

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

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**Former airfield development applications** – Two applications have been submitted for approval to replace and upgrade the existing overhead 11KV power lines between Irthlingborough sub-station (the nearest site for connection to the 33KV network) and the former airfield site. This will involve replacing the 11KV lines with 33KV lines and replacing some of the older wooden posts where required. Part of the line will go underground near the River Nene to improve the skyline of the Nene Valley.

Since completed works will look similar to what has already existed for many years, the Council has not objected to the applications, which are to be decided by the Dept of Communities & Local Govt rather than ENC or NCC (being power applications).

**Former USAF Housing site** – Defence Estates has indicated the site will be ready for commercial sale in March 2010.

**Possible Windfarm at Grange Farm, Ringstead** – a company called Volkswind UK is proposing to install five 2.5MW turbines on farm land near the A45 roundabout (opposite the BP garage).

Ringstead PC advise that the company has indicated it would offer the equivalent of half the output of one turbine to the parish (potentially free power for every Ringstead household for the next 25 years), but this hasn't stopped the residents contacting the parish council to object!

The issue for this parish will again be one of visual impact, with a growing cumulative effect of Burton Wold, the Burton Wold extension (currently with Kettering BC), Ringstead and CRE if all were to be submitted and approved. At this time, no formal application has been submitted to ENC.

**Allotments** – At the Council meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, the potential allotments were debated and it was agreed the Council should proceed with the proposals, but taking into account mitigation measures for the nearby residents.

Legal advice has been sought from ENC to ensure the Council is acting lawfully and to safeguard funding from the National Lottery *Local Food* scheme.

Grant funding will minimise the costs of setting up the allotments falling to the rest of the parish ratepayers. The Council has been advised its grant application has passed the initial selection process and can now proceed to the full application.

**Street Lighting:** Autumn (and the clock change) means the street lighting is more noticeable. Already one Duchy Close resident has contacted me to report a dead lamp (now repaired). If you spot a dead lamp let either myself or one of the Cllrs know (contact details overleaf) and we will get it sorted.

**B645 drainage works:** Following the success earlier in the year with getting the drainage sorted by *Blacksmith's Cottage*, the Council has been pressing NCC to sort out the frequent (and dangerous) flooding that regularly occurs on the B645 opposite Bidwell Lane junction. NCC's highways contractor (MGWSP) has carried out repairs to the drainage and we await the next heavy rains to see if this has cured the problem.

**Village Crime:** September saw a sudden (and unwelcome) jump in reported crime, with an attempted break-in in Caldecott and a deception/fraud and two thefts from vehicles in Chelveston. This compares to only 4 incidents in the preceding 5 months.

The figures are still low when compared to other rural parishes, but simple crime prevention measures such as locking garages, barns and sheds and not leaving valuables on display in vehicles will all help keep the incidences down.

**Parish Emergency Plan:** Following a change of Emergency Planning Officer for the district, this project has gathered pace, with Cllr Adrian Dale acting as the local lead. There will be a briefing for the Cllrs, then a combined meeting with the community to see what resources exist in the parish that could be used for "self-help" until outside assistance is available in the event of an emergency.

**Parish History:** Following an e-mail from Ken Allan (the baker's son who lived in Chelveston 1945-51, now residing in Australia), the history site has gained a number of web pages of his village memories, including photographs. Well worth a browse on [www.chelveston.org.uk/History/index\\_files/Memories.htm](http://www.chelveston.org.uk/History/index_files/Memories.htm)

As an experiment, Horace Eady and Noel Morris will shortly be recording a number of audio files of their village memories, again to be available on the website.

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

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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 am.  
You are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the Servedy.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Service** at 9.00 am. in the **Chelveston Parish Church**, followed by the **laying of wreaths** in memory of the War Dead in the churchyard.

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust annual “*Sponsored Cycle Ride and Stride*” on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September raised just over £800 of which £400 will go to our local church.



**Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women’s Institute** (by Christine Foulger - 622748) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at **7.30 pm.** in Chelveston Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £3.00 inc refreshments.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – The Return of the Red Kites** – Talk with slides by Chris Andrews of the RSPB.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Ladies’ Indulgence Evening** – Indulge in Virgin Vie & Body Shop make-up & skincare, Sample Higham Ferrers Thatch Cottage beauty treatments, Taste cheese & chutney, etc. A chance to buy jewellery & handbags, Christmas decorations & *Jamie at Home* kitchen equipment. Ideal for Christmas presents.

**Tickets=£2-50** on the door (to include cup cakes, coffee & drinking chocolate.)

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – Preparing for Christmas – Cookery Demo** by Sue Woollard of KHA WI.



**Free Spirits Ladies Group** (by Jean Collard - 625383) meets on the third Monday of the month between **2.00 – 4.00 pm.** in Chelveston Village Hall. New members are always welcome to the meetings. Activities include flower arranging and various crafts with tuition if required. Forthcoming meetings – **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** and **16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**



**Nene Valley Astronomical Society** meets in Chelveston Village Hall, also on the third Monday of the month in the evening from **8.00 – 10.00 pm.** to view the wonders of the universe and the planets of our Solar System.

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**Pilates** – introduce your mind to your body and put a spring in your step.....A new 10-week course of Pilates classes is starting on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.00 – 8.00 pm.** in **Chelveston Village Hall.** Pilates is a series of 34 matwork exercises improving muscle tone, strength, flexibility, posture and balance, creating a lean, toned body, flat stomach, smaller waist, and strong core without sweating or losing breath! The course runs for 10 weeks, cost £75, and mats are provided for use during the class. If you book on-line by emailing [debi@perfectbalancepilates.com](mailto:debi@perfectbalancepilates.com) you can get a £5 internet discount off this cost. To ask any questions, enquire about personal training, or to request an information leaflet, then please call Debi James on either 01933-318119 or 07833373622. To find out more about Pilates, or look for alternative venues and times to suit, - then just visit [www.perfectbalancepilates.com/localclasses](http://www.perfectbalancepilates.com/localclasses)



**The Parish Council** usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30 pm.** 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](http://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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