

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish History

Parish Timeline

- 2017** 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy) memorial re-dedicated on 10th anniversary.
- 2014** Parish boundary changed - Chelveston Cliffs (former quarry) returns to the parish.
- 2013** Chelveston Windfarm constructed on the former RAF Chelveston site.
- 2013** DEB Mast demolished on the former RAF Chelveston site.
- 2012** New electronic bell sound system installed in the Parish Church.
- 2010** New allotments opened in land south of Disbrowe Court.
- 2010** USAF housing annex sold to William Pears Group and renamed Chelston Rise.
- 2007** 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy) memorial dedicated.
- 2005** RAF Chelveston HF radio station decommissioned and land sold.
- 2003** Thomas Neale and George Wylde's charities wound up.
- 2000** Disbrowe Court estate built on site of Top Farm, Chelveston.
- 1998** Fire burns down 2 Dutch barns at Top Farm, Chelveston.
- 1995** 900kg of Depleted Uranium found dumped in woods near USAF housing annex.
- 1994** A45 downgraded to B645, following the opening of the new A14.
- 1992** Water main replaced
- 1987** Post office closed.
- 1987** Parish boundary changed - Chelveston Cliffs (former quarry) and railway station now in Higham Ferrers parish.
- 1985** DEB microwave Mast erected at RAF Chelveston - replaces older aerial
- 1985** Visit by HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to Duchy Farm, Caldecott.
- 1984** Chelveston WMC leaves the Union of Working Mens Clubs.
- 1980** Trustees of the Village Institute sell land to JST Forklifts
- 1978** Red Row declared Slum Clearance Area by ENDC and demolished.
- 1977** Village holds Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee celebrations over 6th & 7th June.
- 1973** New sewers and pumping station installed.
- 1972** Railway line closes.
- 1972** Old school building reopens as Village Hall.
- 1970** Village Institute building collapses in heavy snow.
- 1967** Northants LEA closes school.
- 1967** Ecclesiastical Parish re-joined with Higham Ferrers.
- 1966** Railway station closes to freight traffic.
- 1964** Railway station closes to passenger traffic.
- 1963** Hillside estate built, in field next to Duchy Farm rickyard, Chelveston.
- 1962** Operation Clearwater - withdrawal of US forces from RAF Chelveston.
- 1959** Allotments to the west of Raunds Road closed.
- 1959** First planning application for Chelveston Service Station.
- 1956** Fire burns down thatched cottage in High St.
- 1956** Strategic Air Command, USAF, operate out of RAF Chelveston.

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- 1952** Bakery closes.
- 1951** Trustees of Educational Foundation change school status to be "Voluntary Aided".
- 1950** Semi's at both ends of Sawyers Crescent built by Potters Builders of Stanwick.
- 1949** Sawyers Crescent prefabs built on site of *Captains Close*.
- 1949** Electricity mains supply arrives.
- 1948** Trustees of Sawyer's Charity sell almshouses and *Captains Close* field to Oundle & Thrapston RDC.
- 1947** Gas mains supply arrives.
- 1946** Water mains supply arrives.
- 1945** 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 40th Combat Wing, 8th USAAF departs RAF Chelveston.
- 1942** 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 40th Combat Wing, 8th USAAF arrives at RAF Chelveston.
- 1942** King George VI visits 301st Bombardment Group (Heavy) at RAF Chelveston.
- 1942** Wellington bomber crashes at Old. Injured & dead taken to RAF Chelveston. F/Sgt Auld buried in churchyard.
- 1941** RAF Chelveston opens. Assigned to No.2 Group, RAF Bomber Command.
- 1940** Land requisitioned for war effort. Initially called RAF Shelton, later RAF Chelveston
- 1940** Local Defence Volunteers formed, later renamed the Home Guard.
- 1938** *Fitzwilliam Arms* PH closes.
- 1937** Trees planted in the parish as part of King George VI coronation
- 1937** First female Councillors (2) elected to the Parish Council, following campaign by the Chelveston WI.
- 1931** George Wyldes charity for the provision of coals for poor widows founded.
- 1930** Wellingborough Iron Co. Ltd obtain lease to extract limestone from Chelveston quarries.
- 1927** Land acquired for Village Institute from Northamptonshire County Council
- 1927** Ecclesiastical Parish joined with Newton Bromswold (previously Higham Ferrers).
- 1924** Baptist Chapel built.
- 1924** Fire burns down 4 cottages at St Georges Row.
- 1923** Former toll road becomes part of the A45 Birmingham - Ipswich main road
- 1921** Chelveston WI formed.
- 1920** Cross of Sorrow erected in churchyard for villagers who died in WW1
- 1919** Sale of the Manor estate by Henry Edward Disbrowe Disbrowe-Wise, last Lord of the Manor.
- 1906** First recorded Post Office.
- 1905** Apiary Cottage built.
- 1902** Thomas Butlin & Co. Ltd extract limestone from Chelveston quarries.
- 1900** Chelveston WMC admitted to the Union of Working Mens Clubs.
- 1895** Chelveston Parish Council created by the *Local Government Act 1894*.
- 1891** Duchy of Lancaster sells more of its estate land with the parish, purchased by Lady Wise for the Manor.
- 1887** *Kimbolton Road Act* allowed to expire. Free movement on the former toll road.
- 1881** Hunsbury Hill Iron Co buys 20 year lease to extract ironstone from Chelveston quarries.
- 1879** First annual Flower Show held.

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- 1867** Clock installed in church tower.
- 1864** Second (new) school built.
- 1851** Peak of lace making in the village (11% of the parish involved).
- 1849** Restoration of the Parish Church.
- 1845** Railway station opens.
- 1820** First (old) school built.
- 1807** Parish Inclosed.
- 1801** Inclosure Act for the parish passed.
- 1800** Poplar Farm cottages built.
- 1791** Duchy of Lancaster owns around 82% of the parish, but starts to sell it off.
- 1765** Thomas Neales charity for the poor and needy founded.
- 1760** Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett provided income to fund education of children (Educational Foundation).
- 1755** *Kimbolton Road Act 1755* creates a turnpike (toll) road through the parish.
- 1737** First recorded ale licenses for *Star & Garter* PH by John Hawkes, John Robinson & Anthony Fletcher.
- 1708** Four almshouses built for Sawyer's Charity.
- 1703** James and Thomas Sawyer charity founded.
- 1656** First recorded blacksmith - John Bolton.
- 1635** Porch added to Parish Church.
- 1633** Duchy Farmhouse, Caldecott, built.
- 1573** Nicholas Leonard recorded as Minister/Vicar.
- 1554** John Ekins buys the title of Lord of Manor.
- 1486** Sir Charles Somerset (later the Earl of Worcester) granted Lord of Manor by Henry VII.
- 1333** Sir Robert De Holand granted Lord of the Manor by Edward III for service in war against Scotland.
- 1220** Work starts on main part of Parish Church.
- 1068** Celuestone and Caldecote listed in the Domesday Book.