

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – June & July 2019

Councillor vacancy: Three community minded parishioners have stepped up to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council, for the vacancy created by the resignation of Melvyn Wooding. The Council will select one at the June meeting, who will serve until the (delayed) elections in May 2020.

Unitary Councils: As you may have heard, the Government has now made the decision to abolish the existing County and District/Borough Councils, with the two new Unitary Councils coming into being on 1st April 2021.

The provisional plans would see the new North Northamptonshire Council have 78 Councillors, with 3 Councillors in each of the 26 wards. For Higham Ferrers, Chelveston-cum-Caldecott and Newton Bromswold, this could mean the current 5 Councillors (1 County and 4 District) being reduced to 3. These will be elected in May 2020 to the “shadow authority” and become the new Unitary Councillors on vesting day (1st April 2021) when the former Councils cease.

USAF visit: Around 28 personnel from the 305th Air Mobility Wing, from McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, laid a wreath to honour the WW2 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy) at the Parish Church on Sunday 26th May.

Lt Col David LeRoy, the Wing Deputy Commander, laid the wreath with Airman First Class Bolden. The Revd Canon Lesley McCormack conducted the service, with Andrew Wager as Server and cross bearer.

After getting changed in the Village hall, the 305th BG Memorial Association laid on a tour of the former 305th BG (H) sites, with lunch at the *Star & Garter*.

Friends of St John: Eleven years ago a few villagers and members of the congregation of this beautiful medieval country church formed a group called the Friends of St John. The group set up a registered charity whose funds were to be used solely for the maintenance of the church building in order to ensure this historical and valued church would be preserved as a heritage for future generations to enjoy its architecture and serenity.

Since the group's inception, several members have sadly passed away. So we need your help.

We realise that many people do not wish to come to Sunday services, although you would be made most welcome, but may want to help preserve the building. Therefore we invite you to either have a St John's tube into which you might put any loose change – to be collected and emptied 6 monthly, OR pay any amount, small or larger, by monthly Direct Debit, OR an “one-off” amount.

If you are interested please contact Martin Emerson (01933) 624642.

Edited by the Clerk.

Fibre Champion: At the Annual Parish Assembly (APA) 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.

At the Council meeting in May, it was agreed that Adrian Dale, as the Parish Lengthsman, would be ideally suited, as he looks after the verges, knows most of the residents in the parish, and is on hand during the daytime to liaise with the contractors.

Gigaclear
Ultrafast Fibre Broadband

Works update: Residents on Kimbolton Road and The Green will have noticed that contractors working on behalf of Gigaclear have started installing the ducting for our new fibre network. This will bring ultra-high speed broadband to the Village for those households that want it.

A connection point will be installed on the pavement or verge in front of every house, but connections will not be made until households request it, once the network goes live.

Some parts of the parish have private access paths or roads (e.g. Peters Close, Disbrowe Court, Pokas Cottages, Chelston Rise). These require Network Access Agreements to be signed by the land owners. These are being prepared and will be posted to each household. Please sign and return these without delay if you receive one.

If you have any questions about these, please contact the support team on the number provided or Adrian Dale on 07850 570007.

Precept share – new low: At the APA, it was revealed that in 2018-19 less than half of the Council's income was from the Precept (Council tax).

By way of comparison, in 2000-01, the Precept was 94% of the Council's income, whilst in 2018-19 the Precept was only 49% of the Council's income (and still less than 98p a week for a Band D property!)

Bidwell Lane closure: Bidwell Lane, Caldecott, will be closed from 6th to 27th June to allow WPD to install power supplies to the new development site opposite Duchy Farmhouse. The diversion route is via the Caldecott Road and the B645.

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

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

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Events – June & July 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.

On Sunday June 23rd we celebrate our Patronal Service in honour of St John the Baptist and there will be tea and scones at 4pm followed by Evensong at 5pm. Do come and join us.

It is with regret that we have learned that our vicar Canon Richard Stainer will not be returning to the parish after his extended absence due to ill-health. He and Monique will take our best wishes for his future appointment. Until a new permanent vicar comes we are most fortunate in having no fewer than four priests, active or retired on whom we can call, so know that the parish of St John the Baptist will continue to be very well looked after.

It was a great pleasure to welcome some 28 members of the US 305th Air Mobility Wing led by Lt Col David LeRoy to our 9am service on Sunday 26th May, which is America's Memorial Weekend. This Wing is the continuing formation of the 305th Bombardment Group who were based here during World War 2 with their Flying Fortresses and it now flies air refuelling tanker aircraft wherever American forces are based. We had a most moving ceremony at the tower memorial, conducted by Canon Lesley McCormack at which a wreath was laid and "Taps" was beautifully played by Alex McClean on her cornet. It is a wonderful sign of continuing friendship between the village and the current American unit that our association continues after nearly 75 years.

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 12th Jun – *The Restoration of 78 Derngate* by **Rob Kendall**.

Weds 10th Jul – *Along the River Nene and More* by **Peter Grout**.



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.

Mon 17th Jun – *Visit to Delapre Abbey*.

Mon 15th Jul – *Afternoon Tea*.



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.

Thurs 6th and 20th June.



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.
One Vacant Seat
Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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