

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – December 2016 & January 2017

305th Bombardment Group War Memorial rededication service: Next May, it will be 10 years since the memorial was dedicated in the centre of Chelveston. Following discussions with the 305th BG Memorial Association, the Council has agreed to hold a re-dedication service on **Saturday 27th May 2017** (the US Memorial Day is the last Monday in May and the date has been timed so that the US visitors can visit the American Cemetery and Memorial at Madingley on the Monday).

Details are still being arranged, but in a repeat of 2007, the road running past the memorial will be closed for around 2 hours on the Saturday afternoon whilst the service takes place. The WI has once again volunteered to provide the lunchtime catering for the US visitors in the Village Hall, as they did in 2007, but are looking forward to using the new kitchen facilities this time round!

Ground works 1: Cllrs Ray Daniells and James Pentelow have volunteered to cut back the overgrown bramble bush on The Green that was starting to swamp the "Silver Jubilee" bench. They have managed to clear about half of it so far.

Cllr James Pentelow volunteered to cut back and remove some ivy and elder that was encroaching onto neighbouring land by the 305th War Memorial. James also regularly mows the grass around the memorial during the growing season.

Thanks to their volunteering, the Council has been spared the cost of paying contractors to do this work, which in turn keeps your Council Tax down, so a big thank you to James and Ray.

Dog Fouling: Yes, this topic keeps cropping up again. Alas some inconsiderate dog owners are not picking up their dog's doings on the track (High Lane) that runs from Disbrowe Court up past the allotments, making it unpleasant for other walkers, etc. Although not a tarmac surface, the track is still part of the public highway and the usual rules apply.

A few years ago, the Council provided a dog litter bin at the Disbrowe Court end of the track, so as to make it easier for responsible dog walkers to drop off the "pooh bags" on their way past. However the recent increase in complaints about dog fouling suggests that the message isn't getting through to everyone.

Accordingly the Council is now considering hiring in the district's dog warden to visit the area regularly. The warden is empowered to issue Fixed Penalty Notices of £75 if you do not clean up after your dog.

Dog Control Orders: there are two orders that apply in the parish. The district wide order that covers the offence for failing to remove dog faeces, and an area specific order creating a dog exclusion zone at the Chelston Rise playing area, to protect the children.

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 Independent Examiner has now completed his report with his observations and recommendations on the emerging NDP. The Parish Council will be reviewing his report at their next meeting which, if approved, will allow a referendum to be held in February next year on whether to adopt ("make") the Plan. If made the NDP will become a legal planning document and will have to be referred to in any planning matters considered by ENC.

All those on the Electoral Roll at the time of the referendum will be entitled to vote, and the Working Party are hoping for a good turnout (82% of the parish cast their vote for the NDP site aspirations poll that was held in 2013).

The Working Party are currently updating the draft Plan to reflect the report's recommendations, so that it can be submitted to the Parish Council for approval. They are also planning to hold an open day at the Village Hall in February to explain what is in the Plan, the changes that have been made since it was last published and how it affects you.

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

Ground works 2: Following the successful work undertaken last year, the Parish Council's contractors have been back again this year to side out the edges of some of the footways, to increase them back to their full width.

The priorities chosen by the Councillors this time were; Raunds Road west side (*Hawthorns* to *Sawyers Crescent*), the junction of Foot Lane and Water Lane (by the litter bin), High Street north side (*Britten Close* to *The Green*), Higham Hill, and Caldecott Road (*School House* to the Church). If you like what has been done, let your Councillors know and they will plan to do some more next year.

Items for Sale: We're not competing with E-Bay, but parishioners wishing to advertise items for sale can now do so on the parish website for free. See full conditions at - <http://www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk/advertising.html>

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

The Councillors and Clerk would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Events – December 2016 & January 2017

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.

Through December the usual Sunday service at 9.00am continues, but please note the following additional services in church:-

Sunday 11th December at 2.30pm is a service of **Lessons and Carols** with the Rushden Salvation Army Band and the Chelveston Chorus will be singing two carols also. As last year it will be a most enjoyable occasion, and light refreshments will follow.

Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm is a **Crib Service**. This is especially for village families with young children to enjoy the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus. Brenda Eldred and Sara Owst have written it especially to involve everyone and make it relevant to youngsters.
Do come and support their efforts

Christmas Day - there will be the usual 9.00am service to which all are welcome.

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.

Weds 14th December - "*Christmas Party*" with food and entertainment provided by members.

Weds 11th January - **Reverend Mark Lees** will be talking about *The Sanctuary*, the Rushden homeless shelter.



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

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.

The next meetings are on **Mondays 12th December and 16th January**.



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

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 8th December**.



The Tai Chi class has restarted on a Wednesday – at least until Christmas and it will continue in January if there is sufficient demand. The Ballet Academy is expanding its classes to cater for new age groups. Please see the Village Hall web site 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 07850 570007.



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).

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