

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2018

Upper Higham Lane proposed “plastic to fuel” Facility application. The Environment Agency (EA) received 56 responses, including one from the Parish Council, to their consultation on the environmental permit by the cut-off date of 23rd August.

By way of comparison there were 25 other EA consultations which also closed in August, of which only 5 had any submissions. Of these, 4 had one submission and one had 18 responses, so the EA should get the message that this really is a “high public interest” site.

The NCC Development Control Committee will decide the application on Thurs 18th October. The meeting is scheduled to start at 10 am. The NCC planning website entry will remain open for comments until the application is decided.

The Community Speedwatch scheme. The Parish Council has formally requested to join the scheme, with Cllr Ray Daniells registered as the coordinator. The Police will restart the speed gun training in April next year, so anyone wishing to take part should contact the Council (details over) to be added to the volunteer list.

Local government changes: A majority of the 8 Principal Councils in the county voted in favour of replacing themselves with two new Unitary Authorities, and the formal request letter has been sent to the Rt Hon. James Brokenshire MP, the Secretary of State at the DHCLG.

Suspicious persons: Without wishing to cause undue alarm, the Council is aware of people seen behaving suspiciously e.g. photographing properties and vehicles recently. Whilst some are known to the Police, none committed any offences whilst seen visiting the parish.

Nevertheless, it serves as a timely reminder to residents to ensure that outbuildings are locked, as are vehicles when parked up. With the colder weather, not too many people leave windows open any more, but how many of you still leave your back door unlocked during the daytime?

If you do get unexpected callers claiming to be from utility companies, lost delivery drivers, etc. don't be afraid to ask for their ID. Genuine callers won't mind.

Winter Resilience: As mentioned in the last issue, the Parish Council has now agreed in principle with NCC to take over ownership of the two self-help grit bins in Water Lane, having been identified by NCC for removal as a savings measure.

A reminder to users of the grit, that you do so at your own risk. The Parish Council does not insure you for spreading grit from the self-help bins. This is no change from before, as NCC didn't insure you either.

A plea from Adrian Dale - the Parish Lengthsman who cuts the verges and clears up litter around the Village. There are two problem verges in the Village which have several piles of fresh dog excrement every week. The verge alongside the brook in Water Lane between Hillside and the Ford is one. The other is the new verge in Bidwell Lane alongside the converted barns.

Mowing around, over or through dog excrement is a horrible unhygienic job. Most dog walkers in the Village clear up after their dogs. Please would the owners responsible for the mess in these two areas do the same? Thank you.

McMillan Coffee Morning: A big thank you to all that supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Friday 26th September, we managed to raise £432. Thanks, Wendy.

1918 – 2018 (100 years remembrance): The Council has been granted permission by the Diocese 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.

Additionally, the Council successfully bid for five clear silhouettes from the Armed Forces Community Trust Fund, representing the five villagers lost in WW1 (the 6th name on the memorial is from WW2). These will be used in the church memorial service on **Sunday 11th November at 9am** (wreath laying at 10am).

Caldecott Road closed on Friday 12th October: The road through Caldecott will be closed from 08:30 to 17:00, between the junction with Bidwell Lane and the 30 mph signs at the Chelston Rise end of Caldecott. This is to allow the road surface to be replaced. Diversions will be signed.

The A45 between M1 J15 to A14 J13: Roadworks started 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!

The Serve Memory Café is now open: The new Memory Café at Memory Lane Tea Rooms (21 Church Street, Rushden) provides a safe, comfortable and supportive environment for people with dementia and their carers to come together and share experiences.

A place to socialise and join in with our activities, music and sing-alongs, to create a memory box and much more. Open Thursdays 2:30 - 4pm.

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

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Events – October & November 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.

Members of the congregation took part in the annual Ride & Stride in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust on Sat 8th September. Volunteers kept the church open for visiting participants and the final sum raised was £980. The successful monthly church teas change to lunches (soup, roll and cakes) for the winter months on Tues 20th November. Do come and join us.

Special Events in December -

Sat 1st Dec - Craft & Christingle in church from 10 - 12.30pm. All ages welcome and further details to follow.

Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec - Carol singing in the *Star & Garter* by kind permission. Come and join us in this new initiative.

Sun 9th Dec - Carol Service at 2pm in church with the Chelveston Chorus plus mulled wine and mince pies.

Sun 16th Dec - Crib Service at 3pm with refreshments. This is ideal for children to take part - they can come in costume or we will provide.

Arthur Wright and Peggy Deards, Churchwardens

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

Sun 28th October - Pumpkin carving competition, with money prizes for the best designs. Judging to take place on Sun 28th October. Look out for flyers and entry forms coming through your letterbox soon.

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 10th Oct – A G M. followed by *A Brief History of Folk Music* by **Andrew Castley**.

Weds 14th Nov - *There is more to Belgium than Chocolate* by **Simon Squire**

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.

Mon 15th Oct - Visit to Podington garden centre - talk about autumn gardening.

Mon 19th Nov - Craft workshop, Paper Folding art

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. 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

Follow us on Twitter [@ChelvestonPC](https://twitter.com/ChelvestonPC)

www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk

Edited by the Clerk.

O/2018/101/MHH