

Parish Timeline

- 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 Wildes charities wound up.
- 2000** Disbrowe Court estate built on site of Top Farm.
- 1998** Fire burns down 2 Dutch barns at Top Farm.
- 1995** 900kg of Depleted Uranium found dumped in woods.
- 1992** Water main replaced
- 1987** Post office closed.
- 1987** Parish boundary changed.
- 1978** Red Row declared Slum Clearance Area by ENDC and demolished.
- 1977** Village holds Queen Elizabeth 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 rejoined 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.
- 1962** Operation Clearwater - withdrawal of US forces from RAF Chelveston.
- 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'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.
- 1940** Local Defence Volunteers formed, later renamed the Home Guard.
- 1938** *Fitzwilliam Arms* PH closes.
- 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.

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish History

- 1924 Baptist Chapel built.
- 1924 Fire burns down 4 cottages at St Georges Row.

- 1921 Chelveston WI formed.

- 1920 Cross of Sorrow erected in churchyard for villagers who died in WW1

- 1919 Sale of the estate by Henry Edward Disbrowe Disbrowe-Wise, last Lord of the Manor.

- 1906 First recorded Post Office.

- 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 some its estate land with the parish.

- 1881 Hunsbury Hill Iron Co buys 20 year lease to extract ironstone from Chelveston quarries.

- 1867 Clock installed in church tower.

- 1864 Second (new) school built.

- 1849 Restoration of the parish Church.

- 1845 Railway station opens.

- 1820 First (old) school built.

- 1812 Col Edward Disbrowe granted Lord of the Manor by George III for services to Queen Charlotte.

- 1807 Parish Inclosed.

- 1801 Inclosure Act for parish passed.

- 1800 Poplar Farm cottages built.

- 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).

- 1737 First recorded ale licences for *Star & Garter* PH by John Hawkes, John Robinson & Anthony Fletcher.

- 1708 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.

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