


# ***Caldecote Journal***

**STOP  
EAST WEST RAIL  
@ HIGHFIELDS CALDECOTE**



**PREFERRED ROUTES 1 & 9 WILL  
SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT CALDECOTE  
MAIN ENTRANCE AND PROPERTIES**

Information and how to Object is on  
Caldecote Parish Council website

[caldecote.gov.uk/east-west-rail](http://caldecote.gov.uk/east-west-rail)

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### **The Caldecote Journal**

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 8<sup>th</sup> July 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](http://www.caldecote.gov.uk).

## **EAST WEST RAIL**

**The latest consultation started on 31st March and this was the first any of us, including the Parish Council, knew of this new proposal to shoehorn the EWR Oxford to Cambridge line straight through the top of Highfields Caldecote.**

**The proposal was discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April but at the time we had very little information, so a sub-committee was set up to look into the proposal. By the time you read this, or very shortly after, more details will be published on the Parish Council website with our assessment of the impact upon the village and information on how to object. We encourage you to read this prior to commenting before the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> June, and to regularly check the webpage for information as it comes available.**

**<https://caldecote.gov.uk/east-west-rail/>**

## **EW R – What Can You Do?**

It is important to respond to the consultation which ends on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Parish Council sub-committee is against routes 1 & 9 that impact Caldecote. We feel there are valid reasons for opposing this alignment and details of our response will be posted to the Parish Council website very shortly.

There is also now a separate facebook group for those wishing to oppose the railway's preferred routes – Caldecote EWR Opposition Group. Please do come and join us.

Although we must respond to the alignments that are actually up for consultation, we will make it clear that we are in favour of the proposed North Cambourne to North Cambridge approach. This is not currently on the table for discussion, and may never be which is why it is important to respond to and address the alignments in the current consultation.

But if you wish to support the campaign by Cambridge Approaches for the North Cambridge route there is a petition you can sign, plus a webinar has been set up specifically for Caldecote so you can learn more about this campaign.

The Webinar details for the Caldecote area is now live on Cambridge Approaches website. It'll be at 7pm on 4/5/21. You can register to attend the event under the sub heading 'attend a webinar/local meeting'. Once registered you will receive the joining details.

<https://cambridgeapproaches.org/support-us/>

This will be presented by William from Cambridge Approaches and Sebastian Kindersley from CBRR

## **East West Railway – Live chat public events**

These are two-hour live chat sessions where members of the public will be able to engage with the EWR Co project team to ask questions.

All you need to do is visit EWR virtual consultation room and open the chat box function on the screen to chat directly to a member of the East West Rail team. If you can't attend their live chat events, you can still open the chat box and leave a message at any point throughout the consultation and they will reply to you as soon as possible.

Public live chat week 5 Tuesday 4 May 6pm - 8pm  
Public live chat week 6 Thursday 13 May 10am - 12pm  
Public live chat week 7 Saturday 22 May 10am - 12pm  
Public live chat week 8 Monday 24 May 2pm - 4pm  
Public live chat week 9 Saturday 29 May 2pm - 4pm  
Public live chat week 10 Tuesday 1 June 6pm - 8pm

This is a non-statutory consultation that ends on 9<sup>th</sup> June, after which EWR will choose the route they wish to develop. This is the only chance we will have to put across our views. The chosen route is expected to be announced winter 21/22, after which there will be a 6-month statutory consultation to thrash out the finer details and the precise route and land affected. If the government then gives their consent construction is expected to start in 2025.

Please keep an eye on <https://caldecote.gov.uk/east-west-rail/> where we will continue to add information as it becomes available. Information will be added shortly to help you put together objections to the proposal. Please read this and then object by 9<sup>th</sup> June.



## **Caldecote Peace Garden Community Project**

The Woodland trust has confirmed that the trees for the Peace Garden will be with us on 1st May.

We will need to pot the trees and look after them until next March, when they will be strong enough to survive.

Temporary homes are needed, where they will be pampered until planting is possible. Please get in touch if you are able to help with a couple of trees.

Please contact Polly Anne Field on 01954 212230 if you are able to help.

### **\*\*\*\*\* H E L P NEEDED \*\*\*\*\***

1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies are looking for enthusiastic helpers (over 18) for Tuesday evenings.

Rainbows starts at 4.30 pm and Brownies starts at 6.00 pm. We meet every week in term time and an occasional weekend for something special. We meet at Caldecote Sports Pavilion. It is a fun filled evening of life lessons, crafting, cooking, science, drama, games, singing and sometimes some pretty fantastic parties.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week to help out please get in touch with me on 01954 212230. I know you will love every minute of it! Thanks. Polly Anne Field

### **Help and Support**

Please note that the temporary village Food Bank is now closed.

The Support Group is also taking a step back and as shielding is no longer in place the prescription runs have stopped.

But we are still here if there are any further Covid related issues that you need help with:

Email: **CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com**

Call: **Nicola on 07394 946499**

Or contact your **area sub-coordinator**



## **Caldecote Parish Council**

The Parish Council has been remarkably busy during the past few weeks, there are several issues currently ongoing which we are involved in.

- Like many villagers we are concerned at the proposed routes of the East West Railway Project. We are particularly concerned of the impact any of the routes are likely to have upon our village. One option involves the building of an embankment/viaduct which will be adjacent to the top mini roundabout, the embankment is proposed to be 12M high and will have a significant impact on the aesthetic environment of Caldecote. Members are doing all they can to assess the information available and information will be made available as soon as possible on the Parish Council website, which we encourage all villagers to read and then to respond to any invitation to comment. **YOUR COMMENTS MATTER.**
- Despite the Council investing in security around the Pavilion in the recreation ground, there has been a further incident of vandalism. CCTV cameras have been damaged, benches have been destroyed and litter left behind. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April someone climbed on the pavilion roof and damaged the clock. The clock was donated to the village, unfortunately the Parish Council, (Council Taxpayers) will have to pick up the cost of repair! We are currently assessing the CCTV coverage and hopefully identify the culprits.
- There was a discussion regarding dogs in the recreation ground. There is a problem with owners allowing their dogs to poo on the grass, including the playing surfaces, without picking up the mess. Although the Council decided not to ban dogs from the field for now, we are asking all dog walkers to act responsibly and pick up their dog's mess. The council will be installing signs, more bins, and a poo bag dispenser.
- We are pleased to announce that the new playing equipment in the Furlong Way play park has been completed.
- There are still ongoing issues with the two major housing developments, traffic impact, flooding, parking, and noise. The Council continue to monitor this and report matter to the District Council and the Builders.
- There have been several instances over the past few weeks regarding surface water and sewage disposal. Anglian Water have been using tankers to take away surplus effluent. Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that the disposal of non-degradable materials is being flushed down toilets. AWA and the Parish Council would respectively ask for this to cease.
- Hopefully, we are coming to the end of lockdown, normal service may soon be resumed, and meetings can once again be held in public!

Alan Melton  
Clerk to the Council  
April 2021

## BLOCKED SEWAGE PIPES & DRAINS



Even some wipes labelled flushable or biodegradable don't break up fast enough to make it through the water recycling process.

Wipes, sanitary waste and fats, oils and grease all build up over time and cause blocked pumps – as well as pipes – stopping water flowing freely. When a pump gets clogged, sewage can back up into homes and overflow into our rivers.

Repairing or replacing pumps can add considerable expense on your water bill too.

As well as the inconvenience of road closures...

**Please Be Careful**

**What You**

**Flush!**





## PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

If you want to use it, don't abuse it!

The Parish Council is aware that dog mess has been an issue for some time and unfortunately over the last year it has become increasingly worse. It is especially bad at the recreational sports field, which although used by dog owners to exercise their dogs, is an area primarily for sports, and it is a priority that this area be kept clean and safe for all users, especially children.



We are, therefore, kindly reminding owners to clean up after their dogs. The continued use of the recreation field is dependent upon dog owners being responsible. We know that there are many responsible owners that are being let down by the few, however, we are asking the dog loving community to help preserve the use of this area for exercising your dogs by, not only clearing up after your own dog, but also after those that don't. We know that many of you do this as well. However, what is clear is that the status quo can no longer be tolerated, and therefore, we are asking the dog community to help preserve access to this area by ensuring it is kept clean.

The Parish Council at the last meeting chose not to ban dogs from the field, in favour of putting up more signs and asking the community to step up. However, if things do not improve the issue of banning dogs will be looked at again.

Let's keep the village clean, tidy and safe for others, especially the children.

## Furlong Way Play Park

Please note that in the interests of safety:

**NO Smoking**  
**NO Bicycles or Skateboards**  
**NO Ball Games**  
**NO Dogs**

Are allowed within the fenced off area.



And as activities start up again it has been noted that drivers are driving past this play park and on to the Pavilion carpark at speeds that are just not acceptable.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

## **Thank you, Julie!**

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to announce that we have received the resignation of Julie Coogan as litter picker and cleaner of the pavilion. Julie has been with the Parish Council for a number of years and has worked hard around the village keeping verges and green spaces litter-free.

She will be greatly missed but we wish her luck in her newfound freedom and any future adventures she takes on.

Thank you again, Julie

Helen Cartwright -Parish Council Chairman

## **John Newby**

We would also like to thank those who contributed to the John Newby commemorative bench for the sports field. We raised £400.00. Thank you.

## **What Would You Like To See in Your Caldecote Journal?**

Now we are hopefully coming out of lockdown and getting back to a new kind of normal, activities will start to open up again and there will be more to report. But what would you like to see in your Journal? We do not accept paid advertising because we wish the Journal to remain a purely informative publication but what else would you like us to include?

We would love to involve our younger villagers – to celebrate their achievements, artistic and creative endeavours, hear about their concerns and the issues they would like to promote. Do we have any budding journalists or enthusiastic community orientated youngsters that would like to share something with the community?

If you know about an event in the local area or any local news that you think would be of interest, then please email the editor.

One off or regular articles written by residents on all kinds of topics would also add variety.

Please do get in touch on [Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com](mailto:Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com). All suggestions and contributions welcomed.



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

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

Hopefully with the summer coming and vaccinations increasing things will improve. We are still collecting pennies and any other available small coins and soon I am hoping that a small group of us will be able to meet outside in the garden and count what we have already recently collected. Our current total handed over to the Church is approximately £2,644.66. However, as a couple of recent donations are a good size and 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 many 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 spare pennies and/or loose change/coins you are happy to get rid of for the time being. They can be put in any container - jars/plastic bags or whatever and brought to me at 1, Porthmore Close off Strympole Way - 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!! It currently needs work doing, (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.

I do look forward to hearing and receiving more pennies.

Very best wishes

Sheila Stephenson





## **Services in Church**

**There is a service every Sunday in St Michael and All Angels' Church at 11am.**

[Note the exception – there is no service on 2<sup>nd</sup> May]

## **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 – search 'Lordsbridge Team'

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## **Easter Services**

With thanks to Childerley Hall for enabling our Easter Day Celebration in the Long Barn, filled out to (Covid-reg) capacity.

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## **Re-Roofing Works**

Major re-roofing works will begin in June or July (pushed back from a hoped for start date in April)

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!

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## **The Church is Open**

Church remains open everyday as a quiet place to be still.

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## **OPEN GARDENS ARE BACK...**

### **Childerley Hall Open Gardens**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 2pm – 5pm

Book via [childerley.org](http://childerley.org)

Run by Childerley with some funds kindly given to the church.

### **#Old Rector Open Gardens**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May: 10am onwards

Proceeds kindly given to Caldecote Church

### **Community Open Gardens**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Happening all over Caldecote! Get in touch if you are up for opening your garden...



# **Cambridge Singing for Breathing**

## **Do you have Breathing Difficulties? Did you know that singing can help?**

Singing for Breathing is a friendly and fun way to get the best from your lung capacity, using breath and voice exercises, guided relaxation and singing

Kay Barrett has been leading the group for local community music charity Talking in Tune since May 2016.

She says:

*You don't need any singing experience to take part. It's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone, and the health benefits transfer over into daily life.*

*The move to meeting online has worked really well for us. Singers can join from the comfort of their own home, even when they are feeling unwell.*

*You need to turn off your microphone when we sing together, but that can be very liberating! You simply copy what you hear the leader singing, call and response style. We also make use of multi-track recordings, so we can continue to enjoy rounds and harmonies.*

### **Do I have to pay?**

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential – we want everyone to be able to come.

### **Do I have to come every week?**

We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come when you can.

### **I have Long Covid, can I join?**

The gentle pace and the breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe. Do call Kay if you are unsure.

### **How do I join?**

Singing for Breathing takes place on Thursdays 2.30 - 4.00 pm.

Simply contact Kay Barrett for more information and Zoom link:

Mobile - 07845 726975 Email - [singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com](mailto:singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com)

Website: [www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com](http://www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge/>

Kay Barrett  
April 2021



## Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

### Wildlife Trust: West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update, May 2021

As Communities and Wildlife Officer with the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, I connect people with nature by delivering walks, talks and family sessions, as well as attending local events, and working with community groups and schools.

Over the summer term, we are working with Comberton Adult Education. They have offered to contribute to the cost of our community work in the area, so we can offer some short informal courses for free. All of the programmes are outdoors in small groups, so they can be more sociable, and will be a chance for people to discuss volunteering opportunities. In Cambourne there will be programmes for parents/carers with pre-school children, and wildlife walks for adults.

Our individual events will continue, with family sessions, self-guided activities, walks, and talks, throughout the year. All of these have a discount for our members.

The Trust owns and manages Hardwick Woods and several other reserves in the West Cambs Hundreds: Hayley, Gamlingay, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, and Cambourne Nature Reserve. Most of these include ancient woodlands of national importance; which means they have special wildlife, and the Trust has a legal responsibility to maintain the habitat in favourable condition. We know you value these reserves and I would love to hear what you like best about them. I am also keen to hear what events you would like to see run in the area.

Do sign up to get involved in 30 Days Wild - the Wildlife Trusts' national initiative for engaging with nature daily throughout June - find out more here

[www.wildlifebcn.org/30DaysWild](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/30DaysWild)

Please get in touch if you are interested in working with me, you can email on [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org), and connect on Facebook @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

BCN Facebook page @wildlifebcn

Tweet: @wildlifebcn

Visit: [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)





# Caldecote Village Club

## “Your Local”

# Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021



### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Caldecote Village Club known back in 1951 as Caldecote Men's Social Club celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Social Club has been running since 1933 when it was first thought off by Douglas Osborne who run Caldecote Supply Store which was next door to the old Village Hall, this is now Clare Drive. He thought it was time to form a men's club and put the idea forward to his customers. He soon got twenty people willing to support it and they held short meetings in the shop. A request was then put to the committee of the village hall to start the men's club in the hall. This was eventually allowed, and they were allowed to use two small rooms at the back. Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1951 the Village Club as it is now apart from the Tin roof and the lean to out front was opened.

We are hoping to do something to celebrate 70 years at the club this year on or around this date, but this depends on restrictions in place at the time.





## **Dear Members and Guests**

It has been sometime since the Social Club was open but all being well, and things go as planned we will be opening up again on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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

First Years Membership only £5

**For more information on becoming a member please contact Caldecote Village Club on 01954 210791 or [caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com).**

Hire of the Club - Free to Members

Hire the Club for Christenings,  
Birthdays, Anniversaries,  
Weddings, Wakes etc. Contact  
Russell Beresford on 01954  
210791 or  
[caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com)



## **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 and my blog at [www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports) for details on the items below and more.

### **COVID9 Update**

It has been a difficult year but thankfully we are now starting to emerge from the lockdown. Government published a road map out of Lockdown#3. It outlines four steps with four tests to be carried out after each step is taken to ensure that it is safe to take the next step. I've put up a short-ish summary in my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/roadmap-out-of-lockdown-3-depends-on-four-key-tests/>. Step 2 took effect from 12 April, with some non-essential businesses, indoor activities and events unlocking.

The **South Cambs** offices are still closed and staff are working from home. The government has decided that Councils should go back to face to face public meetings from 7<sup>th</sup> May onwards. This decision is being challenged in court because of the difficulty many Councils will face. Many don't have spaces large enough to accommodate attendees whilst keeping to covid safety guidelines.

The vaccination program continues apace. All over 40s are now eligible so please ensure you get vaccinated. If you need a rapid test, the nearest is Rapid Testing Centre is at The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW, 8am-8pm, Mon-Sat.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting>

### **Covid Recovery Grant for Villages**

SCDC has launched an additional £30,000 Community Chest grant program specifically for Covid Recovery. The aim is to help local community groups and parish councils resume activities that might have been stopped due to Covid or which have tailed off in recent months. Grants up to £2000 are available and applications will be open till 10 May 2021. <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

### **Business Grants**

The District Council has now paid out **£10,570,066** in Government grants to **4,447** businesses for the recent lockdowns. It has advised a staggering 2000 businesses over the past 12 months and continues to support all businesses regardless of their size or turnover. Find out how we can help on the council website at

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/>

**Government Restart Grants** are also now available. It is to support businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) that are predominantly reliant on delivering in-person services for the general public. Closing date for applications for the Restart Grant is Wednesday 30 June 2021.

### **Planning Issues:**

South Cambs together with Cambridge city now have 6.1 years of housing land supply. This is important because it is a Government target Councils must meet. It means local plan policies will continue to apply and we can ward off speculative developments. The Linden and Balfour Beatty sites got planning permission 2017 at appeal when the Conservative-led Council at the time did not have a 5 year supply. More details <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/5-year-housing-land-supply-for-south-cambridgeshire/>

To those who may have read newspaper articles by the South Cambs MP about South West Cambridge, please note that the proposers Thakeham announced their intentions only. They have not submitted the proposal into the Councils "Call for sites" for the new Local Plan, nor submitted any application. If and when they do, it will be a speculative development which will be considered in accordance with the current Planning Policies.

### **Local Plan Update**

The work on this is now at the stage where a rough idea of spatial strategy is beginning to take shape. It will be a climate change, zero-carbon focussed plan, based on a combination of the 8 strategies consulted on in early 2020. There will be further public consultation later this year on the "Draft Preferred Options".

There were over 650 sites submitted into the Call for sites process, and are still being evaluated. So, none of them has any planning status at all and majority will not make it into the plan. Parish Councils across the district were asked for additional comments and you can find all the sites submitted at

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/document-library/site-submissions/>

**Bourn Airfield New Village** – This site was allocated for development in the Local Plan that the previous administration submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2014. After the Inspector found the Local Plan sound in 2018, the allocation has been going through the planning stages. First the Supplementary Planning Document was created and adopted in October 2019. Next, the outline planning application was considered by the Planning Committee in February 2021 and has been granted permission. There will be further planning stages called "Reserved Matters applications" where the detailed planning phases will be submitted for approval. So, residents will still have opportunities to comment as the site gets built out. Check out my blog article about it

<https://tumihawkins.org.uk/bourn-airfield-gains-outline-planning-approval-at-committee/>

### **Caldecote Developments – Linden and Balfour Beatty**

Please report incidents you see **immediately and directly** to the site managers so they can resolve them straightaway. They are Declan Joy for Linden and Andy Pates for Balfour Beatty. Grafton Drive residents should please keep a log and inform the directors of the Management company. Keep me and the Parish Council chair informed or call us to help if you encounter delays or difficulties with your report.

**East West Rail (EWR)** – Consultation started on 31 March 2021 and will end 9 June 2021. Their new proposed route will affect Highfields Caldecote **significantly**, cutting across the field at the top of the village, through Fortitude fitness, and the back of Linden Homes. I am working with the Parish Council to put together objections to the proposal on behalf of the village. The consultation website is <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation> and my views/comments are at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/east-west-rail-consulting-on-new-routes-through-caldecote-ward/> Please send in your comments directly to EWR and use the information we provide as necessary. Thank you.

### **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@tumihawkins.org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk), @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my website [www.tumihawkins.org.uk](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk).



# Caldecote Primary School

Happy, Healthy, High-Achieving

## Spring Time at Caldecote Primary School

Spring is always such lovely time of the year in school. Children begin exciting topics such as 'allotment', 'woodlands and gardens' and 'minibeasts'. They enjoy keeping our raised beds tidy and growing flowers and vegetables from seeds. We are able to do more lessons outside in the school grounds and explore the wider local woodlands and outdoor areas. Our younger children hunt for insects and local wildlife.

This year, Spring feels even more special. Not only is the weather warming up and signs of new life are all around us, but on 8th March we fully reopened school for all children. It has been lovely to have a school full of children again and to hear the buzz of learning everywhere. As the national lockdown measures continue to ease, children have been excited to tell us that they have seen their Grandparents and other family members that they haven't seen for so long! Spring this year definitely feels full of hope!

**Becky Snelling and Karen Stanton**  
Co-Headteachers



CALDECOTE WI

I am writing this in early April and we are still unsure about a date for reopening our normal WI meetings in the Village Hall. Your committee are holding meetings as and when we feel necessary and will shortly be discussing plans for the summer and hopefully holding an outdoor WI meeting when we can all get together and renew friendships over the inevitable tea, coffee and cake!

We'd also love to make some new friends, so if you are new to the village, or have been wondering whether to join a local group of women and get to know people, coming along to one of our meetings as a guest would be an ideal way to start. You can register your interest at any time by contacting Lynda Gilchrist by phone or email.

In the mean time we continue to have access to WI Life magazine, our own Cambridge online newsletter and a huge range of Zoom lectures covering history, music, cookery and crafts. The Cambridge Federation has also been putting on some interesting talks and even produced a play.

As you are aware, subscriptions are now due and we have cut down the cost of membership to £30 for the coming year to next March. Please pay Lesley Lester – cash or cheque made out to Caldecote WI is fine. The Committee hopes that all members and their families are well and that with the continuation of the vaccination programme we can look forward to being much more sociable in the future.

Lynda Gilchrist, Secretary, Caldecote WI  
[lynda.gilchrist99@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.gilchrist99@gmail.com) 01954 211448



## **Caldecote Book Group**

Under normal circumstances we meet monthly at each other's homes (hosting is strictly voluntary) to discuss our book of the month. We read a range of different genres from modern fiction to classics, biographies, travel etc. meeting on Thursdays at 7.30pm. We are always keen to

welcome new members, so if you'd like to pop along and see what our meetings are like please contact us to find out about the next one.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

*Our meetings moved online to a closed forum during Covid-restrictions, with small gatherings when possible. We are looking forward to tentatively returning to outdoor and eventually indoor meetings over the coming months.*

Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Seven Sisters / Lucinda Riley
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinary People / Diana Evans
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Becoming / Michelle Obama (tbc)
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBC

If you are interested in coming along to a meeting please contact Hilary on 210112 or [hil@manyfish.co.uk](mailto:hil@manyfish.co.uk) for further details.



## **1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies**

We have places available from September 2021.

**1st Caldecote Rainbows.** Tuesdays 4.45- 5.45 pm. Caldecote Sports Pavilion, Furlong Way.

Rainbows is our section for girls aged 5 to 7. Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games. Rainbows is all about learning by doing.

**1st Caldecote Brownies.** Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.45 pm. Caldecote Sports Pavilion, Furlong Way.

Brownies is our section for girls 7 - 10. Through regular meetings, special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays, Brownies learn new hobbies, play music, cook and get adventurous outdoors. Girls can also extend their knowledge and abilities by working towards Brownie badges, covering many different hobbies and activities.

If you would like to put your child's name down for Rainbows or Brownies please register on Girlguiding uk. Or contact Polly Anne Field on [01954 212230](tel:01954212230).



## Comberton Library

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Wednesday: 1.00 – 5.00 pm

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Comberton Library is open for you to come into the building in our open sessions to browse the shelves and issue your own books. Numbers are limited to ensure everyone's safety, and we are required to comply with the Government Track and Trace protocol. As you enter the library, we will ask you to scan the displayed QR code on the NHS Covid 19 app, if you have this on your phone, or, alternatively, we can take contact details, which we will keep for 21 days. It may well be that over the Spring and Summer period, as long as the Government's roadmap continues to go to plan, we will be able to provide more of our normal services, so please do keep checking the website and the Libraries social media platforms for the latest news.

We know from our previous brief experiences of managed browsing that many of our customers welcomed the opportunity to choose and issue their own books. However, we are also aware that some customers may prefer to continue to drop off and collect pre-ordered books. As I write this article, we are continuing to offer our free 'Select and Collect' service, together with our usual reservation system, currently 50p per item for adult library users and free for children with their own library cards. Again, the latest information and any changes to our offer will be published on our website and social media platforms.

Our online services are also available as normal, but our e-books, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and eComics have now moved to Overdrive. All new borrowing will be via Overdrive on a pc and the Libby app on a tablet or phone. If you have not already done so, and you use a tablet or phone, please download the Libby app from your appstore. Further information is available on the Library pages of the County Council website.

We are also thrilled to announce that there is a new Spring Season of The Library Presents; it has been possible to re-schedule many of the performances and workshops, which had to be cancelled last year. Details of the full programme are available online, or please ask library staff for more information. Our nearest event will be in Cambourne, where there will be an outside event in mid-June; again, do ask at the Library for more details and ticket information.

The much-anticipated Summer Reading Challenge for children will be back again this year, both online, as last year, but also, hopefully, in the Library. Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, run in partnership with The Reading Agency. The Reading Agency has teamed up with the WWF for this very special nature-themed Challenge. There will be more information about joining-up available online and in the Library, so do keep an eye open for the details. It promises to be another brilliant challenge, a chance for the children to read some amazing books, collect some awesome awards and learn more about how they can look after the planet!

We look forward to seeing our customers at Comberton Library. Do come along, choose some books and find out more about what is on offer, as we progress with introducing our full range of services.



## **Community Warden Service - Cambridge South West Villages (supporting Papworth, Hardwick, Wimpole, Comberton, Caldecote, Toft and Bourn)**

As well as making daily contact (Monday to Friday) to check on well-being and generally have a chat to reduce loneliness and isolation, the warden can also help with practical things such as:

- Make a light lunch, or hot drink
- Put the bins out (and bring back in)
- Help with Blue Badge applications and other paperwork
- Assist with post opening and management
- Make phone calls on your behalf (e.g. if hard of hearing, or memory impaired)
- Feed animals/pets/pond fish and refill wild bird feeders
- Provide company and reassurance on a short walk
- Collect and deliver small amounts of shopping
- Collect and deliver Prescriptions
- Arrange transport and accompanied visits to medical/health appointments
- Signpost and connect to other useful services, such as benefit checks.

Not only do service users value the support of our community wardens, but so do carers. We can help support family, friends and carers by taking on some of their roles and giving them back some time. It gives carers peace of mind and having 'someone else' benefits both service users and carers.

### **Eligibility**

The only criteria is that you must be aged over 60 years (if a couple only one of you needs to be over 60, to become a service user).

### **Cost of Service**

There is a **TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL** and thereafter, if you wish to continue there is a small fee of only **£9 a week (single person) or £11 per week (for a couple)**.

To make a referral, or if you would like further information about this service, please contact me via telephone or email using the contact details below.

**Paula Rowley Community Warden – Cambridge South West Villages**  
**Tel: 07812495997 email: [paula.rowley@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:paula.rowley@ageukcap.org.uk)**

Website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough>  
Find us on Facebook at 'Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough'



## **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](mailto:pavilionbookings@caldecote.gov.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO ACCEPT BOOKINGS BUT ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF THE RELAXATION OF RULES PLANNED ON MAY 17th.**



## **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 restrictions 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 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](mailto:caldecotevillagehallbookings@btinternet.com).



## **Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire**

Supporting parents when it matters  
because childhood can't wait

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## **Personal Challenges**

If you've been following our social media feeds lately, you might have heard about an amazing young woman, Keeley, who has taken on a personal challenge to raise funds for Home-Start.

Keeley, supported by her mum and coached by her older sister, challenged herself to do 50 squats every day during February.

### **Starting small**

Starting with a fundraising target of £150, Keeley broadcast her challenge on Facebook, and was blown away by the response she received: by the end of the month, she had achieved over £1000 in donations, including a whopping £500 from the local pub, who donated the proceeds of a charity raffle to Keeley's fundraiser.

If you'd like to read more about Keeley's challenge, take a look at our website:

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/category/news/>

We think Keeley's achievement is amazing, and we hope that it might inspire some of you to take on personal challenges of your own.

### **It's all about you**

The wonderful thing about personal challenges is that they can be almost anything!

Could you challenge yourself to...

- walk, run or cycle a marathon?
- hula-hoop 100 rotations every day?
- cartwheel 10, 20, 30 times in a row?
- take on the Tough Mudder? ([Tough Mudder UK - The World's Best Mud Run and Obstacle Course](#))

Or anything else you can think of!

If you think you'd be up for taking on a personal challenge, and supporting Home-Start in the process, please get in touch.

We can help you set up your fundraising page, support your journey by sharing your story on our news feeds, and applaud your achievements when you succeed.

Please get touch with any challenge ideas you might have.

[admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk); 01763 262262

Home-Start is here for local families when they need us most –  
and we need you to be there with us.

*The car scheme is there for anyone who needs taking to essential destinations and has no other means of transport.*

## **Caldecote Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Car Scheme**



We hope you had a lovely Easter. It is so good to be slowly getting back to meeting friends & family in person. We still have many of our drivers unable to take part for the moment, but those that remain are being incredible at keeping the scheme going - and so far no-one has been let down.

It is wonderful to note that from January to March we have done an incredible 2274 miles between our 9 drivers.

While we are still short in drivers, the scheme is strictly for essential runs 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.

As people are now being invited for their second Covid jabs, we hope to still cover these runs with the drivers we have and the cost will still be around £10 to Royston and back, depending in which village you live.

### **To book a driver:**

Contact a Co-ordinator at least **48 hours** before the appointment between the hours of **8.30am and 5.30pm** and please do not ring in the evenings, weekends or bank holidays. *Local trips cost £3.50 further trips are calculated at 30p per mile.*

### **The Co-ordinators to phone are:**

**Gillian Stott:** 07464 069 483

**Nicky Kerr:** 07464 052 521

**Lizzie Coe:** 07387 395 296

In emergencies only – Sheila Stephenson; 01954 210 638

If no reply to any of these and the lift is urgent, please try Panther Taxis on 01223 715 715 – or Cambridge Country Cars 01954 211 742

# **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  
lina.nieto@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

## **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 - 07771 524093

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](http://www.caldecotechurch.org.uk)

#### **Vicar:**

*Revd David Newton* - 01223 665654

davidnewton@lordsbridge.org

*Churchwarden:*

[www.caldecotechurch.org.uk](http://www.caldecotechurch.org.uk)

### **Tuesday Club**

For the retired, 50 + group. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com)

07394 946499

Or contact your area sub-coordinator

## The New Furlong Way Park Equipment!

