

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – December 2019 & January 2020

Launch of the Cross of Sorrow (1920-2020)

Restoration Appeal: Delivered with this newsletter is a leaflet on restoring the Cross of Sorrow, the British memorial in the churchyard which will be 100 years old next year. The Cross has been dismantled to prevent the top two sections falling off.

Community Events: Following on from a successful **Murder Mystery Evening** at the Village Hall in October, the Committee organised a free to enter **Jack O'Lantern** (pumpkin carving) competition for Halloween. Although the number of entries was down from last year the pumpkin carving was still of a very high standard! Please see the results on the Parish Website and Twitter feed ([@ChelvestonPC](#)).

The next event will be a **Quiz Night** on **17th January 2020** at the Golf club. See flyers/posters for details.

Hedgehog update: Jennie Clark from Chelveston is our local Hedgehog Champion. Do hedgehogs visit your garden? Have you linked your garden with your neighbours? Email "HOG" and/or "HOLE" along with your Street name to hogsandholes@yahoo.com Look out for updates on the village noticeboards.

HogFact - Hedgehogs usually hibernate from October/November through to March/April. Research has shown that each individual hedgehog is likely to move nesting sites at least once during this period and so they can sometimes be seen out and about. During mild winters hedgehogs can remain active well into November and December.

Advance notice of Caldecott Road closure during 13th – 15th January 2020: Anglian Water (AW) are installing a new water connection to St John the Baptist Church, requiring Caldecott Road to be closed at the Church driveway. A diversion route via Upper Higham Lane will be signposted.

Water Lane sewer problems: Residents of the lower section of Water Lane may have observed the sewer overflowing out of the manhole covers. It seems to be caused by ongoing pumping problems in the AW pumping station, which are causing the sewer along Water Lane to back up.

The Council contacted AW and between 15th and 22nd November they had a Cammack and Wilcox tanker stationed 12 hours a day (07:00-19:00) at the pumping station, taking away a full tank roughly every hour. This was to prevent the drainage pit from backing up during heavy rain.

AW has tried a big pump, but it was too noisy. However since the old sump pump isn't coping even running 24/7, the tanker may have to return again if we get more heavy rain. The Council has requested that AW invest in a longer term solution to avoid further outflows.

Emergency Preparedness: Following on from the concerns raised by the Parish Council regarding locating hydrants during the barn fire on the 21st September at Manor Farm in Bidwell Lane, Northants Fire & Rescue Service (NF&RS) have explained their hydrant servicing regime (approx. once every four years for a rural parish like ours) and arranged for our hydrants to be serviced in October.

Two were found to be faulty (since repaired) and two additional hydrants have been adopted to cover Disbrowe Court and Peters Close.

The Council has mapped out the hydrant locations and these are now on the parish website under Emergency Information (red button on the left-hand side of the website).

Elections on 12th December: Two ballot papers await you, one for the Member of Parliament and one for a new district Cllr at ENC representing Higham Ferrers Lancaster Ward, which includes Chelveston-cum-Caldecott and Newton Bromswold parishes.

If you are voting at the Village Hall Polling Station, you may see some unexpected faces, as the 61 electors from Newton Bromswold will also be voting in our Village Hall for the first time.

Who you vote for (in either poll) is up to you, I simply encourage you to exercise your democratic right to vote on what might be a cold winter's day.

Fibre Champion: At the Annual Parish Assembly held on Mon 29th 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).

Following a request from the Council, Gigaclear has agreed to fund new daffodil bulbs to replace those damaged during the works. We will map out where they have been lost next spring for autumn planting.

As yet no agreement has been reached on gaining access to Chelston Rise to install the fibres

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian on 07850 570 007.

Community Speed Watch (CSW): Cllr Ray Daniells, as the local CSW coordinator, has registered the parish to participate in the scheme again in 2020. Anyone wishing to become a CSW volunteer should contact Ray (details over) in the first instance.

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

The Councillors and Clerk would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Events – December 2019 & January 2020

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.

For the first time for many years there was no 9am service in the church on Sun 24th Nov as all congregation members were invited to a joint benefice service in St Mary's to witness the Collation of the Rev Michelle Dalliston as our new vicar. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Brixworth and included two of our members in a joint Confirmation service. We are all delighted to welcome Rev Michelle who is already known to several in the village outside the church for support she has already given for church events. We hope she will be with us for many years.

There will have been many more events involving the village leading up to Christmas with Sing-a-Long Carols in the *Star & Garter* on Monday evenings 2nd, 9th and 16th from **8pm to 9.30pm**. Saturday 7th was a Christingle messy church for all ages with all sorts of things for children to make on the Christmas story, and Sunday 8th was our usual Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band together with the Chelveston Chorus.

On **Sunday 15th** there will be a **Crib Service at 3pm** to include children of all ages and we hope that many village children of all ages could help in becoming Nativity characters and if they don't have their own costumes of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, Kings, etc. then we have some they could wear and, of course, seasonal refreshments follow.

On **Christmas Day** there will be our usual **9am Mass**, following which will be a quiet few days for us all to catch our breath before we welcome 2020.

Finally, how pleasant it has been in this wet weather to have our new churchyard drive and path in use and we do give sincere thanks to everyone involved in seeing it to completion. Anglian Water proposes to connect us to our new source of water in mid-January as the final stage.

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 the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £4.00 per head suggested donation including refreshments.



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

Usually meets on the third Monday of the month from **1.45pm – 3.45pm** in the Village Hall. A variety of subjects to include crafts, flower arranging, talks etc. Visitors are welcome @ £3.00 per head inc. tea & biscuits.



NEW monthly Art classes, starting **14th January 2020** on the second Tuesday of the month from **9.30am – 3pm** in the Village Hall. From beginners to improvers by a Professional Artist "*Catherine*" - All Mediums (£17 per session).

Please contact: Janet - 389647 / 07599 536 813 (j.lowe278@btinternet.com) or Gina - 623855 (Jan only)



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.



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: 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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