

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – August & September 2018

**Upper Higham Lane proposed “plastic to fuel” Facility application.** The Environment Agency (EA), who would regulate the plant if it was built, is consulting on the environmental permit, treating this application as a “high public interest site”.

RAID (Residents Against Inappropriate Development) have put together a flyer on how to respond to an EA consultation, which considers different grounds to planning consent.

**Newton Bromswold – “Chicken sheds” application 2.** Having withdrawn the first application the day before ENC was due to consider it, the applicants have submitted a revised application for 6 sheds instead of 10. The applicants advise that the site would process 2.3 million chickens annually on a 49-day cycle.

**Local government changes:** The public consultation on the proposed new two Unitary Councils to replace all 8 Principal Councils in the county has now finished, with over 5,000 responses.

The 8 authorities will now consider the final unitary proposals, along with the public consultation and a financial review by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) at a series of Council meetings scheduled to take place from 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> August, ahead of the submission deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> August. Committee papers for these meetings will be published by each Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August. ENC will meet on 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

**Chelveston Village Hall:** Following discussions at the Annual Parish Assembly, the Village Hall Trustees have installed new car park drainage to address the water logging problems experienced over the recent wet winter. The works were paid for using a grant from the Foulger Trust.

**Winter Resilience:** Yes, I know we are in the hottest summer for ages, but winter will eventually follow, and sadly, NCC can't afford the level of gritting provided in previous years. £475k is being saved by reducing the service and the Caldecott Road (C59) to Newton Bromswold will no longer be gritted as a precautionary route.

Whilst the residents of Caldecott will probably remember that it didn't used to be gritted until 8 years ago, it may come as a surprise to the residents of Chelston Rise, who have always benefitted from a gritted road since the site re-opened. The double bend between the Chelston Rise lower entrance and Caldecott regularly used to see cars in the ditches, from taking the bends too fast on the untreated road.

Also, both the self-help grit bins in Water Lane have been identified by NCC for removal, but the Council is in negotiations to transfer ownership, in order to maintain the service.

**Grass cutting:** You may have noticed that Adrian Dale was still out and about with the mower and strimmer during the dry spell. Even though most of the grass was brown and dormant, unsightly weeds were still growing vigorously on the verges all over the village, and patches of grass shaded by trees continued to grow. Spending just 45 mins each day in different areas of the village has kept the verges looking smart.

Under the previous contract, the grass cutters turned up only once during July, leaving the verges looking unsightly for a significant proportion of the month. The full cut then cost us £397.50, even though some areas didn't need cutting, or had been cut by residents. The new approach, just cutting where and when needed, costs just £163.66.

Now that NCC has done a good cut of the Raunds Road verges outside the 30mph zone, we have been able to clear the white village gateways of overgrowing foliage. These have looked unsightly when entering the village and the Chelveston signs have been partially obscured.

We are considering keeping these additional verges mowed short in future, bringing them within the maintained part of the village, so that motorists get earlier signals that they are entering a 30mph zone

**Allotment car parking:** For most tenants, the walk between home and the plot is part of the exercise benefit, but if moving heavy/bulky items, even nearby tenants might decide to drive to the allotment site.

This is a gentle reminder that if you do use a vehicle, please ensure you park considerately and do not block access to Disbrowe Court nor use the *Star & Garter* rear car park if you are not using the pub.

**The tree at the junction of Bidwell Lane and Caldecott Road** has had some attention, lifting the lower branches to approx. 5.5m over the roads. The basal growth has also been cut back.

**1918 – 2018 (100 years remembrance):** The Council has applied to the Diocese for permission to apply gold-leaf to the memorial plaque dedicated to the villagers who fell in WW1 (and WW2), to make the names more visible as you approach the church.

**The A45 between M1 J15 to A14 J13:** Roadworks start in Sept 2018 and continue until March 2019, taking place in phases between 8pm - 6am, Mon-Fri. There will be 50mph enforced speed restrictions and some diversion routes – watch out for the signs!

**Next Issue:** The October & 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 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.

Within a two week period the Church had a baptism and then a wedding. Both ceremonies were happy occasions for the local families concerned and emphasised the fact of the village church being there to serve the needs of our local community.

Please note that we are altering the format of the popular Harvest celebration. This year it will take the form of a **Harvest Lunch** on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, following an **All Ages Service** in Church at **11am**. Lunch will be at 12.30pm and sales of harvest produce will follow.

Arthur Wright and Peggy Deards, Churchwardens

**Community Events Committee:** The committee has been busy planning the following -

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - Quiz and Supper Night at the Village Hall. Tickets £8 per person Including two course supper. Bar applied for. Tickets obtainable from Carol on 07880 556286.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - Pumpkin carving competition - More details nearer the time.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Members Barbeque.

**Free Spirits Ladies Group** (contact Judy - 622106).

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.

No meeting in August.

**Chelveston Chorus** (contact Joe Carpenter [janjoe68@googlemail.com](mailto: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. Sessions are £3.50.

No meetings in August.

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.  
**Patricia Mommersteeg**, *Church House*, Caldecott.

**James Pentelow**, 22 Duchy Close.  
**Andrew Seaman**, *Rosemoor*, Raunds Rd.  
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