

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2017

The Community Events committee, led by Cllr Liz Kelly, ran their first dog show on Sunday 3rd September on the paddock behind the Village Hall. The event was successful and you can see some images of the day at <http://www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk/fun-dog-show-2017.html>

ENC Cllr Glenn Harwood MBE provided a £245 grant to the Council from his Members Empowerment Fund (MEF) to cover the costs of the event. The PA system, purchased by Council from a previous MEF grant, was also used at the show.

The committee is already busy on its next event, a murder-mystery evening to be held on Saturday 14th October at the Village Hall. Tickets are £20, including refreshments, and are available by contacting Chelveston-events@hotmail.com. Please note that this is an over 18's only event.

Road works on the A45: A reminder that between Monday 2nd and Sunday 22nd October, there will be roadworks on the A45 between the Chowns Mill (A6) roundabout and the Raunds roundabout.

This will involve road resurfacing between the Stanwick and Raunds roundabouts, footway resurfacing, layby patching, vegetation clearance between Stanwick and Chowns Mill roundabouts and other routine maintenance activities. There will be some overnight closures between 8pm and 6am.

Some A45 users may choose to divert onto the B663 and come through the Village, so be aware that there may be extra traffic about in the evenings.

School House: The works should be completed ready for the new tenants by end of September. The outside works have included installing new metal railings to match the adjacent Village Hall and laying a turf lawn to the front and rear.

Village Hall: Robert Farrow (stonemasons) have repaired some of the stone window frames which have cracked over the last 150 years. At the same time double glazed sealed units were installed into the frames, which should significantly improve the energy efficiency of the hall!

Street Lights: The darker evenings usually means that someone notices that a street light is dead. Please let either one of the Cllrs (details over) or me know, and we will get it fixed.

Drug abuse: Unfortunately villagers are spotting a lot of drug paraphernalia again, with items found in Water Lane, Bidwell Lane and the layby on Kimbolton Road. A number of suspicious non-resident vehicles have also been reported to the local Neighbourhood Policing team.

The Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett: was set up in 1760 to provide for the education of children in the Parish. The Educational Foundation owns the old Chelveston School and the adjacent School House (built in 1864). The school closed in 1967 and re-opened as a community venue in 1972.

In 2010, the Charity Commission changed the remit of the Foundation and required the Trustees to "provide and run a combined Village Hall/Educational Institute for the benefit of residents in the Parish and surrounding environs". The Village Hall building was extended and refurbished in 2014 - 15 to create a more attractive and versatile venue, to meet this more challenging objective.

Since 2015, the Trustees have promoted the venue as an ideal location for regular day time and evening classes. As a result, in term time, the Hall is in use 6 or 7 days a week for various classes for adults and children. There are classes or meetings covering many areas of interest – art, astronomy, crafts, dance (ballet, belly, modern, jazz, musical theatre, tap), meditation, singing, tai-chi.

The classes are all open to residents of the Parish and neighbouring villages. For more details, consult the Village Hall web site at <http://www.villagehall.chelveston.org.uk/>.

Peters Close: This is the name chosen by the developer for the road to the three new houses off Kimbolton Road.

Macmillan Coffee morning: A big thank you to all that supported the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September, we raised £610! Thanks, Wendy.

Parish Appraisal: Starting back in 1995, every 7 years or so, the Parish Council sends out a questionnaire to every household in the parish. These questionnaires provide you, the residents, with an opportunity to influence how the Council spends its funds providing services for you.

The last appraisal was conducted in 2010 (with a 62% response), just before Chelston Rise was populated, so we are expecting the demographics to alter due to the younger families.

The Council uses the (anonymised) results as evidence of need in its grant applications for services, so we really would encourage you to complete and return the survey when it arrives through your letterbox.

Next Issue: The December and January issue of the Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of December, so if you want to publicise a parish event, please let me know before the end of November.

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The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (contact Arthur Wright - 624530).

There is a communion service **every Sunday morning at 9.00am**.
You are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the Servery.

We have been pleased to welcome to our church a new curate Tom Mclean. Due to the growth of the parish of St Mary's Higham Ferrers, the Bishop has agreed we can share with them an additional priest. We hope very much that Tom will enjoy his stay in both parishes, before moving on to more responsibility in two or three years' time.

Harvest Supper on Sunday 24th September was another very successful event following Evensong at 5pm in church. Some 75 people sat down to a most excellent buffet meal of ham/turkey and salads, followed by apple pies and cream with wine also. We express sincere thanks to the ladies who provided this much appreciated spread. Afterwards the harvest produce on show in the church was auctioned, in his inimitable style, by Andrew Wager to much amusement.

We shall have our usual **Remembrance Day service** in church on **Sunday 12th November** at 9.00am, and then meet immediately afterwards to lay wreaths from the Parish Council and Church at the churchyard Cross of Remembrance, to record the sacrifice of men from the village in two World Wars. There will also be a representative from the US Air Force to lay a wreath at the tower memorial, which pays tribute to the nearly 800 young men of the 305th Bombardment Group who died in missions from Chelveston airfield in WW 2.

Arthur Wright & Richard Kirk, Churchwardens.



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (contact Raine Earnshaw – 625739).

The W.I usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at **7.30pm** in Chelveston Village Hall. **Visitors are always welcome** to the meetings @ £4.00 per head suggested donation including refreshments.

Weds 11th Oct - *A G M. plus Christmas Flower Arrangements* by **Jane Webb**.

Weds 8th Nov – *The History of Christian names* by **Susan Copperheat**.



Free Spirits Ladies Group (contact Mandy - 625144).

Usually meets on the third Monday of the month from **2.00 – 4.00pm** in the Chelveston Village Hall. A variety of subjects to include crafts, flower arranging, talks etc. Visitors are welcome @ £2.50 per head inc. tea & biscuits.

Mon 16th Oct - *Pottery Workshop* by **Brenda Potters**.

Mon 20th Nov - *Craft Workshop* by **Sharron Smart**.



Chelveston Chorus (contact Joe Carpenter janjoe68@googlemail.com).

Everyone is invited to come to sing with the encouragement of **Natasha Thompson**.
Fortnightly on Thursdays at **7.30 – 9.00pm** in the Village Hall. Sessions are £3.50.



If you have a smart phone / tablet, you can scan the QR code to go to the village hall web site.

The hall is available for hire by groups for meetings or private functions. Wi-Fi enabled.

For further information contact Chelveston.village.hall@gmail.com.



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30pm** in the Chelveston Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak on any agenda item at the Chair's discretion.

Members of the public may also inspect Council papers by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The agenda is posted on the website (www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk) and on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Parish Council Members & Officers

Chair: Ray Daniells, *Fieldview*, Raunds Rd.
Vice: Liz Kelly, 8 Duchy Close.
Jennifer Harwood, 7 Britten Close.
Patricia Mommersteeg, *Church House*, Caldecott.

James Pentelow, 22 Duchy Close.
Andrew Seaman, *Rosemoor*, Raunds Rd.
Melvyn Wooding, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.
Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

E-mails to the Council on clerk@chelveston-pc.gov.uk