

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2016

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): The NDP Working Party is chaired by Cllr Andrew Seaman. There are 7 members (4 Councillors and 3 residents), plus their Clerk, Jane Seaman, who can be e-mailed on clerk@ndp.chelveston.org.uk.

The Parish Council recently approved a new draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and on the 16th March it was submitted to ENC for the next and final stage of consultation, which will start on Friday 8th April. This means that a Parish referendum could be held in the autumn of this year, with the Plan becoming adopted just before Christmas.

Members of the NDP Working Party will be at the Annual Parish Assembly on 25th April to provide a more detailed update on progress and answer questions.

You can also see www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk for more details.

Allotments: We have one vacant tenancy for the 2016 season. This offers healthy exercise and an opportunity to grow tastier (and cheaper) vegetables/salads than the supermarket, with far less "food miles". So, good for you, good for your wallet/purse and good for the planet!

To make things easier for a new tenant to take on, the Council has paid to have it rotavated (this also reduces the weed nuisance to other plots). The plot is only £25.00 per season, plus a one-off £30.00 refundable shed bond.

Operation Spring Clean 2016: The annual village litter pick will take place over the **weekend 23rd / 24th April**. This is a chance to clear out the cans, wrappers, bottles, etc. that may have accumulated in the hedgerows and verges over winter.

We have the sacks, gloves and pick sticks; all we need are the volunteers! Let a Cllr know (details over) if you want to help out for an hour or so.

Police & Crime Commissioner Election: The election for the new Police & Crime Commissioner will take place on **Thursday 5th May**, with the polling station in the Village Hall as usual.

As always, I don't care which candidate you choose to vote for, but I do urge you to use your democratic right to vote.

New website: You may have noticed the Parish Council's main website has changed. The cost of the new site has been funded by a grant from the Govt. The new web address is in the standardised local council format www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk, but the old address will still get you there.

The community websites (Village Hall, Charities) and the History website remain as they were before.

Annual Parish Assembly (APA) on Monday 25th April at 7:30 pm. The APA is the annual meeting of the electors, not the Council. The Council will be there, to present the Annual Report and the draft accounts, along with the NDP Working Party to update you on the latest consultation of the NDP, plus the various charities and organisations that operate in the parish.

The Parish Council will explain the current plans for the "SafeZone" project, to address one of the biggest recurring issues in the parish – speeding vehicles. There will be a break midway for some excellent (free) refreshments, provided by the local WI branch.

The proposed CRE Solar Panel Factory unit and office block. So far, only 9 residents' letters of objection have been received. Although the Parish Council's objection has resulted in the application being scheduled for decision by the ENC Planning Committee, the recommendation is likely to be to grant the application. So if you want to do something about this, you need to act now.

Firstly you need write or e-mail to ENC Planning to object (quote reference EN/15/02271/FUL) and then you need to turn up at the public gallery at ENC at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 20th April**, so the ENC Councillors can get an idea of the local opinion.

HM Queen's 90th Birthday: The Queen will be 90 this year and we know a number of adjacent villages will be celebrating the event with street parties, etc

In 2012 we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year with a BBQ, and although it turned out somewhat wet, we did raise a good amount for charity. Do we want to do something similar this year on Sunday 12th June?

This will be a question asked at the APA on the 25th April, so if you have any ideas or strong views either way, come along to the APA.

Parish Precept: The Council Tax letters for 2016-17 will have arrived in your letterboxes by now and the Parish Council's increase was shown as 1%, compared to 2 - 4% for the other authorities (ENC, NCC and the Police & Crime Commissioner).

In real terms this was a 50p rise for the year at Band D and is still under a £1/week for local democracy. If you have concerns regarding the Council's finances, you are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on the 25th April.

Next Issue: The June & July issue of the Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of June, so if you want to publicise a parish event, please let me know before the end of May.

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Events – April & May 2016

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.

Easter services in the Church were well supported and the evening service on Holy Saturday brought a visit from the choir of our sister church of St Mary's Higham Ferrers being over twenty members strong. We are most grateful to them for coming, and although our changing facilities are distinctly limited for them to wear their choral robes, they managed and the Chancel fulfilled the function as in former years of hosting a choir.

Our team of volunteers from the village has already started on the programme of keeping the churchyard grass cut and our thanks are due to them for ensuring a high standard. We regularly get complimentary remarks in the Visitors' Book for the well-kept appearance of both Church and Churchyard and we shall endeavour to keep those remarks continuing throughout the summer.

Arthur Wright & Richard Kirk, Churchwardens.



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (contact Wendy Williams - 624585).

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.

Wednesday 13th April - *Making things grow* with **Nicholas Warliker**, followed with Questions

Sunday 17th April - *Spring Lunch* - a 2-course Sunday lunch of roast pork and all the trimmings, with musical entertainment. Tickets £12 a head, bring your own drinks.

Wednesday 20th April - *Group meeting* with the **Rev Richard Coles**.

Wednesday 11th May - *Resolutions meeting* at **Hargrave W.I.**



Free Spirits Ladies Group (contact Raine Earnshaw – 625739).

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.

The next meeting is on **Monday 18th April**.



Chelveston Chorus (contact Sharron Smart - 622020).

Participants of either sex are 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.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 7th April**.



For other events in the Village Hall, see the website www.villagehall.chelveston.org.uk

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 Adrian Dale on 622624.



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: Liz Kelly, 8 Duchy Close.

Vice: Ray Daniells, *Fieldview*, Raunds Rd.

Glenn Harwood MBE, 7 Britten Close.

Jennifer Harwood, 7 Britten Close.

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.org.uk