

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2010

**CRE Wind Farm application** – The wind farm application has finally been submitted for 9 turbines (down from 17 at the public exhibition in May 2006), of which 5 will be decided by ENC and 4 by Beds BC.

The turbines will be 125m high to blade tip. There will also be an 80m anemometer mast (at the hub height). Other works include the access tracks and cabling, plus the creation of a visitor car park next to the former USAF housing annex.

CRE's planning agent has advised the Council that they do not intend to make any community contribution to the local area (i.e. the 4 parishes of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott, Yelden & Melchbourne, Dean & Shelton and Hargrave).

In contrast, the operators of the Burton Wold wind farm provided £30k in year one and will contribute £10k per year thereafter (total £270k over 25 years) to a community fund managed by Kettering BC, whilst the operators of the new wind farm being built at Wadlow Farm (South Cambs) will donate a £1,000 per MW (installed capacity) per year (total £750k over 25 years) to a local community fund.

In order to gauge the views of the parish there will be an **Extra-Ordinary Parish Assembly** on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm**. The Council will then consider the application at the Council meeting to follow at 8:30 pm. You are encouraged to attend the meetings to make your views known.

**The former USAF Housing Annex** – has now been sold. The new owners are the William Pears Group, one of the UK's biggest private companies. An encouraging meeting was held between the owners and the Council in March to discuss how the new community can be fully integrated into the parish.

**Allotments** – The allotment site is now up and running. The perimeter fence has been completed, thanks to a £500 grant from County Cllr Derek Lawson, through the NCC Cllr Empowerment scheme.

The 16 tenants have signed their leases and the newly formed Chelveston Allotment Association now has day to day responsibility for the site, including managing the waiting list. The Secretary of the Association is Fred Chamberlain of 8 Duchy Close.

The Council has submitted a lottery grant application to cover the costs of buying 16 good quality sheds (so that the site looks as tidy as possible) and laying in a metered water supply.

**Parish Appraisal:** The results will be announced at the Annual Parish Assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and a summary report will be issued to all households.

**Village Hall bookings:** Whilst we await Michael's return, Christine Foulger (622748) will continue to manage the Village Hall bookings.

**Chelveston Beehive Update March 2010 - My first Winter of Beekeeping by Ray Dyer of Water Lane.**

*As we are all aware it has been a tough winter all round, over this time we have unfortunately lost one of our two Beehives.*

*During the winter Bees cluster together like a football to maintain heat in the hive and move as one to the food, as it has been so cold they were unable to move and sadly the Bees died of starvation. This happened despite checking them as often as possible, both hives having good honey and pollen stores and us giving them additional food in December.*

*Looking at the hive, it was strange to see so many Bees with their heads deep into the honeycombs looking for that last drop of food with nothing but their rears sticking out.*

*I have over the winter attended an advance course for Beekeeping and decided to take the dead hive in to show the tutor, he confirmed winter starvation, luckily it demonstrated to other beginners what can happen, unfortunately others hives were lost but some hives have been saved, so this was a lesson as Beekeepers we will not forget.*

*On a positive note spring is now here the recent sunshine and with higher day time temperature the bees have been out and bringing in pollen to feed their young so a positive sign that the queen is now laying eggs to increase her workers ready to start the spring and summer activities.*

*Spring plants & shrubs that help Bees are: - Snowdrops, Crocus, Blackthorn, Primrose, Pussy Willow.*

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

Edited by the Clerk.

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## Events – April & May 2010

The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (by Michael Smith – 625403)

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 Servery.

St John's Church will be holding their **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April** in the Parish Church at **10.00 am** after the communion service. This is your opportunity to vote for the Churchwardens and hear the accounts and reports of the Parochial Church Council.



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> April 2010 – A Social Evening** with food and entertainment provided by members.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010** – This meeting will be held with **Hargrave WI** at **Hargrave Village Hall** when the resolution on the **Mandatory clear labelling of food with the true Country of Origin** will be debated and voted on.



**Free Spirits Ladies Group** (by Jean Collard - 625383) meets on the third Monday of the month from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. in Chelveston Village Hall. Mainly flower arranging with tuition, but can also include other crafts, under the guidance of Jean Collard. The next meeting is on **19<sup>th</sup> April** and the following one is on **17<sup>th</sup> May.**



**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. Visitors are welcome @ £2-00 to cover refreshments, etc

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary meeting and **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**



### AN INVITATION TO YOU

Please support our *Hairy Bikers* inspired “**Cake Break for MS**” at **Chelveston Village Hall** on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy a home-baked cake and a cuppa with your friends as well as showing your support for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

**Cakes for Sale      Tombola      Raffle**

ENTRANCE £2.00

Enquiries: 622247 & 624585



**Extra-Ordinary Parish Assembly** on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010** at **7.30 pm** in the Chelveston Village Hall to discuss the submitted CRE wind farm application - this is your opportunity to express your views on how the Council should respond – should the Council oppose or support it?



**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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