

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 August 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.



**If you can give a little of your time to help in the community,
please contact Polly Anne Field
cllr.field@caldecote.gov.uk or phone 01954 212230**

Diary Dates

Date	Event	For more info:
1st Thursday of ea. month	Parish Council Meetings, The Pavilion 7pm	www.caldecote.gov.uk/ parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk
Sun 18th June	Café Church, 3pm, Village Hall (every 3rd Sunday)	
18th - 19th June	Strawberries & Creem Festival, Childerley	www.strawberriesandcreem.com
8th & 9th July	Caldecote Open Gardens, 1-6pm, Clare Farm & Longmeadow	
Sat 8 th July & Sat 15 th July	Summer Reading Challenge Sign up dates, 10am – 1pm, Comberton Library	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
Tues 11th July	EWR Public Event, 2pm-8pm, Cambourne Belfry	https://eastwestrail.co.uk/routeupdate
Fri 14th July	Opera in the Long Barn, 6.30pm, Childerley Gardens open 4pm for picnics	www.childerley.org
Sun 16 th July	Café Church, 3pm, Village Hall (every 3 rd Sunday)	
Mon 17th July	Community Café Opens with summer activities, Mon-Sat 10.30am - 4.30pm	
Thurs 20th July	Shakespeare in the Garden, 6.30pm, Childerley. Gardens open 5.30pm	www.childerley.org
Thurs 20th July	Village Hall Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, meeting room, Village Hall	
Sun 23rd July	Car Boot Sale, 10am – 1pm, Recreation Ground	
Fri 11 th Aug	Dino Day – a day for all dinosaur lovers, 2.30 – 5.30, Comberton Library	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
Sun 20 th Aug	Café Church, 3pm, Village Hall (every 3 rd Sunday)	

Free NHS health checks from Healthy You

Residents aged 40-74 and registered with a GP in Cambridgeshire may be eligible for a free NHS health check.

Health checks assess your general health, and record height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels. It is recommended that health checks are carried out every five years.

Healthy You provide health checks within the local community, with appointments taking around 20-30 minutes to complete. Results are received immediately and include tailored lifestyle advice and information on specialist support if needed.

For more information, visit the Healthy You website. Sign up to an appointment online or call 0333 005 0093

Caldecote Village Institute Limited New committee members wanted

Would you like to contribute to the running of the village hall and help to develop this important resource for the future needs of the local community?

If you have spare time or skills, you can share please get in touch with the Chairman. Or come along to our next meeting (Thursday 20th July at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall) to see if it is something you would be interest in, our meetings are always open.

The work carried out by each volunteer can be varied and like all voluntary charity bodies the job is as big or as small as you want to make it. We are enthusiastic about the role the Village Hall plays in providing a place to meet for the residents of Caldecote and surrounding villages. With the new housing developments being built in the village we see the Village Hall as being pivotal as a meeting place for parties, social events and classes/clubs for all ages.

No experience of working on a charitable body is requiredonly your enthusiasm and interest.

If you would like to join the existing volunteers, please contact Tom Footman on 01954 210318.

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East West Rail Announcement

On Friday 26th May, after much delay, East West Rail finally announced their chosen rail route for the Oxford to Cambridge rail line.

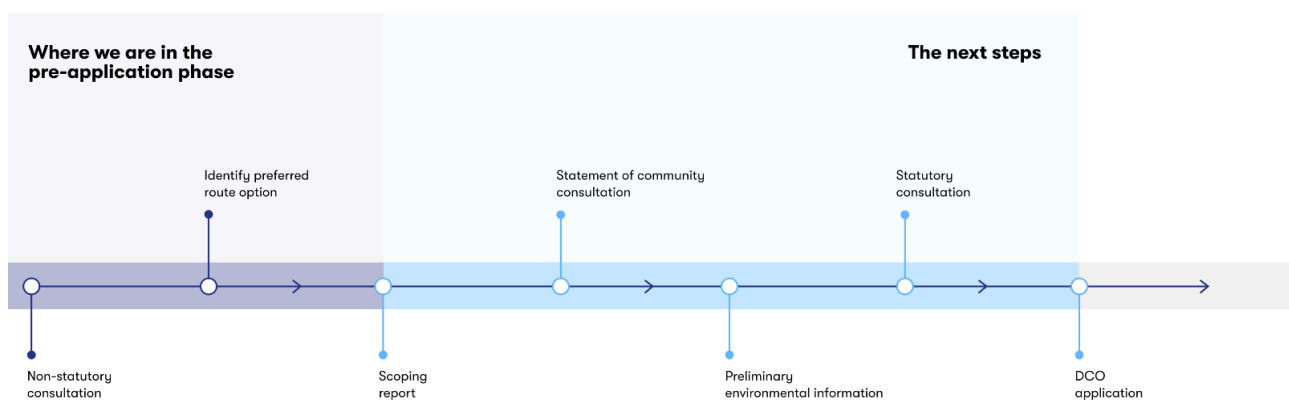
Devastatingly for Caldecote, they have not veered from their intentions published in April 2022 during the non-statutory consultation. The selected route is Alignment 1 which goes through Cambourne (North) and then south through Highfields Caldecote. The full update can be found at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/routeupdate>.



The announcement is just a line drawn on a map at this point and it won't be until later that we find out the details of exactly where it will go, who will be affected, what it will look like etc. Those of you that remember and were actively involved in the last consultation will recall talk of 12m high embankments. EWR have promised to improve on this but details at the moment are slim. Lots of questions are still up in the air about freight, diesel and the financial case. However, it is

obvious, and EWR have said so themselves, that the business case and profit/loss ratio are not as important as the strategic gains to be had from connecting Oxford and Cambridge and this project is wholeheartedly supported by the current government on that basis. Lots more house building will come with the railway to help pay for it, and to supply the demand for it in the future. This is a government policy driven project,

What Happens Next?



- Stage 3 – Choosing a Preferred Route Alignment and additional infrastructure

Underway

EWR have chosen a Preferred Route Alignment between Bedford and Cambridge, and the options for additional infrastructure between Oxford to Bicester, Bletchley and Bedford.

This choice was based on feedback from two previous consultations and continuing environmental, economic and technical studies. It will be presented to the public alongside other parts of the Project, including the proposed design, in a statutory consultation (currently planned for the first half of 2024). The information from this consultation will be used to finalise the proposals for the railway. EWR will also seek the next stage of funding and approval from government.

- Stage 4 - Securing development consent

This stage involves:

- EWR Co submits an application
- Planning Inspectorate holds an Examination
- Secretary of State for Transport makes a decision

EWR submit the proposals to the Secretary of State as part of an application for a “Development Consent Order”. On his behalf, the Planning Inspectorate will carry out a public examination of the application which normally lasts up to six months. People will be able to comment on the application. The Inspectorate goes through a strict process of examination and hearings, before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether the proposals should go ahead. A final decision is usually given within six months of the examination closing.

- Stage 5 - Construction begins

Once EWR have complied with any initial conditions or requirements included in the Development Consent Order, the government will consider the full business case for the Project to make the final decision to proceed. Following further conversations with the public and stakeholders, EWR can start to construct the new railway.

Drop-in Events

EWR are holding a series of public drop-in events across the route to give people the opportunity to meet the team and find out more about their updated proposals. The one local to us is at the **Cambourne Belfry on 11th July, 2pm-8pm**

What Can Caldecote Do?

A village working party committee has already been set up to help gather, and respond to, the information available. The aims of this group will be to share the workload involved to analyse again the preferred route, assess the impact for the village, highlight arguments for or against with evidence and, should the railway go ahead, help detail the mitigation that would be necessary to reduce the impact as much as possible on our village. Caldecote Parish Council is also represented in meetings held directly with EWR and with other parishes along the route. This is not the end, and Caldecote will continue to fight to have our feelings and concerns heard.

The Facebook group set up previously during the previous consultation will continue to be the best place to keep informed, contribute to and follow discussions and to offer any assistance you can to the campaign to fight for the best result for Caldecote. If you are aghast at this announcement, please join us at the: **Caldecote EWR Action Group**.

There are two other groups that you may like to follow Cambridge Approaches and the BFare Campaign.



Caldecote Parish Council

This is a busy time for the Parish Council. The end of the financial year was 31st March, and the annual meeting of the council was held on 11th May. Councillor Polly Field was re-elected Chairman for 2023/2024 and Councillor Helen Cartwright was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

We are pleased that the new path around the Peace Garden has been completed allowing clean walking around the garden.

We have installed new safety fencing around the play park in the Furlong Road recreation area.

The Parish Council is currently working on a major project to update and refurbish the pavilion.

The work will include replacing the existing outside shed and toilets, the metal construction has rotted and beyond repair. This will be replaced with a new Portakabin, which will have two new changing areas, toilets, and showers, for home and away teams, the new Portakabin will be fully sustainable to meet current eco requirements.

The current storage rooms will be replaced with a new container, adding greater security for all the equipment currently stored. The current pavilion will be modernised and brought up to sustainable standards. The current disabled toilet does not meet current DDA standards and will be upgraded.

The current hot water and heating system is currently very expensive to run now that energy prices.

have hit higher levels, the insulation will be upgraded. In addition, the existing mezzanine floor cannot be accessed, this will be addressed.

After consultation with sports clubs and associations we have decided to remove the current

showers and the dividing wall between the current changing rooms will be removed and the enlarged room can then be used for larger sporting events and parties.

We are hoping all this work will be completed during the current municipal year. The works are being funded by developer contributions which are currently held by the council.

Finally, we hope you all have a very good summer.

Alan Melton
Clerk to the Council
parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk
07771 524093

For information and notices - www.caldecote.gov.uk/



District Councillor News

South Cambs Magazine

Expect to receive the Summer edition by 30 May. If you don't get your copy, please email scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or call 0800 6444 01.

You can read the last edition of this quarterly magazine online:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/the-south-cambs-magazine/>. It is very useful and informative.

Annual Report

At the end of each municipal year, I prepare a report that gives an overview of the main achievements of the District Council, which I present to the Parish Councils at their annual meetings. Some important highlights: we are now delivering more council houses than ever before, 88 in the last year. We adopted 3 Neighbourhood Plans and have 6.2 years of housing land supply (greater than 5 year minimum government target). You can read the full 2022/23 annual report on my blog at <https://bit.ly/DC-AnnualReport-23>. If you are not online and want a hard copy, please call me.

GCP Making Connections Consultation for Bus Service Improvements

By the time you read this, the GCP should have published the result of the analysis of the Making Connections consultation. We expect some changes to the proposal based on comments received from the public. This report will go through the GCP process of consideration by the Assembly, then the Board in June 2023. I've tried to provide some clarity about the GCP, its history and role, and this bus improvement proposal in a couple of blog articles at <https://bit.ly/GCP-MakingConnections> and <https://bit.ly/GCP-BusServiceImprovements>.

Luton Airport Flight Path and Airspace Deployment (AD6) change

I keep reminding the community, especially those being affected by the aircraft noise to continue to send in complaints directly to Luton Airport Authority (LAA) especially since the Post Implementation Review (PIR) has been extended to the end of September 2023. Send an email to noise@ltn.aero or noise.enquiries@ltn.aero, and inform the RELAS team on info@relas.uk. RELAS group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>

East West Rail

By the time you read this, the Government should have announced its preferred route alignment for the EWR section from Bedford to Cambridge South Station. We hold our breath!

Short Term and Holiday Lets

Many properties are being turned into AirBnB and holiday lets in tourist hotspots and Greater Cambridge is no exception. Government is now consulting on a proposal to introduce planning permission for turning an existing home into a short-term let, to ensure local people are supported in areas where large numbers of holiday homes are preventing them from finding affordable housing. Anyone thinking of turning their property into holiday lets should be aware.

Four Day Week (4DW) Trial and Extension

The report of the 4DW trial has now been published and is very encouraging, showing that performance has generally been maintained or improved, and staff retention better. This means service improvement for our communities and savings for some expenditure. The trial is being extended for a further year so there's more detailed information before a final decision is made on whether to make it permanent or not. You can read the real

information on my blog at <https://bit.ly/4DW-Trial-Success>. The trial is being extended to the Waste Collection service from June to August and I've written about it at <https://bit.ly/4DW-WasteCollections>.

Water Supply Consultations

All water companies produce a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) every five years, and this sets out how they will ensure resilient water supplies to their customers over the next 25 years.

The Greater Cambridge area is covered by the Cambridge Water (CW) Company. Anglian Water (AW) supply area adjoins Greater Cambridge and are linked in supplying this area. Both AW and CW have published their WRMP consultation and SCD C has responded to both, emphasizing the need to ensure they continue to work closely together especially on the AW projects for long term water supply like the Fen Reservoir, and the pipeline for interim supply.

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 for full details on these and more. 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 SCD C 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



Register your child with Caldecote Preschool as young as 6 Months of age.

We provide excellent child centered early years education for children aged 2-4 years of age. We pride ourselves on treating all children as individuals and building fun, creative open ended learning opportunities. For more information please take a look at our website

caldecotepreschool1.wordpress.com

If you are interested in registering your child for a place, please contact us

admissions.caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

or complete our online registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/caldecoteplaygroup23/caldecotepreschoolregistration-form>

or call 01954 210841 to arrange a visit.



Caldecote Primary School

Happy, Healthy, High-Achieving

Friday 5th May is our Coronation celebration day. Children have been making crowns, designing outfits fit for a King or Queen and designing a Royal Crest.

We also held our 'Waste Free Lunch' on this day as we know Kings Charles is very eco-friendly and we thought he would be pleased that we are doing this. Congratulations to Purple Class for KS2 and Blue and Yellow Classes for KS1 who produced the least waste from their lunches.

We planned to have an afternoon of traditional games on the field but sadly the weather stopped this so everyone adapted and played them in classes instead.



We hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the Coronation and made some lovely family memories.

We have a lot to look forward to including residential trips for Year 6 and Year 4 plus a camp out on the field for Year 5 (apologies in advance if you hear them overnight!) We are also very much looking forward to our annual sports day and family picnic – this is a real highlight for our school community and we hope lots of family members are able to come and join in.

Team Caldecote



1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies

We've been having a fantastic time at our Girlguiding meetings. We've taken part in a District wide event for World Thinking Day 2023, celebrated the Coronation, learnt all about Eid and

Chinese New Year, made good deed jars and more!

There's also been some cooking, we have tried different foods and drinks, made optical illusions and learnt some Scottish dancing!

Now it's summer we are moving to more outside activities and we have some very exciting outings planned.

The girls have been working very hard on their badges and we are hoping for some Bronze awards and a challenge badge at the end of term!

1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time, 5.45-7pm at Caldecote Sports Pavilion.

Rainbows is our younger section aimed at girls aged 5 to 7, Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10.

Our Rainbows and Brownies try new things, develop their interests and self confidence.

We work hard serving our community, being kind and looking after our planet too!

Contact us at 1stcaldecotebrownies@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 up to 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 – 10.15am 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.



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:

May 18th Slow Horses / Mick Herron
June 22nd Yesterday / Felicia Yap
July 20th Period Piece / Gwen Raverat
Aug 17th/31st 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.

The Colour Wheel Hardwick Mindful Colouring Group

We meet in the cozy Cabin
behind St Mary's Church,
Hardwick CB23 7QS.
Every second Tuesday.
2pm – 4pm

Upcoming dates:
6 Jun, 20 Jun, 4 Jul,
18 Jul, 1 Aug, 15 Aug

£3 donation which includes
refreshments and material.

For more information contact
Nicky 07539 429 394
kerranica@gmail.com



Community Café



Opening on Monday July 17th

STARTING MONDAY 17TH JULY

**2023
SUMMER
ACTIVITIES**

**Caldecote Pavilion
Community Cafe**

Open 10.30-4.30

Monday-Saturday

Our Activities

MAKING SUN CATCHERS

ARCHERY

CUPCAKE DECORATING

POTTERY PAINTING

£3.50 Per person

**BOOKING
REQUIRED**

**CHILDREN UNDER 5 MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED**

**MONDAY & THURSDAY
10.00 - 12.00 NOON**

**FREE MOVIE CLUB
ON FRIDAY
MORNINGS**

for more info contact

Polly Anne Field

07984585149



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

2023 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



Comberton Library

Monday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (excl. bank holidays)
Wednesday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm & 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Friday: 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Saturday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

We are beginning to think ahead to the School Summer Holidays when we will be running our Summer Reading Challenge for children again and the theme this year is Sports – Ready, Set, Read! As usual the challenge will be to read six books over the summer, as well as collecting weekly activities and stickers. There are two sign up dates for the challenge: **Saturday 8th July** and **Saturday 15th July** from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

If anyone has some spare time over the summer holidays and would like to help out as a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Volunteers need be over 12 years old - more information can be found in the library or by accessing the following link: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-&-culture/libraries/library-news/summer-reading-challenge/

Upcoming Comberton Library Events:

Ariel is back by popular demand and will be showing us how to create wonderful **paintings** using traditional Chinese watercolour brushes and paints. The next sessions will be on **Wednesday 14th and 21st June** 10.30 am – 12.00 pm. Please book in advance.

Dino Day – a day for all dinosaur lovers! Why not pop along and discover lots of dinosaur games, puzzles and stories on **Friday 11th August** from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. You may even get to meet a T Rex too.

On **Monday 14th August** we will be having an **outside games event** from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm – open to all.

Come along and complete some **jigsaw puzzles** with us on **Wednesday 23rd August** from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. There will be puzzles suitable for adults and children.

The **Knit and Natter** dates for the summer are: **Monday 12th and 26th June, Monday 10th and 24th in July and Monday 7th and 21st August** from 10.30 am – 11.30 am. Please come and join us.

Our popular **Rhymetime** sessions will be on **Monday 5th and 19th June and Monday 3rd and 17th July** from 10.30 am to 11.00 am, and although they will stop for the summer we will restart the sessions again in the Autumn.

For more information about these and other events due to be held in Comberton and other Cambridgeshire Libraries, please pick up our latest What's On brochure or check the library website, Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page, posters and literature in the library - or simply ask our friendly librarians for further details.

We look forward to seeing you in the Library very soon!

Tel: 0345 045 5225

Email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library



Dear Friends,

I am really enjoying getting to know the local area and walking my dogs in the beautiful countryside around Caldecote. It is also great to be part of a village with such a strong sense of community, which I have seen in my visits to the school, the Village Hall and pavilion. We are very grateful for the kind and generous help received from many in our village. Funds raised from events such as the Open Gardens, are vital in helping us maintain and preserve the Church, which is such a special place, for future generations.

On Easter Monday, the Jenkins family hosted a wonderful afternoon at Childerley Hall to raise money for the Church. Many came to see the beautiful gardens and to enjoy an afternoon tea in the atmospheric Chapel. We felt especially blessed as lots of rain earlier in the day turned into bright, sunny weather for the afternoon event. We all enjoyed spending time in the gardens with its romantic Tudor feel, with its beautiful tulips, daffodils and budding roses, topiary, and the picturesque lake. Discovering the life-sized elephants in one hidden corner of the garden was the highlight of a very special afternoon.

The Old Rectory very kindly opened their gardens for two days in the middle of May, also to raise funds for the Church. Catherine and John Barker have created a really unique and atmospheric hillside garden which fits very well into the local landscape. As well as having formal elements, the garden has many special wild areas where insects and birds thrive and a very impressive collection of trees. The whole effect is totally charming. It is no surprise that many made the journey and had a lovely time, both on Saturday and Sunday, many coming to enjoy the wonderful food! This was certainly a highlight for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed having lunch with friends and parishioners on the beautiful lawn, in the warm sunshine, so welcome after all the rain of the previous week.

As a Church, we are working hard to increase the number of monthly services in the village and also to make our activities as accessible as possible to everyone wherever they live. Starting in May, Fiona Whelan is leading a new service of Morning Prayer in the Church every second Sunday of the month at 11am. Also from May, Cafe Church will be meeting at the Village Hall, from 3-4pm each third Sunday of the month. All are most welcome to join us for music, coffee, cake, craft activities and a bible story. It will be a space for prayer, worship and friendship and a place to make new friends and to discuss faith and life.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and a great holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless,

Clare

Revd Clare Coates,

Lead Minister for Dry Drayton, Hardwick and Caldecote with Childerley

clarecoates@lordsbridge.org

Services June to August 2023

Date	Time	Service	Place
4 June	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
11 June	11am	Morning Prayer led by Fiona Whelan	St Michael and All Angels Church
18 June	3-4pm	Café Church	Village Hall, Highfields Caldecote
2 July	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
9 July	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
16 July	3-4pm	Café Church	Village Hall, Highfields Caldecote
30 July	10:30am	Lordsbridge Team Fifth Sunday service of Holy Communion	Barton
6 August	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
13 August	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
20 August	3-4pm	Café Church	Village Hall, Highfields Caldecote

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 contributed to the Christmas and summer hamper schemes and helped with the cost of school trips for pupils at the Primary School.

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

Donations are also most welcome and can be made at [Sitwell's Charity and Town Lands - JustGiving](#)

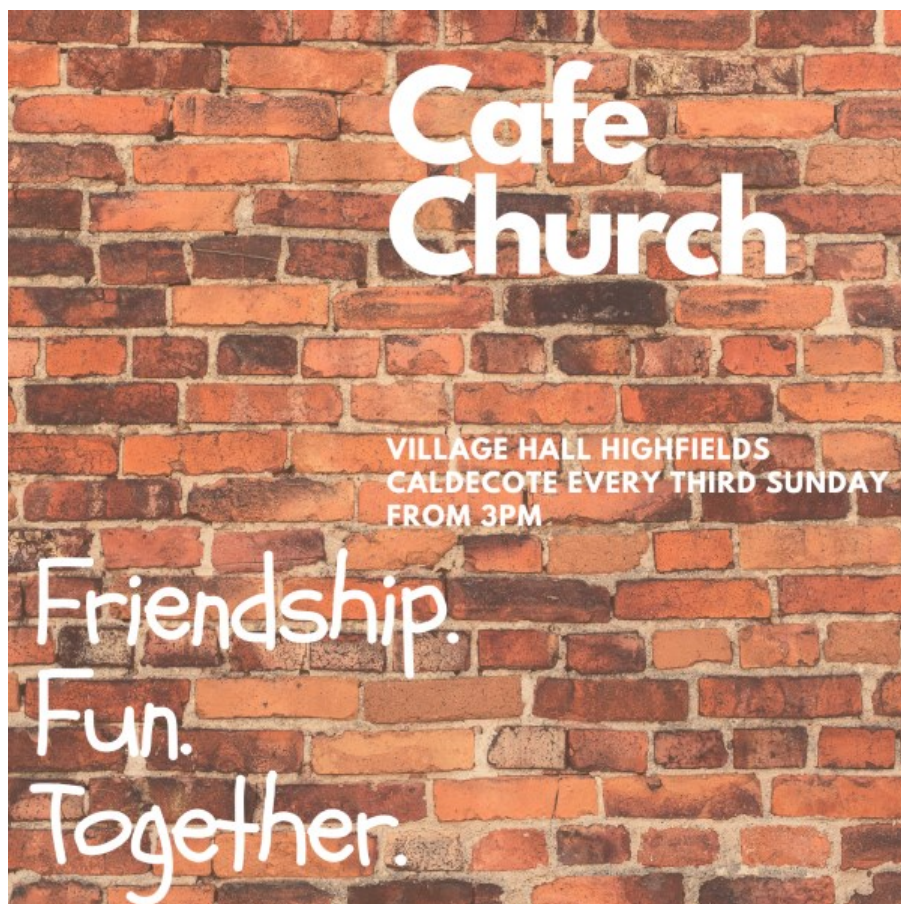
Pennies for St Michael's Church – Our Oldest Building!

We are still collecting pennies and small coins for St Michael's. Please do help us continue to do so. Our current total stands at just over £3000! I know much spending is now by card and online, but any spare pennies or small coins would be very welcome. Every bit goes to St Michael's church Restoration Fund which is an ongoing problem. There are no costs as any work involved is done voluntarily.

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. 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! We are very grateful for several large donations which have come in recently and may soon be ready for an up to date count.

Sheila



OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cambourne Church Centre, between Jeavons Lane and High Street, CB23 6GW
Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07754-227468.
Email: cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm, Sunday 5pm, Mon -Wed 12.30, Thurs - Fri 6.30pm. The Church Building on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cambourn.Sawston.

Please use our Facebook page for more information on church events.

Please contact Fr John Minh on the email above for any enquires or support about your faith.

Easter has been a very busy time for the Catholic parish of SJF. We have celebrated a plethora of cultures within our church, starting with St Patricks Day in mid-March.

Holy Week started with the 'Pesaha' on Maundy Thursday, this is a tradition celebrated in Kerala India, where the priest or head of the family blesses the firm rice cake that St Thomas made, this is then shared amongst the family or families and in our case many parishioners.

On Holy Saturday, we celebrated 'Swieconka', a traditional Polish celebration when Easter baskets are blessed, the baskets are filled with breads, sausage, and treats representing the abundance of God's love and generosity. Sixty plus people attended this event, the Polish community were very grateful to be able to celebrate Swieconka together.

On the same day at the Vigil Mass, we lit the 'Easter Fire' a symbolic event representing Jesus as the light of the world...Alleluia, Alleluia, He is Risen! We all feel truly blessed at the sharing of different cultural traditions within our Catholic church community.

Moving forward we are all looking forward to several children in our parish making their first communion in the coming months, please keep them and the confirmation children in your prayers.



Spring Gardening

Anyone familiar with our lovely Cambridgeshire soil will know that our heavy clay can be a slurry pit in winter and bake to something like concrete in summer. It's good for roses and other carefully chosen plants. After years of adding organic material it can still be difficult.

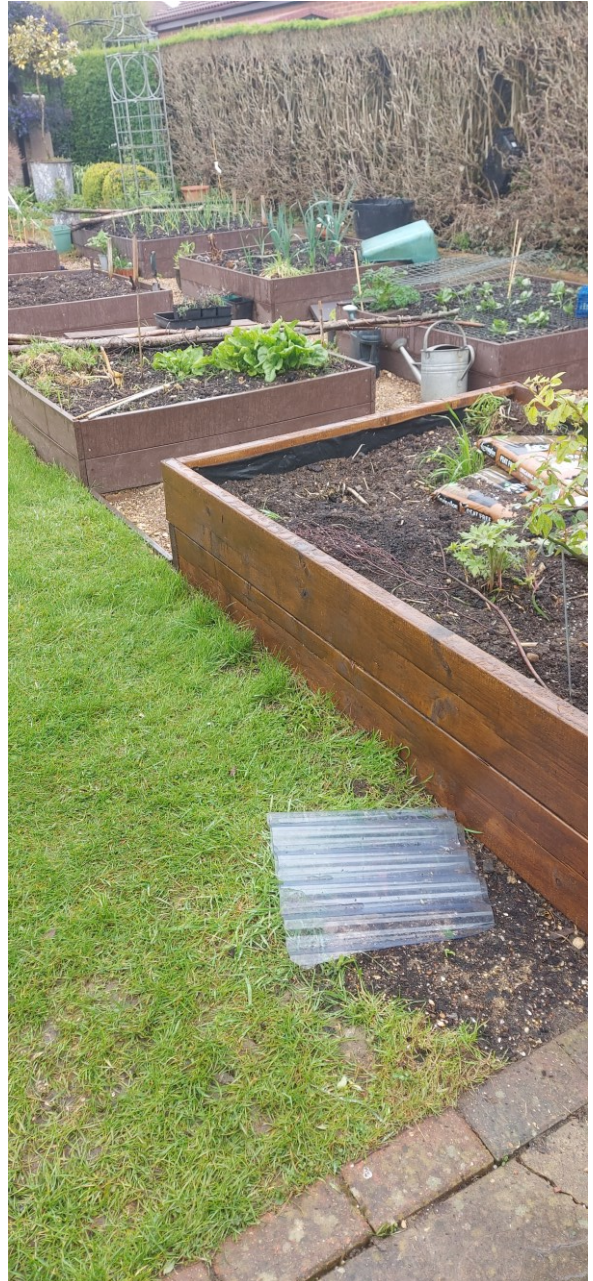
A few years ago, we decided to take the plunge and make some raised beds. We used plastic boards from local supplier Filcris because we like the idea of using recycled materials, the boards are UV stable, won't rot, are very easy to work, and probably cheaper than timber.

We made 6 beds from the recycled plastic and 2 beds from the 200mm x 50mm timber we rescued from our earlier beds which were only 200mm deep, the new beds are 2 planks deep. We dug the soil over in the bottom of each bed, added a barrow load of pea shingle to improve drainage, then more soil conditioner (Denise's Delight from Madingley Mulch or the free material from Amey at Waterbeach) then more of our home-made compost. We finally forked it over again to mix the material up and assist the regeneration of the microbial content of the soil. We are keen advocates of making your own compost.

In general, we're very pleased with the result. We try to follow a "no dig" method so as not to disturb the soil. The advantages of raised beds are that we don't have to bend down so far (a consideration now that we're no longer spring chickens). Weeding is very easy, we just pull them out with our fingers and we get mostly good results with all the vegetables and salad items we grow.

This year, the 2 wooden beds we'd made from recycled timber finally needed replacing, so we replaced like with like. It took a little while to recover from the shock of how much 200 x 50mm pressure treated timber costs these days. We lined the inside with a double layer of heavy-duty membrane. Other people advocate the use of plastic.

We feel a little conflicted about the two approaches. On the one hand, we really like the practical utility of using recycled plastic. On the other hand, we prefer the aesthetic appeal of the timber beds. As they say, you pay your money and make your choice.



Graham & Julie Southon

West Drive.

Gardening Tips for the Summer by National Trust's expert gardeners.

Cut back plants

At this time of year, it's a good idea to trim your perennials so that they flower for longer and keep their strength and vigour.

Many gardeners like to do the 'Hampton Court' hack in July. This method involves taking the shoot of a plant in your flower border and cutting back by roughly a third.

Deadhead flowering plants

It's important to deadhead flowering plants to keep them healthy and blooming for as long as possible.

Avoid over-watering

You may not need to water as much as you think, especially if the soil is healthy and the ground is covered by plants or mulches.

Give your plants a drink if they are starting to wilt but don't just water the surface of the soil as this will cause shallow rooting.

It's best to water your garden first thing in the morning or in the evening.

Limit digging during dry periods

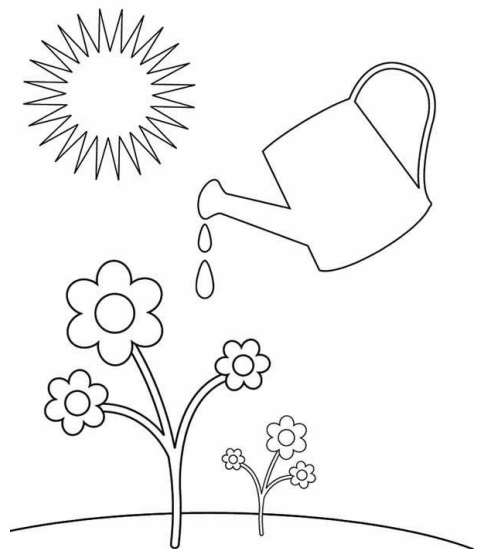
Our gardeners warn against a lot of digging in dry weather as it damages the soil structure, increases moisture loss and disturbs plant roots.

Plant autumn bulbs

Late summer is a good time to plant autumn bulbs, including cyclamens, colchicums and dahlias.

Take cuttings for next year

Take and raise cuttings from your favourite flowering plants during the summer, so you have a plentiful supply for next year.



For more details go to: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/gardening-tips/gardening-tips-for-summer#>



Your Local Family History Society

Looking for an interesting and rewarding hobby? Come and join the Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Family History Society – trace your family tree, meet new people and learn about the counties of Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire.

Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to help you start your research, break down brick walls, introduce you to or guide you through our own and other resources and answer your general genealogy questions at our “Trace your Ancestors” surgeries held throughout the county every month. See our website or go to www.facebook.co.uk/CambridgeshireFHS for more information! If you cannot get to a surgery, then you can email us at secretary@chfhs.org.uk or message us directly through our Facebook page where we will be pleased to answer all your questions.

We also hold interesting talks on Zoom every month – see www.chfhs.org.uk to see what we have coming up and to reserve your place.

Over on our Facebook page, we have set up ancestor groups for every parish in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, so please do come and join them if your ancestors came from the area. You do not have to be a society member to join any of our ancestor groups and you will find like-minded people sharing photos and research there. You may even find a distant cousin!

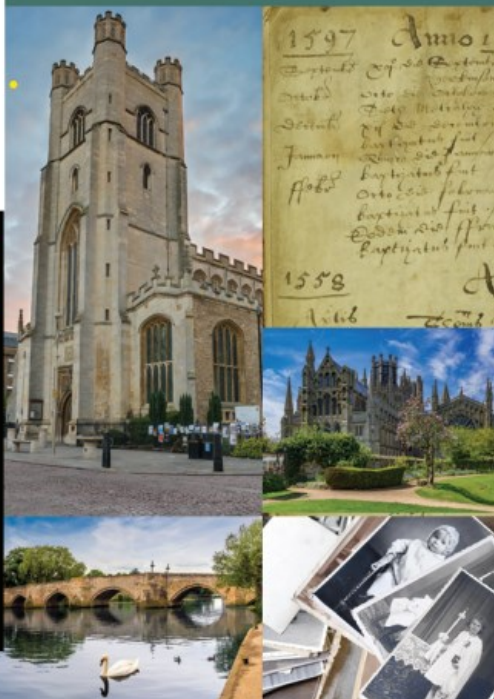
Interested in **Family History?**

We are your local family history society! Visit chfhs.org.uk, search CambridgeshireFHS on Facebook or email secretary@chfhs.org.uk for more information



**Drop in
surgeries**

**Cambridge
Ely St Ives
Huntingdon
Bar Hill
March**



Membership to the Society starts at only £9 per year and we would love it if you joined. Not only will you learn about your ancestors, but your subscription will help us to find and preserve documents for future generations. You will also receive an interesting quarterly journal, access to exclusive members only data and to other members who share your research interests, plus free membership of the Cambridge University Library.

You can also volunteer with us: we have many interesting projects happening from transcribing records to helping others with research through our surgeries or our research service. We have been speaking to AgeUK recently about holding “How to” sessions at their friends clubs and need volunteers to help run these too, so whatever your experience or preferences, we can find something rewarding for you to do!



Caldecote Open Gardens

Clare Farm

(what3words : bulbs.reddish.regulates)

and

Longmeadow

(what3words : empty.breeze.stylists)

Main Street, CB23 7NU

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July 2023

1.00 - 6.00 pm

Entry by single donation to both gardens

All day refreshments

Off road footpath between gardens

Guided tours of SSSI (TBC)

Meet chickens, ducks and guinea fowl

Cycle and off road parking

Enjoy an afternoon out and about in two mature local gardens meeting friends and neighbours, and enjoying tea and cake !

All monies raised for St. Michael & All Angels Church, Caldecote





**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

Wildlife Trust: West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update, June 2023

Thank you for those people who keep their dogs on a lead in our special woodlands in the West Cambs Hundreds area. Keeping dogs on leads is the default for our reserves, including Gamlingay Wood (and Sugley Wood), Waresley and Gransden Wood (and Brownes' Piece) Hayley Wood and Hardwick Wood. There are a few exceptions, which can be found on our website. We are looking to improve signage, but temporary signs are easily removed, and more permanent signs are expensive. In Waresley and Gransden Woods we have a new volunteer who walks the woods regularly and chats to people about the reserve and how to use it sustainably. If anyone is interested in doing something like this in Gamlingay Wood, please get in touch.

Here are some reasons why we want dogs on leads and on the paths

- The presence of a dog can disturb wildlife at the time (like basking reptiles, fledgling birds, or small mammal) and their scent can deter wildlife after they have left
- Dogs with topical flea treatments can poison water
- Dogs disturb sediment which covers leaves of oxygenating plants in water. This affects life at all levels (and we do love our tadpoles!)
- Dogs off a lead disturb ground or near-ground-nesting birds (like meadow pipits in Sugley Wood, skylarks in agricultural fields, willow warblers which are declining in our region, wrens, robins and blackbirds)
- Dog mess is unpleasant for people visiting and affects soil nutrient levels
- Dogs can trample plants on the woodland floor

Here are some reasons why we ask this **even from the most perfectly behaved dog**:

- When people see others with their dogs off the lead, they think it is ok, but not all dogs stay close to their owners
- Some people including some children, are scared of dogs, regardless of how they behave. It is reassuring for those people when a dog is on a lead.

These sites are owned by the Wildlife Trust BCN, and are managed for wildlife with permissive access for people. We want people to enjoy the woods and we want to keep them special for generations. The more we treat them with respect, the more likely it will be special for future generations.

We really appreciate those who use our sites sustainably, and those that go the extra mile to care for these woods by doing things like picking up litter and reporting issues.

Rebecca Neal, Communities and Education Officer, Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

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BCN Facebook/Twitter: [@wildlifebcn](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn)

Facebook: [@BeccaBadgerWTBCN](https://www.facebook.com/BeccaBadgerWTBCN)
Events: www.wildlifebcn.org/events

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, Buff Wood plus Cambourne Nature Reserve.

Cambourne Open Gardens

at The Manor House

Location: The Wildlife Trust BCN headquarters, The Manor House Broad Street, Great Cambourne, England, CB23 6DH

Meet our team of staff and volunteers, and spend some time in our wonderful wildlife garden, as part of the annual Cambourne Open Gardens event

Saturday 24 June 2023
11am -5pm

About the event

The Wildlife Trust BCN would like to invite you to visit the wonderful wildlife garden at our headquarters in Cambourne as part of the annual Cambourne Open Gardens event. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give you a brief tour of the grounds, offer advice, and chat with you about local nature reserves, and volunteering opportunities. You can see our display of wildlife photography competition winners, provide a new home for a plant, buy a gift, or tell us about your own wildlife gardening experiences.

Free & No booking needed for the Open Garden event at The Manor House, just drop in!

Know before you go

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| Dogs | - Guide dogs only |
| Mobility | - The Manor House building is accessible for all, and there will be an accessible route around the garden. Suitable for wheelchairs. |
| Parking | - The Manor House has limited parking (disabled parking is available). Please consider parking at Morrisons nearby if you can |
| Bicycle parking | - yes |
| Facilities | - Toilets, Accessible toilet, Baby changing facilities, Disabled parking |

Contact us

Rebecca Neal

Contact number: 07894 599020

Contact email: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Caldecote, Dry Drayton & Hardwick Community Car Scheme



This Car Scheme is available for anyone requiring transportation to medical or essential appointments or social destinations and has no other means of transport.

The Scheme is run entirely by local volunteer drivers and co-ordinators, kindly offering their services to help those in need of transport.

To book a driver, please contact one of our Co-ordinators below:

Gill Stott	07464 069 483
Lizzie Coe	07387 395 296
Derek Evans	07464 052 521

Please call between 8.30am – 6.00pm, Monday to Fridays only.

Please call to book, as soon as you can, and at least 48 hours before your appointment, so that a suitable driver can be arranged. Please do not call on weekends and bank holidays.

For each journey, passengers pay £3.50 for a local journey and for longer trips, 30p per mile is charged, (calculated from start of journey at the driver's door to the end of journey, at the driver's door). Drivers can only accept cash payment.

For all drivers, mileage costs are reimbursed at 45p per mile, part paid by the passenger (30p per mile) and a subsidy (15p per mile) from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The Community Car Scheme is working well supporting many of you across the villages through a dedicated team of volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers, be it drivers, co-ordinators, fundraisers, or committee members. If you would like to join our wonderful supportive team serving our community or have any queries, please call Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638 or email - sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk.

Please note: Our drivers will not tolerate any verbal abuse or other bad behaviour. We reserve the right to refuse further help in such cases.

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 5.45pm to 7.00pm, the Pavilion
(term time only)
Emma Hall & Vicky Rees (Unit Leaders)
1stcaldecotebrownies@gmail.com

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 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
Telephone: 01954 210841
Manager: Steph Taylor:
caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

Admissions: Anesta Cooper
admissions.caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

Trustees:

Chair: Jemma Hoban
chair.caldecotepreschool@outlook.com

Secretary: Helene Stewart

Treasurer: Farah Clark

Trustee: Louisa Joyce

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

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

Community Car Scheme

- Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick.
Gill Stott 07464 069 483
Lizzie Coe 07387 395 296
Derek Evans 07464 052 521

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.

Doctors

Bourn Surgery

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

Comberton Surgery

Appointments/Emergencies -
01223 262500
Repeat Prescriptions - 01223 262399

Evangelical Church

Rev. Kate Gaze - 01954 211900 /
07484 866966
minister.hechurch@gmail.com

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

1st Thurs ea. month, 7pm @ The Pavilion

Chair: Cllr Polly Anne Field - 212230

Vice Chair: Cllr Helen Cartwright

Cllr John Barker

Cllr Nicola Pritchard

Cllr Sharon Pedley

Cllr Priya Nair

Cllr Mary-Ann Claridge

Clerk: Alan Melton - 07771 524093

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: Rachael Goad

Secretary: Katy Reeves

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

Rev. Clare Coates - 07818 618795

revdclare.coates@gmail.com

Churchwarden:

www.caldecotechurch.org.uk

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

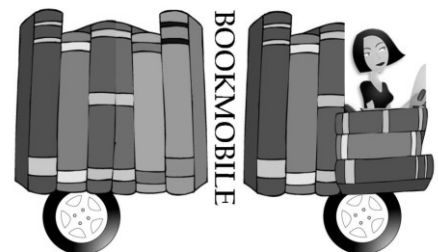
Mobile Library – Route C11

Nr 117 Highfields Road, Caldecote Highfields

The 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



CALDECOTE RECREATION GROUND CAR BOOT SALE



FURLONG WAY
CB23 7ZH

SUNDAY
23rd July
10am to 1pm

HARD AND SOFT PITCHES OWN TABLE REQUIRED

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SELLERS TO ARRIVE AT 8.30 AM