

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 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).

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. 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 Raunds branch of the Royal British Legion has confirmed they will provide a standard bearer for the colour party and the Northants Fire & Rescue Service (who now train up on the old airfield site) will also be laying a wreath.

Superfast Broadband update: Not quite as soon as the 305th memorial event, but stage 3 of NCC's superfast broadband rollout will see Gigaclear's fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) coming to the parish (and Newton Bromswold) in the next 2 years.

Whilst Chelveston and most of Caldecott have enjoyed BT's fibre-to-the-cabinet (FTTC) broadband service for a couple of years now, the final connection of copper from the cabinet (located near the Sawyer's Crescent junction in Chelveston) to your home has meant the speed available drops off the further the distance, so some of Caldecott and all of Chelston Rise can't get superfast broadband services such as BT Infinity.

FTTP does away with the copper, so 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.

You can register your interest (no commitment) with Gigaclear at www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker.

Dog fouling "grotspots": Some inconsiderate dog owners have neglected to pick up 11 dog faeces in a short stretch outside 35 Water Lane. Do everyone a favour - bag it and bin it please!

Substance abuse: Residents have reported spotting tin foil pieces and a used syringe by the field entrance on Water Lane. Northants Police have been notified, but please take care when exercising your dogs or taking children/grandchildren out for a walk.

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

Having received the Independent Examiner's report the Working party has now completed the amendments to the Plan in accordance with his recommendations. The Parish Council will be reviewing the revised Plan at their next meeting in February, allowing a referendum to be held on **Thursday 4th May 2017** (the same time as the County Council elections) which will decide on whether the Plan is to be adopted.

If adopted, the NDP will become the local planning policy, and will be used to determine any future planning matters in the parish. All those currently on the Electoral Roll will be entitled to vote at the referendum. **Your vote is important, because by voting you will determine how this village grows.**

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 Holders: The Clerk will be available for your annual plot rents on **Saturday 18th February** in the *Star & Garter* between noon and 1pm.

Village Hall Cleaning Contract: The Trustees of Chelveston Village Hall would like to hear from any Village resident who would be interested in taking on the cleaning 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 April & May issue of the Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of April, so if you want to publicise a parish event, please let me know before the end of March.

Edited by the Clerk.

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Events – February & March 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 Church annual **Snowdrop Weekend** takes place on the weekend of **18th /19th February**. **Saturday hours are from 10 - 4pm and Sunday 11 - 4pm**. Do come and see the churchyard with its mass of snowdrops and aconites and we shall be serving soup and a roll, cakes, etc. and various stalls with things to buy.

On Sunday pm we shall have the Chelveston Chorus entertain us at 2.30pm which is always enjoyable. We now have additional heating in the Church, courtesy of the Windfarm Trust, so we hope to see plenty of visitors. We should also mention our grateful thanks to Terry Parrish from the village who has devoted his skill and expertise in making sure the extra heating is properly installed and compliant, and been able to issue an Electrical Installation Condition Report which is much appreciated by us all.

A legacy made to the Church has enabled us to replace the old metal noticeboard with one made locally from oak. It looks very good and we are grateful to Ian Whitlock who has made it and to Clive Wood who has signwritten it, which makes an attractive feature at the start of the churchyard drive.

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 8th February - "*Iceland - land of Ice and Fire*" by **David West**.

Weds 8th March – "*Dress with Success (colour, style, dress for your body shape)*" by **Susan Rasmussen**.



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 20th February and 20th March**.



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 16th February**.



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 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).

E-mails to the Council on clerk@chelveston-pc.gov.uk