

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

## Parish Council and Village News – April & May 2007

The Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd has submitted a new application, to extend the operation of the anemometer mast for further 12 months. The cited reason is *“to enable data to be captured for a full 12 months including all seasons and assist in ensuring that it is representative and robust and that freak or abnormal conditions are accounted for”*.

Having checked the records from the public weather stations, both Preserve and the Council have objected on the grounds that the 12 months just completed is representative of the average weather for the area and permitting an extension to the original 12 month application sets a precedent for future extensions.

**The 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial** is ready; just need the grass to grow and the dedication plaque to install.

The dedication service will be at 2.00 p.m. on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007** (the Bank Holiday weekend) and will be conducted by the Rev Canon Grant Brockhouse, our parish priest. The Raunds & District Royal British Legion will be providing Standard bearers and Raunds Temperance band are supplying a trumpeter. Honour guards include the 858 (ATC) Sqd from Rushden and the 423<sup>rd</sup> Air Base Sqd from Alconbury.

Invited guests include Col Jack Jones (423<sup>rd</sup> ABS commander), Group Capt Steve Lloyd RAF, the Chairman of ENC and the Mayor of Higham Ferrers. The guests of honour are, of course, the 305<sup>th</sup> BG veterans and families who are coming over for the event. Last, but not least, we want to see you, the villagers who generously donated money and/or expertise to make this all possible.

Having assessed the risks, the Council has decided to close the Higham Road between the junction with the Raunds Road and the junction with Caldecott Road for 2 hours (13:30 – 15:30). All affected households have been notified by letter. Northants police will man the road barriers, unless called away for operational reasons. Accordingly, I would like 7 (3 teams of 2 plus a spare) adult volunteers to contact me as “back-up” marshals in case this happens.

All traffic travelling on the Raunds Rd & Kimbolton Rd will use the far side of the junction “triangle” i.e. the road in front of Middle Farm Villa - Gracey Associates, which will temporarily be no parking.

The 305<sup>th</sup> veterans will take lunch in the village hall (courtesy of the local W.I. branch) prior to the service, then be driven down in wartime US vehicles, belonging to the *Trucks, Troops and Stores* historical group, which will park in front of JST, where the veterans will be seated for the service.

There will be a number of WW2 US military vehicles and exhibits in the field behind the *Star & Garter*, including the local 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force artist, Keith Hill, who will be displaying his paintings in the skittles room.

**Parish Council elections:** At the time of writing, it looks likely there will be sufficient candidates to hold a full Council contested election for the first time in 24 years. My thanks to those community minded members of the parish who have volunteered to serve.

Polling will be on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> between 07:00 – 22:00 at the Village Hall. You will also be voting for two District Councillors in the Higham Ferrers Lancaster ward. If you need a postal vote because you know you will be away on Polling day, contact ENC Electoral Services on 01832 742155 now. The votes will be counted centrally on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Pemberton Centre in Rushden, with the results being announced during the afternoon.

**Joe’s / High Lane (behind Disbrowe Court)** – NCC ROW have relocated the metal gate, dug out the mud which formed a lake when it rained and filled the hole with a light in-fill to stop the flooding. Unfortunately the “pink” in-fill is very tacky when damp, so this is to be dug out again and road fill gravel used instead.

**The Parish Council Web Site** is running successfully at [www.chelveston.org.uk](http://www.chelveston.org.uk). The history pages are being expanded thanks to information and photographs that you have supplied – I have recently added the “Chelveston Cliffs” and are especially interested in items relating to the former Baptist Chapel (1847-1980s), the village school or the blacksmith’s forge.

**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, you need to let me know before the end of May.

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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.



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

The WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month (*except in April due to Easter*) at 7.30 p.m. in Chelveston Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £2-50 a head including refreshments.

Forthcoming meetings -

18<sup>th</sup> April "Exotic Animals" - A talk with display of examples by *Matthew Rowthorn*

13<sup>th</sup> June "A Guided Church Tour" - Which Church? - to be advised ! - by *Marshall Martin*



**Chelveston Village Hall bookings** – work is underway on improvements to the Village hall (plastering, painting, new curtains, etc.), which will impose certain restrictions for access. If this is likely to affect you, please contact the secretary, Michael Foulger, on 622748. The hall will be ready for use for the local elections on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



**The Annual Parish Assembly** – This year's meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 p.m. The main items will be -  
The Annual Report of the Council.

The latest update on the 305<sup>th</sup> BG Memorial dedication service.

An update from the Chairman of Preserve on the campaign against development of the former airfield site.

**The Annual Meeting of the Council** will follow.



**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 prior to the meeting formally starting.

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, Chelveston  
**Vice:** Melvyn Wooding, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott  
**Michael Foulger**, *Haleworth*, Caldecott  
**Mick Izzard**, 6 Pretoria Cottages, Raunds Road

**Robin Meeson**, *Star & Garter*, Chelveston  
**Adrian Palfreeman**, *The Cottage*, Caldecott  
**Sarah Stopps**, 47 Water Lane, Chelveston  
**Clerk:** Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039)

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