

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2019

New Parish Councillor: Cllr Mandy Hill of Water Lane, Chelveston, was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the January meeting, following Liz Kelly leaving the parish.

Upper Higham Lane proposed “plastic to fuel” Facility application: Although the NCC Development Control Committee has granted the application, before the plant can operate, it requires a permit to operate from the Environment Agency (EA), which governs what emissions are permissible (or not). In January the EA issued a third request for additional information before it makes a decision on issuing a permit.

Winter Gritting: The decision by NCC to save £475k by reducing the number of (P1) precautionary gritting routes caught out local motorists on 24th January, when black ice on the untreated road through Caldecott resulted in a car demolishing a resident’s front garden wall. Luckily no-one was injured, just bent metal and broken stone. The police closed the road until they had gritted it themselves, as Northants Highways was unable to assist.

NCC has since announced they intend to restore the number of P1 routes gritted, but it will take time for Northants Highways to replace the gritters and crews that were redeployed to other contracts following the October decision, so for now assume the road is still untreated and drive accordingly in winter weather.

Grounds Maintenance: As the winter has slowed down the grass growing, we have identified other tasks to keep our Grounds Maintenance contractor, Adrian Dale, busy. These include moss removal from the Britten Close, Duchy Close, High Street and Hillside footways that makes them a slip hazard.

Rev Michelle Dalliston: The Bishop has decided to make a more permanent arrangement for the Higham and Chelveston church parishes, and has appointed Rev Michelle Dalliston to help run the parishes for future time, as we still don’t know if or when Fr Richard will be back. Michelle is the wife of the Dean of Peterborough Cathedral and was the Team Rector in the Christ the King Team Ministry, Newcastle, until September last year. It is proposed for her to work four days a week and help the Curate, Fr Tom, who has done a great job during the vicar’s absence.

Proposed closure of the road from Yelden to the former airfield site to public vehicular traffic. This is just over the county border, but may be of interest to you. Following the consultation last year, Bedford BC are now applying to the Magistrates Court to stop up public vehicular rights over part of unclassified road U6, known as Church Lane, Yelden, with the reservation of the footpath and bridleway rights

Parish Council Precept: At the January meeting, the Councillors voted to increase the Precept (part of the Council Tax) slightly to £10,450 for the financial year 2019-20. But due to an extra dwelling paying tax, this is likely to mean no change to the amount you pay (still less than a £1 a week at band D).

Defibrillators: The Parish Council is looking to install three Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in the parish (one in each settlement) in 2019, with advice and guidance from the Community Heartbeat Trust.

However, simply buying three PADs won’t save anyone’s life; the community will need to know how to use them. So part of the project involves training parishioners who wish to learn (some residents may have already been trained to use defibrillators through their work, etc.). More details in the next Newsletter.

New Street Lights: Two new street lights will arrive in 2019. Lamp 59 will be in Bidwell Lane, to be paid for by the developer of the 5 new dwellings in accordance with the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Lamp 60 will be in the Kimbolton Road layby, to discourage the antisocial behaviour that unfortunately occurs there, to be funded by the Council, with a donation from the new residents of Peters Close.

Both new lamps will see a return to white light, rather than the yellow sodium lights used elsewhere in the parish. No, we are not re-introducing the old mercury vapour lamps; they were energy inefficient and were phased out by the EU in 2015. Instead we are trialling PL-L Compact Fluorescent Lamps to compare the running costs (lamp and control gear energy use, repairs, lamp life, etc.) with the current sodium lamps, so as to help the Council make informed decisions in the future.

Allotment tenants - The Clerk will be available for your annual plot rents on **Saturday 16th February** in the *Star & Garter* between **noon and 1pm**.

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

Beginners Pilates class: on Thursdays in Chelveston Village Hall **11:00-11:45**. £5:00 a session - booking not required. Just turn up & bring your mat!

New Yoga class: Starting **Tuesday 7th March** in Chelveston Village Hall **10:00-11:00**. £5.00 a session - booking not required. Just turn up & bring your mat!

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

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Events – February & March 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.

Snowdrop Weekend:

10.00am – 4.00pm Sat 16th Feb and **11.00am – 4.00pm Sun 17th Feb**

Refreshments will be available all day including Lunchtime snacks, cakes and cream teas.
Stalls will include Home-made cakes, jams, preserves, marmalades, snowdrops, aconites, woodcraft, cards, knitted items, photos and bric-a-brac. The Chelveston Chorus will perform on Sunday afternoon.

Tues 19th Feb	12.00 – 2.30pm	Lunchtime soup, roll and cakes.
Tues 26th Feb	1.00 – 3.00pm	Knit and Natter (with a cuppa).
Tues 19th Mar	2.00 – 4.00pm	Tea and cakes.
Tues 26th Mar	1.00 – 3.00pm	Knit and Natter (with a cuppa).
Sat 30th Mar	10.00am – 12.00	Children's craft for Mothering Sunday.
Sun 31st Mar	9.00am	Mothering Sunday service.

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 13th Feb – *Royal Mistresses* by **Roger Powel**.

Weds 13th Mar – *Time out for women* by **Jackie Bland**.



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

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

Mon 18th Feb - Planning meeting & AGM.

Mon 18th Mar - Lunch at *Star & Garter*, Chelveston (Bookings please, on 354810).



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

Patricia Mommersteeg, *Church House*, Caldecott.
James Pentelow, 22 Duchy Close.
Melvyn Wooding, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.
Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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