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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of items from November meeting

Following the signing of the minutes the meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak.

Mr Warren said he lived in De Freville Road and talked about how difficult it is to exit or enter the road, particularly during the rush hour when traffic travelling along Granhams Road tends to close ranks across the entrance.

He suggested that a 'Keep Clear' sign or yellow boxing might ease the situation and asked for the support of the Parish Council. He added that the removal of the shrubs planted in the verge on the corner of the road would make it easier to see oncoming traffic.

Following some discussion it was proposed that the council should write to the County Council asking for 'Keep Clear' signs and the chairman of highways would look at the shrubs, with a view to their removal.

Speaking about the new access road, Mr Moule said he had heard it is planned to finish the junction with Cambridge Road sooner than the one at Hauxton Road. He is concerned about the effect this will have on local traffic.

Cllr: Orgee said work at both of these junctions will not be finalised until improvements at the M11 junction are completed.

There being no further questions the meeting re-convened.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) *Library* (Public session) Cllr: Nightingale said some residents have found it difficult to get in and out of the mobile library; steps are being taken to alleviate the problem. An additional light will also be installed.

b) *Waverley Park* (minute 2a) South Cambridgeshire District Council is keeping an eye on the situation.

c) *Village Hall* (minute 2b) Following receipt of the Structural Engineers report, trial holes are to be dug.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground Cllr: Smith said there are two broken tiles on the pavilion roof and asked why the light is not on in the evening.

Highways Cllr: Mrs Bennee said the posts and redundant signs along the High Street have at last been removed. The yellow lines in Shelford Park Avenue have still not been painted. Cllr: Nightingale said approval was definitely given at a recent meeting and the work must be in the pipeline.

Cllr: Smith asked whether electric bus stops will be coming to the village and said the lime trees along the verge, to the left of the allotments on Cambridge Road, need some attention.

IMPLEMENT SHED

Cllr: Nightingale said the Conservation Officer would not accept a building made from pre-formed sections, she would however accept concrete facing blocks. One estimate has already been obtained, others are being sought.

RAILWAY CROSSING

Following the recent survey at the railway station to check how often the barrier is lowered, it was proposed Network Rail should be asked to provide further figures.

STONEHILL ALLOTMENTS

In response to a request from allotment holders at Stonehill Road it was proposed that an additional water outlet should be provided. The request to increase the size of a shed allowed on the allotment was not approved.

SHOPPERS COACH

Over the past six years Myhill's minibus has taken local residents into the village on Tuesday morning, to shop and have coffee. Mr Myhill is to retire at Christmas and approval was given for Mr Collins of C L Travel to take over. He is familiar with the service, having helped out on occasions.

CLUNCH PIT

The meeting discussed the impending auction of the clunch pit on Granhams Road, a former Council Depot sold to a private owner in 1959. Various views and opinions were put forward as to whether efforts should be made to obtain this woodland for the village.

BOWLING GREEN

In response to a request for financial assistance it was proposed by Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Coggins, that £400 should be offered towards the upkeep of the Bowling Green – **agreed**.

CAMBRIDGE BOBBY SCHEME

In response to a request for financial assistance it was proposed that further information on local use of the scheme and a copy of the accounts should be asked for.

SAWSTON CINEMA PROJECT

A worthwhile project for local people that should be supported. Cllr: Mrs Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr: Mrs Bennee, that £500 should be offered – **agreed**.

FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 170 accounts totalling £6,487.47, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1903/08/F Ms Kirsten Tassell Extension & Alteration
8 Tunwells Lane

The proposed 2 storey extension is not in keeping with the existing dwelling and would be overbearing to the occupier of 10 Tunwells Lane. The loss of parking and turning area would be detrimental to highway safety.

Clay bat walls have been identified in the VDS and Conservation Appraisal as being significant features in the village street scape and therefore we are strongly opposed to the demolition of the wall on the northern boundary.

S/1932/08/LB Dr Roberts Internal alterations to provide
The Grange accessible shower room

Happy to leave the decision to the conservation manager

S/1803/08/CAC Mr & Mrs Craig Total demolition of dwelling,
11 High Green attached outbuilding, boundary
wall, workshop

S/1818/08/F Mr & Mrs Craig Demolition of existing dwelling
11 High Green & workshop Replacement with 2
dwellings

These applications to demolish and rebuild have been submitted only 6 months after the previous applications, which were refused, during which time there has been no visible maintenance on the buildings. We therefore feel our previous comments still apply especially in the light of para. 10.1 of the approved Great Shelford Conservation area appraisal which recommends retention of the existing historic buildings. The decision to recommend demolition will rest on an assessment of the feasibility of refurbishing the existing properties. Therefore we are happy to leave it to the conservation manager as we do not feel we have the expertise to make that assessment. This is an important site in the conservation area with existing attractive buildings which contribute to the character of the area and we are not convinced the new scheme preserves this character.

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

In addition to the maintenance of grass, hedges or trees in the village, these are some of the matters dealt with in 2008:

- Tim Page, a local architect, was commissioned to design and supervise the construction of a new pavilion on the recreation ground. We are currently seeking funding.
- Two benches and a picnic table were installed at the Clay Pit on Granhams Rd.
- Trading Standards were asked to check on the sale of alcohol to young people in the village.
- The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 16 April. Some 60 members of the public were present.
- New, up to date Standing Orders for Local Councils were adopted.
- A contribution of £1,000 was made to the Stop Hanley Grange Joint Action Group. Leaflets were delivered to every house in the village.
- A survey was carried out of vehicles and pedestrians waiting at the railway station crossing – thanks to Eileen Bennee.
- A Keep Clear sign was requested for the entrance to De Freville Road.

All Council and Committee meetings were held in the Memorial Hall and open to the public, with an open session for public questions and comments at all meetings. Thanks to the energetic Seamus Fegan for keeping the village clean and tidy, to Ian Inglesant and John Doherty for looking after the cemetery and finally to Wenda Burbidge, our excellent Parish Clerk.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Eric Knowles, Chairman

2ND SHELFORD BROWNIES

Christmas was a busy time for the Brownies. Every girl baked a mini Christmas cake which they iced and made wrapping paper for. They took these home to put under the Christmas tree. The girls were able to show off their creative side and every cake was beautiful and unique, so I am sure the recipients were pleased. Shortly before Christmas we and the Guides sang carols for the residents of Shelford Lodge. We were made very welcome, as always, and the girls enjoyed talking to the residents and discovering which of them had also been involved in Guiding. This term we will be starting to work on a 'Changing the World' project, as part of the build-up to Girlguiding UK's 100th Anniversary. There are 19 projects for us to choose from, ranging from recycling to girls' education in Africa. If your daughter is interested in becoming a Brownie please contact Claire Harris on 01223 832165. We are always on the lookout for more Brownie helpers – if you are interested, please also give Claire a call.

Claire Harris

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

MEASLES AND THE MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA (MMR) VACCINATION

The government, via the Department of Health, is running an MMR catch-up vaccination campaign. This initiative is aimed at controlling the recent national increase in the number of measles cases, the result of a decade of relatively low coverage of MMR vaccinations.

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known. A cough or a sneeze can spread the measles virus over a wide area, and it can be serious, leading to pneumonia and even death. About one in every fifteen children with measles will develop more serious complications. These can include diarrhoea, chest infections, fits, encephalitis (infection of the brain), and brain damage.

The safest and most effective way to prevent measles is to ensure your child is fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine. Two doses of MMR are required to ensure immunity against measles and prevent outbreaks of the disease. Since 1998, MMR vaccination rates have declined steadily to the extent that in the first quarter of 2008 (January – March) only 78% of 5 year olds in Cambridgeshire had received two doses of MMR. This level of vaccine uptake means that there is a growing number of children and young people who are unprotected and therefore vulnerable to contracting measles.

Your child should receive the MMR vaccinations at 13 months of age, and again at 3 years 4 months. We are writing to the parents of 5-year old children who are current patients, and who have missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations. We shall be contacting the parents of older children, but you do not need to wait for us to get in touch if your child has missed an MMR vaccination. Children under the age of 18 years who have missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations should have the vaccine to stop them getting measles. It is never too late to have your child vaccinated. Please contact the surgery to arrange an appointment.

Christmas and New Year closures

The surgery will operate normal working hours every weekday except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Thus we shall be closed on Thursday 25, and Friday 26 December and Thursday 1 January.

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SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

The school is starting to look very festive. The children are getting excited in the run up to Christmas. The first event is the School fete on Saturday. Father Christmas pays a visit and there are lots of activities for the children and parents from face painting, tombolas, teas and coffees to second hand books and toys. These have been prepared by parents and staff. A big thank you to the PTA and class reps for their hard work. It would not be possible without you.

There will be the annual nativity play, 'Christmas Presence' on Friday 12th December at 2.30 pm in the school hall. Older members of the community are welcome to attend. I overheard a little of the practising the other day and it promises to be wonderful as always.

Thank you to our Year 5 children for taking us back in time last Friday in a really interesting assembly on the history of the school.

The children have voted the new school council. This committee consists of two members of each class who meet to discuss and plan important events at school. Their first assignment is their stall at the Christmas Fete.

The theme for this half-term's work on developing children's social, emotional and behavioural skills is *Getting on and falling out*. Over this half-term we will be helping the children to learn about and understand friendship and the best ways of learning together.

Mrs Evans is collating a directory of people from our parent and community body who can offer a one-off presentation or workshops for a class group or a key stage group. Please let us know whether you can offer expertise from your work life on one-off presentations which may be related to an area of the curriculum e.g. science, literacy. Alternatively you may have lived overseas for many years and can contribute to our Geography curriculum regarding a different culture. Maybe you are a practising Jew, Hindu, Muslim or Christian and are willing to be interviewed about your faith or to offer a workshop relating to a special celebration or festival or your cultural heritage. Please contact the school office for more information if you are interested.

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Isobel Harper, Parent Governor

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Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily, with **Compline** on Wednesday. **Holy Communion** is celebrated each Wednesday and on Festivals at 9.30 a.m. The **First Sunday** celebration each month at 10.00 a.m. is a service with families and young people especially in mind. Children are welcome to stay with us in church or to join our **SUNDAY CLUB**, which meets at the School and in the Rainbow Room for games and activities related to the morning's worship. The focus of our worship each week is given in the pew sheet, available at the back of the church. Please help yourself. Prayers are offered each day for the life of the village and those who live and work here. As your parish church we serve the whole community and are always glad to receive prayer requests, whether for regular worshippers or not. If you would like an intention to be included, please contact the Vicar.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

28 November	Mary Osborne
16 December	Len and Sheila Wright
16 December	Judith Laurie
19 December	Mark Harris

Applications for baptisms, weddings, and the calling of banns of marriage should be made to the Vicar, The Revd. Michael Goater, at The Vicarage, 12 Church Street, Great Shelford (michael@mickthevic.org.uk 01223 843654 or 07936 432289). The Vicar is a Surrogate for granting marriage licences.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Because the January *Village News* goes to bed even earlier than small children on Christmas Eve, report of the many and various Christmas events will have to be held over to the February edition. As copy date looms, we are busy preparing for the first of the carol services, which is always one of the true highlights – the Christmas celebration in words and music by the children from our Church school. We moved into the solemn season of Advent with a service of recollection on the evening of Advent Sunday centred on the traditional antiphons to Mary's Song. These are verses of Scripture sung before and after Magnificat in the days immediately before Christmas, though many of us know them better through the great Advent hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'. A rather different celebration took place the following Sunday in our Toy Service. It is always good to record thanks for the generosity of

Great Shelford folk, and we are very grateful for the car-load of toys which went off to The Salvation Army for distribution in the city over Christmas. It is very encouraging to record that the numbers of children are now such at the First Sunday service that we have moved into the School to accommodate them. We would like to thank the Headteacher for her ready response to our appeal for additional space, even while the Rainbow Room continues to be a blessing. An appeal for the people of the Congo through Christian Aid was mounted at these two services, which raised £235. Our alms were for the Cambridge Cyrenians. Other donations were made to the local Youth Initiative and to The Chaplaincy to People in the Workplace.

The next First Sunday Service will be on 4 January at 10.00 a.m., when we shall be celebrating Epiphany. On 11th January we are planning a Taizé service of meditative prayer and music at 6.30 p.m. Taizé's reflective approach to worship centred in the love and presence of God appeals to many people and transcends denominational boundaries. The service will be equally suitable for those with experience of Taizé services, and for those with none. On 17th January, in Harston, we are holding another Barn Dance. This was a totally brilliant family event last year and is highly recommended. Tickets are available from the Churchwardens and the Vicar at £10.00 per adult, £5.00 per under-16 (or a family ticket at £25.00, admitting 2 adults and 2 children). This includes an excellent buffet from 8.30 p.m., with a bar open for beer, wine and soft drinks. The caller will be Dennis Owen, as last year, and the band, 'Jump the Vortex'. Still required, your old mobile phones and computers, please, for 'green' and ethical disposal. Thank you for the donations received, some of them anonymous.



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Dates have yet to be decided, but the course will be in February and in Shelford. If you are interested, or you would like more information, ring Helen Harwood, tel. 840393, or e-mail helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk. More details will follow in February's *Village News*. *Helen Harwood*

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SHELFORD STUDENT WINS NEW WRITERS AWARD

One of the four winners of this year's Hertfordshire University 'New Writers Award' is Susannah Bangham. Susannah attended Shelford school, and acted for many years in the village pantomime and also in Sawston Youth Drama productions (SYD). Mark Long, organiser of SYD, suggested Susannah should enter the competition and was a huge encouragement throughout. The competitors, from all over the country, had to submit an original short play to the panel of judges and as the prize, the winners were invited to take part in two great days developing their plays for the stage, with top class theatre directors. Professional actors, brought up from London for the occasion, did credit to the writing in front of an appreciative audience.



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‘THANK YOU’ FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We've once again had a very good response to our request for subscriptions to the *Village News* for the coming year. Thank you to all those who have renewed their subscriptions so promptly, both local residents and those living further afield.

It's not too late to subscribe to *The News*. Just send a payment of £4 (cheque payable to Great Shelford Village News) with your name and address to Mrs C Ward, 26 London Road, Great Shelford, CB22 3DD. You will receive issues from February to December 2009 delivered free by our great team of volunteer distributors. If you live outside Great Shelford please add postage and packing of £5.90 to the £4 subscription – £9.90 in total.

We're always looking for articles of local interest, so if you have an idea for either a one-off article or a regular feature, please think about contributing something yourself, or alternatively let the Editorial Team know and we'll follow it up. We can be contacted at gsvneditorial@yahoo.co.uk

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OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Coffee Pot (Tuesday mornings) continues throughout the month on Tuesday mornings for those who wish to pop in for coffee and chat between 10.00 am and 11.30 am.

Many make use of the shopping bus, partly funded by Shelford Parish Council on Tuesday mornings.

Little Steps Toddler Group (Wednesday mornings)



Runs from 10.00 am–12 noon for children 0–3yrs and carers.

First morning session in the new year: Wednesday 7 January.

Stretchworks (*Thursday evenings*) A ladies Keep Fit session, starting at 7.30 pm.

Youth in the Loft (*Thursday Evenings 7.00–8.30 pm*) A club night of games, crafts, music and tuck shop.

CALLINN (*Friday lunchtime*). An inexpensive cooked meal served from 12.15 pm.

Men's Breakfast (Saturday 17 January at 9.30 am) The Full English plus chat and presentation by Daniel Cozens. (Through Faith Missions)

OUR REGULAR SERVICES FOR WORSHIP

Sunday Morning at 10.30 am.

(Coffee will be served after the service.)

Separate activities for children and young people

Sunday Evening Youth led Service

Sunday 14 December at 6.30 pm (all ages welcome)

Friday Morning at 11.00 am. This is a midweek church service lasting for about an hour and is open to any in the community.

CALLINN follows at 12.15 pm, being an opportunity to meet with others over a light lunch.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR NEW YEAR DIARY

Monday 12 January at 7.00 pm – Start of *Christianity Explored* Course

Friday 16 January *A NIGHT OF COLOUR* with Daniel Cozens

Venue: Great Shelford Memorial Hall Time: 7.30 pm

A talk by Daniel Cozens about his life as an artist, his conversion experience to personal Christian faith together with a display of his paintings.

Saturday 17 January at 9.30 am *Men's Breakfast* with a further opportunity to hear Daniel Cozens speak about the Christian Faith.

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DIARY, JANUARY 2009

4	Cambridge Preservation Society Guided walk	10.00 am	Coton Countryside Reserve
7	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Mem Hall
8	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Mem Hall
9	Pilates	6.30–7.30pm	Free Church Hall
10	Twinning Ass. Jumble Sale	2.30pm	Mem Hall
14	Country Market including Police Surgery	8.30–11.30am	Mem Hall
14-17	Little Shelford Pantomime		Lt Shelford Mem Hall
16	Pilates	6.30–7.30pm	Free Church Hall
15	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Mem Hall
21	Country Market	8.30–11.30am	Mem Hall
21	Talk by Dr Mary Archer (see p. 36)	7.30pm	Mem Hall
22	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Mem Hall
23	Pilates	6.30–7.30pm	Free Church Hall
24	SSYI Breakfast and Brunch	8.30am	Lt Shelford VillageHall
24 and 25	Cambridge Preservation Society: Hedgerows	See page 22 for details	
28	Country Market – Farmhouse Breakfast Week	8.30–11.30am	Mem Hall
29	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Mem Hall
30	Pilates	6.30–7.30pm	Free Church Hall
31	Rugby Club Quiz Night	7.00pm	Rugby Club

There will be no Country Market on 7 January – the Market will reopen on Wednesday 14 January.

CALLING ALL ‘CHILDREN’S SOCIETY’ HOME MONEYBOX HOLDERS!

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Joy Amis, Box Secretary

SHELFORD AND STAPLEFORD YOUTH INITIATIVE (SSYI)

Led by Jackson Nazumbe, SSYI is committed to inspiring quality of life experience for its members in a safe environment. The average number attending the Friday night youth club at any one time is 20, a comfortable maximum for the space we use. Working with young people from the three villages, Jackson, Adam and volunteers are committed to improving the quality of life experience for these young people. Current issues are:

- alcohol and drug abuse, which is prevalent among the 14+ teens
- safer sex (especially for the 13+ girls)
- bullying and racism.

We currently do not have the capacity to offer comprehensive support for young people facing serious problems but we do our best to signpost other helpful organisations or give guidance where we can.

Importantly, we are developing a peer education group supported by a leadership training programme. We are grateful to St Andrews, Stapleford, for allowing us to use their cottage for the small group work sessions. And, because of identified personal problems, mentoring is offered to two members and additionally we provide minimal support for six others. We are also celebrating, because one of our members has started boxing and is doing very well. He is a good example for the others and we hope that he can become a local champion!

This term we are very pleased to be joined by Adam Thoday as a part-time assistant Youth Worker. Adam is currently doing his youth work training at Anglia Ruskin University and works for the County Council. As we engage with 40+ young people each week, this is an important addition to the team and it has to be paid for – over £3,000 annually!

We are encouraged by the support and interest of many people to help us to meet this challenge – in July we received a generous donation from the Great Shelford Feast; there is support from Godparents and some others – but there is still a shortfall, a gap that it is essential to fill; with your help can we make up the difference?

Think about it; a one-off donation, regular donation ‘fund raise and have fun at the same time’ – whatever it is, SSYI and the young people will be grateful.

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Saturday 24 January 10 am–5 pm & Sun 25 January 10 am–3 pm

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Sat 7 February

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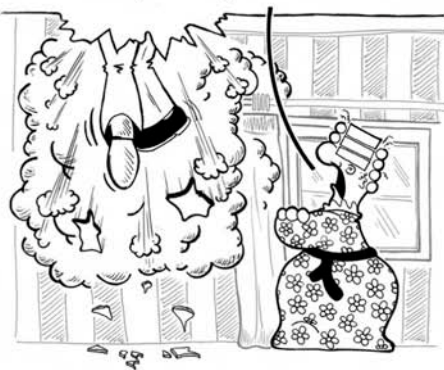
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Special Ringling in January

- On Saturday 17 January members of the band and some visitors will attempt to ring 800 changes of Cambridge Surprise to mark the University's 800th anniversary

Special Ringling in December

- On Saturday 6 December a band from the Ely Diocesan Association attempted a peal of 5,000 changes of Cambridge Major which, unfortunately, was lost after a little more than an hour's ringling
- On Christmas Eve we rang for both the Christingle and Midnight Mass services

Gipson Trophy

We congratulate Little Shelford on an excellent piece of ringling for the match on Friday 21 November. Their win means that there is now a three-way tie at the top of the division which, at the time of writing, is due to be resolved by a match in mid December.

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A final paragraph at the bottom of the page should have been added. The paragraph reads as follows:

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GREAT SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends.

Our first Country Market of 2009 will be on Wednesday 14 January. We look forward to seeing our regular customers – and perhaps a few new faces! You will find us in Great Shelford Memorial Hall every Wednesday from 8.30–11.30 am.

On 28 January we will be celebrating Farmhouse Breakfast Week – an annual National campaign which emphasises the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every day. There will be a special display with samples and recipes available. On Wednesday 4 February Lisa MacGregor will be holding a Jewellery Workshop when you will be able to make an item of beaded jewellery yourself – don't worry, Lisa will be on hand to help with the tricky bits! Make a note in your diary now and look out for further details at a later date.

We have lots to offer – home produced cakes, pastries, preserves and chutney, free range eggs, home grown garden produce, hand made crafts – plus when you have finished your shopping you can enjoy a welcome break in our 'Coffee Stop'.

Eve Dockerill

A BIT MORE SHELFORD HISTORY

THINGS FOUND

Since the Higher Education Field Academy began their archaeological digs in Shelford, I think we've all taken a bit more interest in what we find when we're gardening. But sadly I have to declare that my 300 foot garden (in the High Street) contains only a comprehensive collection of cheap twentieth-century pottery shards – blue willow pattern, or Woolworths white utility china, plus a large number of broken bottles. Clearly ours was not, as the archaeologists are wont to call it, a high status dwelling. However, what it does tell you is that, here in the villages there was no 'scavenging', which is what they called domestic refuse collection in the 1930s. The Medical Officer of Health reported in 1930 that 'a general scheme of scavenging for all the larger villages is under consideration'. They considered it for a very long time, because it only finally arrived after the War. Until then most domestic rubbish was either burnt on the open fire, or dumped in the garden where it returns to haunt me whenever I dig my vegetable patch.

My most exciting find was half a souvenir mug from Croydon. As a native of Croydon, it was a revelation to me that anyone there might be optimistic enough to manufacture souvenirs. But Croydon wasn't always the monument to 1960s concrete that it is now, and in the early 1900s it was even regarded as something approaching a garden suburb, as mile upon mile of superior suburban villas were built. A postcard of the time says, 'Though you come from Croydon, don't crow about it'. Well, I haven't felt the need up till now... However, I am pleased to think that I am not the first migrant from Croydon to pass through our house. A small-scale archaeological triumph.

Meanwhile, while digging behind the cottages next to what was the Peacock public house, a fellow gardener discovered a small round medal, issued in 1912 by Cambridgeshire County Council Education Committee to Edward Wick for 'good conduct, industry and punctual attendance', and so we launched a quest to find out who Edward Wick was, and if we could return the medal to him or his children.

Readers of 'Some Shelford Lives' may just recall that Mrs Chalmers mentioned a Nellie Wick who lived at no. 9 Church Street. That pair of cottages was, it appears, built to house the gardeners who worked at the Grange, of whom Mr Harry Wick, Nellie's father, was one. Previously he had been head gardener at Audley End. We think he had a son, George Edward Wick, born in 1902, and he would have been 10, and just the right age to have received the medal while he was at Shelford School. He obviously climbed the wall at the back, and ran down Grange Field to the river, dropping his medal as

he went. Was he bothered by its loss? We'll probably never know. But if you've anything to add to the story, we'd love to hear from you.



And lastly, a lady in Surrey sent me this photo. Her grandfather was billeted at the Plough, with the How family – Shelford bakers – during the First World War. One of her photos shows a troop of men marching past the Square. She wondered if this photo was taken in Shelford too – what do you think?

Helen Harwood Tel.840393 e-mail helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co

WI

We had a very jolly party at our meeting on December 3. As we had the loan of a keyboard from Jeanne Greene's granddaughter we celebrated by starting with singing Jerusalem. Voices a bit rusty it has to be said, but we got into the swing of it with carols later in the proceedings. We had an account by Ruth Charlton of her family's commitment to WI over the years. Mary Lester gave us an amusing account of Nativities in a Primary School. Some things never change! Refreshments with Brenda Truelove's celebrated mince pies and a delicious mulled wine made by Sheila Tilbury Davis were much enjoyed. There was a quiz and Pass the Parcel and then the Hat Competition. This was a great success, as many members had entered with really pretty and amusing concoctions. The winner was Joan Richards. Thanks to so many people who helped to make the evening a success. It was a shame that several members were not able to attend.

The next meeting will be on 7 January with a talk by a Colour and Image Consultant.

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GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Due to the Christmas period, I am penning this update early in December which means that only two weekends have passed since my last article.

In that period our First Team have only played once, defeating Histon A in the league. An excellent performance from our lads although special mention must go to the Histon players who, with an average age of 17, played excellent football themselves.

Our Reserves have advanced in the Creake Shield with a 6–5 win in the penalty shoot-out after drawing 4–4 against Wilbraham. Back in the league they beat Great Chishill convincingly by 6 goals to 2.

The A Team have had a difficult couple of weeks, playing away to the top 2 sides in Division 3A. They were defeated 3–1 by league leaders Ashdon Villa, and then lost 4–2 to Lode. However, it appears that Lode have been ‘loding’ their team with ineligible players, three of them, and they have been charged accordingly. This could mean severe punishment for Lode and the 3 points being awarded to our lads. This will just go to prove that cheating, of any kind, really doesn’t pay.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over and we will all be starting a year which, whether it be football, the economy, or just getting on with life, will prove as challenging as in previous years. Here’s wishing you all the best for 2009.

As always, help is forever needed, whether it be on match days, fund raising activities or sponsorship and donations. If you would like to become involved with, or help the Club in any way please contact the Club Secretary, Tony Holden, on 01954 782928.

Finally, if you want to watch good football, come and support the teams – all fixtures can be found on our website.

Go to: www.gsfc.co.uk for further information on the Club.

Support Gt Shelford FC – a club you should all be proud of.

Peter Ellwood

SOUTH CAMBS FLOWER CLUB

The South Cambs Flower Club celebrated their 40th Anniversary at Fulbourne Social Club with a dinner on Monday 8 December. After cutting the cake, Mrs Judy Wynn, Area Chairman of NAFAS, presented awards for 25 years and 40 years of membership.

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SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB

As the end of the first half of the season draws to a close, Shelford remains unbeaten and is now 4 points clear of its nearest rival in London 1 League.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Shelford	10	9	1	0	268	135	133	19	0
Barnes	10	7	1	2	246	180	66	15	0
Hertford	10	7	0	3	249	198	51	14	0
Luton	10	6	1	3	212	156	56	13	0
Jersey	10	5	2	3	226	142	84	12	0
Bishop's Stortford	10	6	0	4	204	172	32	12	0
Old Albanians	10	5	0	5	222	209	13	10	0
Portsmouth	10	4	0	6	138	266	-128	8	0
Tring	10	3	0	7	196	271	-75	6	0
Sutton & Epsom	10	2	0	8	181	241	-60	4	0
North Walsham	9	1	1	7	158	206	-48	3	0
Haywards Heath	9	1	0	8	117	241	-124	2	0

For next season, if Shelford maintains its winning ways and gains promotion, the RFU has indicated that it is likely to be changing the structure of its leagues. Top spot would mean movement into a new National 2 South.

The next home game is on 24 January 2009 against North Walsham – so why not come and watch and support your local team.

Colin Astin

RECYCLING FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE

Tidying up after Christmas can mean that rubbish bins get very full. However, not everything needs to go in the bin – or even in your green boxes. Used stamps can be taken to the Health Centre, where the reception manager will collect them and pass them on to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, who use them to generate funds. The Shelford Branch of the Cambridge Building Society has boxes where you can recycle stamps, foreign coins, ink cartridges and even mobile phones, with all proceeds going to the Air Ambulance. Mobile phones can also be left at the Vicarage for recycling, as can computers. In addition, Lay Electrical will recycle your batteries, and Eaden Lilley will recycle your Britta water cartridges.

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MUSIC AROUND SHELFORD

Peter Shipp, ex-Marshall's, will introduce his choices on record, likely to include medium size group instrumentals in the styles of the 1940s, plus a number of vocals, on Wednesday afternoon, 14 January. Newcomers welcome at 1.50 for 2 pm in the Community Room, Lettice Martin Croft, Butts Green, behind The Lawn, Whittlesford.

All Cambridge Swing Music Appreciation Group sessions will also be held in Lettice Martin Croft (as above) during 2009, but on Wednesday evenings starting on 28 January, when Gerry Hulford, ex-BT, will present his choice of mainly Big Band recordings at 7.20 for 7.30pm. Details from Basil Bonner on 832585.

Basil Bonner

Shelford Twinning Association

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Saturday 10 January 2009

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CORRECTION

A LOCAL WALK – FOXTON, FOWLMERE, NEWTON AND THRIFLOW (A ROUND OF WAR MEMORIALS)

We would like to bring your attention to the following correction (in bold) to paragraph 2 of the walk described on page 42 of the December Issue of the *Village News*:

With back to Thriplow War Memorial, and looking across the Green, head off to road at far side of the Green (Foreman's Road); head out on to farm track at end of houses, passing notice welcoming walkers. After about 400 yards, bear right along farm track, ignoring track going straight ahead. Eventually the track turns sharp left, and reaches the Newton to Fowlmere Road.

Turn right **inside the hedge and head up to gap opposite farm buildings on opposite side of road.** Decision time: *****EITHER** continue along road, with little verge round two dodgy corners, and then wide verge into Newton **OR take track up right hand side of farm buildings, which loops left behind the buildings to track which then goes on to reach T junction,** and turn right to reach Newton*****.**

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SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

THE ROLE OF A POLICE WILDLIFE CRIME OFFICER

Barry Kaufmann-Wright spoke of his experiences as a police officer in Essex, dealing with all matters relating to wildlife over a period of 20 years.

The badger is the only mammal which is protected under its own Act, although this does not prevent some people still engaging in badger baiting. A prosecution was successfully brought against a man selling badger pelts at a car boot sale, who claimed that they were raccoon pelts. He was fined £1200 plus a further £400 under the Trades Description Act. The place where badgers choose to build sets can cause various problems. It may be in the middle of a farmer's field, preventing the use of machines near the area, or under a road, resulting in the road's closure. On one occasion there were 40 badgers living in a churchyard, which were tolerated until bones started to appear at the ground's surface. A license is required to move badgers or work around the set. Foxes' dens have no legal protection but often foxes will cohabit with badgers in their set and have their cubs at the same time, which offers the foxes the advantage of the protection badgers receive.



Following up a local newspaper advertisement for the illegal sale of young barn owls led to the rescue of four barn owls, although three had rickets and did not survive. The surviving owl was hand reared and although free to fly and hunt by itself, has imprinted on its keeper. The owl is now 29 years old and still sits on its keeper's shoulder in the evenings and flies in and out of the bedroom window at will.

An illegal wild bird trade operating in the south east was found with chaffinches, goldfinches and greenfinches being taken for sale in Malta, Cyprus and Crete. One prosecution involved a pet shop which had imported bramblings from Belgium.

The police were informed of a one-year-old eagle being paraded by a man in public. On questioning, the man said he had bought it for £300 from a man in a pub in Walthamstow. The eagle went to a rescue centre, where DNA feather analysis showed that the bird had been stolen from an eyrie in Braemar, resulting in a heavy fine.

Barry was called to an incident in a wood near Colchester, where a dog died after eating a strychnine-laced egg. Further investigation at a house revealed a bottle of strychnine, which led to the owner being fined £10,000 under the misuse of Poisons Act, due to its extreme lethality.

Barry has been shot at twice while pursuing illegal hare coursers. One dangerous incident occurred at Duxford when Barry had to duck down to avoid being hit by a bullet which took the windscreen out of his brand new police Landrover and exited

through the roof. The man arrested was found to be a major drug dealer from Lewes in Sussex and was imprisoned for 14 years.

An anonymous letter regarding horse cruelty led to finding 39 horses which had to be dug out of stables that the owner had never cleaned out. The horses had foot rot and overgrown hooves up to 12 inches long so they could no longer walk. Only four of the horses were well enough to recover. Photographic evidence was used to prosecute the owner, who was sent to prison for seven months.

The theft of wild bluebells from woods has risen with cases of 10 hundredweight of bulbs being removed in one night. This has resulted in the imposition of more stringent fines of up to £1000 per bulb!

In 2003 Barry won an international award as the 'WWF Wildlife Law Enforcer of the year'. However his police job in this role was eventually axed as many offences against wildlife are not recordable as criminal offences and police efficiency is measured in these terms.

Helen Chubb

SAWSTON CINEMA PROJECT

I note in the December edition of the *Village News* that an appeal was made at a recent Parish Council meeting for a donation towards funding of the Sawston Cinema project.

I think that the Parish Council (and others) should be aware that this project does not involve returning the former Spicers Cinema to its former glory as a 400-seat cinema. The building, which was converted to a Youth Centre in the early 1970s under the umbrella of Sawston Village College, will remain modified as such, with only about half of the original auditorium available for cinema use. At the recent 'Taster Session' I attended, only about 85 seats were in place with as far as I could see no room for any more, and the seats were in very close proximity to the high screen, resulting in craned necks.

Personally I do not see much future for a cinema in this format and would have much preferred to see the building restored to a full size cinema which would then lend itself to other uses such as live theatre, concerts and bingo. Whilst a dedicated cinema is not realistically going to be viable for showing the normal main stream films, it could provide a useful purpose as a multipurpose entertainments centre.

I would urge the PC to investigate further before committing village funds to the currently proposed project.

John Wakefield

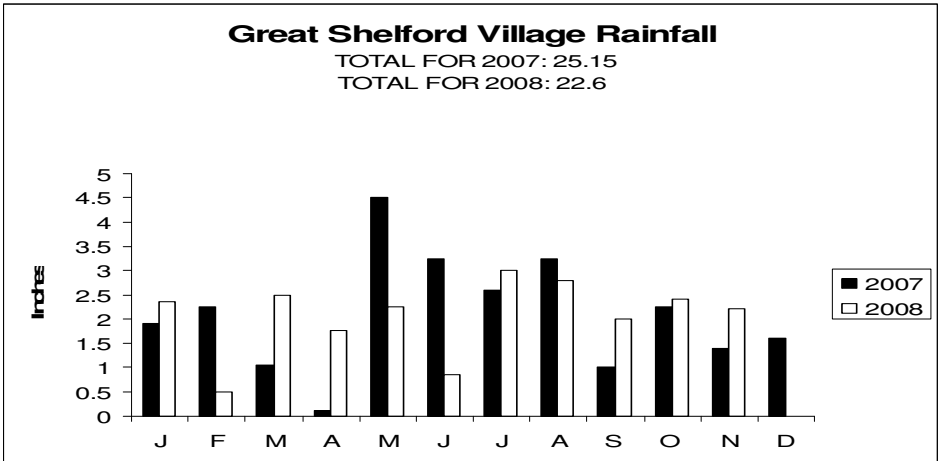
NOTE: the Parish Council gave careful consideration to the request for funds to support the Sawston Cinema project. They felt that this was a good community facility and were happy to support it.

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