

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2017

305th Bombardment Group War Memorial rededication service: In 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).

Northants Highways have confirmed the road closure from **1.30 pm – 4pm**, and residents in Foot Lane and Higham Road will shortly receive a letter, so they can make arrangements accordingly. We could do with some volunteers to help out as traffic marshals at the diversion points – high visibility waistcoats will be available, of course!

The 2007 dedication plaque and the Poem of Thanks have been temporarily removed whilst the frame is modified to include a new 2017 plaque, to be unveiled by the Chair of the Parish Council and a 305th BG veteran. The memorial itself will be steam cleaned (the Historic England approved method) before the event.

District Cllr Glenn Harwood has kindly funded the provision of the St Johns Ambulance cover and the purchase of a public address system from his ENC Member Empowerment Fund budget.

Superfast Broadband update: The stage 3 of NCC's superfast broadband rollout will see Gigaclear's fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) coming to Caldecott and Chelston Rise by the end of 2018.

FTTP does not use your speed limited telephone copper wire, instead the fibre entering your home can run up to 1 GB/s (seriously fast for home use!). The downside will mean works to lay-in the new fibre cables, but given the state of the local roads, the reinstatement will probably be an improvement on the current surfaces.

Whilst introduction is confirmed, there is still a lot of planning before we get details delivery. You can register your interest (no commitment) with Gigaclear at www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker.

County Council elections: County Cllr Derek Lawson is standing down after first being elected in May 1977, and is the currently the longest continuous serving member of NCC (40 years). Assuming more than one candidate stands to replace him, the poll will be on **Thursday 4th May** in the Village Hall.

Village Hall millennium garden seating: A big thank you to Greg and Susan Misko of Colleyville, Texas, for supplying the wood, and Melvyn Wooding of Caldecott for the making of the new seating in the Village Hall millennium garden.

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.

Your Plan, Your Village, Your Future

The Plan has now been completed and published on the 'Recent Updates' section of our website (www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk) in preparation for the referendum to be held on **Thursday 4th May 2017** which will decide on whether the Plan is adopted. If adopted the NDP will become a legal document and will determine any future Planning matters.

All those currently on the Electoral Roll will be entitled to vote at the referendum. You will be asked a simple Yes/No question when you vote; "*Do you want East Northamptonshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area*". Your vote is important because by voting you will determine how this village grows in line with the Plan.

There will be an open day at the Village Hall on **Sunday 30th April 2017** (with refreshments) to explain what is in the Plan, the changes that have been made since it was last published and how it affects you. Look out for posters and further information coming your way soon. You can also see www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk for more details.

Allotment plot available: There is one vacant plot available to the 2017 season if you want to have a go at growing your own fruit and veg. Contact Darren Redgate or the Clerk.

Vacancy - Village Hall Caretaker: The Trustees of Chelveston Village Hall would like to hear from any Village resident who would be interested in taking on the caretaker contract for the Village Hall. The successful contractor would be self-employed and be prepared to work flexibly around bookings to keep the hall clean and tidy at all times.

Please contact Adrian Dale - Clerk to the Trustees via e-mail on chelveston.village.hall@gmail.com or call on 07850 570007.

Items for Sale: We're not competing with E-Bay, but parishioners wishing to advertise items for sale can do so on the parish website for free. Click on "[For Sale](#)" on the left side of the home page.

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.

Edited by the Clerk.

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Events – April & May 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.

The Snowdrop Weekend of 18th / 19th February was the best we have had in financial terms, plus favourable weather that resulted in a profit of **over £9,000**. This came from a dedicated team of people who potted up hundreds for sale and produced most delicious refreshments. The contribution of our village Chelveston Chorus on the Sunday afternoon was much appreciated also, and we do thank the many village people who came to support us. We had some beautiful early photos of the churchyard as an absolute sea of snowdrops on Facebook for the first time and favourable press coverage also which we are sure contributed to the large numbers who came.

On **Saturday evening 20th May** we are hosting a return visit of The Andante Choir who have proved popular on previous visits and we shall have tickets at £7.50 each to include an interval drink available shortly. The choir has a very varied repertoire which should have broad appeal.

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 12th April – “Daily Life in Tudor Times” by **Martin Sirot-Smith**.

Weds 10th May – Resolutions meeting with a talk about Denman College.



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 17th April - Easter flower workshop and hot cross Buns.

Mon 15th May - Outing to Podington for demonstration “Making Hanging Baskets”.



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 13th April**.



The Village Hall will be hosting possibly the largest collection of spinets since the International Inventions Exhibition of 1885 on **Saturday 8th April from 9 am to 6pm**. What's a spinet? Well for most of the eighteenth century, the graceful wing-shaped spinet was the keyboard instrument most often found in a domestic setting. See www.friendsofsquarepianos.co.uk for more details.

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: 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-pc.gov.uk