

Caldecote Journal



June – August 2024

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
Every Tuesday	Community Hub @ The Pavilion, 9.30am - 3.30pm	
Wed 5th June	The Library at Home service will be visiting Comberton library, 11.15am-12.15pm.	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
7-9 th June	Cambridge Club Festival, Childerley	www.thecambridgeclub.co
Sun 16 th June	Café Church, Village Hall 3pm (every 3rd Sunday) - <i>note no café church on 23rd July</i>	
Thurs 4 th July	General Election	
Sun 14 th July	Opera in the Long Barn, Childerley. Mozart's The Magic Flute 3pm, Gardens open 1pm	www.childerley.org
Sat 20 th & Sun 21 st July	Caldecote Open Gardens, 1-6pm, Clare Farm & Longmeadow	
Sun 21 st July	Folk Music in the Long Barn, Childerley. Curtain up 4pm. Gardens open 4pm.	www.childerley.org
Tues 23 rd July	Pavilion Café Opens for Summer Holidays. Tues-Sat 10.30-4.00pm	



Caldecote, Dry Drayton & Hardwick Community Car Scheme



The scheme aims to assist anyone who needs taking to essential destinations within a reasonable distance and who has no other means of transport.

As you will be aware the car scheme is run entirely by volunteers who give their time freely, with expenses covered. There are many aspects of the car scheme that need help and to keep this valuable service going to support those in need in our local community, we are continually looking for volunteers. If you have some time in your week and enjoy engaging with people, then this friendly scheme may be of interest. Obviously, the driving is crucial, so help is always needed here. However, there are other areas you can help with too. As we are a charity, we would welcome support with organising fundraising or catering for the occasional events we hold.

If you feel like helping with this valuable local service, we would be delighted to hear from you. At present we are looking for a treasurer with computer knowledge.

Contact:

Gill Stott 07464 069 483

Lizzie Coe 07387 395 296

Derek Evans 07464 052 521

Please ring between 08.30am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday only

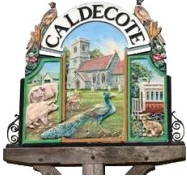
All journeys are 40p per mile charged from drivers' door and back. The co-ordinator will be able to advise the cost when booking.

Meet and Chat morning for drivers and passengers

The car scheme is holding a meet and chat morning for drivers and passengers on 14th June 10 till 12 at Hardwick Sports and Social Club . No speeches this time!

There will be a light buffet and raffle provided by us. Any donations will be welcome.

If you would like to attend, please notify to Rita Hashim 07898 535239 by 7th June so we know how many to cater for. Also any special dietary requirements.



Caldecote Parish Council

June 2024

The Annual Parish Council meeting took place on 2nd May 2024 the following were re-elected.
Councillor Polly Field – Chairman
Councillor Helen Cartwright Vice-Chairman

Peace Garden: The Peace Garden at Furlong Way continues to mature, there have been further garden furniture installed, including a pergola, seats, and a miniature bridge. The council recently transferred the sum of £3,500 to the Peace Garden organisers. The money was a result of a section 106 agreement with the developers from various sites in Caldecote.

We have applied for a 20mph speed limit in Highfields Road, to enhance safety, particularly by the school. Hopefully the County Council will put us in the top of the priority list.

Work is still progressing with the Pavilion enhancements; the old metal cabin has been removed and the foundations laid for the new all-purpose Portakabin for the use of sports clubs.



The old Cabin being take away for scrap!

We are also seeking tenders to re-surface the car park and access road, which is now far beyond repair.

The Council has also applied to Cambridgeshire CC for the installation of up to 6 Electric Vehicle Chargers as part of the government scheme to enhance charging facilities in rural areas.

Alan Melton
Clerk to the Council

parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk
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East West Rail's Proposed Line Through Highfields Caldecote

Many of you will remember the consultation held in 2021 by EWR when the village first learned of the possibility that a railway would be built through the top end of the village. This was a non-statutory consultation and since then EWR have been considering all the comments and carrying out further investigations. We are now approaching the Statutory Phase and the Development Consent Order (DCO) Process, so what does this mean?

A DCO is a piece of law that, if granted, would give authority to EWR to build the new railway. The DCO process has defined stages:

1. **Pre-Application (no set timescale) – CURRENT STAGE**

This is the stage we are currently at, and when EWR are required to carry out a Statutory Consultation. Due to the recent announcement of the date of the General Election this consultation, originally expected in June/July will be postponed. EWR had planned a 2-stage consultation with the 2nd stage next year. It remains to be seen what will happen now and we await further news after the General Election.

2. Acceptance (28 days) – once EWR have produced a Consultation Report explaining how they have considered the feedback gained from the consultation they will submit their application to the Planning Inspectorate. They have 28 days to accept the application assuming all necessary documents have been submitted.
3. Pre-Examination (approx. 3 months) – EWR must publicise that their application has been accepted and ask Interested Parties to register. Interested Parties can make written submissions and speak at public hearings during the Examination stage.
4. Examination (6 months) – The Examination Authority gathers and reviews evidence.
5. Decision (6 months) – Within 3 months from the end of Stage 4, the Planning Inspectorate makes a recommendation to the Government whether to grant consent or not. The Secretary of State then has 3 months to decide. Though this can be extended.
6. Post-Decision (6 weeks) – There is a 6-week period for the decision to be legally challenged i.e. a Judicial Review.

In 2021 when the village was shocked to hear the news a few residents and councillors worked hard to try and understand what was happening, and to help gather information together to help the village respond to the consultation. Since then, a working group of residents, alongside a representative of the Parish Council, have met regularly to keep up to date and to keep information flowing so that the village can stay informed.

As we approach the Statutory Consultation it was decided that the best way to feed a lot of information to the village without overwhelming anyone was to produce a series of leaflets that tackled one topic at a time. The first of these was delivered recently addressing the Economic Case for the railway.

The information on the economic case, and that used for future leaflets, is fully up to date. In fact, this was confirmed by a representative of EWR who told the group that the information in the DCO has not substantially changed from the EWR Economic & Technical Report produced last year. Of course, there will be some changes when the DCO begins and any changes to the current information will be updated and clearly communicated at the time.

There are many nuances to the arguments and more detailed evidence that just wouldn't fit into a leaflet that busy people will read. That is why we have produced a second document of evidence to support the arguments. It is all factually correct & includes the reference material from East West Rail as well as other sources. The supporting document is available on the Caldecote EWR Action Group and by request.

Please engage with the resident's group if there is anything in there you wish to discuss, or more information you would like to know.

We all agree that the economy needs to grow faster, and that Cambridge has an important part to play in doing that. Many of us also believe there is latent demand for East West travel. Just not enough latent demand to justify £8bn of investment in a railway. On the published evidence to date, and logical conclusions drawn from that, it is not proven that this railway is the solution to generate the Cambridge economic growth most people want.

Whilst we prepare for the consultation and wait to hear what EWR will be presenting, Caldecote Parish Council have also started work on an impact assessment and ways in which the impact can be mitigated should this project come to fruition. But it is vitally important that your views are given at the two consultations to come, and hopefully the leaflets will help to bring everyone up to speed with the data that is in the public domain to date.

In the meantime, if anyone has received a Land Interest Questionnaire (LIQ) from EWR and would like any advice or help, again please contact the group on the email below and we will do our best to help. Or you can also write to the Parish Clerk.

EWR Resident's Group

CaldecoteEWRgroup@gmail.com

Please Note:

The EWR Statutory Consultation is now delayed due to the announcement of the General Election.

When it does happen it is vitally important that as many residents as possible give their comments during this official stage of the process. This is the one time that EWR must listen to the concerns and opinions of Caldecote's residents so please make yourself heard when the time comes.



District Councillor News

New Municipal Year 2024/25

We are in a new municipal year starting May 2024-May 2025. As usual, I prepared an annual report that I share with all ward parish councils at their annual meetings. Go to

this link <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports/annual-reports/> and select April/May 2024 under Municipal Year 2022-2026 section. It contains many highlights of events during the 2023-24 municipal year just ended.

SCDC 50th Birthday Anniversary

South Cambs marked its 50th anniversary with a civic ceremony at South Cambs Hall in March 2024. It was created in 1974 by combining what was then Chesterton Rural District Council and South Cambridgeshire Rural District Council. Thanks to everyone who has served on and worked for the council over the years, and to our communities for your support.

Cost of Living Support

SDCC continues to assist residents in taking advantage of all the cost-of-living support they are entitled to this winter. Please make sure you make full use of all assistance available. Check what you are entitled to at <https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>. The list of local foodbanks is at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/foodbanks>. The council's webpage at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/> has lots more information.

South Cambs Finances

South Cambridgeshire District Council is in a strong financial position – something increasingly rare amongst local authorities. The accounts have been published as required by government and are fully up to date up to 2022/23. Now down to Auditors to do their bit, In February, we passed our budget for the 2024/25 financial year which includes a whole range of ways we're investing in improving the lives of residents.

The Council made successful commercial investments that has brought in £7million which is being used to make up the shortfall of withdrawn government funding and enable us to continue to provide services to residents. The district is still one of the lowest council tax local authorities in the country. The council tax rise was below inflation and equated to 42p per month for average Band D property. We have council tax relief offering up to 100% relief from council tax for those residents who need it most

Grants

South Cambs continues to offer grants to our communities. In 2023/24, the Community Chest grant gave £80,000, service support grants £174,000 and zero carbon £126,000 and a few others. The zero carbon is very popular, and grants of £2000-£15000 are available for projects that focus on reducing emissions and increasing community engagement on issues relating to climate change. The current 2024 scheme is open now till 2nd June 2024 and £125,000 is available. So get your application in now or check out website or email zcc@Scambs.gov.uk for more details.

Planning and Housing

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) (joint service for South Cambs and Cambridge City) is fully staffed for the first time in over a decade. The 4DW has helped in bringing in more and highly qualified professionals and range of building projects is more varied than elsewhere in the country. The service continues to meet and do better than the national statutory

timescales for determining applications. Also the Policy team continue to work extremely hard to deal with the various challenges affecting the emerging joint local plan, engaging with other stakeholders and DLUHC and the Government changes to planning rules. The main challenge is water supply and the Government has established a Water Scarcity Group (WSG) to work with all partners/stakeholders to resolve this challenge, and we are engaging with the WSG. The location of the proposed Fen Reservoir is just north of Chatteris, but won't be ready till late 2030s. So short to medium term solutions are being worked on.

GCSPS has won industry awards, including for Youth Engagement and this month been shortlisted as one of 5 finalists for the prestigious Planning Awards 2024 "Local authority planning team of the year". This is testament to the positive journey and transformation the service has undergone.

Please to report that the housing land supply for the period 2024-2029 is 6.5 years which is higher than the 5-year threshold government requires of all councils.

Affordable housing is generally delivered by housing associations, often through S106 schemes especially on major sites. However, SCDC also acquires social affordable housing in significant numbers and have delivered 109 council homes over the last municipal year and we hope to acquire even more in the coming year to help bring down the housing waiting list. The Council formed a housebuilding partnership with The Hill Group through the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP). SCIP now has planning permission to build new low-carbon Passivhaus principles homes in Cambourne (area opposite/next to South Cambs Hall). 40% will be affordable comprising 72 for rent and 30 for shared ownership to add to Council homes.

Cambridge Growth Company

The Gove plan is still alive but the timeframe is extended to 2050 and still based on the economic growth driven by the Life Sciences sector. Government has now set up a "Cambridge Growth Company" (CGC) as a next step toward a development corporation. The CGC is tasked with developing and delivering the government's vision for Cambridge. We don't yet know who will be on it, but at least government now realises it needs to talk to and engage with local councils and stakeholders as it can't deliver its plans just on its own!

Cambridge Wide Open Day (CWOD)

This event is happening on Wednesday 12th June 2024. It first happened last year, as an opportunity for businesses on the science parks to open their doors to local communities and other businesses to come and see what they do and understand more about the Life Sciences, Biotech and Technology sectors driving the economy. The success of it led to organisers holding it again this year. Find out more at <https://cambridgewideopenday.com/> and register your interest. I learnt a lot from last year's open day so recommend it.

East West Rail: EWR confirmed the statutory consultation for the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) will be in two stages, the first in June 2024. EWR is still working on putting the line underground from north of the A428 and under Bourn Airfield and Caldecote. EWR also submitted a Statement of Community Consultation to the Council setting out how it intends to consult local communities about the DCO application. The Council responded with suggestions on how to improve the information EWR will provide and how the consultation itself is conducted. SCDC is in the process of forming a group of the parish councils of the villages that will be affected, to meet quarterly to listen to concerns and ensure the council can reflect community views and concerns in a coordinated way. To be clear, the DCO application is to government, not SCDC. The section from Bedford to Cambridge is now considered part of a wider rail network that Englands Economic Heartland is working on spanning far wider across East of England and northwards. <https://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/>

The Elephants in the Garden

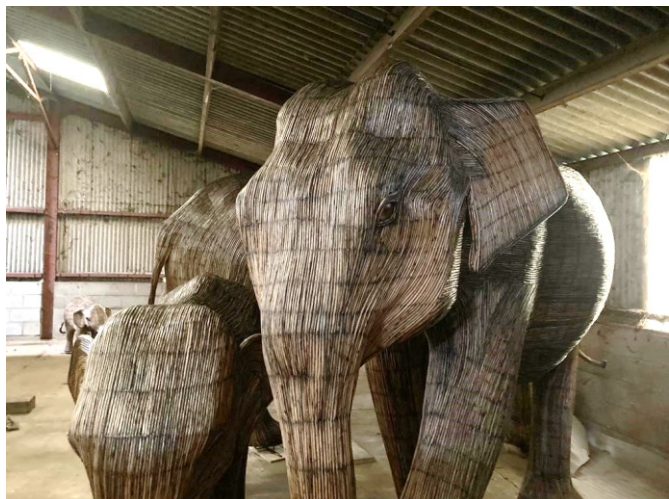


Those of you who have visited Childerley Gardens in the summer may have encountered an unusual sight for Cambridge – a group of elephants enjoying the spring blossom, the summer shade, and the autumn apples– I swear we can hear them munching on the windfalls of an evening. We love them!

It was not planned for them to be here. They were a fundraising idea of The Elephant Family – a charity set up by a group of individuals who fell for the magic of the elephant. Mark Shand (the deceased brother of our Queen Camilla) being one of them. Mark had embarked on a 900-mile journey across India, with his only mode of transport being Tara, an elephant, with whom he had many adventures. From these various experiences, and this shared love of elephants, the charity was established in 2002 to safeguard the wildlife of Asia, particularly to work on projects where elephants and people can work in harmony with each other.

The initial concept was to create a herd of over 100 elephants that would travel the world. And indeed, if you were in London in 2022 you may have seen a parade of elephants in Hyde Park and elsewhere. Our Childerley elephants were the prototypes. They were originally residents in the grounds of Castle Ashby but they had been a little neglected. So, through contacts of contacts, they arrived here in the winter of 2017 to be restored in one of the farm barns.

In return, we asked if we might borrow them for a family party in the summer of 2018.



We loved them so much that we reached out to the charity to ask if we could find a way for the elephants to earn their keep here at Childerley. We were delighted that when the charity visited, they too were enchanted in seeing these gentle giants amongst the daffodils and cow parsley. The rest is history: an agreement was reached that the elephants could stay; we would hold fundraising events to support the charity each year – teas at garden open days being one; and that those wishing to house their own elephants could seek our advice on upkeep and maintenance.

The Elephants are made of a reed from the Lantana plant which ironically is taking over the natural habitat of the Asian elephant. They were made in a village in Assam, and each is modelled on a living elephant. The largest is called Ganesh – The god of Elephants.

We take our role of custodianship very seriously. All undergo a rigorous spring clean and winter brush-down, and whilst Ganesh is too big to be moved to be wintered inside, the others are taken into a barn. Their return to the gardens in the spring is a true highlight.



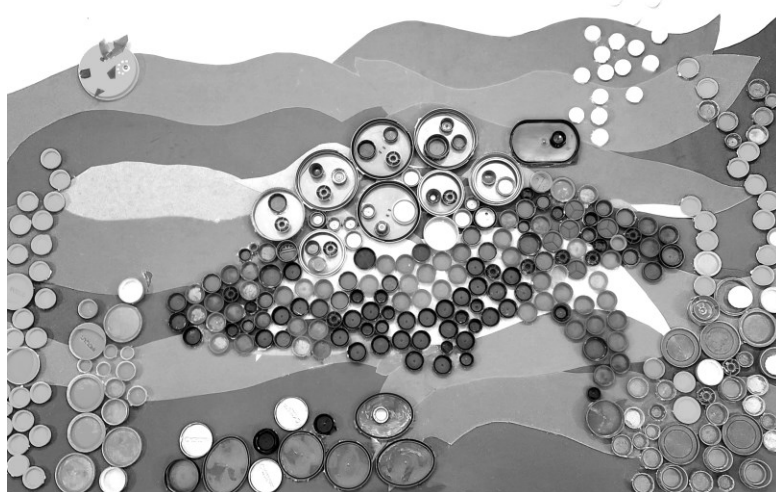
You can learn more about the wonderful work of the Elephant Family here - <https://elephant-family.org/our-story/> and of course donations are always welcomed.

The Elephant Family is a part of The British Asian Trust, a UK registered charity (1127366), Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3DN



Team Caldecote 1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies

1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies had a great end to the Spring term and beginning of Summer Term! We finished off our Art Challenge badge by making a huge art piece from recycled bottle caps donated by the community. The girls also became environmental detectives and found out what we are doing rightly and wrongly in our community for the environment. Caldecote, you are great for providing lots of bins, but the girls thought people were not so good at using them!



This term we are working on our “Skills for My Future” module and our “Rainbow” challenge badge. Rainbows had messy fun making Oobleck, and noisy fun learning about how bats echo locate. Brownies have been working on their practical skills and teamwork by making lifts that can raise water containers and designing train routes. We also had a great visit from the local constabulary and learned about road signalling!



Coming up later this term we have a special art workshop run by a local artist, a cinema trip, some baking, D.I.Y. and more!



A huge well done to: Myra (Rainbows), Eva and Nia (Brownies) for earning their Silver Awards and to Hope (Rainbows) for achieving her Gold Award – a first Gold award for our Rainbow unit! Our Rainbows and Brownies groups are wholly run by just two regular volunteers; we desperately need additional adult volunteers to join us to help to keep both units open. To find out more, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact us at: 1stcaldecotebrownies@gmail.com 1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time, 5.45-7.15pm 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 have fun making friends, trying new things, developing their interests and self-confidence. We try our best to help our community, be kind, and look after the planet.

To register your child's interest for Rainbows or Brownies please visit:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>



Caldecote Book Group

We are always pleased 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:

June 20th The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox / Maggie O'Farrell
July 18th An Expert in Murder / Nicola Upson
Aug (tbc) The Poisonwood Bible / Barbara Kingsolver

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



Current Village Hall classes and clubs.

If you are interested in any of the below, either contact Simon on e-mail caldecotevillagehallbookings@btinternet.com, 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.

Monday

- 4–5pm & 5-6pm Dreamcatcher Gymnastic based classes ages 5+
- 7.00 – 10.00pm Dry Drayton Bridge Club

Tuesday

- 9.30 -10.30 am Pilates
- 9.30 – 11.30 am Hardwick Craft Club (2nd Tuesday of each month)
- 7.30 - 10.00pm Women’s Institute (3rd Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday

- 9.30 – 10.30 am Pilates
- 6.00 – 7.00pm Boogie Bounce – keep fit classes on individual mini-trampolines to music
- 7.30 – 9.00pm Comberton Young Farmers Club (most / not all Wednesdays) – social group for ages 14 – 26. You don’t have to be a farmer to come along !

Thursday

- 6.30 - 7.30 pm Pilates for all levels

Friday

- 4.00 – 5.00pm Junior Art Club - Mixed media art classes for ages 7+

Saturday

- 9.15 – 10.15am Pilates for all levels

Sunday

- 3.00 – 4.00 pm Caldecote Church Café (3rd Sunday of each month)



Caldecote Village Club

The heart of the village since 1951
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!!

New members always welcome, yearly membership only £1

Pool and Darts teams

Normal opening hours:

Monday: Closed,
Tuesday: Open from 7 for darts competitions (please see socials),
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Open from 7 for pool competitions (please see socials),
Friday: Open 7 - 10
Saturday: 4 - 11
Sunday: 4 - 7

The club has invested in a new Sky TV all sports setup and will be extending opening hours for sporting events, such as:

Football

- Premier League,
- FA Cup,
- Champions League,
- European and World Cups

Rugby

- Six Nations



Other sports available on request

Please also look out for the notice signs and on socials for other entertainment events coming up

Follow our new Facebook page for all upcoming events:

www.facebook.com/thecaldecotevillageclub

For more information on becoming a member please pop in, Facebook message, or email 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

There is a lot to explore and enjoy at your local library in June. Come on over to the library if you're new to Comberton or around the area—membership is free! If you think your library card has expired come along and re-join, it does not cost anything. We look forward to see you! There is also free access to books, ebooks, eAudiobooks, library computers and more.

Coming Up

Remember, June is National Crime Readers Month. Comberton Library has a huge range of crime fiction. We are always ready to help you solve your next mystery read. Also, if you want to interact with solving a mystery, come, borrow and solve a crime themed jigsaw puzzle.

The Library at Home service will be visiting Comberton library on Wednesday June 5th, 11.15am-12.15pm. This service brings books direct to your door. Available to Cambridgeshire residents of any age who find it difficult to get to the library. This could be due to disability, illness or caring responsibilities, on a permanent or temporary basis. They will explain more about the service and how it can be accessed at this free, drop-in event with Refreshments. Donations will be welcome.

Great Big Green Week, 8 – 16th June. A national celebration. Comberton library will continue to show a planet friendly display of Summer.

HiVIS Fortnight- 1st -14th June. Come and learn about how your library can support people with sight impairments to access library materials. We have large print, Braille, e- books and audio books all to borrow via your library membership.

Saturday July 13th – sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers.

Weekly Activities

Knit and Natter group meet in Comberton Library, 10.30am – 11.30am. June dates: 10th and 24th. July dates: 8th and 22nd. Then every other Monday onwards. Newcomers are warmly welcome.

Come sing along and have fun, Rhymetime, 10.30am – 11.00am (except during the school holidays) for children between 0 to 4 years of age. June dates: 3rd and 17th. July dates: 1st and 15th. Also, come and join the First Steps Library Club, aged 0 – 4 years.

Every Saturday morning it's Lego Time with Duplo. Come and have fun building and exploring your imagination. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

Tel: 0345 045 5225

Email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk





Caldecote Open Gardens

Clare Farm

(what3words : bulbs.reddish.regulates)

and

Longmeadow

(what3words : empty.breeze.stylists)

both on Main Street, CB23 7NU

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July 2024

1.00 - 6.00 pm

Entry by suggested donation of **£2.50 per person** gains entry to both gardens for both days (**U16's free**)

CASH ONLY PLEASE

All day refreshments

Off road footpath between gardens

Guided tours of SSSI - **3.00 pm Saturday**
2.00 pm Sunday

Meet chickens, ducks and guinea fowl (at LM)
and the herd of alpacas (at CF)

Cycle and off road car parking

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome in both gardens

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

All monies raised for the running and upkeep of
St. Michael & All Angels Church, Caldecote





Dear Friends,

What a difference the sunshine makes! It's been wonderful to have some warm spring weather at last after what feels like endless rain! The Churchyard has benefitted from both the warmth and the rain, and it is looking very pretty with the arrival of Cow Parsley and Mayflowers.



We recently held Café Church in the Churchyard and conducted a survey, discovering lots of different flowers, wildflowers, shrubs and trees including wild primroses, forget-me-nots, daisies, buttercups and violets. We even host our own rookery! And the rooks were very busy nesting and feeding their young. We also spotted beautiful orange tip butterflies, bumble bees and ladybirds. We have a resident population of bats, and undoubtedly are visited by foxes, badgers and hedgehogs.

We are very keen to encourage wildlife and are working hard to increase our biodiversity. No mow May will be observed in the hope of encouraging wildlife to flourish! We will also be looking into the Eco Church awards run by the Christian environmental organisation A Rocha, with the aim of trying to achieve the bronze award. Do keep an eye out on our website as we move forward with this exciting project!

I hope you have a wonderful Summer and I look forward to seeing you soon, and at one of our Open Gardens events.

God Bless,
Clare

*Revd Clare Coates,
Lead Minister for Caldecote with Childerley, Dry Drayton and Hardwick*

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LordsbridgeTeam>*

Holiday Hamper Schemes

Caldecote Church partners with Sitwells Trust and our local primary school to offer a supermarket voucher to families who might appreciate some help through the Summer holidays. If you would like to donate to this scheme, please use the url link below:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/94ebc8e8-74f3-48f2-99a9-ea93433f5381>

St Michael and All Angels Services May to August 2024

Date	Time	Service	Place
May 5	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
May 12	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Stephen Coates	St Michael and All Angels Church
May 19	3-4pm	Café Church	Village Hall, Highfields Caldecote
June 2	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
June 9	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Stephen Coates	St Michael and All Angels Church
June 16	3-4pm	Café Church	Village Hall, Highfields Caldecote
July 7		Holy Communion led by Revd Clare	St Michael and All Angels Church
July 14	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Stephen Coates	St Michael and All Angels Church
July 23		NO CAFÉ CHURCH	
4 August	11am	Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Fraser	St Michael and All Angels Church
11 August	11am	Morning Prayer, led by Stephen Coates	St Michael and All Angels Church
18 August		NO CAFÉ CHURCH	

Online services

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

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!

Frustratingly I missed the deadline of the last edition of the Caldecote Journal – but here I assure you we have not stopped collecting pennies or other coins towards the building maintenance of our Village Church. Fortunately, we have not been forgotten and I have sent our last contributions of pennies off to the treasurer for counting! These were counted at £145.35.

Currently your coins are particularly valuable as St Michael's is shortly due its Quinquennial inspection. I am sure most of you will not have a clue what this is but Caldecote Church comes under the Ely Diocese whose job it is (amongst many other things!) to see that all its many Churches in every single Parish within the Diocese are properly maintained. For this reason every Church in the Diocese is inspected every five years and given a list of repairs which the Vicars and Churchwardens and Church Council are responsible for sorting out. As yet the date for this is not exactly fixed but the inspection is indeed due fairly soon.

For this reason we need to be sure we have a pool of money in reserve to meet whatever costs arise – or we have to do some very active fund raising!

Our current total raised by the pennies now stands at £3,347.64!

I know much spending is now by card and online but any spare pennies or small coins – or notes!- would be very welcome. Every bit goes to St Michael's church Restoration Fund. There are no costs in raising money this way by donations as any admin/actual banking work involved is done voluntarily.

With the Quinquennial inspection approaching we would be especially grateful for any other collections anyone feels they can make. They may seem a small contribution but together they help enormously!

When you have any penny collections - or bigger coins or notes to hand in - please contact Sheila Stephenson Tel. 01954 210638 or 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 black bin 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!

So, you can see this comes with many thanks to all of you who are collecting and contributing coins of any size! We are very grateful for the several large donations which have come in recently. They are much appreciated.

A very big thank you to anyone willing to help.

Sheila





SUMMER SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS AT CHILDERLEY

in association with the Cambridge Summer Music Festival (CSMF) :

Sunday 14 July: Opera in the Long Barn, Mozart's **The Magic Flute**.
Curtain up 3 pm, gardens open for pre-performance picnics from 1 pm.
Tickets from £28 to £70 from [CSMF Box office](#).

Sunday 21 July: Kathryn Tickell and The Darkening
bring their wondrous folk music to the Long Barn.
Curtain up 4 pm. Gardens open from 3 pm. Pay-bar available.
Tickets £25/£28 available from [CSMF Box Office](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE, visit:

www.childerley.org or www.cambridgesummertime.com

email: events@childerley.org

Childerley Hall, CB23 8BA.
Off the St Neots Road between Bourn and Caldecote.



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between Bourn and Caldecote)

Gardening Thoughts

We have long been organic enthusiasts, principally to reduce our exposure to herbicide and pesticide residues. We were very concerned to read recently that some 60 chemicals are in use worldwide, and whilst residue concentrations in our food may be 'safe' in isolation, there seems to be a lack of knowledge about what risks these substances may pose in combination over time. There are several court cases going on around the world over the use of Glyphosate (Roundup) which is suspected of being linked to an excess of cancer cases amongst agricultural and vineyard workers.

Pesticides and herbicides aside, a recent article in The Guardian prompted us to re-read a piece in Isabella Tree's fabulous book "Wilding" which describes the rewilding of the Knepp Estate in Sussex. In the chapter titled "Rewilding the Soil", Isabella cites several studies going back 60 or 70 years which indicate that conventionally grown fruit and vegetables are now seriously deficient in trace elements and nutrients. She quotes from a government study "The Composition of Foods" which says that during the period 1940-1991, potatoes have lost 47% of their copper, 45% of their iron and 35% of their calcium, while declines in carrots are greater still.

The same is true of tomatoes. We would have needed to eat 10 tomatoes in 1991 as we would have received from one tomato in 1940. To receive the same amount of vitamin A, we need to eat 8 oranges to get the same amount as our grandparents were getting from eating one orange. Nutrients that were not measured in the first half of the 20th century, such as magnesium, zinc and vitamins B6 and E, are likely to have declined considerably. US government figures suggest a correlation between declining magnesium levels in foods like spinach, cabbage, tomato and lettuce. These deficiencies are thought to contribute to the underlying causes of conditions such as asthma, cardiovascular diseases and bronchitic and orthopaedic deformities.

Pesticide residues, nitrogen concentrations and toxic heavy metals like Cadmium in our foods have been linked with certain cancers and the rise in the incidence of Parkinsons disease. Compelling reasons to have a go at growing your own.

And don't forget, if you have only a tiny garden, you can still grow something in pots, or even an old banana box. Growing something if you are able is better than nothing at all.

Enjoy your gardens.

Julie & Graham Southon.
West Drive.



Handy List of seasonal fruit and vegetables continued...

Vegetables to harvest or buy

June:

Blackcurrants, Cherries, Gooseberries, Raspberries, Redcurrants, Rhubarb, Strawberries, Tayberries

Asparagus, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Chicory, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Elderflowers, Lettuce, Marrow, New Potatoes, Peas, Peppers, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Samphire, Sorrel, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Summer Squash, Swiss Chard, Turnips, Watercress

July

All of the above, with the exception of Asparagus, Elderflowers, Marrow and Peppers which have now gone out of season.

Plus, Now In Season: Blueberries, Carrots, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Greengages, Kohlrabi, Loganberries, Onions, Potatoes, Tomatoes

August:

Same as July, but Blueberries, Gooseberries, New Potatoes, Turnips no longer in season.

Now In Season: Damsons, Plums, Leeks, Mangetout, Mushrooms, Parsnips, Pumpkin, Sweetcorn

Vegetables to sow and plant

June:

- Courgettes
- Cucumbers
- French Beans
- Lettuce

July & August:

- Fennel
- Kohl Rabi
- Lettuce
- Pak Choi
- Parsley
- Rocket
- Spinach

A Very Special Day Out

In the archives of Caldecote Local History Group are copies of *The Caldecote Parish Newsletter*, a predecessor of *The Caldecote Journal*, dating from the early 1980s to the 1990s. The edition from June 1984 caught my attention because it carried an account from pupils from our village school reporting on what must have been a very exciting trip to London on 21st May 1984. The school had entered The Cambridge Evening News Local History Competition, and they won.

The task they were set was to research and write essays on the subject of 'The Men Who Made Mid-Anglia'. In their groups the children wrote about Sir Isaac Newton, Dick Turpin, Queen Etheldreda, Jack Hobbs, and Boudicca among others. It is good to see that the definition of 'men' was extended to include some notable mid-Anglian women! All the schools who entered the competition had their work judged, and Caldecote came out on top.

The prize awarded by the Cambridge Evening News was a trip to London by luxury coach to destinations chosen by the pupils. The Juniors chose the Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Infants headed to the Commonwealth Institute because they were studying New Zealand culture in class. The Infants were due to give an exhibition of Maori dancing in costume at a village community event later in the year, and the displays and films that they saw at the Commonwealth Institute clearly made a big impression on them.

The Juniors, too, found much to interest them at both museums, from space exhibits and laser beams to nuclear reactors, and a captivating gallery of musical instruments. But the highlight for the Juniors was a sight-seeing taxi ride around London, taking in Harrods, Buckingham Palace, the Mall, and Piccadilly Circus. Some of the group spotted Mrs Thatcher during their tour, while others were able to meet and stroke the horses belonging to the Royal Horse Guards.

The luxury coach also impressed. It was fully equipped with TV and video, a drinks dispenser, radio, driver's sleeping compartment and onboard toilet. The children also noted that the return journey was via the M11, which had only fully opened four years earlier and shaved 15 minutes off their homeward journey.

Thanks are due to Muriel Oatham and David Merritt who wrote the original article for the Parish Newsletter. Forty years on, how many of the pupils who took part that day remember their special day out?

The Pavilion community cafe will open from Wednesdays 23rd July
Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-4.00pm.

We need guaranteed volunteer help for this to happen. Without help, the cafe will not be able to open. If you can help, please let Polly Anne know by 16th July.





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Wildlife Trust BCN West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: May 2024

Climate change is here and now, and it is significantly affecting your local nature reserve. Changes are happening faster than species can adapt. It is making the work of The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants, enhancing habitats and biodiversity and people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife, even more challenging. The topic is huge, but here are some local impacts.

Hotter drier summers

- Wildlife is stressed, reproduction reduced, and species are more susceptible to disease.
- There is a greater risk of fire.
- Wet areas are at greater risk of drying out.

Warmer wetter winters

- The window we have to do woodland management is reduced, making it difficult and more expensive to employ contractors, and harder for staff and volunteers to complete essential tasks.
- Footpaths are becoming wider and more de-vegetated, and this is degrading the important "edge" habitat of woodland rides.
- Site closures, aiming to protect species on the edges of increasingly muddy footpaths, are more frequent and longer.

Chaotic seasons

The timing of things like migration, hibernation, reproduction, and emergence, can be linked to day length or temperature. This causes issues when the temperature is not what it should be for the time of year. Insect emergence is more flexible and often linked to temperature, but the development of reproductive organs and migration behaviour in birds is more influenced by day length.

- Chicks may hatch before their food is available.
- Butterflies may emerge before their foodplant.
- Hibernating species may wake up early and find limited food available.
- Bluebells may decline as they are less able to adapt their time of emergence to unpredictable springs. Oak and ash trees can vary their leaf burst by 6 weeks or more, but bluebells can only adjust by around 3 weeks. Over time, this may mean areas of our woodlands become too dark for bluebells to thrive, and the "edge" habitat near wide paths and open areas will become more important.
- Migrating species may pause in their journey due to cold weather, meaning their breeding season is reduced.

What are we doing?

- Sometimes closing our sites is necessary to protect fragile ecosystems under increasing pressure. The bar for closures may change as ecosystems become more fragile.
- Our landscape-scale conservation approach means we are helping to make the land in between our nature reserves more useful for species that may need to shift their range.
- We protect and manage nature reserves which store carbon in soil and vegetation, and provide safe havens for biodiversity. Across our patch we manage over 100 sites.

- We have some nationally important sites which act as significant carbon sinks (e.g. Great Fen and Strawberry Hill)
- We teach people about climate change, why it is important, and how they can reduce their impact.
- We study the effects of climate change and how they can be mitigated through our Research and Monitoring programme, and with partnerships with universities.
- We stand up for wildlife.

Please consider how you impact your local nature reserve, because nature is in trouble.

- Keep dogs on leads
- Respect site closures
- Walk elsewhere when paths are muddy
- Don't have BBQs on our sites
- Use official entrances and stick to the middle of paths
- Support the Wildlife Trust movement by becoming a member, volunteering, supporting an event, or donating.

Email: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

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For more 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, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.





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 PA system and hearing induction loop.

The hall also now has full fibre Wi-fi installed, and a wide screen projector which can be linked to a laptop for presentations, slide shows etc or direct access via Wifi to Netflix and Amazon Prime (via hirers owns accounts). Small additional charge for use of projector.

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 oven trays etc.) and with a server's hatch to the main large hall

Tables 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 disable bays, and cycle rack.

Free 1 hour set up and 1 hour clear up time offered – we do not clean after every hire, but ask hirers to respect the facilities provided and leave the hall as clean and tidy and as found. This also helps us to keep hire rates to the minimum possible.

Please note the village hall organisation is a charity run entirely by unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the village and surrounding communities. Following our earlier appeals a number of people have come forward to help the hall going forward, but we are always open if anyone is willing to offer a small amount of their time and become a member of the hall committee. Please contact any of the hall committee listed at the rear of the Journal to find out more.

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, a registered charity, is independent, and receives no financial support from the Parish Council or South Cambs DC.

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

Age UK Community Warden

Kirsten Monk - 07812 495997

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01223 832397 / 07754 227468
cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk
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Sunday 5pm, Mon -Wed 12.30, Thurs – Fri
6.30pm The Church Building
www.facebook.com/Cambourne.Sawston.
YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint
John Fisher Parish

Cambridge News

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Caldecote Book Group

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Caldecote Journal

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Caldecote PreSchool

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Trustee: Stephanie Taylor

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Comberton Village College

01223 262503

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Panther Taxis - 01223 715715

Cambridge Country Cars - 01954 211742

Age UK - 0800 055 6112

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Care Network - 01954 211919

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Appointments - 01954 719469

Repeat Prescriptions

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01223 262500

Repeat Prescriptions - 01223 262399

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

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Petcare Circle

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Sarah Bell - 210892

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Police

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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

South Cambs District Council

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Road Repair – 03450 455212

Street Light Failure – 0800 253529

Sports and Social Pavilion

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Bookings: Helen Cartwright

Enquiries:

pavilionbookings@caldecote.gov.uk

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Caldecote with Childerley,**
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Meets every third Tuesday of the month.
New members welcome.
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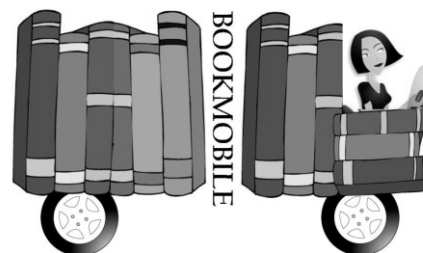
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Furlong Way. CB23 7ZH

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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





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