

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – August & September 2019

**New Parish Councillor:** Three community minded parishioners stepped up to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council, for the vacancy created by the resignation of Melvyn Wooding earlier this year. After two rounds of voting, the Council selected Carol Parsons of Chelveston, who will serve until the (delayed) elections in May 2020.

**Unitary Councils:** The North Northamptonshire Joint Committee (NNJC), which will pave the way for the shadow authority to deliver the new North Northants Unitary Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, held its first meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June at the offices of Kettering Borough Council.

Cllrs from the north authorities (Corby, East Northants, Kettering, Northamptonshire County and Wellingborough) have been appointed to the NNJC, including our County Cllr, Jason Smithers.

**Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** Thanks to 75% grant from the Michael and Christine Foulger charitable Trust, the Council has purchased three SIDs that can be moved around between various Northants Highways approved locations within the 30 mph zone in the parish.

The SIDs display the approaching vehicle's speed and a message (Slow Down / Thank You) in Red or Green, and are fitted with data recorders.

**Community Speed Watch (CSW):** Following the recent use of the CSW equipment by local residents, the results (as measured by the Northants Police Safer Roads Team) show a fall in speeding vehicles on the Raunds Road.

- At 30mph the number of speeding vehicles dropped from 80% to 61% (6,000 less).
- At 35mph the number of speeding vehicles dropped from 43% to 30% (4,000 less).

Cllr Ray Daniells, who coordinates the parish CSW volunteers, advised that 42 drivers had been contacted by the Police, and that the volunteers would be out again in August.

**Bidwell Lane Street Light:** Residents of Bidwell Lane will have noticed that Lamp 34 was out for approx. two weeks when WPD disconnected the overhead power lines and installed underground services for the new development. WPD have now reconnected Lamp 34 to a new overhead feed.

**Leaving party at the Star & Garter:** Andrea and Becky moved in on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Since then they have made the *Star & Garter* a thriving village pub. But after 11 years of serving your favourite beverage, they will be moving out and wish to invite you to their leaving party on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** from 8.00pm onwards.

**Fibre Champion:** At the Annual Parish Assembly (APA) held on Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April, Gigaclear asked for a "Fibre Champion" to act as a point of contact in the parish during the network installation works. The Parish Council subsequently appointed Adrian Dale (the Parish Lengthsman).

The first phase of the Gigaclear street works are now approximately 80% complete. The target date for completion of this phase is mid-October. One more major segment of the network needs to be installed from the corner of Britten Close, round by *Cornerhouse Cottages* and up the Higham Road to the Village Hall. Unfortunately, this will involve more traffic lights over several days. Bidwell Lane connections also need to be installed, potentially involving another short road closure.

The quality of the initial restoration works was not satisfactory and a defect report has been prepared by the Parish Council. Over 50 defects have been identified in the areas that have been completed. These have been marked in red around the Village. They are slowly being addressed by the contractors.

Within 60 days of the phase being completed, Northants Highways will then re-inspect all parts of the work to ensure that they meet the standards expected. The contractor will be called back to repair any defects. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian on 07850 570007.

## **New Police Community Support Officer (PCSO):**

*Hello, I am Simon Arthur, your new local PCSO who has worked in East Northants for 8 years now. I am currently based at Rushden Fire Station where I cover Higham Ferrers and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott, as well as all of East Northants when required for various Incidents.*

*I am planning to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vintage Gathering at the Star and Garter on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. I am also speaking to the CSW volunteers to hopefully attend on a couple of days with them.*

*On another note, if you are aware of any elderly persons / neighbours living in your village who you think may be a bit vulnerable with their security in and around the property, or even vulnerable to scam phone calls being made to them, please get in touch with the Clerk who can contact myself for a home visit. I will always call the person on the day to say I'm visiting so they are expecting me.*

*Thank you, Simon*

**Dead Street Light?** Please tell the Clerk (contact details over), so we can arrange for it to be fixed.

**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 2019

**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.

Fr Richard will be taking up a new appointment as vicar of the Grand Union benefice and will be inducted at one of his 5 parishes on 9<sup>th</sup> September at Stoke Bruerne and we all wish him better health in his new ministry. We are fortunate that the Rev'd Michelle will continue to lead us until a new priest is appointed.

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September** at our usual 9.00am Mass, the Bishop of Brixworth will licence Brenda Eildred as a Lay Reader within the benefice and beyond. Before moving to Higham Ferrers Brenda and husband John were long time village residents. We all wish her well as she undertakes further involvement in the life of the church.

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September** is the annual *Ride & Stride* in aid of The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust which we support. Sponsorship is invited for St John's participants and half of any money thus raised is returned to our church so it is well worth supporting.

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September** will be our annual Harvest Supper and will follow Evensong at **4.00pm** in church. Please note the revised time which will allow an earlier finish. Tickets will be available shortly.

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 14<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Visit to Elton Hall.

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Sep** – *Food Glorious Food* by **John-Paul Carr**.



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

Usually meets on the third Monday of the month from **1.45pm – 3.45pm** 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**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** – *Russian Dolls* by **Glenys Grimshaw**.



**East Northants 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vintage Gathering on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 10.00am - 4.30pm** at the *Star and Garter*.

Come and join us at our vintage gathering of Tractors, Miniature Steam Engines, Classic Cars, Land Rovers and much more. Bouncy Castle for children, BBQ.

Tickets: £4.00 adults, £3.00 concessions, £2.00 children, £10.00 family (2+2) and under 6 free. The proceeds will be split between the Willen Hospice based in Milton Keynes and Cancer Research UK.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9.00am - 12noon**, in the Chelveston Village Hall. A selection of stalls, raffle, tombola, home-made cakes and preserves.

Admission £3.00 includes coffee and a slice of delicious cake. Please do come along and support this worthy cause, all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



**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: Andrew Seaman**, *Rosemoor*, Raunds Rd.  
**Jennifer Harwood**, 7 Britten Close.  
**Mandy Hill**, 15 Water Lane.

**Patricia Mommersteeg**, *Church House*, Caldecott.  
**Carol Parsons**, 5 Pokas Cottages.  
**James Pentelow**, 22 Duchy Close.  
**Clerk: Mark Hunter** *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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