

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – June & July 2016

Council Chair 2016-17: Cllr Liz Kelly was re-elected as Chair for the coming year at the May meeting.

Suspicious activities: An early morning dog walker recently spotted that a number of porch and vehicle doors had been left open. Although no-one has reported anything stolen, it is believed that the unlocked doors were opened by opportunists, checking to see if there were any easy pickings. Please check you have locked your doors at night.

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!

Duchy Close “Hammerhead” parking: The Council is aware of problems of parking in Duchy Close, particularly in the “Hammerhead”. If you need to park there, please ensure you do so in a way that allows other vehicles to turn around and allows nearby residents to safely enter/exit their drives.

Congratulations to Chris Blom and Bloms Bulbs, who secured their 65th Gold Medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for their display of cut tulips.

The James and Thomas Sawyer Charity: At the Annual Parish Assembly, held on 25th April, it was suggested that we remind residents of what the charity (which dates back to 1708) offers.

The Trustees of the Sawyer’s charity award grants to support those who are “*in a condition of need, hardship or distress*” within the parishes of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott and Raunds. No periodical or recurrent benefits are permitted to any individual. The grants are not means tested and can have a very quick decision turnaround time.

To apply for a grant, please discuss in confidence with the Clerk: Mrs Pauline Ellis, 64 Mackenzie Road, Raunds, NN9 6EF.

EU Referendum: The in/out EU Referendum will take place on **Thursday 23rd June**, with the polling station in the Village Hall as usual.

As always, I urge you to use your democratic right to vote (which way you vote is up to you).

Move of the History website: The feedback on the new Parish Council’s website has been positive, so the Council decided at the May meeting to amalgamate the now rather dated looking History website back into the main site – look under the **Community** tab for [History](#).

The move has allowed additional material to be added. The new web address is in the standardised local council format www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk.

What has the Police speed camera van ever done for us? It turns up on the Raunds Road occasionally, a big white van that you can’t miss, plus drivers flash on-coming motorists to warn them of its presence, so it doesn’t really catch anyone, right?

Actually, wrong! In the 5 months from 30th November 2015 to 5th May 2016, the camera van has turned up 21 times on the Raunds Road. During this time **388** drivers have been caught exceeding the 35 mph (posted limit + 10% + 2 mph) prosecution threshold and subsequently prosecuted. Not so bad after all!

Operation Spring Clean 2016: The annual village litter pick took place over several weekends in April, as different families borrowed the litter pick kits to clear the verges around them. A big thank you to all those of you who volunteered to help tidy up the parish and make it a more pleasant place to live.

District Cllr Glenn Harwood has provided a grant to the Parish Council from the ENC Member Empowerment Fund, to buy 5 more litter pick kits, so we can do even more next year!.

A Village Event? In 2012 we celebrated the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee with a BBQ, which brought a lot of residents together. In the past there were flower and vegetable shows. Other villages have fetes, scarecrow competitions, etc. The Parish Council is looking for ideas of what community event this parish could hold annually – let your Cllrs know.

Chelveston and the Battle of Jutland: Amongst those who answered the nation’s call to arms in 1914 was **Cyril Walter Hanwell**, the son of Walter and Clara Hanwell of *Pretoria Cottages*, Raunds Road.

On the 31st May 1916, 17 year old Private Hanwell of the Royal Marine Light infantry (RMLI) was serving on **HMS Chester**, a light Cruiser which took part in the Battle of Jutland during 31st May – 1st June 1916. HMS Chester was part of 3rd Battle Cruiser Squadron under Rear Admiral Hood, which came under fire from the approaching German High Seas Fleet. She was hit 17 times by 150mm shells and lost 29 men with another 49 wounded.

Private Hanwell survived the battle and was later awarded 5s 1d (25.5p) Jutland Prize bounty - the amount was so low as the £22.6k prize money had to be divided between 61,654 officers and men!

Incidentally, he stayed on in the RMLI after the end of hostilities and took part in WW2, finally leaving the service in August 1945.

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

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Events – June & July 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.

We are sorry that the church clock has been out of service for several weeks, but being a mechanism of over 150 years old, we found a vital part had broken and it has taken time (no pun intended) to get the correct replacement. It should be working again shortly.

The electric bell chime which strikes the hours, and is geared to GMT / BST, is not affected, as villagers will have heard it striking correctly.

Our first monthly tea party in the church was a great success, and the next one is on **Tuesday June 21st** between **2.30 - 4.30pm**, and thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month throughout the summer. Do come along for tea and cake.

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 8th June – *Fifty years of Song with the Northampton Musical Company* by **Cliff Billing**.

Wednesday 13th July - *Indian Cuisine- Facts, Demo & Tasting* by **Anita Chipalkatty**.



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 20th June**.



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 9th June**.



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 Daniels, *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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