 23 to 26 May.

Penny Pearl

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GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB

CENTENARY YEAR

We had our first event this season with a Tabletop Sale on 14 March in the Memorial Hall. We had a great morning with lots of people attending and enjoying the atmosphere. We sold 12 tables with many differing interests so we hope we have made some money to help with our funding needs.

April sees the start of the 2020 Bowls Season but the coronavirus pandemic has caused us to cancel a number of events that we were setting up to celebrate our Centenary Year. We will announce monthly any changes to our diary but it does look as though all competitions with other clubs are cancelled until further notice.

Our greens will be open for friendly roll ups from 24 April. Please arrange to come along and try your hand.

For further information and if you are interested in joining us, please contact Alan Edwards, Secretary 07779834311.



READER'S LETTER

I read with interest and concern that The Feast is going cashless this year. One of the main reasons given is that there are no longer any banks or ATMs in Shelford to pay in or obtain cash. Well that is not quite true. We still have a branch of The Cambridge Building Society in Woollards Lane. Whilst The CBS is not a bank as such they can accept and pay out cash subject to opening an account with them. They make no charges for this or in fact for many of their services. Apart from cash they will also accept cheques and write out cheques for customers who do not have credit cards to pay bills, etc. Again there is no charge for this service, unlike some of the banks.

Also a bit further out of the village is the Post Office in Kash Stores, Hinton Way: they offer a number of banking services including foreign currency (bureau de change)

So let's make use of these facilities as it may be a case of 'use them or lose them'.

I do hope that this 'cashless' trend does not spread to other events or functions as I for one still like to pay by cash.

John Wakefield

THE HISTORY OF WOOLLARDS LANE (PART 3)

Up till now we've looked at the British School side of Woollards Lane, but this time we'll cross over and look at the other side. These days there's a continuous line of houses and shops, all the way down to the junction with Tunwells Lane. But back in 1835, there was only one house, and the rest was pasture fields. There were three of these fields: Cock Lane, Hopper's Close and Woollards Lane Close. The word 'close' means simply that these were fields with hedges round them. At first, I thought Cock Field was so called because it was where they held cock fights. But I'm pleased to say it's much more likely that Cock was the name of the owner. This was usually how fields got their name, in the days when everybody knew everybody in the village. Over several hundred years, the Cock family (variously also spelt Cocks and Cox) were prominent members of Shelford society. They were farmers, blacksmiths and farriers, and had a house roughly where numbers 37 to 41 High Street now sit. It backed onto Cock Field.

The Hoppers – who owned Hopper's Close – ran the Black Swan in Church Street. It's now demolished, but it stood roughly where 5 Church Street now is. The Black Swan (aka the Mucky Duck!) was a popular village pub in the 19th century, and its owners, as was usual, did a bit of farming as well as serving up the beer. Their sheep and cattle, you might say, went from field to fork. In the absence of a village hall, the Swan was used for all sorts of village events, including auctions and coroner's inquests.

Though these fields are long gone, they have determined how the road developed. Fields may be built on, houses come and go, and the street scene is always changing. But the boundaries of the original plots are rarely disturbed, so that, more than a century on you can still find them. The wonky boundary between Hopper's Close and Woollards Lane Close is almost untouched. It runs along behind the library and deli, and marks the end of the Ashen Green gardens.

By the 1870s, Shelford was becoming an attractive place to live, and the fields started to go on the market as development plots. On Cock Field a number of houses were built along the street frontage. If you pause and look up at the front of the Chinese restaurant, you will see there are two little plaques with the initials SBW on them. These refer to a Cambridge grocer, Samuel Banks Wallis, who built a buy-to-rent there. Most Victorian people with a few pounds to put away went into property. Banks and stocks and shares weren't such a common thing as they are now, and most people rented their homes, so it was a good safe bet. But it wasn't just a house, it was a shop as well. Victorian shopkeepers lived over the shop. Pretty much all the shops in Woollards Lane

were built as homes first and foremost. If the owners ran a shop, it would be a room at the front.

The sort of shops that opened were quite new to the village. There'd always been tradesmen – bakers, boot and shoemakers, tailors, butchers and saddlemakers – but when you went in, you went into their workplace –where they baked, or did their sewing – rather than into a place designed for selling. The new shops were still lacklustre by our standards, with shelves of goods behind the counter, which the proprietor would get down for you, but they had attractive window displays to draw you in. Strictly no self-service! Suddenly Shelford had become a shopping destination as, one after another, a grocer, a draper and a newsagent and tobacconist opened.

The premises built by our Cambridge grocer (now the Chinese restaurant) became George (or 'Nanny') Williams's grocery and drapery store. But the



shop that most older Shelford residents remember was Basil Brown's paper shop, which opened there in 1950. In those days the newspapers came up from London, and Mr Brown would be up at the station, along with fellow newsagent Bert Truelove (whose paper shop was in

London Road) every morning to meet the milk train. An army of paper boys would then deliver the newspapers round the village. Basil was one of a close community of village shopkeepers. He instigated an agreement between them to avoid unnecessary competition. He would not sell ice cream, because Sean Smith sold it in the VG stores. Equally he didn't sell things like penny sweets, because Miss Mott sold them. In turn, Sean Smith wouldn't sell tinfoil or any paper goods, because Brown's the Newsagents sold it.

Basil had a number of claims to fame. He was the first ever head boy at Sawston Village College, which was built in 1929. He had a lively war – he was captured and taken prisoner at Tobruk and ended up in Italy. He escaped, and got to Switzerland across the border after many adventures. He and his friend stole a truck. They were fired at, and his friend took a bullet, but Basil ducked and survived. When he eventually came back to England, he was under six stone in weight. He had been presumed dead. The shop was always busy, and, as you can see, there'd always be a good yarn to listen to. Isn't that what village stores are for?

Helen Harwood

OLD NEWS

Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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23 April 1791

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

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12 April 1811

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CRICKET CLUB



The England and Wales Cricket Board has informed us that all cricket and cricket training is suspended because of the coronavirus crisis so regrettably, we have no cricket to offer the village's residents, young or adult at the moment. Let's hope the situation changes before the summer ends.

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GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



The various storms hitting the country limited the number of games we were able to play in the month but at the end both teams were still sitting top of their respective divisions.

Premier League championship favourites, Cherry Hinton, do have games in hand on our first team however, and after exiting the Challenge Cup to them last month it was back to the League to hopefully keep the pressure on them. A comfortable 5–2 home win against bottom of the table Fulbourn Institute went as expected but a surprise 3–1 away defeat to a struggling Linton Granta was a disappointing setback.

As well as aiming for promotion the reserve team had hoped to progress in the Junior Challenge Cup but after a close, hard-fought home tie against Outwell Swifts ended all square at 1–1, the game was decided by the dreaded penalty shootout. Our goalkeeper did his part by saving three penalties but unfortunately theirs went one better and saved four. The following week saw the team away to second-placed Barrington in the league and a superb 1–0 win kept us above them. The final game in the month ended in a closer than expected 3–2 win at home against Linton Granta's 'A' team and left the reserve team in a good position despite a very packed fixture list.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus has had a bigger effect than even the British weather and sensibly all grassroots football has been suspended until further notice. At present we have no idea when or if the season will recommence but will of course update people when things hopefully improve.

It is with regret that we have to announce that Brian Jeffs sadly passed away recently. Brian was connected to the football club for many years and instantly recognisable coming onto the pitch in his trademark tam o' shanter to attend injured players in his role of first team 'sponge man'. Our thoughts go out to Brian's family and friends at this sad time.

Terry Rider, Chairman

Cambridge Branch of Parkinson's UK

TULIP FUN RUN 2020

We regret that this event has been cancelled. We hope instead that it will happen on 11 October

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RUGBY CLUB

UNDER 16'S COUNTY CUP

A true team effort brings rich rewards – County Champions! The opening 10 minutes were scoreless although Will Edwards was unlucky not to open the scoring when the final pass to him was judged to be forward. Shelford certainly



had the better of the early exchanges and were finally rewarded with a successful penalty kick from Harvey Taylor after Newmarket failed to roll away from a maul just outside their 22. From the kick-off Shelford made good ground up the middle of the park and Ryley Stiebrins-Brown was on hand to run in a trademark score, with

Harvey Taylor adding the extra two. That completed the scoring in the first half but certainly not the story of the game. Newmarket defended valiantly but struggled to break through the impressive Shelford defence. It became quite a cagey game and late in the half Shelford suffered a double blow – first Will Rand having to be replaced before they were reduced to 14 players following Will Edward's red card. All the same the team reached half term having preserved their 10–0 lead.

The start of the second half was once again a tight game but Shelford were very much in the thick of it and were rewarded with a kickable penalty after Newmarket were caught offside and Harvey Taylor pushed the lead out to 13-0. However, Newmarket were certainly not going to roll over and redoubled their effort to put the visitors under pressure. This certainly worked as a couple of Shelford errors gave Newmarket great field position and they eventually made their extra player count as they crossed for a converted score to make it only a 6-point game. It sounds somewhat corny to say but it is moments like this that can make or break a team – Newmarket had their tails up and sensed a turnaround. To their immense credit, Shelford kept their heads and focused on playing their rugby and were quickly rewarded when mazy running from Kyle Harris brought their 2nd try, with Harvey Taylor adding the extras. This gave Shelford the confidence to really impose themselves on the game, helped with some outstanding kicking out of hand from Kyle Harris and Harvey Taylor. Territory and possession were very much in Shelford's favour and with about 10 minutes to go an attacking lineout from the Newmarket 5-metre line set up a text book driving maul with Toby Owers carrying the ball over the line to score. Newmarket never gave up and a lightning fast breakout looked like a

certain score down the left wing before Joe Gregory got across with an outstanding try saving tackle. In part to help tick the clock down two kickable Shelford penalties were dispatched by Harvey Taylor through the uprights to complete a superb 31–7 victory. The game had its moments but in the end Shelford fully deserved their win and become County Champions for the second time. It was built on true teamwork – with the whole squad of 22 contributing – just what rugby is all about.

Angela Buckley

GREAT SHELFORD TENNIS CLUB

THE CLUB HAS A BRIGHT IDEA

At the tennis club we are always looking for new ways to encourage people from all walks of life to take up tennis. Tennis is a really versatile sport, a fact proven by the number of members that we have still playing (and enjoying it) well into their retirement.

To that end, we are teaming up with Bright Ideas for Tennis on 17 May 2020 to bring you an open day in the company of former Davis Cup players! Bright Ideas for Tennis is a charity committed to increasing participation in our sport. They'll be providing four coaching sessions throughout the day and once the coaching is done, they will be coordinating an exhibition doubles match.

The coaching sessions will be:

11.30am–12.15pm	Minis, aged 6–10
12.15–1pm	Teens, aged 11–17
1–2pm	Recreational adults
2–3pm	Team adults
3–3.30pm	Fastest serve competition
3.30–4.30pm	Doubles exhibition

We will be charging for the coaching but Bright Ideas for Tennis come completely free of charge so all your money will go back into the tennis club and community. We'll also be organising a barbecue and drinks to keep you entertained off the court as well as on it.

The day is open to everyone regardless of whether you are a member of the club or not (equipment can be provided if needed), but spaces on the coaching sessions are limited. If you are interested in finding out more about the coaching, including the cost and how to book your place, please email Angharad on social@gstc.org.uk.

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

Further details are available from the secretary, Ray Saich, on 01223 842737.

CARRY ON WITH A TAKEAWAY

Although ordinary life has been severely disrupted there are still, at the time of going to press, local places to get a drink and something to eat – although you will have to take them with you rather than sit down at the premises!

Here are the opening times for the businesses we know of:

Shelford Deli – 7 days a week, 9.30am–2.30pm and 5–8.30pm

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Cara Coffee – Monday to Friday, 9am – 4pm (times subject to change)

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Three Horseshoes – Wednesday to Saturday, 5.30–9pm, Sunday 12 noon–3pm

Square & Compass – takeaway service to be announced

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 these listings are correct at time of going to print. However, in the light of the current coronavirus epidemic it is likely that events will be cancelled. Please check with the organisers.

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6–8	8.30am–4pm	<i>Holiday Bushcraft</i> Ages 5–12
10	7–11pm	<i>Rocketman</i> Open air cinema
14–15	8.30am–4pm	<i>Easter Holiday Bushcraft</i> Ages 5–12
20	5–7pm	<i>Find Your Wild, Fire & Bracelet Making</i> Ages 6–14
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6–11	<i>The Cat and the Canary</i> A classic thriller starring Britt Ekland
14–18	<i>The Glee Club</i> A raucous comedy featuring live music
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CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE EARTH OPTIMISM DAY

In light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak the CCI Earth Optimism 2020 organising team has decided to postpone our 25 April event. We very much regret the inconvenience and disappointment this creates for so many people, but feel it would be irresponsible to carry on in the current climate of concern and uncertainty.

For information on this event see
<http://www.earthoptimism.cambridgeconservation.org/>

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GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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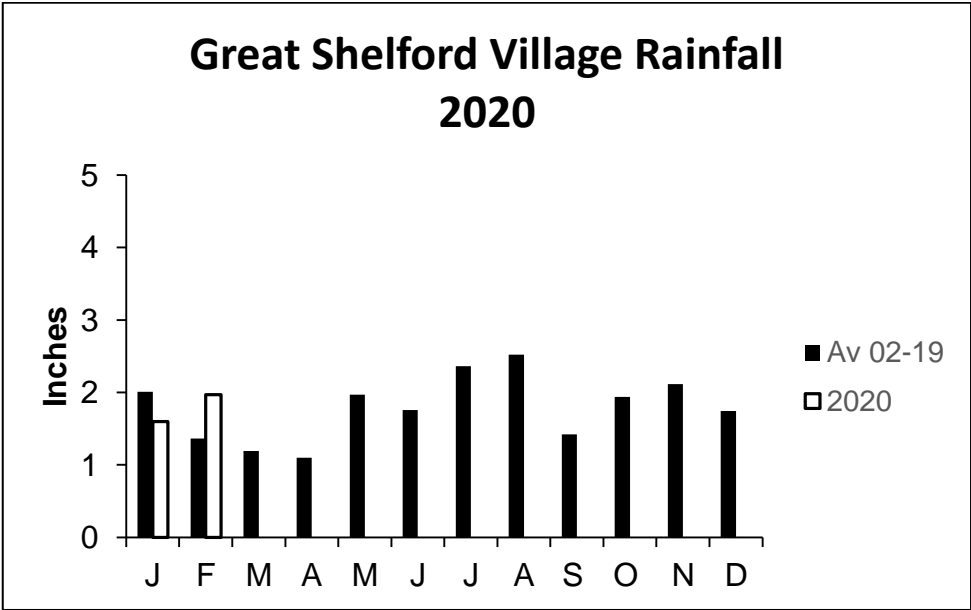
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2G3S Green Group	Linda Whitebread	843438
Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572
Bowling Club	Alan Edwards	666965
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Philip Seekings	843416
Citizens 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
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
	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
U3A (Sawston Branch)	Mr D Cupit	871527
WI	Vanda Butler (Secretary)	561053
Youth Initiative	Zac Britton	07599 024210
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