

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – August & September 2017

Calling all thespians and theatre support staff!

Actors and a complete range of support required for a January village pantomime!

As well as Principal and supporting actors we require a Musical Director, Technical Support, Costume Manager plus support for all these activities & more!

This is a family friendly event - open to all who are interested - aged 8 years plus.

If you are interested in helping with this exciting new enterprise please contact Caroline Lomax-Daniels on 07815 625047

New Parish Councillor: Patricia Mommersteeg of Caldecott has been co-opted to fill the vacancy created by Glenn Harwood's resignation. Patricia previously served on the Council from 2007 – 2015 and is a Council appointed Trustee on the James and Thomas Sawyer charity.

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.

The Plan was 'made' (adopted) by ENC on the 17th July and now replaces some of the old 1996 ENC local plan policies for development in the parish.

The NDP Working Party will be formally "dissolved" by the Council at its next meeting. Accordingly I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the current and past members for volunteering their time and skills since June 2013 to make this happen.

Further information can be found on the NDP website www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk

Chelveston Wind Farm Trust Grants.

The Trustees made 5 grants totalling over £17,000 recently, of which three were to organisations within the parish -

- The Educational Foundation received £4,150 toward the refurbishment of the Village Hall windows.
- The Allotment Association received £4,294.65 toward replacing the rabbit proof fencing and acquiring a secure shed.
- The Parish Council received £655 towards secure storage for the large marque recently purchased with Lottery funds by the Community Events committee.

All three organisations express their thanks to the Chelveston Wind Farm Trust for these grants, which will allow or support community activities to be carried out in the parish.

Michael & Christine Foulger Trust acquisition.

The Trustees have purchased 24 Duchy Close as a long term investment. The rental income will easily exceed what can be made from charity savings accounts, whilst the capital will appreciate with the rising house prices. This fits in with Michael's wishes that the charity should operate over many decades.

The charity has also made a £40,000 loan (repayable with interest) to the Educational Foundation to complete the works on *School House* and start the refurbishment of the Village Hall windows.

School House: The inside should be finished by the end of August and the outside by end of September. The outside works have included removing the old shrubs and lifting the canopy of the trees to the rear/side of the property. This work was done under license, as these trees are protected by a TPO.

Village Hall: Later this year Robert Farrow (stonemasons) will be repairing some of the stone window frames which have cracked over the last 150 years. At the same time double glazed sealed units will be installed into the frames (no uPVC in sight!).

305th Air Mobility Wing presentation: Ian White and Peter Hill (305th BGMA) presented a picture on behalf of Col. Cole and the men and women of the 305th AMW. A picture which, in so many ways, celebrates the CAN DO spirit both in today's Wing at McGuire AFB, NJ, and harks back to the heritage and legacy of the 305th Bomb Group that flew from Chelveston. The picture was received by Andrea and Becky, and now hangs in the *Star & Garter*.

Rights of Way: Cllr Ray Daniells has been walking the various footpaths and bridleways in the parish and reporting those that are overgrown, etc.

Please note that if you use the footpath that runs up from Chelveston to Caldecott, turning right into the orchard at Caldecott means you are trespassing – the footpath is to the left by *The Marches*.

31st July 1917 – Third Battle of Ypres (Battle of Passchendaele): On this day Private Harry Morris, son of Alfred & Emma Morris of Water Yard, Chelveston, died aged 19 whilst serving in the 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

He had enlisted at Kettering in February 1917 and arrived in France on 15th May. His body was never recovered and he listed amongst the missing on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

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

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Events – August & September 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 village church has had a thorough window cleaning recently. All the windows were cleaned inside and out by a local firm which took the best part of a day and we are well pleased with the result that all who visit or attend church services appreciate the increased light within the church.

The church also undertook a Flower Festival over the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday 21st – 23rd July. The weather was not kind but visitors were very appreciative of the efforts of all who had undertaken some sixteen displays on the theme of "*All things bright and beautiful*" and produced superb refreshments also. The imagination and results achieved were quite outstanding and we are all most appreciative of the weekend's input and hope that church funds will benefit when final figures are to hand.

We shall welcome back shortly the vicar, Canon Richard Stainer, who has been on a three month sabbatical allowed after some twenty years of active ministry and during his absence we have welcomed visiting clergy from outside the parish for our Sunday service and been very grateful for their help. We are sure he will be back with renewed purpose and vigour to lead his two parishes of St Mary's Higham Ferrers and us at St John the Baptist.

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 9th Aug - *Outing to Rockingham Castle* (Fully booked).

Weds 13th Sept at 7.45pm - *The Many Faces of Fiction* by **Jane Isaac**. (Local crime author).



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.

Please note the Free Spirits does not meet in August.

Mon 18th September at 2.00pm - *Painting Workshop* with **Peggy Sturgess**.



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.



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