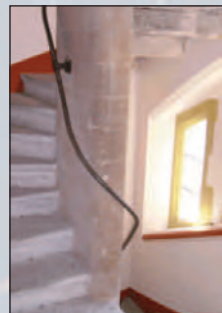


Castle Cary's Past

The Norman Castle from which Castle Cary takes its name has long gone, but a font, found in a local garden may have come from it. The town was granted a Market Charter in 1468 and wool, flax and horsehair have contributed to its prosperity. Today Castle Cary has much to offer to anyone interested in historical and genealogical research.

Castle Cary & District Museum & Preservation Society



At the Market House

Come and see our extensive collection of agricultural, industrial and domestic artefacts ranging in date from the Middle Ages to modern times. Our geology section shows how this area was once under the sea.

Each season we have temporary exhibitions reflecting specific aspects of local history.

Permanent displays include the life of the diarist Parson James Woodforde, T.S. Donne & Sons Rope & Twine Works, John Boyd's Horsehair Factory, and Douglas Macmillan, founder of the Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Museum library and archives contain material for local history and genealogical research. Bound copies of the original Castle Cary Visitor, a monthly magazine edited by the Macmillan family from 1896 to 1915, provide a unique resource.



Groups and school visits can be arranged outside normal opening hours and during the closed season, by appointment.

Open: April to October
Mon-Fri 10.30-12.30 2.00-4.00
Sat: 10.30-12.30
Open Bank Holidays.
Entry is Free.

Parson Woodforde

Parson James Woodforde (1740- 1803) lived in Ansford in the earlier part of his life before moving to Norfolk and his much-loved diaries provide an insight into everyday rural life. He attracts interest from all over the UK and abroad, and visitors to Cary can see St Andrew's Church in Ansford, where his father was rector. The Old Parsonage where James was born is close by.

To find out more: www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk

John Boyd Textiles

In 1837 John Boyd set up his horsehair weaving factory in Castle Cary. Horsehair had been favoured by the greatest furniture designers such as Chippendale and Hepplewhite as an upholstery material. John Boyd Textiles continues to weave horsehair fabric on 19th century looms - one of only two such factories in Europe. Their fabric is now exported all over the world and is used in royal palaces and exclusive hotels. Visitors are able to tour the factory at Higher Flax Mills and see the manufacturing process.

Please note that these are for groups only and by appointment.
To arrange a visit Tel: 01963 350451
www.johnboydtextiles.co.uk



Medieval Wall Paintings at Lower Cockhill Farm

Castle Cary was a prosperous place in the 15th century as can be seen by this rare survival of a yeoman farmer's hall-house just over a mile from the town. Rare wall paintings have recently been uncovered.

The house can be visited only on open days or by appointment (Sunday afternoons preferred)
Small admission fee.
Tel: 01963 351288
www.oldhousecockhill.co.uk



→ Eating

Golden Place

Fish & Chips
2 Station Road
Castle Cary BA7 7BU
T: 01963 350566
E: w-m.cheung@sky.com

The Place

Coffee Shop
Patisserie and chocolatier
Market Place
Castle Cary BA7 7AG
T: 01963 351985
Wi-Fi access



The Bakehouse Restaurant and Coffee Shop

Restaurant specialising in Thai cuisine
High Street
Castle Cary BA7 7AW
T: 01963 350067
W: www.castlecarybakehouse.co.uk

Mother's Little Vintage Tea Room

Open Tuesday-Saturday for coffee, lunches and cream teas
Fore Street, Castle Cary BA7 7BG
T: 01963 359593
E: nellgame@btinternet.com
W: www.motherstearoom.co.uk

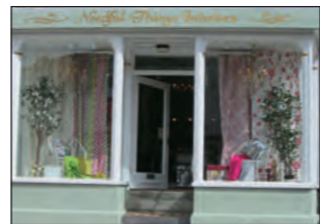
The Bay Tree

Free House
Lunch and Evening Meals
Tuesday-Saturday
South Street, Castle Cary BA7 7ET
T: 01963 350989
E: renniejayne@talktalk.net

→ Shopping

Dave Marsh Hardware and Kitchen Essentials

Hardware, garden supplies, kitchenware
Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BG
T: 01963 350316/01963 359494



Needful Things

Interiors and gifts
7 High Street (and opposite)
Castle Cary BA7 7AN
T: 01963 351352
E: lawrencejnty@aol.com
W: www.needfulthings.uk.com

Round House Farm Shop

Butcher and pie maker
Bailey Hill
Castle Cary BA7 7AD
T: 01963 350260

The Clock Shop

Sales and repairs of antique and modern clocks
The Pitching
Castle Cary BA7 7AL
T: 01963 359100
W: www.castlecaryclockshop.co.uk
Open Thursday/Friday/Saturday



Martins of Castle Cary

Award winning grocers, delicatessen and off licence
Market Place
Castle Cary BA7 7AH
T: 01963 350208
W: www.castlecaryhampers.co.uk

Bailey Hill Bookshop

New and secondhand books, large children's section
Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BG
T: 01963 350917
E: bhbsnews@gmail.com
W: www.baileyhillbookshop.co.uk



The Gifted Company

Cards and gifts
Market Place
Castle Cary BA7 7AG
T: 01963 350856

Oxford Mill

Clothing, accessories and fine toiletries for women and men
Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AG
T: 01963 350230
E: andrew@vaux8.orangehome.co.uk
W: www.oxfordmill.co.uk



Affinity Fine Art

Gallery, picture framing and jewellery
3 High Street
Castle Cary BA7 7AN
T: 01963 350602
E: info@affinityfineart.com
W: www.affinityfineart.com

Burns The Bread

Bakery with takeaway
Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BG
T: 01963 350779
W: www.burnsthebread.co.uk

Johnson & Johnson

Top notch interiors and old stuff
3 & 6 Pithers Yard
High Street CastleCary BA7 7AN
T: 01963 351120

Incogneato

Fancy dress, trophies, engraving and Castle Cary souvenirs
Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BG
T: 01963 359111
M: 07805426769
E: allincogneato@gmail.com
W: fancydressandtrophies.co.uk

Light Green

Ladies fashions and Organic skincare products
2 High Street
Castle Cary BA7 7AW
T: 01963 359535
E: sarah@light-green.co.uk
W: www.light-green.co.uk

Heathers Flowers

Francis House Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BQ
T: 01963 350525
E: heathers.flowers@live.com

→ Bookbinder

Chris Hicks

Handmade books, book repair and binding
Tor View, Cary Hill,
Castle Cary BA7 7HL
(to make an appointment)
T: 01963 359019
E: chrishicksbookbinder@btinternet.com
W: www.book-binder.co.uk

→ Health & Beauty

Classic Lines

Hairdresser
The Corner Shop
Lower Woodcock Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BH
T: 01963 351557
E: classiclines@hotmail.co.uk

Manor Lodge

We provide an extensive range of beauty treatments with highly qualified therapists
The Triangle
Castle Cary BA7 7BA
T: 01963 351504
E: info@manor-beauty.co.uk
W: www.manor-beauty.co.uk

XY Barbers

Fore Street
Castle Cary BA7 7BU
E: XYbarbers@btinternet.com

Ashcot Chiropody hcpc registered

Chiropodist/Podiatrist MChS
1 Woodcock Street BA7 7BJ
T: 01963 350971
E: mary.knight2@tesco.net

→ Accommodation

Ashlea House

Bed and Breakfast
High Street
North Cadbury BA22 7DP
T: 01963 440891
E: ashlea@btinternet.com
W: www.ashleahouse.org
Visit England **★★★★★**

The Brook House Inn

Pub with camping
Station Road
Castle Cary BA7 7PF
T: 01963 350188
E: brookhouseinn@hotmail.co.uk
W: www.brookhouseinn-touringpark.co.uk
2 miles from Castle Cary



The George Hotel

Old Coaching Inn with Accommodation
Market Place
Castle Cary BA7 7AH
T: 01963 350761
E: castlecarygeorge@aol.com
E: www.thegeorgehotelcastlecary.co.uk
AA **★★**
Dogs welcome (part of the hotel)
WiFi access for customers and guests



The Ancient Barn and The Old Stables

Historic self-catering cottages
The Old House, Cockhill,
Castle Cary BA7 7NZ
T: 01963 351288
E: Peppin@medievalbarn.co.uk
W: www.medievalbarn.co.uk
Sawday's Inspected
Dogs welcome, WiFi access
Wheelchair accessible
1.5 miles from Castle Cary



Orchard Farm Cottages

Self-catering cottages
Cockhill,
Castle Cary BA7 7NY
T: 01963 350418
E: boyer@orchard-farm.co.uk
W: www.orchard-farm.co.uk
Visit England **★★★**
Dogs welcome
One cottage adapted for wheelchairs
1.5 miles from Castle Cary

Clanville Manor

Self-catering cottages
Clanville, Castle Cary BA7 7PJ
T: 01963 350194
E: info@clanvillemanor.co.uk
W: www.clanvillemanor.co.uk
AA **★★★★★**
WiFi access
2 miles from Castle Cary



Horsepond Inn & Motel

Food available 7 days a week
Function Room + 2 skittle alleys
The Triangle
Castle Cary BA7 7BD
T: 01963 359364
E: simon@horsepondinn.co.uk



Ansford Park Cottage

Bed and Breakfast
Castle Cary BA7 7JJ
T: 01963 351066
E: info@ansfordparkcottage.co.uk
W: ansfordparkcottage.co.uk

Cary Place

Bed and Breakfast
4 Upper High Street
Castle Cary BA7 7AR
T: 01963 359269
E: info@caryplace.co.uk
W: www.caryplace.co.uk

→ Transport

Phillips Tyres

Fuel, tyres, exhausts & batteries
Centre Garage
(near the Horsepond)
Castle Cary BA7 7BD
T: 01963 350243
E: diane.phillipstyres@yahoo.co.uk
W: www.phillipstyres.co.uk

→ Dance

Market House Dance Studio

Ballroom, Latin American, Old Time
Paul Parsons F.I.S.T.O., F.I.D.T.A.
Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH
T: 01963 350687/07805 571590
E: paulparsons7@googlemail.com

→ Taxis

Anzfords Cars

M: 078312 49441

Craig's Taxi

M: 07563 612473

Destination Travel/Cary Cabs/Sable 2000

T: 01963 351168
01963 34441
01963 34266

Mums Taxi

M: 07711 572038

Number Seven Taxis

T: 01963 351015/01963 351333

Wincanton Taxis

T: 01963 824269

Chinnock Taxi

T: 01749 831529

