

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2018

The Annual Parish Assembly: Monday 23rd April in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm.

The APA is a meeting of the electorate, not the Council, though by law, the Chair of the Council will chair the meeting.

Four reasons to come -

- Learn what the Council has been up to over the last year,
- Find out what the charities in the parish have been doing over the last year,
- Find out the results of the recent Parish Appraisal and,
- Enjoy some fine refreshments provided by the ladies of the WI.

Election results: Following the Poll held on the 15th February, Jason Smithers (Higham Ferrers) is our new County Cllr and Harriet Pentland (Caldecott) joins Pam Whiting as our new District Cllr. Congratulations to both.

Snowdrop weekend: The Snowdrop Weekend of 17th / 18th February was blessed with fine weather and together with publicity from Radio Northampton brought crowds of visitors to enjoy Nature's wonderful display of aconites and snowdrops in the churchyard. The event managed to raise over £9,000. This came from a dedicated small team of people who potted up hundreds for sale and produced most delicious refreshments.

On the Sunday afternoon entertainment by the Chelveston Chorus was met with an enthusiastic response from a full church, and the Churchwardens would like to thank all local residents who attended.

Parish Appraisal: At the deadline of 28th February, just over 50% of households in the parish had returned a completed appraisal. These are now being processed and the anonymised results will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 23rd April.

To ensure confidentiality, the completed sheets will be shredded once they have been processed.

Community Speedwatch: Northants Police are proposing to invest in some newer speed guns. These will use ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology to directly send the details of the vehicle and speed to the Police server, thus reducing time and costs to issue the warning letters.

Cllr Ray Daniells is keen to get a number of volunteers trained to use speed guns and any resident interested should contact the Clerk or Cllrs (details over).

Grass cutting: The first grass cut under the new contract with the Council's own machinery, was undertaken in March, resulting in the village verges looking neater than a lot of lawns!

The move to having a local grass cutter has meant the grass is cut when the weather and ground conditions are best, rather than do it regardless, as it's the parish's day on a monthly rota.

Vacancy – Grass cutting: The Parish Council is looking for new grass cutter, to start in May. The cutting of all the public grass in the 30 mph zone is approx. 20 hours work, for which the Council pays £10/hr plus expenses e.g. fuel. The machinery is provided by the Council.

Contact the Clerk to apply (details over).

Parish Council Precept: The ENC leaflet that accompanied the Council Tax bill indicated that the Town and Parish Council share was 6%. This figure was an average across the district. The actual figures for this parish are that the Parish Council only receives 3% of the funds.

Social Media: The Council has been quietly using Twitter as a Social Media platform for the last year, as an experiment to see how easy (or hard) it would be to keep residents up to speed with local events via Social Media.

You can find the Twitter account at [@ChelvestonPC](https://twitter.com/ChelvestonPC).

Annual Litter Pick: Residents can borrow litter pick kits (picker/hoop/bags/gloves) to do a local litter pick in their local area (or elsewhere within the parish) on the weekend 14th - 15th April.

Contact the Clerk or Cllrs to arrange a loan of the kit.

Vacancy - Village Hall Caretaker: The Trustees of Chelveston Village Hall would like to hear from any village resident(s) who would be interested in taking on the caretaker role for the Village Hall. The successful applicants 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.

Allotment vacancy – There is one vacant plot at the allotments. Any interested residents' are asked to apply before the end of April; else it will be let to an existing tenant, as a second plot.

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.

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Events – April & May 2018

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 Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Sunday 4th March, after the 9am service with Father Richard in the chair. We were sorry to lose Richard Kirk as churchwarden due to family commitments, but pleased he will continue his active involvement in the church. In his place we welcome Peggy Deards, who is resident in the village and she brings the benefits of a long association and knowledge of church matters to work alongside Arthur Wright, who was re-elected. Sara Owst continues as secretary, as does John Eldred as treasurer. We do thank the team of volunteers from the village who will be keeping the churchyard in good order for the grass cutting season ahead.

Church Teas start again in April in our lovely church, from. **2pm to 4pm on Tuesday 17th April**.

Arthur Wright and Peggy Deards, 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 11th Apr – *Who remembers the 1970's* by **Polly Freely**.

Thurs 26th Apr - *Fashion show* by *M&Co*. Entrance ticket only £5, available from Chelveston WI.

Tues 9th May - *Resolutions* with Margaret Foster at Hargrave WI.



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 @ £3.00 per head inc. tea & biscuits.

Mon 16th Apr – *Flower arranging for Spring*. A demonstration by **Rosemary Hallworth**.

Mon 21st May - *Outing to a local Garden* with **Sharron Smart**.



Chelveston Chorus (contact Joe Carpenter janjoe68@googlemail.com).

Everyone is invited to come to sing with the encouragement of **Natasha Thompson**.

Fortnightly on Thursdays at **7.30 – 9.00pm** in the Village Hall from **Thurs 12th and 26th Apr**. 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