

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2009

Former airfield development applications - Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd (CRE) has submitted several planning applications to develop the old airfield site. Confusingly two councils are involved - Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is responsible for waste processing applications and East Northants Council (ENC) for all others. Here is the status of the applications:

CRE submitted two applications to ENC install generators and electrical switchgear. The first was refused by ENC in June 2007 and the second was refused in June 2008. CRE are currently appealing the second application, which will be heard by formal Public Inquiry starting at 10:00 on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at the Pemberton Centre, Rushden.

CRE Local Liaison Group: At its February meeting, the Parish Council will consider a proposal by NCC to create a Local Liaison Group (LLG) specifically to address issues with the operation of the CRE site. This would involve Parish, District and County Cllrs, the Environment Agency, officers from NCC Waste Management and ENC Environmental Services and managers from CRE.

The LLG would allow issues to be raised by the Cllrs, solutions to be proposed by CRE and the results monitored by the officers.

World Rubber Tyre fire: You may have spotted the arrival of several fire engines on Boxing Day, when a tyre heap caught fire again. This is the 4th fire since 2001 and the Parish Council has complained to ENC Environmental Services on behalf of the parishioners. This led to a meeting in January with the Parish Council, ENC Environmental Services and the Environment Agency (EA), who are responsible for regulation and licensing of the site.

It has emerged that the EA inspected the site on Christmas Eve and the Fire Service had checked about 8 weeks beforehand. Although the EA are responsible for protecting the environment, they are not responsible for the health of the village residents. This lies with the Health Protection Agency (HPA).

Accordingly a multi-agency meeting with the Parish Council, ENC, EA, HPA, Northants Fire & Rescue, NCC Emergency Planning and Northants Teaching Primary Care Trust will be held in February to discuss the issues raised further.

Maynard Baxter: It is with deep sadness that we report that Maynard Baxter, one of the oldest original village residents born in the village, died on Saturday 31st January 2009, after a short illness following a stroke. Maynard will be sorely missed by many.

His funeral will be on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 11:00 at Chelveston Parish Church, with a reception afterwards in Chelveston Village Hall.

Snow damage: the recent snowfall and sharp frosts have caught some drivers unaware, especially as only the B645 and B663 are routinely gritted. One vehicle travelling toward Chelveston on the Newton-Caldecott road misjudged the bend at the junction with Bidwell Lane and went over the grass and struck the public bench, shearing the bench off its legs. Alas, no-one saw the offending vehicle so we can't claim on their insurance.

There are two self-help gritting bins in Water Lane (near the Foot Lane and opposite Sawyers Crescent). These are provided to allow you to grit residential roads and footways that are not normally gritted.

Dog Bins: The new dog bins are now in place – one on Joes/High Lane past *Blacksmiths Cottage*, the other on Foot Lane near *Rivendell*. The bins are emptied weekly. The ENC dog warden (Claire Preddy) will monitor the area to ensure dog owners are using them. The fine (fixed penalty notice) for dog fouling is currently £50 or up to £1,000 (plus costs) if taken to court.

CCP Playgroups: Following on from the 7-13 years playgroups that Cultural Community Partnerships (CCP) have previously run in the Village Hall during the Easter and Summer holidays, CCP now want to expand into activities for 1-7 years and 13+ years.

In order to decide whether to provide funding for this, the Parish Council wishes to know how many children there are in the village in these age bands that would be interested in the schemes. Would parents or children interested in the scheme please let their Cllrs know?

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

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The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (by Michael Foulger - 622748)

There is a communion service every Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m.
You are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the Servery.

St. John's Church will be holding their famous "Snowdrop Weekend" on **Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th February** in the Parish Church. - Cream Teas will be served from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. each day, as well as pots of Snowdrops for sale, Home-Made Cakes, Jam, Marmalade, Preserves and Notelet Cards by our own local artists.

Well worth a visit! See you there!



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (by Christine Foulger - 622748)

The WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in Chelveston Village Hall.
Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £3.00 a head including refreshments.

Forthcoming meetings –

Wednesday, 11th February – "Food, Glorious Food" – A History of feeding in Northamptonshire. A talk by *Jon-Paul Carr*.

Wednesday, 11th March – "A Curious Story of the Diary in the Attic" – My Great Grandmother and Napoleon III. A talk by *Tony Boullemier*.

Further details from Gill Jeffcoat on 622247.



Chelveston Village Hall. Our recently redecorated hall is available for hire, - by groups, for meetings, for private celebrations etc. Please contact Patrick Logue on 624604.



Free Spirits ladies afternoon group (by Jean Collard – 625383)

"Free Spirits" meets in **Chelveston Village Hall** on the third Monday of the month, from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. and will be mainly Flower Arranging with tuition, but will also include some Crafts, under the guidance of Jean Collard. The next meeting dates are **16th February** and **16th March** at 2.00.p.m.

Please contact Jean on 625383 for further information.



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Chelveston Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and generally there is time available for the public to speak on any agenda item at the Chairman's discretion.

Members of the public may inspect Council papers by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The agenda is posted on the website (www.chelveston.org.uk) and on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Parish Council Members & Officers

Chair: Adrian Dale, 21 Water Lane (622624).
Vice: Melvyn Wooding, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.
Martin Emerson, *Middle Farm House*, the Green.
Michael Foulger, *Haleworth*, Caldecott.

Glenn Harwood MBE, 7 Britten Close.
Mick Izzard, 6 Pretoria Cottages, Raunds Road.
Patricia Mommersteeg, *Church House*, Caldecott.
Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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