

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2022

Defibrillators: The first defibrillator and cabinet have been ordered, and the Council has signed a wayleave agreement with the brewery to allow it to be placed on the wall of the *Star & Garter*.

Training sessions – whilst public access defibrillators are designed to be used without training, we recognise that for many people using one for the first time will be daunting. Accordingly, as part of the project, the Council are providing free training sessions in the Village Hall in Spring.

The two hour sessions will be run on Saturday afternoons, by the East Northants First Responders, with a maximum of 20 persons in each session. Either email or write to the Clerk (*contact details over the page*) to register and you will be contacted nearer the time with available dates.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) review – The Council's grant application to Locality to fund a planning consultant to review the adopted NDP was successful and Troy Design & Planning have been appointed (they are familiar with the area, as they are currently working on the Rushden NDP).

They will assess the planning applications made since the NDP was made in 2017 and advise on how effective it has been in delivering its objectives. Then they will assess the changes in legislation and the Local Plans (NNC) and suggest what changes the parish might wish to adopt to strengthen the NDP.

Their work is to be completed by the end of February, and will be used to guide a local NDP Working Party review later this year.

Council budget and Precept – At the January meeting, the Council voted to approve the budget for FY22-23 and set the Precept (part of the Council Tax) at £11,700, an increase of £500 (4.46%).

However there are now an extra 7 households in the parish paying Council Tax, so the actual impact on a Band D property is 62p (about 1.2p a week).

As part of the Budget proposals, the Council is increasing the amount it spends on grass cutting, this being the biggest source of complaints in 2021, though this will be partly offset by the savings from the LED lighting system installed in 2021.

New grass cutting contractor – The 2022 grass contract has been awarded to Mowerman Grounds Maintenance, who already cuts the Chelston Rise grass for the Estate Management Company.

The 2022 cutting season has been extended, and with additional cuts during the peak growing period of March and April.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event. This will take place on **Thurs 2nd – Sun 5th June**. Locally various ideas have been proposed –

- Lighting a beacon on Thurs 2nd June as part of the international QPJ beacons (the amenity area at Chelston Rise has been suggested, being the highest residential area of the parish).
- A service of celebration at the Church.
- Holding a Big Jubilee Lunch in the Village Hall paddock (avoids having to close any roads).
- Planting a tree (as part of the QPJ Green Canopy project).
- Events at the *Star & Garter*.
- A family treasure hunt.

The Council is open to suggestions for other events, and can get grants to help fund these, but what we really need are volunteers to help put these ideas into practice.

Please contact Cllr Carol Parsons on **07880 556286** or email cldr.carol.parsons@chelveston-pc.gov.uk if you want to help make our QPJ celebrations happen.

Have you met the Queen at an event, Royal Garden Party, DoE awards, etc.? We'd like to make a collection of village photographs of the Queen.

Parish flagpole – During the first Covid lockdown, many of you made donations, such as for the tulip competition, for parcels delivered by Adrian's red van, or for the scarecrow competition.

There have been several suggestions that the parish should have a flagpole, to mark events such as the QPJ, the 100th anniversary of the WI, the 80th anniversary of the USAAF arriving at RAF Chelveston (all in 2022), etc.

Accordingly, the donations will part fund the first parish flagpole, to be erected outside the Village Hall, next to the noticeboard.

Council Meetings - The Council was successful in getting a grant from the Foulger Trust to part fund additional microphones for the Council meetings, so as to make it easier for the public to hear all the Councillors (and any public speakers), especially if the heaters and air scrubbers are in operation.

Next Issue: The April & May issue of the Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of April, so if you want to publicise a parish event, please let me know before the end of March.

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The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (contact Arthur Wright - 624530).

There is a communion service **every Sunday morning at 9.00am.**

All of us at St John's were saddened to learn that Rev Michelle would be leaving us at the end of February and taking over a parish within Peterborough, another St John the Baptist church and adjacent to the cathedral. We knew she only came as an Interim Vicar for three years and had hoped she could remain as she has been a real breath of fresh air to us and St Mary's at Higham Ferrers. Her last service at St John's will be on Sunday 27th February and there will be a farewell party for her at the Bede House, Higham Ferrers, at 12pm following the service at St Mary's.

We have been most fortunate in having donated to us a complete set of kitchen units that were being replaced and with the skill of John Ellred and Richard Kirk they have made a most welcome improvement to the church vestry. It means that vestments can now be properly stored and the "holey" carpet disposed of. Many thanks to John and Richard for their time and efforts in adapting the units to fit in so beautifully - a great improvement.

Do come and support us for **Snowdrop Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th February.** There will be stalls and our usual delicious soup, rolls and home-made cakes and jams. A smaller than previous Chelveston Chorus will be singing on Sunday afternoon, but with good weather we hope to see plenty of visitors.

Food Bank

We're currently in need of tinned vegetables (including potatoes), tinned fruit, custard, and puddings, in addition to ongoing shortages of UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned meat, jam, small jars of coffee and small bags of sugar (*no baked beans, soup or pasta please, we have lots!*) And if you have any surplus large supermarket bags (bag for life type) in good condition we can always put them to good use. They can be left in church with the other donations. The donation box is at the back of the church (near the toilet). As always, thank you for your continued support.

Arthur Wright & Peggy Deards, Churchwardens



Events Team (contact Carol Parsons - 07880 556286)

Newcomers to the parish are welcome, and it would be great to see you at the various events!

The Events team were sorry to postpone the Quiz due to Covid Omicron concerns but hope to reschedule this sometime towards the end of March. We were also very sorry to learn that Liz Potter had died after a short illness. Liz was the driving force behind the Lawn Sales and made them such a great success. She will be greatly missed.

The Events team is looking for more adult volunteers in Chelveston to help with the distribution of events leaflets, parish newsletters, etc. The more volunteers, the smaller the area each one has to cover.



80th Anniversary of the USAAF arriving at RAF Chelveston: The Council is supporting an event to be run by *Trucks, Troops and Stores*, a WW2 re-enactor group. There will be a free to enter 8th Air Force exhibition in the Village Hall, on the weekend **28th - 29th May.**



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30pm.** Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak on any agenda item at the Chair's discretion.

The agenda and meeting papers are posted on the website (www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk) and the agenda is on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Please note that in order to keep the meetings in the Village Hall "Covid Secure", the mitigations include a one way system (enter at the front door, leave by the back door), use of hand sanitiser, and the wearing of face coverings is recommended whilst moving around the hall.

Parish Council Members & Officers

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