

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

## Parish Council and Village News – June & July 2007

The Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd generator application will be decided at the ENC planning meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, having been deferred from the May meeting to allow the planning committee to carry out a formal site visit. The May meeting was well supported by the public and left the committee in no doubt as to the local views. A similar turn-out on 13<sup>th</sup> June will continue to remind them!

The 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial dedication service took place on the only sunny day of the bank holiday and was well supported. We estimate 400 people attended from the video footage. The veterans and their families have sent numerous e-mails to thank the village for the efforts put in to make the day special.

A last minute guest (as we were not sure it would have enough time to divert over to us) was a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial flight that delighted all who saw it with several passes over the former airfield and a “wing waggle” to the veterans.

The refurbished village hall displayed pictures of the airfield during the war, and the WI had pulled out all the stops with the table decorations and food service for the veterans’ lunch. One comment received was *“Please extend our deepest THANK YOU and APPRECIATION to the WI for the outstanding food. I haven’t had a decent Sausage Roll since leaving England in 1959. They were so good, everything was excellent, and many were talking about it for the rest of the Reunion.”*

Northants police assisted with the road closure, but on the day were unable to supply all the marshal’s needed. Luckily Mick & Zara Cunliffe had responded to my call for volunteers in the last newsletter, so we were able to cover the shortfall.

The convoy of US jeeps brought the veterans down to the “grandstand” (courtesy of Stuart Carr) a little later than advertised, but this was due to them enjoying every aspect of their tour so much and having to be encouraged to move on to the next venue each time! Hopefully everyone got to see and hear the service, masterfully compèred by Adrian Dale.

There will be one further modification to the memorial, as we have received a donation to have Margaret Hawkins’s poem *“Memorial of Thanks”* engraved and mounted on the wall below the dedication plaque.

**Parish Council elections:** By now you will know that we did have an election. What you may not know is that not having had one for 24 years, the poll needed three recounts before the Returning Officer could declare the results for the parish!

New Councillors Martin Emerson, Glenn Harwood & Patricia Mommersteeg have joined Adrian Dale, Michael Foulger, Mick Izzard & Melvyn Wooding as the Council for 2007-2011. My thanks to the above and Stuart Green for being community minded and volunteering to serve. (We didn’t let Stuart escape too far, as we used his talents to coordinate the media coverage of the memorial service).

For Glenn it was a double success, as he also becomes Chelveston’s first district Councillor to serve on ENC. Sadly, Barry Sauntson, the other district Councillor in the ward, who was born and went to school in Chelveston, died a few days after the election. His civic funeral was attended by a large number of mourners, including representatives from the Council.

**Rights of Way:** The footpath that runs from the church across the adjacent field to the road has finally been diverted so that it no longer goes through the tennis court of Church House!

The old stile on footpath adjacent to Wateryard spinney on the B645 Higham Rd has been removed and changed to an open gap to make access easier.

We are still receiving complaints of horses/ponies been ridden on the footpath between Caldecott and the bridge over the stream at the end of Joes/High Lane. **Please note this is a footpath, not a bridleway.**

**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 memorial dedication speeches and photos.

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

There will be an Annual Report extra edition in June.

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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 Servedy.

Forthcoming events -

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ 2.30 p.m. – Garden Fete** – in the garden of *Church House* in Caldecott (*by kind permission of Mr & Mrs P. Mommersteeg*). All the usual stalls will be there, as well as our scrumptious Home Made Teas. Donations of Tombola Prizes would be appreciated – to Muriel Palmer please (623297).

If you are able to provide cakes, please contact Anita Wright please (624530). Other offers of help or items for sale, please contact Michael Foulger (622748). See you there!

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.00 p.m. - St.John's Patronal Festival Evensong** – followed by refreshments at the rear of the Church.

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30 p.m. – Strawberry and Wine Evening** – at our **Parish Church**. Tickets are available from Anita Wright (624530) or Sharron Smart (622020)



**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 -

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June.** - Guided Church Tour of St.Peter's Church at Lowick by *Marshall Martin*. Meet outside Lowick Church at 7.45.p.m.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July.** – A talk on “**Beads and Beadwork**” with examples by *Gillian Ashwell* in Chelveston Village Hall.



**Chelveston Village Hall bookings** – the works on improvements to the Village hall have been completed and the hall is available for bookings again. Please contact the secretary, Michael Foulger (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 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**, 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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