

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2019

**Hedgehog Tips:** Delivered with this newsletter is a leaflet on what you can do to help save hedgehogs.

Jennie Clark from Chelveston is our local Hedgehog Champion. There are over 40,000 Hedgehog Champions in the UK, who are inspiring the public to make their gardens hedgehog-friendly, and recruiting their neighbours to create "Hedgehog Streets" in their local community.

Jennie successfully applied to the Council for a grant to print and distribute the leaflets.

**Resignation of Pam Whiting:** Pam has been one of our district Cllrs at ENC representing Higham Ferrers, latterly Higham Ferrers Lancaster Ward, which includes Chelveston-cum-Caldecott and Newton Bromswold parishes, for the last 16 years.

She resigned from ENC in late September on a point of principle, regarding a lack of involvement of Higham Ferrers in the master planning of the Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension.

**Unitary Councils:** The Minister for Local Government has written to Northamptonshire councils confirming his decisions for the legislation required for the creation of two new unitary authorities on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The letter confirms that, subject to Parliamentary approval, the May 2020 local elections will be to the shadow unitary authorities with 78 members (3 per NCC Division) in North Northants. The Parish Council elections will go ahead at the same time, but the ENC elections will be postponed, so the current members will serve until ENC is abolished.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Village Hall this year, we managed to raise £588. Cheers, Wendy.

**Community Events Committee:** We held our third **Fun Dog Show** at the Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are delighted that this was very well attended by our four-legged friends and their owners, with 40 entrants in 8 classes.

The best in show was the winner of the Children's Handling class - 'Norman' entered by Amelie.

The next event is our second **Murder Mystery Evening** at the Village Hall on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. Adults only, £15 per head to include 2 course supper.

The **Jack O'Lantern** (pumpkin carving) competition will take place **28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Free to enter with cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

See flyers/posters for details and tickets/entries.

**Emergency Preparedness:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> September a fire destroyed a barn containing straw bales at Manor Farm in Bidwell Lane. Northants Fire & Rescue Service (NF&RS) dispatched 4 pumps and a water carrier to the blaze to contain it. No-one was hurt and the horses at the livery yard were quickly moved to safety.

However, during the early stages of the firefighting, it became apparent that the NF&RS crews didn't know where the local fire hydrants were, as they didn't appear on their mapping tools. Members of the Council assisted the crews in locating them.

The Council has contacted NF&RS and the Police Fire & Crime Commissioner (who NF&RS transferred to earlier this year) requesting that adequate resources be allocated to the servicing and mapping of all fire hydrants in the county, following years of funding restraints under the previous NCC control.

More locally, the Council is locating and mapping all fire hydrants in the parish, and these will appear as PDF maps on the Council's website in due course, where they will be available to everyone.

**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 Gigaclear installation is entering its final phases. There are now just 7 properties in Water Lane Chelveston to connect and the whole of Bidwell Lane. These works are scheduled for mid-October as they will require road closures. The Chelston Rise phase has also been given the go ahead and work should start there during October. There are still some remedial works to be undertaken and these will be done during October.*

*The cabling team are now out in force, blowing fibre cables through all the pre-laid ducts between cabinets around the Village. The current "go live" date is the end of January 2020.*

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian on 07850 570007.

**Community Speed Watch (CSW):** The volunteers have been using the police CSW equipment again, with 14 offenders detected and reported.

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

**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.

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## Events – October & November 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.

A new driveway surface is being installed on the churchyard drive and this will continue right round to the porch. It will incorporate a new water supply pipe and also a fibre optic cable so that the church will be connected as the rest of the village will be.

We have been most grateful for water supply that has come to the church courtesy of Pieter and Patricia Mommersteeg and the new supply means that the church will be independently connected. We hope to get the work completed in the next couple of weeks.

On **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am - 3pm** there will be a **Christmas Craft Fair** in the church with coffee morning. Craft stalls and upcycled Christmas decorations. Pick up some great bargains!

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 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – AGM followed by *Gift Wrapping ideas and inspiration* by **Alison Grantham**.

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – *Passionate about Pasta* by **Barbara Everest**.



**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 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – *Pottery demonstration* by **Brenda Potter**.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – *World War 1* talk by **Jean Bingham**.



**Chelveston Chorus** (contact Joe Carpenter [janjoe68@googlemail.com](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.**



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](mailto: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](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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