Caldecote Journal



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

The deadline for the next Journal is the 8th January 2023.

Please pass material to the Editor by this date to: 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.

Apologies from the Editor, for a missed edition in September due to personal circumstances that prevented the edition from being published.

New Warm Hub @ The Pavilion

Part of a new initiative designed to support communities, the Warm Hub will be a warm, safe place where residents can expect a friendly and inclusive welcome. People can come along on their own, or with a friend, and talk to others over a hot drink or maybe a hot meal. They can get practical tips and advice on saving energy costs and keeping safe and warm at home as well.



Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30 **Thursdays** 12pm - 3pm

Tea, Coffee and Company

Diary Dates

Date	Event	For more info:
1 st Thursday of ea. month	Parish Council Meetings, The Pavilion Hall 7pm	www.caldecote.gov.uk/
Sat 3 rd December	Christmas Tree Lighting & Craft Fair, 1-5pm, Caldecote Village Hall	
Sat 3rd December	PTA Christmas Fair, Caldecote School, 2-4pm	
Sun 11 th December	Indoor Christmas Market, at Cambourne Village College, 11:00 until 15:00	
Sun 11 th December	Carols by Candlelight, St Michael's Church	
Monday 9 th and 23 rd January	Knit and Natter group, Comberton Library from 10.30 am – 11.30 am.	
12 th December, 16 th & 30 th January.	Rhymetime (10.30 am to 11.00 am) for children aged 0-4 years, Comberton Library	
Friday January 27 th	Animal Tile Pottery making, 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm and 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm, Comberton Library	
Monday February 13 th	Retro Board Game event 10.00 am - 12.00 pm, Comberton Library	





The Car Scheme is there for anyone who needs taking to essential destinations and has no other means of transport!

YOU ARE WANTED!!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED NOW

Do you drive? Are you sitting at home twiddling your thumbs, wondering how you can make a difference to your local community?

Or maybe, you like talking on the phone and want to be useful in the wider community?

If you have answered YES, or MAYBE to any of these questions, then you could very well be just who we are looking for.

Your local Community Car Scheme is in need of new volunteers to boost our network of current drivers and co-ordinators.

As these are voluntary roles, the remuneration is expenses only (the fuel costs as dictated by HMRC), but the rewards are manifold. We have a large number of passengers that need lifts to hospitals, GP surgeries, medication collection, shopping, or other important journeys. You will receive all the support you require to help be a part of this valuable service that we offer.

If you would like to help, and want more information, then please contact

Sheila Stephenson on:- 01954 210638;

Or you can phone any of the co-ordinators as listed in the directory at the back of this journal, for a chat.

Caldecote and a Right Royal Occasion

2022 was both a joyful celebration and a sad year with regards to our late Queen, Elizabeth II.

In June, we celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a village picnic and various related events, such as the crowning of a village princess and prince, and awarding CBE's (Caldecote Best Ever Awards) to those nominated for their contributions to the community or in recognition of resident's achievements.

Our Princess and Prince of Caldecote 2022



Congratulations to **Hope Hall**, aged 5 who was crowned our Caldecote Princess and to **Theo Coughlin**, aged 8, crowned our Prince.

And a big thank you to Ed Ugarte, Inca interiors for proving the wonderful throne!

CBE's Awarded

One of the features of the Jubilee was to say thank you to people who have contributed to the life of the community. So many people help and support others that it is impossible to pick them all out, but we asked the village for nominations, and here is the list of those who were honoured with an award of a CBE – Caldecote's Best Ever!

Polly-Anne Field - for all her amazing work with the community, not least running our Pavilion Café and organising activities for both the children and elderly. She gives so much of her time and love to our village and community and for that she deserves our thanks.

Tom Footman - has been Chair of the Village Hall for as long as can be remembered and goes above and beyond in helping to keeping the village hall running smoothly. I think we were all very sad when he injured himself and we are all grateful that he is well again now.

John Miller - secretary and groundsman for Caldecote FC, not to mention part of the committee that organises the Cambridge mini-league. He works tirelessly every week and weekend to help get the pitches ready, to help co-ordinate games, to sort out equipment for teams and to ensure that the club keeps running so that children in the village have the opportunity to play grassroots football. Without John there would be no Caldecote FC, it's as simple as that.

John Barker - has given many years to the parish council and regularly hosts the Open Gardens

Sarah Baker & Tony Whitehead - for running the community fridge.

Our Covid Co-ordinators deserve special thanks for stepping up and volunteering to help those is need during the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid Pandemic:

Elaine Taylor
Fiona Whelan
Jon Martingale
Kathryn Race
Lisa McKenna
Nicola Pritchard
Pippa Smith
Polly Anne Field
Rebecca Greenwood Harding
Tumi Hawkins

Special thanks to our **Caldecote Journal Delivery Team** who post the quarterly Caldecote Journal through an ever-increasing number of letterboxes!!

Angela Hewitt Angela Talbot Anne Maclachlan Carol Bursey Charlotte Waters Elaine Taylor Jon Martingale Lucy Freeman Polly Anne Sharon Pedley

And to Nicola Pritchard who edits the Journal.

And CBEs were also awarded, in recognition of their achievements, to:

Tanya Nair - aged 13, who has published her first book on Amazon. The book, Dystopian Chronicles: Rebels Rising is the first one in her sequel and she wrote this during the covid lockdown in 2020. This book is available to buy on Amazon.

Advay Nair - in year 7, was selected to play for Cambridge County Cricket last season in the U12 category. He also plays for local Caldecote and Hardwick juniors cricket club and is the leading wicket taker of last season.

Thank you to Lawrence, from Cambridge engraving for proving the CBE medals. Room 12, The Bike Depot, 140 Cowley Rd, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0DL



Winners of the Platinum Pudding Competition

1st Prize – Hazel Clerk: Gin and Dubonnet Strawberry Cheesecake 2nd Prize – Megan Clerk: Jubilee Toffee Tart



Hopefully, full recipes will be included in the next issue.



Sadly, the Jubilee was followed by the death of Her Majesty on 8th September 2022. The village showed their respects with a Book of Condolence. These memorial books create a historical record for the village through testimonies from the residents.



Announcements

This year there were also several residents, who would be known to many, that passed and we take a moment to remember them here...

Robin Martlew (15/8/1931 to 23/6/2022) and Edna Martlew nee Pavey (26/5/1933 to 30/1/2022).

Residents from around 1963 to 2014.

Announcing the passing of Robin Martlew (15/8/1931 to 23/6/2022) and Edna Martlew nee Pavey (26/5/1933 to 30/1/2022). Robin and Edna lived in the parish at Leylands, Highfields, Caldecote from 1963 until 2014. Robin was very active in the Parish serving on Parish, District and County councils as a Lib Dem. Edna was involved with the WI and both were involved with the village fetes and primary school including organising a piano bashing competition, a donkey derby and a world championship Bumbleball competition. They reluctantly moved to live with family in Somerset in 2014. They died peacefully at home earlier this year. With thanks to friends and people of the parish and surrounding area for their time amongst you and the memories they held. Their son Dylan can be contacted by email at dylan.martlew@mac.com.

Dylan was at the primary school from the age of 7 when Mr Chadwick was headmaster. Leaving the village in the mid 70's for university and never really returned, spending several years traveling and working abroad. Robin and Edna were active until around 2014 when they moved to live with Dylan in Somerset because they needed extra support.



ANNE MACLACHLAN 10/3/1956 - 16/08/2022

Such a terrible loss for her family of whom she was so very, very proud. Anne was a small but truly mighty woman... Fearless in doing good, generous of heart, deeply committed to her community and good fun to boot. She always found deep joy in nature, other people and in life. She will be greatly missed in the village... always ready to help and to give a kind word or a hand to anyone and everyone. A real 'angel' to so many people in need and simply a great example of humble, humorous, open-hearted and open-minded goodness.

Anne was a strong supporter and driver for the car scheme in spite of her nursing work. She knew how crucial transport was to get people to essential medical and later social appointments too and helped out driving whenever she could. When stuck for medical advice many turned to Anne, who was always cheerful and caring, and she was good in a crisis, ready to step in when needed, and do what needed doing. She climbed fences, climbed ladders, broke into houses (for the right reasons!), mopped up, washed down and cleaned, got stuck in with wheelbarrow and spade in the park and peace garden, whatever was needed without complaint. Anne helped throughout lockdown, helping with shopping and company or contact for the elderly, and she supported the community delivering the Caldecote Journal.

Anne loved nature and was very knowledgeable. She was involved with many outdoor pursuits and was a Brownie and Rainbow leader in Hardwick, Comberton and Caldecote since 1998. She was well known for her large magic bag which always contained everything we needed which we didn't know we needed until we needed it.

Anne was a priceless treasure, an inspiration and a guiding light, taken far too soon.



Community mattered...

Family mattered...

People mattered...

We mattered...

And in memory and commemoration to Anne, a tree and bench will be installed in the Peace Garden so that all who knew and loved her can sit and enjoy the nature Anne so loved.

JOHN (CHICK) FREED 17/6/1929 - 12/10/2022

Chick was born on 17th June 1929 in Islington London; the eldest of 12 siblings. At exactly ten years and three months old, due to WW2, he was evacuated from London in 1939 to Boxworth then to Elsworth with two of his brothers, Ted and Harry, leaving his baby sister Marion behind with his mother in London.

He remained in Cambridgeshire and moved around from Toft, Kingston and finally settling in Caldecote where he met his lifetime love, Joy.

He had a colourful youth and was always getting up to mischief, I'm sure you know some of the stories. He married a local girl Joy on 17th March in 1956. They met at a church fete and became inseparable. They had their first son Kevin in 1958 followed by Cliff in 1964 and lived in the Old Rectory in Caldecote. On Christmas Eve, 1969, they moved the great distance, over the road, to Burleigh House which is where they lived happily for the rest of their years. The house was always full of people...and animals, from Misty, Raffles and tiffany, the old England Sheepdogs, Brandy the Corgi, Sebastian the feral cat, Russell the Crow, Cat Mandu and Top Cat (also feral and adopted) to name just a few and not forgetting their flock of peacocks starting with Penny and Peter.

In his first years of work, he worked on various farms in the area including the farm in Toft for Mr Tebbit. Later he worked as a welder and engineer of which he was very proud. He was an aircraft Welder at Marshalls, working on military planes including the Canberra bomber and the experimental TSR2 Nuclear bomber. He then later moved to Esmil at St Neots as a boiler maker with his son Kevin. Finishing his working career at Withnals in Bar Hill and retiring in 1989 at the age of 60. He was always welding cars for people of the village to get them through another MOT!

As a young chap, he was known was for his sport. Football and darts, but cricket was his passion, He joined Caldecote cricket team and was a main player for many years. He even turned his garden into a 9-hole putting green so him and his brother Harry could always enjoy a wager whilst they attempted a 'hole-in-one', usually after many beers. This became increasingly difficult after the immaculate green was torn up by the boys racing motorbikes, grandchildren digging holes for buried treasure and "those wretched" rabbits . . . a favourite phrase for him to use.

He was a committee member for Caldecote Social club during the 70's and 80's and was in the darts team for many years. He loved the dances they had most weekends and the many games of cards they would play there at the weekends.

For many years he played a big part in the annual children's Christmas Party. Chick also spent some time as a Parish Councillor and was a School Governor at Caldecote Primary School. He and Joy later became the school caretakers for a while in the late 1980's. He became a grandfather in 1982 to his only grandson Ben, followed by Carly and then a few years later Sam and Abby arrived. The family then extended on to great grandchildren Jodie and Violet.

During the many years of retirement Chick and Joy spent together, they enjoyed cruising the Caribbean, visiting America and causing general mayhem wherever they went, especially in Hardwick shop. Chick was always doing DIY, mostly unsuccessfully, and forever relying on his boys to give him new tools as he could never find the ones he used last time (because he had left them in the garden).

In 2016, Joy sadly passed away leaving a huge void in his life having spent everyday together for 63 years. However, this did not stop him living his best life and with family encouragement, he joined the coffee morning at Barton first, and that is where he was known as the 'Elder Welder' in his group of the magnificent 7, the group is known as the 'Bramble Boys'. He joined the 'Tuesday Club' in Bourn where he enjoyed the entertainers, telling his stories, inappropriate jokes and making everyone laugh. This then extended to Merry Bourns to add another event to his social calendar. These groups really provided him a lifeline of support in his last years - the family are truly grateful that these three groups brought such enjoyment to his life.

He made a huge impact on many people's lives - and will be greatly missed!







MEET YOUR NEW COMMUNITY WARDEN.

JOIN US FOR A HOT DRINK AND A MINCE PIE

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

09.30-12.30

BOURN COMMUNITY ROOM

HALL CLOSE

BOURN

CONTACT KIRSTEN FOR MORE INFO

07812 495997

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Caldecote Parish Council



Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022, the following Councillors were returned un-opposed: Polly Field, Helen Cartwright, Priya Nair, Sharon Pedley, John Barker and Nicola Pritchard.

Following the first meeting held on June 9th, the Council co-opted Mary Ann Claridge.

Councillor Polly Field was elected as Chairman for the year 2022/2023.

Two prominent Councillors did not seek re-election: Jack Lang and Tumi Hawkins, we thank them for their contribution to village and council affairs.

Congratulations to Tumi for her re-election to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Parish Council is currently engaging with Pegasus and Linden Homes in anticipation of a revised Planning Application. The council are still opposing the proposed development of 66 houses in Highfields Road, Caldecote, there are still significant concerns regarding flooding and traffic movements.

The Council continues to be concerned about flooding issues within the village, we are hoping to host a "Flooding Roadshow" in the Autumn, all members of the community will be invited to make a comment.

Whilst writing this, Polly Field has been running the café in the Pavilion over the summer holidays, as a frequent visitor, I know the hard work that Polly puts into this, the service and cakes are delicious!

Unfortunately, several our football teams have disbanded with our players having to travel to Cambourne. We are hoping that football in Caldecote will resume as soon as possible.

We are pleased to report that the 2nd phase of the installation of the new play equipment has now been installed in Furlong Way.

Our Deputy Clerk, Katy Reeves recently resigned owing to work and family pressures, we all thank her for her sterling work over the last 4 years.

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Polly Field, Chairman of the Council, quickly instigated long established plans to open a Book of Condolence in the Pavilion, where a stream of well-wishers signed the book

A group of volunteers headed by Helen Cartwright are currently running a "Warm Hub" in the pavilion. The opening times are Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. There could be more sessions depending upon volunteers and customers. The sessions are free, with tea of coffee available.

The Council are currently formulating the budget for 2023/2024, members are endeavouring to keep the parish precept as low as possible.

Work is continuing to find ways to improve and expand the pavilion. The council have commissioned structural engineers to survey the existing building.

The council is commissioning a report into the provision of traffic management signs, to slow the traffic at the access and egress of Highfields Road, the council will also ask the County Council to consider a 20mph limit on the approaches to the school.

There has been a serious incident in the playing field and racing cars in Highfields Road and adjoining roads, the Police have been involved and are liaising with Caldecote Parish Council.

The Parish Council have received a pre-planning application for a telecom mast. Unfortunately, the site proposed, at the top of Clare Drive is unsuitable as water balancing tanks are below the surface.

However, the good news is, Caldecote is going get a mast with 5G capabilities once a suitable site has been identified.

Times are difficult in the world, however, on behalf of Caldecote Parish Council, I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Melton Clerk to the Council

Warm Hub Volunteers

Your village needs you.

Caldecote parish council are looking for community volunteers help for our winter warm hub. Approximately 12 volunteers, on a rota, needed to support those using the warm hubs.

You need to commit to 2-4 hours a week/month, to help support the warm hub at Caldecote pavilion. Training will be available, if needed, through SCDC. Please contact Cllr. Polly Anne Field or Cllr. Helen Cartwright for further details.



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

*** Open for Bookings ***







Services in person

Date	Time	Service	Place
20 th Nov	10.30am	West of Cambridge Ecumenical Service	Comberton Leisure
4th Dec	Ham	Holy Communion	St Michael's
II th Dec	4pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Michael's
25 th Dec	Ham	Christmas Day Celebration	Childerley Chapel
29th Jan	Ham	Lordsbridge Team Fifth Sunday Service	St Mary's Comberton
5 th Feb	Ham	Holy Communion	St Michael's

Online services continue

On zoom: https://zoom.us/j/89870702475 (ID 898 7070 2475). Every Sunday at 11am.

Other Services



Join in with other churches across the team. www.lordsbridge.org

Sitwell's Charity & Town Lands

Our charity receives a small income from agricultural land in Caldecote just south of Carrara Farm. The aim of the charity has always been to provide some assistance to those members of the parish most in need. In recent years we have provided gift tokens to families at Christmas, contributed to the summer hamper scheme and paid for two iPads for use by Caldecote School pupils, enabling them to access online learning during the pandemic.

If you know of an individual, family or good cause that might benefit from some modest financial assistance, please contact Revd. Clare Coates clarecoates@lordsbridge.org



My name is Clare, and I am the new Lordsbridge `Team Vicar responsible for the Parishes of Caldecote with Childerley, Hardwick and Dry Drayton. I have had a fantastic first few weeks and have enjoyed meeting everyone at St Michael's and at our recent Remembrance Day Service in the peace Garden. I am looking forward to getting to know you better in the weeks and months ahead.

I have been living in Cambridgeshire with my family for the last fourteen years. I first moved to Cambridge as an undergraduate in the 1990's and came back after living in London for a while. I trained at Ridley Hall and Trinity College Cambridge before serving my Curacy at St Andrew's Church, Stapleford, where I have recently been Assistant Priest. I have a particular interest in community outreach and working with different age groups. Before Ordination, I was Children, Youth and Families Worker at St Mark's Newnham in Cambridge. I am married with three grown up children. I love music, photography, sport and walking with my two dogs in the countryside.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year, and a great time for me to be starting in my new role. Living so close to Cambridge, we are lucky to have lots going on at Christmas – lots of things to enjoy with our families and friends. There are lots of things going on in Caldecote too – do check out our list of service times! May I warmly invite you to come and hear the Christmas story again at one of our Christmas Services. We will be holding our annual Carols by Candlelight service at St Michael's at 4pm on Sunday 11 December and on Christmas Day Childerley Hall is hosting our morning service at 11am. All are very welcome.

May I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes.

Clare

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Conducted on The Peace Garden by our new vicar Clare Coates. Approximately 60 people attended the beautiful service of Remembrance at the Peace Garden. Wreaths were laid by Caldecote Parish Council, Caldecote Village Club, 1st Caldecote Rainbows & Brownies and a special wreath from one of our Ukrainian refugees, Svitlana Naumenko.

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

It has been a good while since I was able to put an entry into the Journal regarding our penny collection for the Church. The last time was very exciting as by a few pounds (approximately £3!) we managed to reach our far distant target to collect the amazing sum of £3,000! Since then, even a few more small and larger bags of coins have come in and our latest total of pennies and small coins collected is now £3,040.70. That means roughly an extra £37.00 in small coins and pennies has come in. It may not seem a lot of money, but it all adds up. That in itself is equal to 3,700 pennies and believe me the bag was indeed heavy!

Since that count a few more pennies have still come in. Interestingly coins are less readily available now due to more people shopping online and card payments being frequently used. However, if you do have any coins that you are able still to collect and save - please do so. The Church fabric will always be grateful for them.

Every penny goes to maintain our village's most historic building – the Church. There are no admin costs. It is all collected and banked voluntarily. Keeping our oldest building properly maintained is an ongoing task and we do need villagers support to achieve this. There is no other financial support from anywhere else other than the village

Please do help us increase that magic total of £3040.70. If you are starting to think of Christmas and presents, please think of the Church!! Another 6,000 pennies or small coins will take us the next hundred!!!!

The Future

Unbelievably having achieved our £3000 where do we go on from there? I talked to the treasurer Simon, and both he and I felt it was worth continuing collecting. Because Covid is still with us for the moment coins can still come to me but I will pass them on to Simon for counting and banking. And the need for Church maintenance never ends!

So please if you are collecting pennies or other small coins - do carry on. They can be in any type of container or polythene bag - whatever!

SO PLEASE DO HELP

When you have any pennies or bigger coins or notes to hand in please contact Sheila Stephenson Tel. 01954 210638, email: sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk. Or simply call round to my door at 1 Porthmore Close, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7ZR. If we are not in at the time, please leave them by the milk crate to the side of the front door. I always check that. If you can't deliver them yourself I can arrange for them to be collected!

I look forward to hearing of/receiving collections of any size in the future.

With many thanks to all of you who are collecting and contributing!

Sheila Stephenson





Caldecote Primary School

Happy, Healthy, High-Achieving

We have had a very busy start to the new school year – there is so much going on! We were relieved to welcome Ofsted for a long overdue inspection and although the report is not out yet, we were all pleased with how it went.

We have a number of new staff at the school who have settled really well and are enjoying getting to know our families. We also have many families from different parts of the world joining and it is great fun learning about their cultures and traditions. We recently had a day celebrating diversity and it was wonderful to hear how our children respect anyone different to themselves. They are a credit to the school and their families.

There are lots of exciting trips and events planned eg visits to Harry Potter World, The Cambridge Pantomime, Young Voices at the O2 arena, The Raptor Foundation and classes have visited the local Hardwick Woods to learn about the environment. Our Year 5s have been especially busy as they became scientists for the day when they visited Illumina on the Granta Science Park and they have undertaken 3 days of Bikeability training!

Our youngest Reception children have settled excellently and one of the things the Ofsted Inspector praised was how well our older children look out for the younger ones. Children told the Inspectors 'We are one big Caldecote Family'.

One black cloud on the horizon is the funding crisis within schools. We are all writing to our MPs, DfE and the Prime Minister urging him to provide more funding to cover the pay awards that the government have agreed and the increased costs, especially energy. Government are expecting schools to pay for these out of our existing budgets and, quite simply, we don't have the money. We are also struggling to recruit staff and are currently advertising for the third time for a teaching assistant. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with the school.



Remember the school Christmas Fair is on Saturday 3rd December 2 – 4 pm.

It would be great to see lots of you there!



Caldecote Book Group

We are keen to welcome new members! A friendly little group, we meet monthly at each other's homes (hosting is strictly voluntary) to discuss our book of

the month, which usually leads to discussions about much, much more! We read a range of different genres from modern fiction to classics, biographies, travel etc. meeting on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Whenever possible we borrow sets of books from the public library. 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:

Dec 15th Christmas Days / Jeanette Winterson

Jan 19th TBC Feb 23rd TBC

If you are interested in coming along to a meeting, please contact Hilary on 01954 210112 or hil@manyfish.co.uk for further details.



New Bridge Club

at Caldecote Village Hall

The Club (formerly based at Dry Drayton) has been running for over 28 years and is affiliated to the English Bridge Union and the Cambs & Hunts Bridge Association.

The Club now meets at Caldecote Village Hall every Monday evening (19.00 to 22.30) with the aim of playing about 21 boards of duplicate bridge.

A most important part of the evening is the coffee/tea and biscuits break to allow for a good natter and social interaction for all our members.

Currently there are about 26 members and we want to encourage anyone, particularly 'young' players, with an interest in Bridge to join and experience our friendly group. Players of all abilities are most welcome.

For more information, contact Michael Clydesdale at Cmikeandmary@aol.com





December

Goldfield Ensemble 11th | Saturday | 7:45pm

Music for clarinet & string quartet including a world premiere by Matthew Kaner

Moonlight Mandolin Orchestra

12th | Sunday | 12:00pm

Cambridge's own mandolin orchestra, directed by Hugh Boyde

The Elves & the Shoemaker 16th | Thursday | 4:00pm

Exquisite children's puppetry & storytelling from Theatre of Widdershins

Candle-Lit Bach 1 16th | Thursday | 8:00pm

Music For Awhile play Bach, Corelli & Handel

Candle-Lit Bach 2 17th | Friday | 8:00pm

Jonathan Aasgaard, cello, plays Bach Candle-Lit Bach 3

18th | Saturday | 8:00pm Elizabeth Kenny, lute, plays Bach & Weiss

Magical Crackers 17th | Friday | 5:00pm

Illusionist & actor Peter Clifford with a family magic show

Christmas at the Granary 18th | Saturday | 11am-6pm

Festive Christmas market, live music, pop-up food

www.staplefordgranary.org.uk 01223 849004













Caldecote Open Gardens 2023 ??

If you were living in the village prior to the pandemic, you may have come along to the village Open Gardens event held over a weekend normally during June. With the arrival of the pandemic, most social events like this were cancelled from 2020.

For those new to the village, Caldecote Open Gardens, running annually since the early 2000's, every year until 2019, was an informal weekend event where a dozen or so households throughout the village opened their gardens for visitors between 2.00 and 6.00 pm on Saturday and / or Sunday, to come and have a look around, meet neighbours, drink tea, eat cake and generally meet and enjoy each other's company. Visitors paid a single entry donation of £5.00 at the first garden visited, which gave you a map locating all the gardens, and which acted as your entry ticket into each garden. The event was organised by The Friends of Caldecote Church, and the money raised went towards the running and upkeep of the church, the oldest building in the village.

Over the last three years, the chairman of The Friends has moved away, and others who gave their time to organise now have new commitments, but it is felt that this was an event that was growing and enjoyed by many in the village, whilst raising much needed funds for the church, and would be good to try and re-establish from Summer 2023 if possible. Whilst opening your garden may sound daunting, nothing more is asked of you than to open your gate and meet and greet visitors. Some gardens have also offered teas and refreshments, pizza, plant sales, children's games and activities etc, but there is no commitment to do any of these at all.

Help could be given in a number of ways, and as much or as little as you can, but every little bit does help:

- 1. Opening your garden for either one or both days of a weekend
- 2. Help with posters and advertising
- 3. Contacting businesses for additional sponsorship
- 4. Chatting to neighbours and friends who may be encouraged to open their gardens
- 5. Being someone to call on to help with small running about, delivery, collection etc tasks

This is an entirely informal event, no strict rules or requirements, and with the increase of our enjoyment and appreciation of our gardens and open spaces during the pandemic, we're sure there's many of you who would love to show and share your hard work in your gardens, normally hidden behind walls and fences?

The purpose of this article is to find out if there is sufficient support and consideration across the village to trying to rekindle this event, and to ask for any involvement that you may be able to give to help?

If you feel you could open your garden or are interested in helping in any way, or need any more information before making a decision, please drop me an email on s.gautrey@btinternet.com, call me on 01954 212436 or pop up and see me at Longmeadow, Main Street. I work from home so am normally here every day. It would be nice to get an idea of the level of support this side of Christmas if possible, so that a decision can be made early next year as to whether the event is viable and supported enough to make it worthwhile pursuing.

Look forward to hearing from you Simon Gautrey

District Councillor News



This is the last update for 2022 and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023.

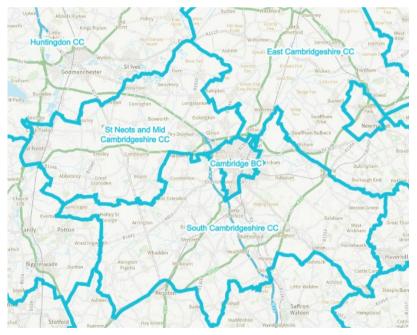
Cost of Living Support: The cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on residents and businesses in South Cambridgeshire. SCDC is providing support and advice, including Discretionary Housing Payments

and Council Tax, Charitable giving and Community Chest grant, and Warm Hubs. More details available on the website at www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support.

Cambridgeshire County Council has Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Dept for Education. Families in receipt of income-related free school meals can access a holiday scheme for up to 16 hours per child and will receive enriching experiences, a meal and snacks daily. Ukrainian and other refugee families can attend as well as families struggling financially. More info at https://bit.ly/HAFProgram

New Parliamentary Constituency boundaries

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) are now consulting on their revised proposals for changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries (the areas that MPs represent). This final phase of consultation is open until 5 December 2022. The proposed boundaries remain the same as the previous proposals. Villages in Caldecote Ward are to be moved to the newly named "St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire constituency". View the proposed maps and make your representations on the BCE consultation website at www.bcereviews.org.uk.



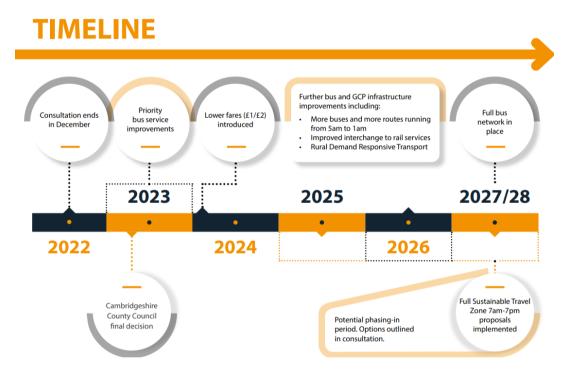
This is for constituency boundaries only and does not impact Local Authority boundaries.

Bus No.18 and Citi4: The Mayor at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has overall responsibility for transport. As I've reported to parish councils and in my blog, he CPCA was able to provide funding of about £1.5m to replace the bus routes Stagecoach withdrew such as No.18 for Bourn and Kingston now run by Whippet. It also enabled Citi4 route to be maintained rather than rerouted to avoid Caldecote and Hardwick after I raised it with the Mayors office so the route was tendered. This is for 6 months till end of March, whilst it works on more permanent solution. See https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/buses/bus-timetables/

Both bus companies are having driver resource challenges and have cancelled services at short notice. Please report all problems directly to the CPCA call 01223 740149 or fill in the Contact Form at https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/ or email passenger.transport@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

GCP Making Connections Consultation

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (formerly City Deal) is carrying out a consultation on transforming the bus and active transport network between 2023 and 2028. It proposes to provide more services to more locations over longer periods, with cheaper fares set at £1/£2. Also invest in new sustainable travel schemes, including walking and cycling links. The table below summarises the plan, with the congestion charge to be brough it in 2027/28 after the network has been improved. The consultation runs closes on 23 December 2022, so I encourage everyone to respond directly. All the information is available at http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022. Have a look at the interactive map that shows the planned improvements for the A428 corridor. I also have prepared a helicopter view of the proposals in my blog at https://tumihawkins.org.uk/making-connections-proposed-transport-network-improvements/.



South Cambridgeshire Christmas Market 2022

On Sunday 11th December 2022, from 11:00 until 15:00, South Cambridgeshire District Council will proudly host an indoor Christmas Market, at Cambourne Village College CB23 6FR, presenting local independent traders of different crafts and talents from the district. A diverse range of businesspeople will feature across 70 stalls with fantastic mobile food and drink caterers available to provide festive refreshments. Please support your local businesses by visiting the market.

Regular Updates Don't forget to check out my monthly reports to the parish councils on my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports. Follow my Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/ where I post up regular public information posts from community groups and other local authorities.

Here to Help You so contact me if you need help with SCDC services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc) by phone 01954 210840 or 07802 323269, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter



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

Opening Times

Friday 7pm till 10pm Saturday 3pm till 10pm Sunday 3pm till 7pm

Please follow us on our Facebook page

2022 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS Caldecote Village Club is a Family friendly place to meet up for a drink and a chat. We always welcome new faces so if you haven't been in please feel free to come in for a drink. We are starting to hold Bingo nights and members cash prize draw and other popular events these are updated regularly on our facebook page

First Years Membership only £5

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. Contact
Russell Beresford on 01954
210791 or
caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com



Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way

The village hall provides a lovely setting and facility for village activities, events, clubs, parties, weddings, christenings, business meetings etc. It is set in its own grounds with plenty of grassed outdoor space for marquees, bouncy castles or just enjoying the fresh air, along with ample car parking. The hall is also fully accessible to everyone, with separate male, female and accessible WC's and baby changing facilities. There is also a fully integrated 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, including some everyday crockery and cutlery (excluding pots & pans) and with a server's hatch to the main large hall

Table and chairs included in hire charge

Matching set of event crockery, cutlery, wine & water glasses for up to 90 place settings available for a small additional charge

Commercial dishwasher with 4-minute wash cycle

Fully licensed for music entertainment and the sale of alcohol

Off road parking for upto 31 cars including 3 No disabled bays, and cycle rack.

Please note the village hall organisation is a charity run by volunteers for the benefit of the village. Anyone who is willing to help will be very welcome.

Current regular Village Hall classes and clubs.

Monday

1.00 - 3.00pm Crafternooners – social crafting get-together for all ages

4.00 – 5.00pm Dreamcatcher dance for children

Tuesday

10.00 - 10.45am Sweaty Mamas keep fit - mother & baby keep fit / exercise group

7.30 - 10.00pm Women's Institute (3rd Tuesday of the month)

Wednesday

6.00 – 7.00pm Boogie Bounce – keep fit classes on individual mini-trampolines to music

7.30 - 9.00pm Comberton Young Farmers Club (most Wednesdays) – social group for ages 14 - 26. You don't have to be a farmer to come along

Thursday

6.30 - 7.30am Pilates for all levels

Friday

9.30 – 10.30am Boogie Bounce – as above for Wednesdays (Friday's not run during school holidays)

Saturday

9.15 – 1015am Pilates for all levels

If you are interested in any of the above, either contact Simon at the e-mail address below, and we will pass on your details to the class organiser, or pop along to the hall at the time of the class / club for more information.

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

The Village Hall is run by Caldecote Village Institute Ltd and is an independent registered charity.

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



Comberton Library

Monday: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Wednesday: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.30 - 5.30 pm

Friday: 2.30 - 5.30 pm

Saturday: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Comberton Library Tel: 0345 045 5225 www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Christmas Opening Hours:

Comberton Library will be open as usual on Christmas Eve and Saturday 24th December before closing for Christmas. We will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



Thank you to everyone to helped create a wonderful Autumnal display in our library – what a lot of lovely leaves, pumpkins, poppies and fireworks! But can you spot the ghost and the witch on her broomstick?

The Reading Agency is promoting the Winter Reading Challenge for children again this year between 1st December and 16th January. The challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, and they will receive rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books. For more information and to sign up your children please visit: https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/join-the-winter-mini-challenge.html

You will always find a warm and friendly welcome in our library – so please do drop in to relax and read, choose some books or use one of our library computers or our free Wi-Fi.

We are starting a Knit and Natter group in Comberton Library so why not dust off those knitting needles and join us on Monday 9^{th} and 23^{rd} January from 10.30 am – 11.30 am.

The Rhymetime dates (10.30 am to 11.00 am) for children aged 0-4 years over the Christmas and New Year period will be 12th December, 16th January, and 30th January.

Friday January 27^{th} 2023 - Animal Tile Pottery making, 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm and 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm.

Monday February 13th 2023 - Retro Board Game event 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

Our latest What's On magazine will be out in January and will list all the amazing events scheduled to take place Cambridgeshire libraries during the winter months, and you can also visit our families facebook page on: https://www.facebook.com/CambslibFamilies/ to see what we have planned.

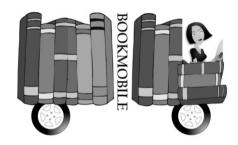
Comberton library would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2023 – where does the time go?

Mobile Library – Route C11

Nr 117 Highfields Road, Caldecote HighfieldsThe 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Caldecote Primary School

The 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm



AgeUK (Cambridge and Peterborough) Community Warden Scheme

The AgeUKCAP Community Warden scheme is a service operating in Caldecote that assists older people to continue to live independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday-Friday) and support, either by personal visit or telephone call. It can help with a range of things, such as listening to concerns and providing helpful guidance and information, picking up small items of shopping or prescriptions, making phone calls or answering post.

The service can be trialled for free for two weeks after which there is a small fee payable monthly (£9/week for a single person, £11/week for a couple).

If you think this sounds like something that might help you, a friend or neighbour and would like to find out more, please do join us for our free coffee morning on the 8th of December at Bourn Community Hall, Hall Close, anytime between 09.30 and 12.30. Alternatively, you can contact your Community Warden, Kirsten, on 07812 495997 or take a look at our website:

ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireaandpeterborough/our-services/community-wardens



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

Current list of Co-ordinators

If you need a lift from the car scheme, please ring one of the following:

Cheryl Phillips - 07908 023 836;

Gillian Stott - 07464 069 483; Lizzie Coe - 07387 395 296;

In emergencies or for general information only: Sheila Stephenson 01954 210 638.

General Information

As many of you will know our scheme is currently very busy. It is open to help anyone who needs taking to essential destinations within a reasonable distance and who has no other means of transport. We calculated at one point we were going to 74 different essential destinations over a year and in April this year alone drove 108 journeys to meet essential needs!

We would like to stress here - that all our drivers and co-ordinators are volunteers, each with their own family life to support. Our co-ordinators do a fantastic job and when we had need to help someone recently, who had an emergency dentist appointment, amazingly managed to find a driver within an hour – amazing!

Recently we have been asked who is eligible for the scheme. The answer is almost always - anyone, as long as it is for an essential purpose. At the driver's discretion, we are still asking passengers to wear masks etc. Children under 16 must always be accompanied by an adult; and occasionally adults need a chaperone too. The co-ordinator can help sort this.

Passengers pay £3.50 for a local run, i.e., the GP surgeries. Longer journeys (like Addenbrookes) are calculated on a "per mile" basis, which is calculated through our computer system, the co-ordinator will inform you of the cost. The passenger is asked to pay the driver in cash for each journey.

Finally: We really do urgently need this extra help with both the co- ordinating and the driving. Please, please do think if you can help in any small way. I and the team will be so grateful. The scheme has run successfully for many, many years - please help us to keep it running for a good many more.

If you have any questions please ring Sheila, on 01954 210638; she will be delighted to hear from 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

1st Caldecote Rainbows & Brownies

Tuesdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm, the Pavilion Polly Anne Field - 212230

Age UK Community Warden

Kirsten Monk - 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 Hilary Spargo - 210112

Caldecote Community Primary School

Head Teachers: Karen Stanton & Becky Snelling - 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 Football Club

We run organised football from U6 to U18 For all enquiries, please contact: Secretary: John Miller - 07934 292537 johnmiller9@btinternet.com

Caldecote Journal

All contributions welcome. Email: Journal4Caldecote@gmail.com

Caldecote PreSchool

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

Website:

caldecotepreschool1.wordpress.com

01954 210857

Manager: Anesta Cooper:

caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

Admissions: Emma Andrew

admissions.caldecotepreschool@outlook.

com

Trustees:

Chair: Jemma Hoban

chair.caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

Secretary: Helene Stewart Treasurer: Farah Clark Trustee: Louisa Joyce Trustee: Sarah Talmage

Caldecote School Governors

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

Co-Chairs: Kate Duncombe and Pippa Smith Chair@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk
Clerk To Governor: Katie Tween
Vice Chair: Mary-Anne Claridge
Emma Hall
Vicky Miles
Joanna Skiba-Szymanska
Jay Surti

Shweta Tripathi

Cambourne Village College

01954 284000

Care Clubs

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

Comberton Village College

01223 262503

County Councillor

Michael Atkins – 07968 264637 matkinslibdem@gmail.com

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

<u>Doctors</u> 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 Cheryl Phillips - 07908 023 836

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 at 7.00pm

Chair: Cllr Polly Anne Field - 212230
Vice Chair: Cllr Nicola Pritchard
Cllr John Barker
Cllr Tumi Hawkins
Cllr Jack Lang
Cllr Sharon Pedley
Cllr Priya Nair
Clerk: Alan Melton - 07771 524093
Deputy Parish Clerk: Katy Reeves
parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk
www.caldecote.gov.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

Parents are welcome to come along to all

PTA meetings

Chair: Natalie Williamson nataliewiniecki@aol.com Secretary: Rachael Goad Treasurer: Jo Place

Caldecoteschoolpta@gmail.com

Social Club

Chair: Russell Beresford Secretary: Claire Dowse Treasurer: Simon Waters

Club - 210791

caldecotesocialclub@gmail.com

South Cambs District Council

www.scambs.gov.uk Road Repair – 03450 455212 Street Light Failure – 0800 253529

Sports and Social Pavilion

Available for hire.

Bookings: Katy 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: tbc

Minute Sec: Margaret Hobbs - 210652 Social Secretary: Diane Wakeling -

211049

Vets

Ashcroft, Hardwick – 210250

Village Hall

Chair: 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

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Meets every third Tuesday of the month.

New members welcome.

President: Hazel Steel - 01763 269955 Secretary: Lynda Gilchrist – 211448

Village Defibrillators

In the wall by the shops, Furlong Way. CB23 7ZH

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One at the Pavilion

CALDECOTE PAVILION MARINE PARILINA

TUESDAY'S 9.30-12.30
THURSDAY'S 12.00-3.00
COME ALONG & ENJOY COMPANY IN THE SAFETY & WARMTH OF OUR WARM HUB AT CALDECOTE PAVILION, ENJOY A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE & A CHAT.

FVERYONE WELCOME

PUZZLES

DRAWING & COLOURING

BOOKS

