

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2010

**Litter Warden** – The Northamptonshire branch of CPRE are offering a £100 grant for parish litter wardens across the county. This is something that John Britten currently does an excellent job for us on a voluntary basis

To qualify, the Litter Warden will need to undertake a litter pick in the parish at least once a fortnight and update the CPRE website with the number of bags collected. E-mail the Clerk for an application form if you are interested.

**Allotments** – The allotment site has now been ploughed, rotovated and will soon be harrowed. The lease between the Parish Council and the landowner has been signed and layout of the plots (long & narrow v short & wide, east-west v north-south) has been agreed by poll of the potential tenants.

The tenancy agreements are being finalised, along with a draft constitution of the Chelveston Allotment Association. The association will consist of all the allotment tenants (along with a representative of the Parish Council) and will be responsible for overseeing that the plots are kept in good order and organising collective purchases and deliveries.

There will be a ballot for the initial plots on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, followed by signing up to the tenancy agreements on the Sunday (this is to allow tenants time to swap plots amongst themselves if they wish). At the moment there is one spare plot available.

**Parish Appraisal:** Every household should have received their copy by now. If you have not received one, please contact Cllr Adrian Dale (details overleaf).

The front sheet contains the instructions and is to be removed before being returned – **this will ensure your replies are anonymous**. Please take time to complete the appraisal, as the responses will help shape the Council's priorities for the next 5-7 years.

The responses will be analysed outside the parish and the results made available at the Annual Parish Assembly in May 2010.

**Street Lighting:** In December the lamp outside *Acorn Cottage*, Water Lane, was knocked down by a delivery vehicle, but has now been replaced – funded by the firm's insurance.

If you spot a dead lamp let me or a Cllr know (contact details overleaf) and we will get it sorted.

**Village Hall bookings:** As many of you are aware, Cllr Michael Foulger was admitted to Kettering General Hospital in January, after suffering from a series of mini-strokes. Whilst we await Michael's return, Christine Foulger (622748) will continue to manage the Village Hall bookings.

**Precept (or Council Tax):** At the January meeting, the Parish Council agreed, in view of the current economic situation, to hold the Parish Precept at £9,000 (the same as last year), which is approx £57.32 (or £1.10 per week) for a band D property. This is to be achieved by drawing on the Council's reserves and through cost saving measures.

**Grass cutting:** One of these measures was the tendering of the grass cutting contract, which has led to the contract being awarded to a new contractor (CGM Cambridge) for the 2010 season. The Council also agreed to cease the cutting of the Millennium Garden (to the rear of the Village Hall) on behalf of the Chelveston Village Hall Association. Alternative arrangements have been made for its upkeep.

**The Northamptonshire Association for the Blind** is keen to promote the Mobile Information Unit that travels throughout the county and offers the following benefits to people with impaired sight.

The vehicle is run by Fred Cannon and is fitted out to display a wide range of everyday living aids and innovative gadgets specifically designed to make life easier for visually impaired people.

All manner of devices are available, at reasonable prices, such as talking clocks and watches, kitchen equipment, reading and writing aids, big button telephones, etc. Fred can also provide information and sympathetic advice on all manner of sight loss concerns.

Local visits by the mobile unit -  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 09:45 -10:45 at Raunds Town Square.  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:00 – 12:30 at Rushden Town Centre.  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 10:00 – 12:30 at Rushden Town Centre

**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.

Edited by the Clerk.

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## Events – February & March 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 famous "Snowdrop Weekend" on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February** in the Parish Church – Cream Teas will be served from 2.00 – 4.00 pm each day, as well as pots of Snowdrops for sale. Do come and enjoy the atmosphere.

Scones, cakes, preserves and raffle prizes are needed if you wish to help. These items can be delivered on the days or left with Mrs Sharron Smart or Michael Smith.



**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 10<sup>th</sup> February** – *Hearing dogs for Deaf People* – by **John Dunkley** with the help of his dog "Chip".

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – a **FREE meeting to welcome Potential New Members** with speaker **Natasha Thompson** on *How can I keep from singing?* Come and meet the members, get a feel for what goes on and what else is available. Refreshments provided.



**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 **15<sup>th</sup> February** and the following one is on **15<sup>th</sup> March.**



**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 15<sup>th</sup> February** – *The Green Flash* – by **Mike Frost.**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – *Solar Eclipses* – by **Sheridan Williams** of the British Astronomical Society.



**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 26<sup>th</sup> February** from 7.00 – 8.00 pm. in Chelveston Village Hall. Pilates is a series of 34 mat work 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 07833-373622.



**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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