

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish History

Parish Timeline

- 2017** 305th Bombardment Group (Heavy) memorial re-dedicated on 10th anniversary.
- 2015** The Michael and Christine Foulger Charitable Trust created.
- 2014** Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Trust created.
- 2014** Extension of the Village Hall - new toilets and kitchen
- 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** As names of the fallen worn away on the Cross of Sorrow, new slate plaque added under the East Window.
- 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 the new 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.

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- 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.
- 1952** Bakery closes.
- 1951** Trustees of Educational Foundation change school status to be "Voluntary Aided".
- 1950** Semi-detached houses 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.
- 1909** Organ installed in the Parish Church by the Phipps Organ Company
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.