

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council and Village News – February & March 2007

The Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd plans, submitted in September 2006 for a change of use to run three bio-fuelled generators in the former radio transmitter buildings, are still not ready to be decided by ENC. The delay is due to the objections raised by Preserve and the councils and residents in the affected parishes on both sides of the County border.

At the time of writing there were over 600 objections on the ENC planning site, whilst the recent public consultation for the preferred options for the **Three Towns plan** had approx 640 responses, nearly 50% of which related to the former airfield site.

The **305th Bomb Group Memorial** is reaching the final stages, with the construction of the retaining wall completed and the laying of the paving in progress. Steve Abbot is working on the B-17 weather-vane and hopes to have it in place by the end of February.

The soil will be back-filled to the wall, levelled and seeded (when the weather is right). The remaining tasks will be the installation of the 5 granite posts, the two benches and the dedication plaque.

The dedication service will be at 2.00 p.m. on **Saturday 26th May 2007** (the Bank Holiday weekend). Details of the service will be in the April & May issue of the newsletter, but at the time of writing I can confirm that 51 305th BG veterans and/or their families have booked flights to attend.

Diversion of a Right of Way over the field next to the Church: A diversion order has been made by NCC for footpath MM11 that runs from Caldecott Road next to the post box over the field to the church, so as to avoid the private tennis court in the grounds of Church House. If no valid objections are received by 1st March, the order will be confirmed.

Boundary Changes: Following the review of the electoral boundaries for ENC carried out last year, the Boundary Commission have agreed to the present Higham Ferrers ward (which includes the parishes of Newton Bromswold and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott) will be split into two.

The two rural parishes and part of Higham will form one ward and the remainder of Higham will form the other. Both wards will have two district councillors each. The electoral registers will be adjusted accordingly in time for the May elections.

Streetlights: Lamp 1 in Water Lane has been replaced (as the old unit had a recurring fault). A brighter, but lower powered, 35w sodium lamp has been installed.

The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk. The history pages are being expanded thanks to information and photographs that you have supplied – I am happy to receive any information, but at the moment especially items relating to the Baptist Chapel, the village school or the blacksmith's forge.

In its first full year of operation in 2005, the site received just under 5,500 hits. This has tripled to nearly 15,400 in 2006.

Power cuts: E-ON (the company that owns Central Networks) has recently sent out information about what useful items households should keep to hand in the event of the power supply being interrupted (e.g. by storm damage or equipment failure).

- A torch (with batteries).
- A battery operated or wind-up radio.
- An analogue corded telephone (as digital cordless phones don't work during a power cut).
- A wind-up mobile phone charger.

Fly-Tipping: We've had another spate of dead cars, builder's rubbish, tyres, etc. dumped in verges and gateways in the parish (including a fridge in the stream just up from the ford in Water Lane).

ENC's contractors aim to remove it within 7 days of notification (usually less), so the sooner it's reported, the sooner it's gone. You can report it on-line on either the ENC or Council websites, ring the ENC Waste Management team on 01832 742026 or tell one of the Councillors or Clerk.

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

I'm planning an "**Election Special**" newsletter ahead of the local council elections in May 2007.

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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. and you are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the servery. Forthcoming events -

Snowdrop Weekend is on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February. Between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. each day, you will be able to enjoy a Cream Tea of **Home-made Scones, Strawberry Jam and Cream, plus a tea or coffee** at the back of the church.

There will also be pots of Snowdrops for sale, as well as home-made cakes, preserves and cards, etc. Do come along, it will be well worth the visit.



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

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

Weds 14th February – a talk by **Lucy Pendar** about
“*My lifelong association with Whipsnade Wild Animal Park*”.

Weds 14th March – a talk by **Sylvia Smith** about
“*The Real Coronation Street!*”



Chelveston Village Hall bookings – work will soon be commencing on improvements to the Village hall, which will impose certain restrictions for access during this period. If this is likely to affect you, please contact the secretary, Michael Foulger, on 622748.



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) and on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

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