

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – June & July 2017

**305<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group War Memorial Rededication service** took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The weather stayed dry and the US visitors had a great time, especially the 94 year old veteran, Doug Ward, whom some of you may have met in the *Star and Garter* on the Monday beforehand.

The presence of the 20 officers and other ranks from the 305<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, who flew in from McGuire Air Force Base, NJ, the previous day, couldn't be publically announced in advance due to the security restrictions. Unfortunately the terrible events in Manchester meant the two local Air Training Corps squadrons had to withdraw at the last minute, but the US forces decided they would still attend.



*Doug Ward and Cllr Ray Daniells unveil the plaques  
(Image by John Routledge)*

District Cllr Glenn Harwood has kindly funded part of the steam cleaning of the memorial area from his ENC Member Empowerment Fund budget.

It was also the first event for the recently formed Community Events committee led by Cllr Liz Kelly, who put on a 1940s themed event with singers and entertainment at the *Star and Garter*.

There are photographs of the day on Facebook and Flickr (*Ed - other media platforms are available!*), and the Council has added a webpage – see <http://www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk/2017---305th-bombardment-group-m.html> .

**County Council election result:** Glenn Harwood is our new County Cllr. Glenn continues to serve on East Northamptonshire Council, but has stood down from the Parish Council after 10 years' service.

**Parish Council vacancy:** Glenn's resignation has created a vacancy for a new Parish Cllr. As a poll hasn't been demanded, this vacancy will be filled by co-option. Accordingly the Council is looking for applicants in the parish who feel they could play a part in making things better for the community. Further details are on the Council's website and the parish noticeboards.

Edited by the Clerk.

**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](mailto:clerk@ndp.chelveston.org.uk).

The referendum was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and **the Plan was approved** by the parish electorate. The voting was as follows:

225 Yes votes (88.2%), 28 No votes (11.0%) and 2 votes that were void. The turnout was 55.1%.

The Plan will now be 'made' (adopted) at the next full ENC meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Further information can be found on our website [www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk](http://www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk)

**School House:** You may have noticed some work at *School House* next to the Village Hall and wondered what's going on. *School House* and the Village Hall are owned by the Trustees of the Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett who look after the buildings on behalf of the Village. *School House* is rented out to generate funds to maintain the Village Hall. Now that the property has become vacant for the first time since 2010, the Trustees have decided to undertake a major refurbishment.

The front and side gardens will be restored to the way they looked before the war, with low railings and black guttering on the house. This will improve visibility coming round the corner from Higham into Caldecott and will also improve the street scene along Caldecott Road.

The trees at the rear will be pruned back from the road to reveal more of the verge. New fencing to the side will be installed and the rear garden will be re-landscaped with views over the fields. Internally there will be a new heating system, new kitchen and new bathroom.

Although not formally listed, this building is one of the Village's local heritage assets and the Trustees are required to maintain it in good order in perpetuity. The refurbished property will be more attractive to tenants and will yield a higher rental income.

Over the summer you will also notice works on the Village Hall. 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 stone frames (no uPVC in sight!). The Trustees are paying for the repairs and an application has been made to the Windfarm Trust for a grant to finance the double glazed units.

**Next Issue:** The August and 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 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.

We were delighted to welcome members of the 305<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group association to the church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May for the 11.30am service. There was also a good representation of US Air Force personnel and 94 year old Doug Ward, who had actually flown combat missions as a ball turret gunner from the airfield in 1944-45. We were grateful to Debbie Smith-Wyldes from St Mary's who led our service in a full church and Capt Matt Henry the USAF chaplain who gave the address. A wreath was laid at the tower memorial in tribute to the many Flying Fortress aircrew who died in operations from Chelveston and guests then moved to the village hall for lunch provided by the WI.

The visit of the Andante choir on Saturday evening 20<sup>th</sup> May was most enjoyable and they entertained us with a wonderful selection of choral and solo items ranging from the Hallelujah Chorus to The Teddy Bears' Picnic and a brilliant piano soloist made it a beautiful May evening occasion.

We have also welcomed visiting priests for our Sunday service at 9am during Father Richard's three month sabbatical. They have all expressed their pleasure in joining us in what all have said is a well maintained building set in a lovely green setting.

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 14<sup>th</sup> June** – “*Healthcare for the joints*” by **Diane Eardley**.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> June** - A visit to the kennels at Brigstock. Contact Sue Wager 460922



**Chelveston Chorus** (contact Joe Carpenter [janjoe68@googlemail.com](mailto: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 meetings are on **Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.



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](mailto: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](http://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.

**James Pentelow**, 22 Duchy Close.

**Andrew Seaman**, *Rosemoor*, Raunds Rd.

**Melvyn Wooding**, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.

**Vacant Seat**

**Clerk: Mark Hunter** *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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