

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2021

Dog bin replaced at Chelston Rise: The developer's contractors have installed a replacement dog bin near lamp 46 at Chelston Rise, following the removal of the old one which was inaccessible within their site compound.

Highways – who do you call in an emergency? Recent heavy rains caused localised flooding in Caldecott, prompting questions on who do you call out of hours following the Local Government Reorganisation. The Northants Highways emergency number is **01604 651074**.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): The SIDs are back in action again, and Cllr Clinton Hill has put up additional speed awareness signs around the parish.

Northants Police advise that the Community Speedwatch teams won't be restarted until next year, due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Defibrillators: The Council's grant application to the Windfarm Trust for part funding of three public access defibrillators (one to be placed in each settlement) was successful, with £5,000 being awarded to the project.

Charles Wells are drafting an agreement for the placement of one unit outside the *Star & Garter*.

Knit & Natter – spare wool drop off: The Knit & Natter group meet in St John's on the 4th Tuesday of the month (1 - 3pm), making various woollen items such as bonding squares, baby sweaters and hats for Africa, etc. There is a box in the Church for wool oddments, which is on the far wall under the Knit and Natter display board.

Allotment water: Due to the increasing costs of water supply, at the October meeting the Council agreed to raise the water levy each tenant pays to £10 from 2022, so that the allotments remain cost neutral to the rest of the parish.

History – what is it good for? During a recent exchange between the Council and Northants Highways, it was claimed that work could not be undertaken to the brook in Water Lane by Highways, as their riparian ownership wasn't proven.

It was a pleasure therefore to refer Highways to the records of the 1801-7 Inclosure Commissioners (which I had transcribed for the Northants Records Office in 2014) to settle the disagreement in the parish's favour!

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.

Face – Space – Air: In this season of colds, winter flu and, of course, **coronavirus**, this should be your new mantra. Ask anyone who's had the bad cold going round local schools and offices, and they will tell you it was one of the worst they have ever had. Our natural immunity to colds and flu has been reduced during lockdown through lack of exposure.

And what about **coronavirus**, surely we are all double jabbed? Sadly that's no guarantee of immunity. Four people in the village have been seriously ill after catching **coronavirus** despite being double jabbed. One of these now has serious long term side effects. We've also got residents who have had a second bout of **coronavirus** because their immunity was beaten by a new strain.

But surely the Government has lifted all restrictions? Yes indeed! However, they have transferred the responsibility to individuals to protect themselves, and a legal duty to all venues and businesses to protect their customers and employees. So what does this mean for me? What should I do?

Face: In a confined indoor space, a well-fitting face mask is still one of the best protections against short term exposure to the infected aerosols given off by asymptomatic carriers of the **coronavirus**.

Space: Keep a minimum of 1m distance indoors from people you don't live with. This will help infected droplets fall to the floor or be dispersed before they reach you. Of course, 2m space is much better.

Air: If you do nothing else, make sure every indoor space you visit is properly ventilated. The Health and Safety Executive has asked all venues and businesses to concentrate on improving air quality.

However, most indoor locations have so far done nothing. I have measured the air quality in 20 public indoor locations during September. Only four of these had safe air quality. In the worst of the others (a major supermarket), the air was so stale that spending under an hour in the location would be the equivalent of face to face breathing in all the exhaled air of someone else for 2 minutes. If that person were infected, then transmission is almost inevitable.

So what about local venues? The **Village Hall** has been measuring air quality throughout September during all classes. There are no opening windows, but with a combination of purge fans and open doors, we have maintained good air quality. We are satisfied that the venue is safe if hirers and attendees follow our recommendations. This will be challenging during the winter, so we are investigating the installation of specialised ventilation systems at a cost of over £50,000 as a long term solution.

The **Church** has also been monitoring air quality. It also has limited ventilation, but is much larger. Even with the limited ventilation, air quality is good.

So please keep yourselves safe this winter, and remember: **Face – Space**, and most important – **Air**.
Article by Adrian Dale.

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Events – October & November 2021

The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (contact Arthur Wright - 624530).

There is a communion service **every Sunday morning at 9.00am**.
Due to the Covid restrictions, no coffee, tea and biscuits yet!

Harvest Supper on Sunday 26th September was a very enjoyable occasion. The church was beautifully decorated with Autumn flowers and fruit. Evensong at 4pm was followed by an excellent Harvest Supper which 60 people enjoyed. This was followed the auction of produce by auctioneer Andrew Wager and church funds benefitted by over £800 in total.

We are grateful for the support given to the annual Ride & Stride on Saturday 11th September. Sponsorship of £870 makes a meaningful contribution to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, and also means that half the amount raised comes back to us for our participation in helping many struggling parish churches in their maintenance. Sue Wager raised £500 on her own, having visited 14 churches with 40 people sponsoring her.

The church was host to a village Quiz evening on Friday 1st October organised by the Events Committee and 70 people were able to enjoy an excellent meal of fish and chips from Raunds which arrived in individual portions still nice and hot. The quiz itself proved stimulating for the teams and a first event in church to include all the village as a community proved a great success and thanks are due to the Events Committee for their hard work.

Finally, don't forget **Remembrance Sunday on 14th November in the churchyard at 10am**, following the 9am service in church. It is a short service to remember all who died in two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. There has always been present an American serviceman or woman to pay tribute to the hundreds of young Americans killed on operations from the nearby airfield from 1942 – 45. The Last Post, Reveille and Taps will be played with wreaths being laid by the parish council, the church council and a US representative.

Arthur Wright & Peggy Deards, Churchwardens



Events Team (contact Carol Parsons - 07880 556286)

Newcomers to the Parish are welcome, and it would be great to see you at the various events!

The weather on 5th September was a dry, sunny day for the Fun Dog show which was well supported again this year. It was lovely to see so many people - and dogs - having a good afternoon!

The Quiz night was a resounding success and tickets sold out very early. We were only sorry we couldn't safely accommodate all requests for tickets. Everyone was made very welcome at the Church and there was a fantastic atmosphere so a heartfelt 'thank you' St Johns!

And thank you to everyone who supported these events - we look forward to seeing you again. Our next event will be something slightly different for Halloween - so watch out for flyers through your door very soon.

The Events team is looking for more adult volunteers in Chelveston to help with the distribution of events leaflets, parish newsletters, etc. The more volunteers, the smaller the area each one has to cover!



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30pm**. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak on any agenda item at the Chair's discretion.

The agenda and meeting papers are posted on the website (www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk) and the agenda is on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Please note that in order to keep the meetings in the Village Hall "Covid Secure", the mitigations include a one way system (enter at the front door, leave by the back door), use of hand sanitiser and the wearing of face coverings (unless exempt) whilst moving around the hall.

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