

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2011

**Former airfield applications:** The expected appeal by Chelveston Renewable Energy (CRE) against the refusals by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and Bedford Borough Council (Beds BC) for the wind farm has been made to the Planning Inspectorate.

Both Councils will now take legal advice on the likely outcome, before deciding whether to contest the appeal. If the appeal is contested, it is likely to be heard at a public inquiry, before a planning inspector, later this year.

CRE have also submitted their evidence of completion of the preparation works required for the consented Bio-mass plant to Northants County Council (NCC), in order to get approval for them to start on the Bio-mass building works.

The **Kier Street Services** (KSS) application for a new operating centre license on the centre of the site has been granted by the Traffic Commissioners, but with conditions imposed to limit the HGV traffic to the Upper Higham Lane route (save for when collecting waste in the parish!) and the number of daily vehicle movements (22). The Parish Council was consulted and agreed to these conditions.

The local KSS contract manager, John Ranaghan, attended a Council meeting in August to explain how the KSS fleet would operate. This has led to good communications to ensure local issues can be acted on swiftly before they escalate into problems.

**Chelston Rise:** The 6 monthly safety inspection of the play area has taken place, with no major issues.

**Traffic Calming update:** The licence agreement has been agreed with NCC Highways, to allow the Parish Council to operate a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), which will be installed at various locations within the 30 MPH zone.

Three mounting posts have been installed (with blue "Police Speed Check Area" signs) on Raunds Road, Water Lane and Caldecott Road, in addition to a number of lampposts that will also support the VAS. Following training, the unit should be up and running in November.

As well as the instant reminder for speeding traffic, the VAS will also record the speed of all traffic passing it. This will enable the Police Safer Community Team to target their resources in an intelligence led manner at times when speeding is most likely to occur. It will also allow the Council to provide NCC Highways with data on traffic flows as evidence for future road improvements.

**305<sup>th</sup> BG War Memorial damage update:** the driver's insurer is not disputing liability, but is still in negotiations with the insurer of the vehicle that was being driven at the time (i.e. the driver was not driving his own vehicle), which has caused delays in reaching a settlement.

In the meantime, the Council's temporary repair, to "pin" the damaged post back onto the stump, at least makes it acceptable to passing traffic, though not to close inspection.

**Police Safer Community Team:** This the latest update from your local officers - PC Dougie Brown, PCSO Taz Thaseen and PCSO Rob Brown.

In the last two months we have had no crimes reported to us. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

As part of *Putting Communities First* on a number of occasions we have been carrying out speed enforcement (one vehicle caught exceeding the speed limit). It is clear that the level of traffic has increased into Caldecott since the re-opening of Chelston Rise, however speed does not appear to be an issue, but we will continue to monitor it.

Another concern is the report of off road motor cycles along the bridleway that links the parish with Yelden. We intend to challenge those using this bridleway as it is not suitable for mechanically propelled motor vehicles.

In the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire Night we will be doing some proactive work. This will include visiting retail outlets asking them not to sell items such as eggs and flour to youngsters. We will be visiting schools and giving a presentation to the pupils on how to stay safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. We will be encouraging them to stay away from dwellings that have no lights on and will also be telling the pupils that the Police are supplying posters to residents who do not wish to be involved in trick or treating, and that any house that is displaying this poster is to be avoided.

We would also ask for parents support to ensure their children are respectful of other people wishes and have a safe time during this period.

**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.

Edited by the Clerk.

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## Events – October & November 2011

**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.

The Harvest Supper on 18<sup>th</sup> September was very successful, with £1,280.76 profit.

There will be a Concert for young people in Church on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. The **Remembrance Service** will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at the Church, starting at 9.00 am and then outside to lay wreaths. The **Carol Service** will be held in Church on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** with the Rushden Salvation Army Band.

Fr Grant is gradually returning to health and taking part in events. The outside walls of St John's are to be re-rendered and missing/damaged stones to be replaced. The PCC have agreed to the installation of a new electronic bell system, to replace the tower bells that have not functioned for many years.

A big 'thank you' to everybody for supporting the **Macmillan coffee morning** on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we raised £526, an absolutely brilliant amount. Thanks, Wendy.

**Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute** (further details from Wendy Williams - 624585) 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 per head suggested donation including refreshments.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** "*Beadcraft from Acholi, Uganda*" an introduction by **Alison Rockett**, preceded by the Annual Meeting.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** "*An Introduction to the Universe*" by **Steve Williams** of the Astronomy Society.

The W.I. will be holding a **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, in the Village Hall. There will be crafts and gifts, handmade cards, cakes & preserves, tombola, raffle, and seasonal refreshments. Entry £1.00. Contact Wendy Williams, 01933 624585 for further details.

**Free Spirits Ladies Group** (by Tricia – 07977 490198) 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. The next meeting is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Visitors are welcome @ £2.50 per head to include tea and biscuits.

**Chelveston Chorus** (For more information contact Sharron Smart - 622020).

Participants of either sex are invited to come to sing with the encouragement of **Natasha Thompson**. Fortnightly on Thursdays at **7.30 pm**. in the Village Hall, 1½ hour sessions for £3.00.

**Nene Valley Astronomical Society** ([www.neneastro.org.uk](http://www.neneastro.org.uk)) 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. Contact Steve Williams (650331).

**Next meeting - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

The Village Hall is now WiFi enabled and available for hire - please contact Adrian Dale (622624) or email [Chelveston.Village.Hall@gmail.com](mailto:Chelveston.Village.Hall@gmail.com) with booking enquiries.

**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.

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