

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2023

The Annual Parish Assembly (APA), the annual meeting of local electors, is due to take place on **Monday 22nd May 2023** in the Village Hall.

The agenda is still being decided, but the parish's elector voted Trustee on the Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Trust is due for election at the APA, to serve to from 2023 to 2027.

Any resident of the parish (not otherwise disqualified by the Charity Commission) is eligible for election.

Grass cutting: The grass has been a little later growing this season due to the colder winter, but the contractor, Mowerman, has now started the cuts.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) – volunteers wanted: Cllr Clinton Hill is the local CSW coordinator, who advises that we are due to have the CSW equipment **1st – 29th April 2023**.

Thank you to those who volunteered following the appeal in the last newsletter. If any new volunteers would like to provide (through the Clerk) an email and contact number, Clinton will be in touch to give further details of training, etc. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do and spread the load for the benefit of our community.

Elliot the Postman: Elliot has returned to work and is delivering the post again.

Free swimming sessions at Easter - Young people can enjoy free swimming sessions during the Easter holiday. The five NNC pools are offering free swims to under 18s from **Mon 3rd to Fri 7th April** and from **Mon 10th to Fri 14th April**.

The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however under eights will need to be accompanied by a paying adult. For booking and more information, please contact your local [swimming pool](#).

St John's churchyard – We are very grateful to the Windfarm Trust Community Benefit Fund for a really generous grant that will enable us to complete the project of replacing the horse chestnut trees on the south side of the churchyard to the left of the kissing gate which have either been blown down or condemned due to rot. The grant covers tree felling as well as stump and wood removal.

Along with other bodies we at St. John's consider ourselves very fortunate that we have the opportunity of applying for such financial support on a matched funding basis which enables us to complete our plans faster than would otherwise be possible as well as benefitting the community as a whole

John Eldred, Treasurer, St John's PCC.

Pieter Mommersteeg

The sad passing of Pieter Mommersteeg is another loss to the village community. Not only did he serve the community as a Parish Cllr and as an Educational Foundation Trustee and Chairman, he also chaired the former PRESERVE campaign group opposing the Wind Farm development.

Pieter & Patricia regularly supported the church, including hosting church fetes in their gardens, and through the provision of a water supply until the Church could finally install its own.

As mark of respect, the Parish Council's flag was half-masted on the days of death and funeral.

Poles and Street Lights – Most of the parish's 60 street lights are either on their own columns, or are on brackets attached to the power distribution poles. Lamp 22, adjacent to *The Cottage*, Chelveston and 1 Water Lane, is different, as it is on a bracket attached to a telegraph (or telecoms) pole.

Openreach want to replace the pole as it is approaching end of life, so first the Parish Council has to remove lamp 22, then National Grid (formerly Western Power Distribution) has to remove the power cable that runs up one side of the pole, before Openreach's contractor Telnet can disconnect the overhead telephone cables and network cable that runs up the other side of the pole. Once this is all done, they can replace the pole!

The WhatsApp account takeover scam – it begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact.

The criminal, posing as someone that's a member of a WhatsApp group you're in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you. However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. **DO NOT PASS THIS CODE ON TO ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF HOW PLAUSIBLE THEY SEEM.**

This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out, and then they can target your contacts.

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

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Events – April & May 2023

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

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

The church family at St John's has been saddened by the recent deaths of Tony Norman and Pieter Mommersteeg after periods of ill health. Tony and wife Jennifer were valued members and in spite of the deterioration of his eyesight always enjoyed our 9am service when he could and the large number attending his funeral service at the church on Friday 24th March was testament to the widespread friendships he had made during his business career with Kier Marriott and in his retirement subsequently.

Pieter had lived at Church House adjacent to the church for over forty years and we could not have had better neighbours during that time. He and Patricia were always willing to host events in their lovely garden for the church's benefit and actively involved in much fundraising over the years and regular attenders at our services. Pieter took an active interest in all church matters and in his final illness still maintained it. We have much to thank him for and our sincere sympathy is extended to Jennifer and her family and to Patricia and family in the loss they have suffered.

On Sunday 2nd April, the Diocese announced that the **Revd Louise Bishop**, currently Assistant Priest at St James' Church, Weybridge, has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become the Vicar in the Higham Ferrers and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Benefice. She will be inducted by the Archdeacon on Wednesday 5th July.

Easter Services – Please see the flyer that accompanies this newsletter for all the Easter Services.

Food Bank

Current shortages are – jam, custard, rice pudding, UHT semi-skimmed milk, small bags of sugar, plain rice, packet sauces and noodles, bleach, cleaning spray, washing powder / liquid, shampoo and conditioner. And if you have any large strong (“bag4life” type) carrier bags you don't need we could certainly use them. 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



The Events Team programme of activities (TEXT Carol on 07880 556286).

Coronation Events - dates for your diary

Sunday 23rd April 2-4pm at St John's Church - Craft afternoon

In preparation for the Coronation weekend activities will include hanging decorations, crowns, kite making and face painting. All materials plus tea and cakes will be provided jointly by the Parish Council, St Johns Church and Chelveston WI.

Sunday 7th May 2-4pm at the Village Hall Paddock - Coronation Picnic

Bring your own picnic and enjoy an afternoon get together to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III. An opportunity to fly your kites and wear your crowns - and chat about the previous day's events! Fancy dress optional, and tea/coffee/ cold drinks provided.

Please see flyers for more details



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.

Note that the April meeting will be on **Monday 24th April** and the May meeting on **Monday 22nd May** after the APA.

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.

Parish Council Members & Officers

Chair: Andrew Seaman, Rosemoor, Raunds Rd.
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