

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2020

**The Cross of Sorrow (1920-2020) Restoration Appeal:** Since the appeal opened in December, you, the residents of the parish, have raised nearly **two-thirds of the total** – not bad going considering Christmas (and the January credit card bills) were probably financially foremost in your mind!

The top of the cross has been removed, as the internal supporting pin had rotted through and it was only held in place by the lichen.

You can see the [list of the benefactors](#) to date on the parish website (unless they have chosen to be anonymous), so a big **THANK YOU** to them for their generosity. A book of the benefactors will be placed in the Church once the works are completed.

If you want to donate, but haven't yet done so, a reminder that you can either donate on-line at <https://paypal.me/CrossofSorrow> or send cash / cheques payable to "Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council". Mark the envelope "Cross of Sorrow Appeal" and please include your names as you wish them to appear in the list and book of benefactors and deliver to -

Caldecott            *Ashbury.*  
Chelston Rise    10 The Crescent.  
Chelveston        7 Britten Close or 22 Duchy Close.

**Hedgehog update:** Jennie Clark from Chelveston is our local Hedgehog Champion.

## HOGFACTS

February - most hedgehogs should still be hibernating.

March - hedgehogs will start to emerge, extremely hungry and thirsty. Now is the time to provide food and water.

## HOGWATCH

Hedgehogs are a natural predator that can eat up to 80 slugs a night. Encourage them into your garden by making a 13cm x 13cm hole in your fence.

**The Events Team** held another successful quiz evening at Rushden Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

*Over sixty quizzers competed for our trophy and a bottle of bubbly, whilst last place was awarded a wooden spoon and some chocolates.*

*We have plans for several more events this year including a casino evening on 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall and our annual fun dog show on 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

*We are always open to new ideas and new team members so if you can help please contact Carol on 07880 556 286.*

**New ENC Ward Councillor:** Cllr Peter Tomas was elected at the by-election on 12<sup>th</sup> December, and joins Cllr Harriet Pentland as our ENC Ward Councillors.

**Parish Council elections:** We have elections on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and there are a number of vacancies available.

The Council will be manning a stand in the Church during the **Snowdrop Weekend**, so come along and find out what being a Parish Councillor is all about.

**Fibre Champion:** At the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 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 ultra-fast fibre network is now live in Chelveston and Caldecott, capable of delivering speeds of 900Gbps to each property. That's well over 15x the average speed previously available in Chelveston and Caldecott. The first customers in the Village have already been connected.*

*Unfortunately, residents in Chelston Rise will need to wait a little longer for service whilst detailed plans are drawn up to deal with the reinforced concrete paths and roads on their estate. The Parish Council has met twice with Gigaclear over the New Year period to speed up this planning process. Chelston Rise residents currently have a very poor internet connection, sometimes less than 3Mbps (20x slower than elsewhere).*

*Gigaclear are installing two free "community hubs" in the Village, one at the Church and one in the Village Hall. These will be 300Mbps connections available free of charge for 18 months. This will allow residents to experience the service in action and will be a huge benefit for both of our public buildings.*

*On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February between 7pm – 8pm Gigaclear will be hosting a Q&A session in the Village Hall. They will explain the packages available and demonstrate the benefits of an ultra-fast fibre connection.*

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

**Community Speed Watch (CSW):** Cllr Ray Daniells is the local CSW coordinator. We have the CSW equipment from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July, with training for new volunteers on the 13<sup>th</sup> June in Northampton.

*If any new volunteers would like to provide (through the Clerk) an email and contact number, I will be in touch to give further details of training, etc. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do and spread the load for the benefit of our community.*

**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 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.

We were sorry to lose Father Tom Mclean as our curate who has done a superb job in our parish as we awaited the arrival of the Rev'd Michelle Dalliston as our new priest. Tom has been appointed interim chaplain of King's College, Cambridge and several members of our congregation supported his first Evensong in King's College Chapel on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. We wish him every happiness and fulfilment in his new appointment.

**Snowdrop Weekend** takes place on **February Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm** and **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 4pm**. The Chelveston Chorus will be singing on **Sunday afternoon at 2pm**. Do come along and enjoy soup and a roll plus homemade cakes on both days. There are stalls selling homemade jams/cakes and various craft items in addition to enjoying nature's bounty in the churchyard as you walk round.

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.



**Chelveston Chorus** (contact Joe Carpenter at [janjoe68@gmail.com](mailto:janjoe68@gmail.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 £7.50.



**Local police surgeries** will be taking place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** in the parish. They will be using a Police van as the venue, so please pop in and say hello.

Caldecott: In the police van parked in middle of the Village from **2.30 – 3pm**.

Chelveston: In the lay-by on the Kimbolton Road from **3.10 – 3.40pm**.



**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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