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The main purpose of the Caldecote Journal is to keep the community informed of local issues, events and the activities of our village organisations and to publish useful information. The Journal will also publish reports, short stories, poems and other material produced by members of the community, subject to available space. All contributions are welcome.

If you are active in a village organisation please use the Journal to report your activities and inform the community of any meetings, events and functions that you are arranging. Contributions by email are preferred, but small articles handwritten or typed are also welcome.

The deadline for the next Journal is the 8th April 2021. Please pass all material to the Editor by this date @ email: **Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com**

The Journal is financed by the Caldecote Parish Council and is issued quarterly to all parish households free of charge. The current Journal can be viewed on the village website: www.caldecote.gov.uk.



Caldecote Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Car Scheme

Now that we are in lockdown yet again, some of our drivers are unable to take part for the moment. While this leaves us short on numbers, those that remain are being incredible at keeping the scheme going - and so far no-one has been let down.

In this lockdown the scheme is strictly for essential runs only and strict hygiene/sanitising must be kept, masks must be worn and all the basic rules of distancing etc must be kept as far as is possible.

Another factor that comes into this is that people are now being invited for their Covid jabs. It seems that our Primary Care centre is currently at Royston unless your invitation says something different. We will still cover these runs if we have the drivers and the cost will be calculated at 30p per mile from the drivers front door to the destination and back again. The cost will be somewhere around £10+ to Royston and back.

Please stay safe and take care of yourselves - and the rules. And do contact us if you need us. Telephone numbers are at the back of the booklet. Any problems please contact Sheila on 210638.

FREE* & SAFE TRANSPORT TO YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT



Offer applies to those without transport, who are vulnerable, need 'door to door' assistance and/ or financial support.

*Journeys to & from Cambridge vaccination centres up to the value of £10 each way



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Coronavirus vaccine scam warning

Watch out for fraudulent text messages from scammers posing as the NHS, claiming to offer Coronavirus vaccines.

A recent scam has seen residents being sent a text message which includes a blue link, which takes them to a fake webpage with NHS branding. The resident is then asked to 'confirm ownership of address' by providing their bank details.

Scammers claiming to be from the NHS are also telephoning residents, instructing them to press a key to confirm they'd like to receive the vaccine or asking for bank details as affirmation to receive the vaccine. Many now claim to offer 'VIP' vaccination tickets that will allegedly put you at the head of the queue – for a price!

Please remember that your GP surgery or the NHS will administer your Covid vaccine free of charge. Do not give out your bank details to pay for a vaccine or to confirm your address.

For genuine COVID-19 related advice including vaccination information, visit the www.gov.uk/coronavirus and the www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

The Covid-19 vaccination is free and you will never be asked for payment.



Caldecote Parish Council

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

This has been a remarkably busy period for the Council, we continue to monitor the current Covid-19 emergency, the second wave is more transmissible than the original wave in the spring of 2020. The members of the Council are particularly grateful for the work carried out by Councillor Nicola Pritchard and her colleagues for the way that they are providing community support. We hope that parishioners, particularly those in vulnerable groups can feel that support such as food provision, collection of prescriptions and transport, is of benefit.

Work to replace the play equipment in Furlong Way is progressing and should be completed shortly, there has been some delay because of the inclement weather. This is another phase in our programme to upgrade and maintain play equipment in the village.

The Parish Council are currently negotiating with Architects for the extension of the Sports Pavilion in Furlong Way. The current building falls short of the needs for a growing sports community, plans include extending the current meeting room and utilising the wasted space on the second floor, which is currently un-accessible. The efficiency of the building is also to be upgraded. The current heating system is wasteful and does not meet modern standards. There is also a problem with the lack of sustainable insulation. The Council are considering alternative sources of energy including ground source and solar.

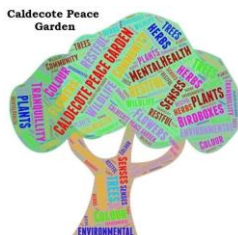
The Parish Council has recently set its budget for the forthcoming financial year. The Council have set a budget which will see a small increase in the Parish Precept to £83,838, this is an increase of £1,237.78 or £1.56 per annum for a Band D property.

The Council is concerned about flooding issues and is engaging with all the relevant authorities to control any major issues.

The Council still monitors the work on the two major developments in the Villages and is in regular contact with the developers and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

In the meantime, because of lockdown, meetings are being held by Zoom, details will always be posted on our website.

Alan Melton
Parish Clerk



Caldecote Peace Garden Community Project

We are looking forward to the arrival of the donated Woodland trust trees for the Caldecote Peace Garden.

We have been informed they will arrive at the beginning of March. Volunteers will be needed to help plant our trees.

Please contact Polly Anne Field on 01954 212230 if you are able to help. Social distancing will be in place.

Furlong Way Park Update

Unfortunately, the park has been delayed by both Covid and the weather! We will not be able to do anything further until Covid restrictions have been lifted and the park finish date has also had to be pushed back 3 weeks as the ground is too wet for the installers to finish the special surface.

When restrictions are lifted and it is safe to proceed, further help will be required please from volunteers to finish the groundwork. This will involve digging and refilling the central beds and removing unwanted materials. A skip will be provided.

Tools required will be wheelbarrow, spades, forks, rakes and gloves. Individual bubbles or social distancing will obviously be necessary. Please look out for Facebook posts for a call for help as soon as we can start the work again.

Thank you.



Help and support

If you are self-isolating, or have tested positive, and need support please contact:

Email: **CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com**

Call: **Nicola on 07394 946499**

Or contact your **area sub-coordinator**

If you have been asked to self-isolate you shouldn't be leaving the house at all so if you need help with food deliveries, medicine collection or anything else whilst self-isolating our wonderful volunteers are still here to help. Please do ask, don't suffer in silence or venture out when there is no need to do so.

Food Bank

Again, use the contact details above to either contact Nicola at the central email / tel no. or contact your area sub-coordinator. Absolute discretion and privacy will be maintained at all times. You will then be given a time and day for either a drop off if you are ill or isolating or a slot for collection if possible. There will be a choice of available goods if you can collect.

Useful webpage if you need help from South Cambs:

www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/i-need-help

Tom Highland, BP Garage

With the current lockdown in place we have increased our ordering on bread, eggs, milk, fruit and veg and meat from our butcher at Bluntisham. We also are holding more stock on booze and toilet rolls. If anyone can think of anything else you would like us to stock more of please get in touch on 01954 211794.

Hackers Farm Shop

Orders for fruit, veg and fresh essentials can be arranged for delivery.

Minimum spend of £10.

£1.50 delivery charge

(depending on amount of deliveries in areas charges may not apply)

Call 07873 466741

Hello my name is Paula Rowley and I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Warden for **Papworth, Hardwick, Caldecote, Comberton, Toft, Bourn and Wimpole.**

Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been delivering these schemes for 27 years and with the funding support from South Cambridgeshire District Council we are pleased to be in a position to expand the scheme to those living within the above mentioned villages.

I have worked in the health and social care sector in the local area for 22 years and have extensive experience and knowledge of supporting older people in the community.

The Community warden service assists adults over 60 to continue to live independently and safely at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support by a personal visit (COVID19 compliant) or a telephone call to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing. We can help you on a long or short term basis depending on your needs and wishes. An example of some of the things I can do to help you are;



- Doing small amounts of shopping
- Collecting prescriptions
- Reading post and making phone calls on your behalf
- Spend time with you to have a chat
- Listen to any concerns and help you find a solution

You will receive a 2 week **FREE** trial and after that we ask for a small charge of £9 per week for a single person and £11 per week for a couple. Below are some quotes from people that use our service.

“During Isolation the telephone call and chat is a lifeline in such worrying times.”

“That phone call every day to check on me gives me such a great deal of security. You can’t believe what a phone call can mean at my age”

If you are interested and would like to know more, I would love to hear from you. Please call me on **07812 495997**



Christmas Joy

We had a wonderful Carol Service and Christmas Morning Celebration in Childerley Long Barn. A huge thank you to Childerley Estate for enabling this, and to the wonderful community choir that sang for the Carols. It was magical.

Services

The PCC decided to stop public worship in the building when the January Lockdown began. Although permitted, and every precaution was being taken, we believed we better served the common good by ceasing services for now.

Online services continue:

On zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/89870702475> (ID 898 7070 2475)

There is also a Podcast available on Spotify / Apple Music / Amazon Music.

Services in church may begin again in late Feb or March.

Christmas Hampers

In Collaboration with the School and with funding from Sitwell's Trust we distributed a number of Hampers to families around the village to help through the Christmas Holidays.



Re-Roofing Works

Major re-roofing works will begin in April on the church – those of you who walk around there will know that is covered in moss and lots of tiles need replacing.

This work is being paid for by funds collected by the FRIENDS OF CALDECOTE CHURCH over the years – a huge thank you to all who have given to this fabric fund!

The Church is Open

During these difficult days you may just want a space to be still, reflect and perhaps even pray. Church is open every day for just this.

It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce the sad news that John Newby has passed away.



John Newby
21st April 1934 – 23rd January 2021 (86 years)

John was born and raised in Leeds and attended Roundhay Grammar School followed by Leeds University to read Agricultural Botany. In 1956 he started National Service in the REME where he signed extra years to do officer training and became a Second Lieutenant based in Cyprus.

After the Army in 1959 he started a long career in the agricultural seeds industry by joining Webbs Seeds in Stourbridge. In 1962 he and the family made the move to Willingham and Cambridge when he joined the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, (NIAB), in seed production.

Services, which acted as a consultancy to the seeds industry namely ICI Seeds and CPB Twyford at Thriplow. He retired in 2009 after 50 years in the seeds industry.

Married to Joyce (1959-2000), who he met at university, John had 2 sons Michael and Andrew. He was passionate about all things agriculture, gardening and the countryside especially Yorkshire. He loved his cars and driving especially for his job which involved a lot of farm visits throughout the country and had many farmer friends.

John moved to Highfields Caldecote in 2001 where he lived with his partner Christine Baker until she died in 2012, and then on his own. He was proud of his grandchildren, Tom, Grace and Tanith (Christine's granddaughter) and always supported them.

He was very active in the village spending some years on the Parish Council and particularly liked his work on the sports fields.

A perfectionist by nature, John probably only achieved a portion of the things he planned to do but what he did achieve was done to the highest standards!

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Caldecote Parish Council are very grateful for all the work John has contributed to the village and greatly saddened by his death. John served on the Parish Council for many years and was very actively involved in the village. The sports field and peace garden were two of his passions and he was a great font of knowledge regarding trees and maintenance of the grounds.

There will be a **commemorative tree** planted in the Caldecote Peace garden as a tribute to his work in the village.

Anyone wishing to donate, the family have asked that instead of flowers they would like a donation to a charity, or you can give a donation towards a **commemorative bench** to be placed at the Pavilion overlooking the sports field where John would often sit and enjoy watching the cricket. To donate please contact the Clerk on parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk or cash in an envelope can be left with Polly Anne Field or Nicola Pritchard.



Bourn Surgery – January News

How Bourn Surgery is responding to the move to Level 5 emergency response and new national lockdown:

Moving to Level 5 emergency response means that all non-essential general practice work should be stopped to allow general practice to cope with very significant, potentially overwhelming, demand relating to COVID-19, acute deterioration in long-term conditions, new symptoms indicating potentially serious disease and the COVID-19 vaccination roll out. We have spent time in the last week working out what this means for Bourn Surgery. The major message we want to communicate is that we are open. We have remained open and here throughout the pandemic and previous two lockdowns, and will continue to be here during this next stage of the pandemic. We have maintained our normal level of appointments throughout, and will continue to see patients face-to-face when clinically needed. If you need us, we are here.

We do however need to ensure that we are able to protect our vulnerable patients who need to see us in person at the Surgery, by providing an environment that is as safe as possible. We also need to protect our staff from any unnecessary contact to reduce the risk of the nightmare scenario, which has happened in a number of practices, of having so many staff off sick and isolating that the practice has to close. We are open and we are here, but we must act to protect our communities and our patients.

The current important points are:

- All GP appointments will continue to be by telephone/video in the first instance. Only after this initial appointment can a decision be made about whether a face-to-face contact is required.
- No-one is to enter the practice building unless they have a pre-arranged face-to-face appointment. If you need to speak to Reception to book an appointment or update us, please do this by telephone.
- Dispensary are now handing out medications from the side window into the car park. We have an awning to ensure you have shelter from inclement weather and are fixing the lighting to make sure that visibility is good in the evenings. We have used cones to create a safe space within the car park for this.
- Due to the impact of needing to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme at pace (see more below), no appointments will be available to book more than 7 days in advance. This is to ensure that we do not have large volumes of appointments to rearrange when we are informed of our vaccine delivery dates and need to release doctors and nurses to the vaccine centre.
- We will continue to work proactively to reach out to our patients who have more complex medical needs, to ensure that we continue to monitor and safely manage their health conditions throughout this pandemic.

We discussed the results of a survey we have carried out asking patients about their experiences of telephone and video appointments with the PPG. We reflected that, once the pandemic has passed, for certain groups of patients telephone and video consultations can be a much more convenient and accessible way of engaging with us, and we are keen to ensure that we build on the technological advances that the pandemic has necessitated. This is a unique and challenging situation for us all, and so far 2021 is not proving any easier than 2020. We will continue to review, revise and revisit the way that we are responding to the pandemic, and we are grateful for your support as we do so.

COVID-19 Vaccination update:

Finally, we are able to share some news with you! The communications given out around the vaccine programme are tightly controlled by NHS England, and up until this week we have been asked to simply say “you will be contacted when a vaccine is available for you”. Thankfully, that has now changed.

Locally the Pfizer vaccine began to be delivered at the end of December by local hospital hubs. Due to the complexity of the Pfizer vaccine, its cold-chain requirements and very short shelf-life, sites have to be able to give 1,000 doses within 3 days. This is clearly very challenging, especially for small rural GP surgeries such as ours.

At the current time it is not possible for individual GP practices to deliver either the Pfizer or Astra Zeneca vaccine from their own premises to their own patients. This is a nation-wide directive. Instead, GP practices are working together in groups (otherwise known as Primary Care Networks) of 45-50,000 patients to deliver the vaccine from one single site within that grouping, for all patients of the group of practices. We are pleased to announce our local vaccination hub in Royston started vaccinating patients from Mon 18th January.

The vaccine priority groups (i.e. who gets called for a vaccine when) have been decided centrally by NHS England. We have absolutely no ability to alter to this or make exceptions. The first groups to be vaccinated are care home residents and staff, health and social care workers and social care workers, and the over 80s. As each cohort is completed, we can then begin calling those in the next priority group. We are not allowed to offer a choice of vaccine. Again, this is a national mandate. Our priority has to be to ensure that no vaccine is wasted, and that every dose is given to an eligible patient.

We do know that automated booking systems will be used to help deal with the huge administrative burden of booking hundreds of vaccine appointments in an extremely tight timescale. Those with mobile phone numbers on their records will be contacted by text initially, therefore if we do not have a record of your current mobile number, please ensure you update us with your mobile number. As soon as we are able to book appointments for those in the first priority group, you will be contacted. Please DO NOT contact Reception about this until you are invited to do so.

If you have received an invitation letter from the NHS, you also have the option to contact the phone number and arrange vaccination at one of the mass vaccination centres such as the Grafton Centre or Stevenage.

We know that this has been a very frustrating time for you all, and the lack of information has been questioned by some. As we are sure you can imagine, we are desperate to get going with this work. This will inevitably have an impact on staffing levels at the Surgery over the next months, as clinicians and admin staff are needed to staff the vaccine centre whenever we are in receipt of vaccine delivery. We will do our very best to ensure that we strike a balance between continuing to provide care from our Surgery, and playing our part in the vital national vaccination effort.

Thank you very much for reading this (rather long!) update, but we hope it is useful to help you have a better understanding of this difficult and complex situation that we find ourselves in.

As the situation is rapidly changing please keep up to date with the latest news at **www.bournsurgery.nhs.uk/** and on our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/Bourn-Surgery-203979283315297**

Village Talks, Craft & Chat on Zoom

An opportunity to socialise online and learn something different whilst we ride out the winter. If you would like to connect with others in the village then do join these Zoom calls. Each call will have a topic but there will be the opportunity to stay online and chat if you would like to do so.

Craft & Chat – Friday mornings @ 11am, starting on 12th February. Grab yourself a craft / art project (can be as simple as pencil drawing) and chat whilst enjoying some creative downtime. Or just make yourself a cuppa and spend some time chatting to those crafting.

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 6496 9395

Passcode: 394824

Local History talks - to be announced shortly.

Do we have any volunteers to run a village quiz night?

Do you have a passion for a particular subject or hobby that you would like to share with the community?

If you have an interest that you would like to share with everyone, or any ideas for an online event please email Nicola on CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com or call me on 07394 946499.

If you would like to be sent the programme by email because you are not on Facebook, then please email me and as soon as we have dates & details they will be sent to you.



CALDECOTE WI

2020 was a year to which we have now thankfully bidden farewell. In early March last year the Caldecote WI committee reluctantly made the decision to cancel the March meeting, expecting to be able to reopen in a few months when the Covid-19 virus would have disappeared. How wrong we were. Now here we are with Spring fast approaching once more and normally we would be planning our usual Maundy Thursday coffee morning with hot cross buns galore. Sadly, this is not going to happen, but we have some reason for optimism with mass vaccination now taking place.

We have continued to hold committee meetings every few months and had a Christmas get together via Zoom with a quiz and raffle for the members. Our President also delivered a beautiful homemade Christmas card to every member to show that no-one is forgotten.

Members have access to the WI Life magazine which is published online every month and also to a large choice of Zoom lectures. The weekly selection includes crafts, cookery, history, keep fit and music, so all tastes are catered for.

We hope all our members continue to keep well. We will keep in touch and hope for a brighter future when we can all be together again.



Caldecote Book Group

Our meetings have moved online to a closed forum for the time being, with small gatherings when allowed. Please don't let this stop you from getting in contact if you are interested in finding out more about our group! Please contact Hilary on 210112 or hil@manyfish.co.uk for further details.

Our next meetings will discuss:

Feb 25th Once Upon a River / Diane Setterfield
Mar 25th 84 Charing Cross Road / Helene Hanff

We source most of our books from the public libraries, who remain open as an essential public service. There are further details on their website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (look for the Libraries link on the front page).

Your nearest libraries are in Cambourne and Comberton, and while you can't browse their shelves in person you can search their catalogue online and select books to collect, or even ask them to select something for you!

With that in mind, we thought we would share with you a few of the titles that have brought a smile to our faces, being the more uplifting books we've enjoyed over the many years we've been reading together. We hope you enjoy them too.

A Gentleman in Moscow / Amor Towles
The Enchanted April / Elizabeth von Arnim
Us / David Nicholls
A Month in the Country / J. L. Carr
A Man called Ove / Fredrik Backman
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society / Mary Ann Schaffer & Annie Burrows
Mr Golightly's Holiday / Sally Vickers



Caldecote Playgroup continues to run as normal during lockdown, thanks to the commitment of our staff. We are enjoying lots of fresh air and outdoor play, especially in our new reading den. Thanks to all that exercise, our children are ready for their hot lunches, which have been very popular this term!

If you would like to find out more about Playgroup or add your child's name to our waiting list, please email contactus@caldecoteplaygroup.co.uk or call Anesta Cooper on 01954 21057. You can also visit our website at www.caldecoteplaygroup.co.uk.



District Councillor News

Please note that I provide a full report to the Parish Council at its monthly meeting, so please check out the meeting minutes or my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports on the items discussed below.

COVID9 Update

South Cambs district was in Tier 4 from 26 December and moved into national lockdown No.3 from 5 January. The Covid19 variants transmits fast which means we must all be extremely careful. 1 in 3 people who are infected have no symptoms. Avoid spreading it so **Stay Home** unless it is an essential journey. No household mingling, exercise allowed once a day locally and you can meet only with one other person outside your house. Full details on government website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

The **South Cambs** offices are still closed and staff are working from home. The Council provides up to date information and guidance on covid-related services it provides at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/>. Businesses affected since December can apply for financial help. Check criteria and forms at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business-coronavirus>.

The vaccination programme is well underway. People aged 80 and over still waiting for their vaccination have no cause to worry about being forgotten. If they are registered with a local GP, they will be contacted to invite them to book a vaccination appointment. Do not contact the NHS or phone Bourn or Comberton surgery. If you are not registered with a local GP, please do so quickly to ensure you receive an invitation.

Next group to be vaccinated will be people who are 70+ or clinically extremely vulnerable.

Covid Support for Education

South Cambs council has made available £30,000 in funding to help people, especially children to get online. It is in addition to the Government's winter support grant scheme. The charity Cambridge Online is running this on our behalf. Contact them by email using help@cambridgeonline.org.uk or call the Cambridge Online helpline on 01223 300407, quoting 'South Cambs Winter Support Grant'. Their website is at <http://cambridgeonline.org.uk/>

Green Homes Grant scheme

Government funding to make homes more energy efficient to help you saving money on household bills. **The scheme closes on 31 March 2021.** It could be worth up to two thirds to full cost of improvements, from £5000 to £10,000 depending on your circumstances. Find out more at <https://greenhomesgrant.campaign.gov.uk/> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>.

Covid Isolation Centre

The Hotel at Bar Hill is being used by the Government to isolate truck drivers who have tested positive for Covid19. They are sent directly from the Peterborough testing centre. They are not allowed out of the hotel and food/essentials provided for them.

Community Warden Scheme

The Council launched 7 new Community Warden Schemes (CWS) and one of them covers the villages of **Bourn, Caldecote**, Comberton, Hardwick, Toft, Papworth and Wimpole. It is being run by Age UK. The scheme helps those above 60 who prefer to remain living independently in their homes to do so safely, happily and not feel isolated. If you are interested in the service, or know someone who might be, please call the new Community Warden Paula Rowley on **07812495997**.

Local Planning Issues:

Bourn Quarter – Former TKA Tallent Site 20/02568/FUL was granted planning permission at the January Planning Committee.

Bourn Airfield New Village - S/3440/18/OL – The outline planning application will be going to planning committee on Friday 19th February 2021.

Proposed Solar Farm at Childerley

An energy firm is proposing to build a 60GWh solar farm on land north of Childerley Hall. If built, it is estimated it could power up to 18000 homes. It still has to go through planning, but the company will be consulting neighbouring communities directly shortly. Check their website at <https://www.solarcentury.com/stargoose/>

Caldecote Community Liaison Group

This was set up by the District Council bringing the district council, parish council and developers together to discuss how the developments are moving forward, raise issues and work out solutions to minimize impact of the builds on the local community. The first meeting was held on 8th October 2020, and the second meeting on 20th January 2021. Linden Homes did not attend, but 3 Balfour Beatty representatives attended.

I posted my meeting notes on the Caldecote FB Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldecote> and it is also available on my blog at <https://tumiawkins.org.uk/caldecote-community-liaison-group-january-meeting/>

Please report issues you see directly to the site managers so they can resolve them immediately. If that is not possible do report to me or to the Parish Council chair and one or the other will help.

Here to Help You

Please feel free to contact me in the usual ways if you need help with South Cambs council services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc).

You can also contact me by phone 210840 or 07802 323269 email tumi@tumiawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my website www.tumiawkins.org.uk.

Spring Time

Spring is usually said to start at the beginning of March and the 21st of March is the Spring Equinox; the date on which day and night are of equal length. This season is a time of days getting longer and the spring sunshine brings growth and greenery. Birdsong reaches a peak and many flowers appear, in turn attracting insects including bees and butterflies.



Last March in the first lockdown everyone was commenting on how loud the birds were singing. Of course, the bird's songs hadn't changed, it was just that we were still and were able to better notice and listen to them. After what has been a very long and difficult year, and a wet and miserable winter, we can soon look forward again to the delights of the dawn chorus.

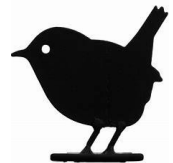
From March to July, our feathered alarm clocks are at it again, as they defend their territories and sing to attract a mate. As winter turns to spring, the lengthening daylight switches male songbirds into breeding mode.

The first songsters of the season are residents such as robins and great tits, joined later on by migrants like chiffchaffs and blackcaps to make May and June the peak time to enjoy the dawn chorus.

The early bird catches the worm

The first birds begin to sing about an hour before sunrise. Among the earliest to rise are skylarks, song thrushes, robins and blackbirds, and as they do eat worms there may be some truth to the old saying!

A more relaxed approach is taken by wrens and warblers, that typically appear later. These smaller birds, perhaps more sensitive to the coldness of dawn, feed on insects that themselves appear later in the morning.



Why the dawn chorus?

The dim light of dawn is not a good time to go foraging. Food, like insects and seeds, may be difficult to find, so perhaps it's a better time to try and attract a mate. Singing also brings the risk of attracting a predator, so it is better done before the bright morning light betrays the singer's position.

The air is often still at this time and, with less background noise, song can carry up to 20 times as far. As the light strengthens food becomes easier to find, so hungry birds begin to move off and the chorus gradually diminishes.



There is another chorus at dusk, which is considered quieter, though some birds - like tree sparrows and blue tits – seem to prefer to sing at this time of day.

Singing workout!

Singing is hard work, and uses hard won food reserves, so it is the fittest, best-fed males who produce the strongest, most impressive song. Females therefore choose a mate who sings

best, because such a male is more likely to be good at raising chicks, to have a good territory, or to pass successful genes to their young.

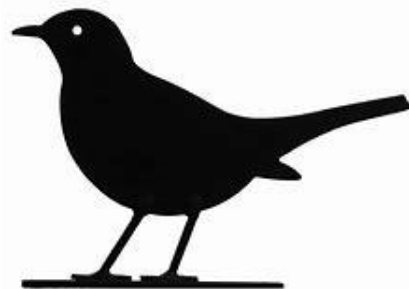
In many species, once the female has been attracted, the male will sing less often. A bird that sings on and on, late into the season, is probably a lonely bachelor who has failed to attract a mate.

If you want to identify the songs of all the birds in your garden then there is a useful identifier on the RSPB website:

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/

For ideas of things to see and do in springtime:

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/seasonal-wildlife/spring



While most species will still be setting up breeding territories or finding a mate, early breeding species such as blackbird, collared dove and robin, may already have eggs or young chicks. These birds are taking a risk, as there is still a chance that the weather will turn. While garden thick hedges and nest boxes are important nesting spaces for breeding birds, providing supplementary food is a guaranteed way to attract them into your garden.

During the spring, energy provided by seeds and nuts may help adult birds prepare for the breeding season, whether they are defending their territory, laying eggs or feeding chicks.

On the menu

There is a wide range of bird food available, and knowing what to provide for the birds can be confusing.

- Sunflower hearts are more popular, but more expensive, than black sunflower seeds, although both are high-energy products.
- Cheaper seed mixes often have a high proportion of cereal, – popular with sparrows and pigeons – but higher quality mixes with lower grain content are more suitable for finches.
- High-quality peanuts in a mesh feeder can attract both woodpeckers and nuthatches, and mealworms are great for ground feeders such as robins.
- Whatever food you put out, always ensure there is drinking water available nearby, and that you reduce the risk of disease spreading at feeding stations by regularly cleaning feeders, bird tables and bird baths.

Mothering Sunday & Easter Cards

Pick up a card without having to venture out to the shops!

Mothering Sunday & Easter cards will be available on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st February outside 4 Furlong Way.

Available for a small donation to the Caldecote Peace Garden.
Please just donate what you can and help yourself. Thank you

Childerley Gate: The School on Bourn Airfield

Sadly, with a few exceptions, schools are closed for the present and the focus is on home schooling. But what was schooling like for the children of Caldecote in the past? One hundred and seventy years ago there was no school in Caldecote. In 1851 the children of the village had the right to attend the endowed school at Toft. At that time most of the houses in Caldecote were situated around the church and along the southern end of what is now Main Street. That would mean a long walk either across the fields to Toft or along the route of Bourn Brook. This remained the case until the early twentieth century, although in 1892 some children are noted as having attended the school at Bourn, which would also have entailed a long walk across fields. School was not compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 10 until after a law was passed in 1880, so it is possible that not all children attended school before then. Another law in 1893 raised the school leaving age to 11 years, but children older than 11 did not have to attend school at all and instead many were put to work. It was not until the early twentieth century that Caldecote got a school of its own.

When we, that is, Caldecote Local History Group, were putting together *The Book of Caldecote*, many of the residents to whom we spoke mentioned that they had attended Childerley Gate School, which existed between 1910 and 1940. Sadly, the school was demolished when, at the outbreak of the Second World War, the land on which it stood became Bourn Airfield, a satellite air-base for RAF Oakington. It is said that an aeroplane coming into land struck the roof of the school and the building was demolished as it had become a hazard to aircraft.



Childerley Gate School can be seen centre left in this map from 1928. It is situated on the south side of St Neots Road, between Childerley Gate and Two Pots House Farm, north of Grange Farm.

Long-term residents of Caldecote may have memories of the school, the head-master's house, the ringing of the school bell, and their recollections of the teachers, and the lessons they attended. But with exception of one photograph taken in about 1930, in which the school buildings can be glimpsed behind a group of pupils, we have no idea what the school buildings looked like.



Christmas Fancy Dress party, Childerley Gate School in 1929/30. The school buildings can be seen in the background.

But, hidden away in the Cambridgeshire County Council archives, there are the original architect's drawings for the entire building. We now know what Childerley Gate School looked like when it opened in 1910. And for the first time since its demolition 80 years ago, we can display these images on our Caldecote Local History Group website. Please go to caldecotelhg.co.uk/ to view the drawings in detail. Unfortunately, for contractual reasons we cannot include them here.

The drawings were signed by Mr H. H. Dunn ARIBA, the County Architect of Cambridgeshire County Council at that time. The drawings appear to have been completed in June 1909, and the copies we have were probably used by the building contractors, Clark & Sons of Cambridge.

From the drawings, we can see that the headmaster's house was a two-storey building, attached to the school, which was single storey. The school bell tower was placed on the roof over the main classrooms. The drawings show all four elevations, north, east, south and west, and plan views of the internal layout. The school had two classrooms, one for infants and one for older children, up to the age of 14. There were separate cloakrooms for boys and girls, and a block of outside toilets that must have been very cold in winter. The headmaster's house had a parlour, a living room, a scullery (kitchen) and three bedrooms on the first floor. These drawings, which are now very fragile, were beautifully executed and coloured by hand. There is a tremendous amount of detail to be seen if you look

closely. The notes and details have been added in neat handwriting that can be read clearly. They really are a work of art and we are very lucky that they have survived. (The original drawings are deposited in Cambridgeshire Archives, Ely under catalogue reference KCC7/ARCH/E3/8).



Pennies for St Michael's Church – Our Oldest Building!

With the Covid situation you may well have forgotten about this! Basically, the Church building is still standing, but as usual, needs maintaining if, after Covid, it is to be of use for current and future generations of the village.

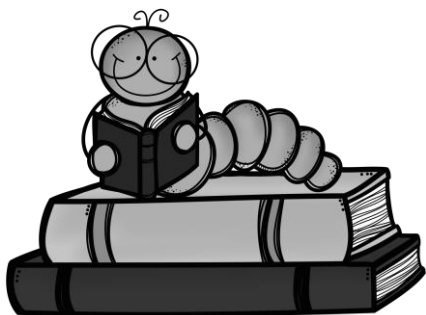
Recently the Vicar David Newton sent a letter round explaining the Church roof was in need of some attention even though at the present time there are few services. Like other charities, no fund raising events have been possible in the last year but fortunately there were funds in the Friends fabric Account which could be fallen back on in this difficult time. These fabric funds seem to amount to about £20,000 of which, if you can believe it, the pennies have raised £2, 644.66. It seems hard to believe how much those tiny coins have made.

I also have another number of donations which have not yet been counted due to the problems of getting a group together for counting. However, as a couple of donations are a good size I am very optimistic that when we can get together to count we will reach that £2,700 mark.

You may wonder why I am bothering with this as most transactions are now with cards. However, people may still have coins they don't want at the moment - and not just pennies. If you are one of these the Church would be delighted to have any loose change/coins you are happy to get rid of for the time being. They can be brought to me at 1, Porthmore Close off Strympole Way (put in any container - jars/plastic bags) - or if we don't hear the bell simply placed near the milk crate outside the front door. I always look there. Any amount would be gratefully received. Please think of the Church roof!! (NB we are NOT Porthmore WAY!)

I do hope this will raise some more donations. The Church is the oldest building in our village and does need preserving. Any quantity of any spare coins small or large will be gratefully received. Meantime stay safe and look after yourselves under the current lockdown rules. Very best wishes
Sheila Stephenson (Tel. 01954 210638)





Comberton Library

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Wednesday: 1.00 – 5.00 pm

The staff at Comberton Library wish you all a happy, healthy and safe 2021. Although, as I write this, we are at the beginning of another period of lockdown, we hope that this year will be a kinder one to us all, and that, in the not too distant future, we will be able to enjoy more freedom from the current necessary restrictions.

Please do note the change to our opening hours on Wednesdays. We are opening an hour earlier at 1.00 pm and closing at 5.00 pm. The hours on Mondays remain unchanged at 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

The lockdown has meant that we are again only open for the return of items, which will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being removed from customer library accounts, and the collection of pre-ordered items. There are currently no overdue charges being levied. We are also offering public computer access for essential need only, with one 45-minute session per day per customer allowed.

Ordering of items can be made through our 'Select and Collect' service, which enables customers to request a selection of books, which will be put together by staff from the stock available in the library and based on customer preferences. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and your request will then be forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect. The usual reservation system is also still available, but a 50p per item request charge is now applicable for adult library users. We will continue to issue all items to customers' library cards before collection.

All our online services are available as normal; we have e-books, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers and eComics available to download to a pc, tablet or smartphone. You are also able to access encyclopaedias, directories, genealogy, online film, history, music, business resources and much more from the comfort of your home. Please do visit our library pages on the County Council website to find out more and to take advantage of all that is available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the library, but please do keep an eye on the Library Service pages of the County Council website and the Libraries social media platforms for any changes to the service we are able to offer.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Tel: 0345 045 5225



Caldecote Village Club

“Your Local”

- **NON-MEMBER’S ALWAYS WELCOME**
- Free Fortnightly Member’s Cash Prize Draw
- Pool & Dart Teams
- **Large Projector Screen with HD Sky Sports & BT Sports**

Dear Members and Guests

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas be it a quite one and we would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year

2021 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

As you’re probably aware the Village Club has closed again for the third time. We had to close at the beginning of November 2020 and as it stands may not be open again for some time due to Covid-19 .

As a result the committee would like to offer all fully paid up 2020 members a free 2021 membership. These will be available to collect from the club once we are allowed to open.

First Years Membership only £5

We are currently planning events for 2021 – if there is an event you would like to see more of or something new you would like to suggest please feel free to discuss this with our Committee”.

For more information on becoming a member please contact Caldecote Village Club on 01954 210791 or caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com.

Hire of the Club - Free to Members

Hire the Club for Christenings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Wakes etc. If you’re looking for a venue please contact Russell Beresford to discuss on 01954 210791 or caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com



Caldecote Sports Pavilion

Available for hire by individuals and organisations

Ideal for: Meetings, family functions, birthday or children's parties, anniversaries and sports events.



Disabled access, central heating, meeting room and kitchen facilities (including oven, fridge and dishwasher), audio visual facilities, sports changing rooms, baby changing and disabled toilets.

Please contact
Caldecote Parish Clerk for bookings and further details
pavilionbookings@caldecote.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO ACCEPT BOOKINGS.



Caldecote Village Institute Limited

The village hall provides a lovely setting for village activities, events, clubs, parties, weddings, christenings and business meetings. Set in its own grounds with outdoor space for marquees, bouncy castles or just enjoying the fresh air, along with ample car parking. The hall is suitable for the disabled along with sound system and hearing induction loop.

Facilities

Large Hall 10m x 8.5 m, accommodates up to 90 people
Meeting room 8m x 3.5m, accommodates up to 30 people.
Fully equipped kitchen (excluding pots & pans) with a serving hatch to the main hall
Table, chairs, crockery, cutlery, wine & water glass up to 90 place settings (charges apply)
Commercial dishwasher with 4-minute wash cycle
Fully licensed for music entertainment and the sale of alcohol

Due to current Government restriction we are only accepting long term regular bookings and are COVID secure with QR code registration.

Please note the Village Hall is run by Caldecote Village Institute Ltd, a registered charity, run by volunteers for the benefit of the village. Anyone who is willing to help will be very welcome.

To enquire about availability and pricing, look or book; contact Simon Gaultrey on 'e'-mail caldecotevillagehallbookings@btinternet.com.

Charity number: 1114201 Registered in England & Wales, company number 5736926



Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire

Supporting parents when it matters
because childhood can't wait

Registered Charity No. 1105385

Become a Home-Start Volunteer in 2021

The Cambridge Dictionary online defines a volunteer as:

A person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it.

But it means so much more to us at Home-Start: committed, kind, reassuring, non-judgemental, creative, generous... the list goes on and on.

Our volunteers have many different reasons for joining the Home-Start family; regardless of the

motivation, what unites them is that they find volunteering with us rewarding and fulfilling.

A lifeline of support

Home-Start volunteers provide support to local families when they need it most. Our volunteers all have parenting experience which they can share with families so that they can give the right support at the right time in a way that suits each family individually. Our volunteers do all of this as an integral part of our friendly, supportive Home-Start team. For some people, being a parent can be overwhelming. Many of the parents that Home-Start supports don't have an established support network of family and friends to help them. A friendly connection once a week can make such a difference to someone who is struggling – a lifeline, as one of the families described it this year.

Home-Start volunteers provide individual one-to-one home visiting and a range of other targeted support for parents and their children. Over the last year we have had to think creatively about how we offer support to families. We now have a variety of tried and tested services (online and in person) all of which are based around the principle that volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and support.

At Home-Start we value the skills, expertise, time and commitment volunteers give to families, and recognise how it is important that they feel well supported. The volunteer training course gives volunteers the opportunity to build solid relationships with co-ordinators, who then provide formal and informal support. We believe that the course fully prepares you to feel confident and able to begin supporting families.

As well as receiving regular support from a co-ordinator we offer volunteers ongoing training around a variety of topics and provide plenty of opportunities to meet with other volunteers for mutual support.

Just two hours a week can make such a difference

If you could give as little as two hours a week to support a parent and their children then get in touch today. **Our next course for volunteers begins at the end of February 2021** and if you're a mum dad, grandparent or carer we would love to hear from you. With your knowledge and experience developed through being a parent or carer, you could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!

Still in two minds? Read what one of volunteers said about their role:

"Working for Home-Start truly gives me riches that no pay packet ever could - the fulfilment and privilege of being invited into a family home to encourage and support parents and young children is just wonderful."

If you'd like more information about the Volunteer Prep Course, please visit:
<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/volunteer/> or give us a call: 01763 262262 or email:
admin@hsrsc.org.uk

Thank you.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Please help to keep this directory up to date. If you are aware that any information is incorrect or if your group is not represented, please inform the Editors:
Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com

Caldecote Covid Support

Email: CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com
Call: 07394 946499
Or contact your area sub-coordinator

1st Caldecote Rainbows & Brownies

Tuesdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm at the pavilion
Polly Anne Field - 212230

Age UK Community Warden

Paula Rowley - 07812 495997

Catholic Church

Melanie Ward - 212714
melanie@scotsdowne.fsnet.co.uk

Cambridge News

Keep them informed of what's going on.
News Desk - 01223 632251 or 632259
newsdesk@cambridge-news.co.uk

Caldecote Book Group

Monthly meetings, New members welcome.
Hilary Spargo - 210112

Caldecote Community Primary School

Head Teacher: Karen Stanton - 210263
School Secretary: Lesley Whitehead - 210263
office@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk
www.caldecoteprimaryschool.org.uk

Caldecote Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/caldecote/
Admin Email:
caldecotefacebookgroup@gmail.com

Caldecote Journal

All contributions welcome.
Email: Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com

Caldecote Football Club

We run organised football from U6 to U17
For all enquiries, please contact:

Secretary: John Miller - 01954 210313
johnmiller9@btinternet.com
Chairman: Mike Perkins - 01954 212321
mike.perkins@karro.com
Club Welfare Officer: Kate Bradshaw - 01954 211180
kate.bradshaw@reach-contact.com

Care Clubs

Nichola Church - 01954 212636
careclubs@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk
Caldecote Primary School, Highfields Road, Caldecote

County Councillor

Lina Nieto - 07402 351821
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District Councillor

Tumi Hawkins - 210840 or 07802 323269
clir.hawkins@scambs.gov.uk &
tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk
Blog: www.TumiHawkins.org.uk
Twitter; @CouncillorTumi
FB page: @itsCouncillorTumi

Doctors

Bourn Surgery

Emergencies - 01954 719313
Appointments - 01954 719469
Repeat Prescriptions
Fax - 01954 718012

Comberton Surgery

Appointments/Emergencies - 01223 262500
Repeat Prescriptions - 01223 262399

Community Car Scheme

Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick.
If you need a lift with the car scheme, please ring one of the co-ordinators:
Lizzie Coe - 07387 395 296
Gillian Stott - 07464 069 483
Nicky Kerr - 07464 052 521
Email: kerranica@gmail.com

In emergencies only:

Sheila Stephenson - 01954 210638

Other helpful agencies to contact for help:

Panther Taxis - 01223 715715

Cambridge Country Cars - 01954 211742

Age UK - 0800 055 6112

Silverline - 0800 470 8090

Care Network - 01954 211919

Volunteer drivers always needed. Please call Sheila on 01954 210638.

Evangelical Church

Steve Gaze - 01954 211900

minister.hechurch@gmail.com

Friends Of Caldecote Church

Roger Sylvester-Bradley – 210560

roger.sylvester-bradley@adas.co.uk

www.caldecotefriends.org.uk

Hardwick and Caldecote Cricket Club

Chris Fuller - 211226

Local History Group

Sue Day – 210655

caldecoteLHG@aol.com

Monday Crafternooners

cb23.crafternooners@gmail.com

Facebook: @cb23.crafternooners

MP

Anthony Browne – 020 7219 8089

anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Council

Meets first Thursday of each month on Zoom at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr Helen Cartwright - 213101

Vice Chair: Vacant

Cllr John Barker - 01223 264138

Cllr Polly Anne Field - 212230

Cllr Tumi Hawkins

Cllr Jack Lang - 212500

Cllr Nicola Pritchard

Cllr Chris Corcoran

Cllr Claire Robinson – 07494 456478

Clerk: Alan Melton - 07846 856345

Deputy Parish Clerk: Katy Reeves

parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk

www.caldecote.gov.uk

Playgroup

Meets Monday to Friday, from 8.00am - 5.30pm (with lunch from 12.00-1.00)

Playgroup Manager: Anesta Cooper

Chair: Sarah Talmage

(s.e.ward.95@cantab.net)

Vice Chair: Jenna Hoban

Secretary: Helene Stewart

Treasurer: Karolina Lepkowska

Admission Officer: Emma Andrew

Funding Officer: Emma Andrew

Committee member: Gordon Stewart

Committee member: Shelley Burns

Committee member: Claire D'Appollonio

Contact: 01954 210 857

contactus@caldecoteplaygroup.co.uk

www.caldecoteplaygroup.co.uk

Petcare Circle

Care for small pets while owners away.

New members welcome

Sarah Bell - 210892

sbell2008@btinternet.com

Police

Cambourne Police Station, Sackville Way, Great Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EG. Call 101.

cambourne.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk

In case of emergency, phone 999

Crimestoppers

Call in confidence, you do not have to give your name.

0800 555 111

Pre School Music Group

Tuesday 9.15am

Friday 9.15 to 9.45am in the Village Hall

Deborah Speed - 01954 211438

PTA

The PTA meets on a Monday evening once a term at 7.30pm - all parents are welcome to come along

Co-chairs: Tracey Altmann

Secretary: Sarah Turner

Treasurer: Jo Place

office@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk

School Governors

Please contact the school directly if you have an issue you would like to raise with the Governors.

Chair: Kevin Vanterpool
chair@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk

Head: Karen Stanton

Clerk: Vicky Miles

Mary-Ann Claridge

Kate Duncombe

Natalie Martin

Renu Martingale

Rob Monk

Suzy Reed

Pippa Smith

Becky Snelling

Cristina Turner

Lesley Whitehead

Social Club

Chairman: Russell Beresford

Secretary: Claire Dowse

Treasurer: Simon Waters

Club - 210791

New members welcome

caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com

Sports and Social Pavilion

Available for hire.

Bookings: Kathy Reeves

Enquiries: k.reeves@caldecote.gov.uk

St Michael and All Angels Church,

Caldecote with Childerley,
one of the Lordsbridge team parishes
www.caldecotechurch.org.uk

Vicar:

Revd David Newton - 01223 665654

davidnewton@lordsbridge.org

Churchwarden:

www.caldecotechurch.org.uk

Tuesday Club

For the retired, 50 + group. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2.30-4-30pm.

President: Glenis Myson - 211179

Treasurer: Jean Stevens - 210542

Minute Sec: Margaret Hobbs - 210652

Social Secretary: Diane Wakeling - 211049

Vets

Ashcroft, Hardwick - 210250

Village Hall

Chairman: Tom Footman - 210318

Company Secretary: Saskia Dart

Treasurer: Saskia Dart - 210526

Bookings: Simon Gautrey

caldecotevillagehallbookings

@btinternet.com

Jan Roberts

Michael Johnson

Simon Gautrey

David Phillips

WI

Meets every third Tuesday of the month.

New members welcome.

President: Hazel Steel - 01763 269955

Secretary: Lynda Gilchrist – 211448

Caldecote Covid Support

CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com

07394 946499

Or contact your area sub-coordinator

For everyone battling with technology to stay connected with family!...

The computer swallowed Grandma.

The computer swallowed Grandma

Yes, honestly it's true!

She pressed 'control' and 'enter'

And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,

The thought just makes me squirm,

She must have caught a virus

Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin

And files of every kind;

I've even used the internet,

But nothing did I find.



In desperation, I asked Mr Google

My searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative

Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'inbox'

My Grandma you should see,

Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her

And send her back to me.

Author Unknown