

CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD

NEWSLETTER



The newsletter for Castle Cary and Ansford which invites reports on local events and activities.

We welcome articles from Castle Cary and Ansford groups and organisations. Please keep below 250 words.

If you include notice of local future events do give full and accurate dates and times.

Deadline for copy for next newsletter: Tuesday 18th April 2017

Email to cctcnewsletter@btconnect.com or send to "Newsletter", The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH

We prefer copy by email, but don't worry if this is not possible for you.

CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

A new year and a few changes. We are sorry to see four key members of the Council team leave us at the beginning of this year. Maureen Fletcher (Mo) who has been our Deputy Clerk retired in the middle of January. Mo has worked tirelessly in the office on planning, cemetery work, accounts, general admin and so so much more. We will all miss Mo but we welcome Claire Craner-Buckley who has joined us as Deputy Clerk from January 2017. With 25 years experience working in Social Care administration and later Environmental Performance with Bristol City Council, she brings a great deal of relevant experience to the role. She has lived in a small hamlet near Evercreech for 18 years with her husband Andrew who works in Antiques. Her son Tom and daughter Ruby both attended Ansford Academy, where Ruby was involved in the local Zambia exchange and was part of the student leadership team in 2013/14. Claire looks forward to supporting the valued and important work of the Town Council.

Sadly, Liz Stokes, who has been chair of the Council for the last two and a half years and chair of the finance committee before that has also retired from her role. Liz has worked incredibly hard attending numerous meetings and liaising with many people at District and County level. She has helped on the Fairfield project, Safer Travel project and Neighbourhood plan. Thank you Liz for all the hard work. The role of Chairman has been filled by

the Vice Chair, Penny Steiner, who will take the reins until May. Thanks also to Ian Davies who has left the Council due to personal circumstances.

We now have vacancies for two Councillors so if you are interested in joining this hard working, committed group of people who help make Castle Cary such a wonderful town, contact Sue Hake the Town Clerk town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk.

Finally a huge thank you to Paula Wilcock who has worked as a volunteer in the information point for years. Paula has been a very valuable member of the team in this office and she too will be sadly missed. Paula and her husband Peter have moved to live nearer to family in Surrey.

Our list of thanks continues as members of the community have been busy on town projects. Castle Cary's "Use Less Share More" group has just given the telephone box outside the Market House a much-needed coat of bright red paint, and will give it further coats in the spring to bring it back completely to its former glory. The box, although old, fulfils new functions – you can not only make phone calls from it, but also send emails and texts, and it is still an important facility in the town. It had been looking very sad next to the newly-renovated and spruced up Market House, so the group decided to wait no longer for BT to freshen up this iconic little box, but to take matters into their own hands, with help from a small grant from the Town Council to cover the cost of the paint.

The Fairfield project group with other volunteers spent a cold damp January day clearing the fence on two of the boundaries. This voluntary help has saved at least £800 of the cost of replacement fences. The new fences should be in place by the end of February. Also by the time you are reading this newsletter the team will have spent another weekend clearing brambles etc from the stream and gully area. All good news for the project that we expect to move forward this summer with the installation of paths, pump park, green gym and sensory gardens. Thank you to all community groups.

You may have noticed some issues around some petty vandalism at the Market House, in the playground at the Donald Pither Memorial Field and the Moat Garden. This has involved a very small number of people and we talk constantly to them about keeping the areas free of litter, not vandalising the loo in the park and respecting people in the area. They give us lots of ideas of what we can provide them that is realistic and we are working on their requests. The damage does come at a cost though and the Town Council will report in future about these costs.

One of the requests from the whole community of young people has been a Pump Park. There will be a space for them to ride bikes, skateboards and scooters on the Fairfield. Have a look at an example of one on <http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/welshmill/> You will see that it fits in the natural environment and is a family orientated space for all ages. Plans to provide this have been in place for the last year and sadly our funding request was turned down by Viridor, so we have engaged a fund raiser to apply for funds on our behalf. With any luck we shall have the Pump Park in place for everyone to enjoy by the end of this year.

CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk: Sue Hake

Deputy Clerk: Claire Craner-Buckley

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Councillors:

Penny Steiner (*Chair*)

Terry Philpot (*Vice Chair*)

Martin Atkins Justin Birch

Robert Gilbey Barry Moorhouse

Judi Morison Pek Peppin

Sally Snook Nick Weeks

Barbara Williams Two vacancies

Full Council meetings:

7.00 pm in The Shambles

February 20th, March 20th

Public welcome to attend.

Planning Committee meetings are normally

1st Monday each month (apart from Bank Holidays).

See website for meeting dates for Finance/HR, Promotion & Communication, Properties & Infrastructure.

South Somerset District Councillors:

Mr Henry Hobhouse Tel: 01963 350115

Mr Nick Weeks Tel: 01963 350572

County Councillor:

Mr Mike Lewis Tel: 01963 440231

The Police are enhancing their visits to our town and are, therefore, dealing with serious incidents; however, they can't be in the town all the time and are encouraging everyone to **call 101** when they have witnessed an incident. Alternatively you **can pop into the Market House office** to report it and we will email the PCSO, or you can call the charity **Crimestoppers** anonymously on 0800 555 111 or email crime-stoppers-uk.org.

We would like to emphasise that it's a very small number of young people and reiterate that our greater community of young people are busy with school work and actively involved in many of the sports groups and uniformed organisations in the town and are extremely valuable members of our community. This is a temporary situation which we wish to address positively, quickly and effectively with your help as parents and members of our community.

Many of you will be aware that there has been a **public enquiry** relating to an application to build **an additional 125 + 75 new homes on either side of Station Road**. (This is in addition to the 165 + 45 + 75 for which planning permission has already been given in this area.) **Your Town Council, Ansford Parish Council and South Somerset District Council objected to the application on the grounds that the additional 200 homes would be excessive for our roads, infrastructure, jobs and so on**. However, in line with current planning policy, the Government Inspector has taken the developers' side. In other words – we have lost. Sorry – we tried really really hard.

If you are interested the inspector's decision and the reasons for it, the documents are on our town's website.... www.castle-cary.co.uk.

If you are at all concerned about the current planning process and lack of respect for the views of local people, there are two Government petitions you can consider signing.... If they get 10,000 signatures the Government will look at the issue, 100,000 and it will be debated in Parliament.

"Give communities back the right to decide where houses are built". The link is <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177333>.

"Protect us from speculative housing development. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) needs modification . . .". The link is <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/176809>.

Finally, **You talk we'll listen**. One of the most frequent statements we hear is 'communication is non-existent' so we thought it was worth just letting you know again how we try to communicate with everyone in Castle Cary and Ansford.

✓ **Newsletter** – you are reading this so you will know that every household in Castle Cary & Ansford has the newsletter delivered four times a year. In addition, it is posted on the Castle Cary website.

✓ **Castle Cary Town website** where all communications are published including the Agendas for all Council meetings and the Minutes of meetings. The list of meetings dates and times is also on the site. The list of names and contact details of Councillors is on the website.

✓ **Castle Cary Facebook site** – we have 1046 ‘likes’. This is where we make announcements of local interest and monitor for comments. We monitor other Castle Cary sites for feedback.

✓ **Cary Crier** has 200 members and essential messages go out frequently. If you aren’t signed up then this is your reminder – details on the website or email carycrier@outlook.com to be added to the email listing.

✓ **Frontline office**, staffed by volunteers is open every morning including Saturdays until 12.00 and our Town Clerk is available to see on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10.00–12.00.

✓ **Consultations** – public consultations (advertised through the above media) take place throughout the year. For example, the purchase of the Fairfield and subsequently what we should use it for, the Neighbourhood plans, various planning issues of public interest and youth consultations through outreach with young people, youth club and Ansford Academy

✓ But the very best way of communication is by word of mouth. Your Councillors live in the area and work (unpaid) here as well, so stop us in the street and **tell us of your concerns and we’ll listen**. Or come to a Council meeting on a Monday – they all have a public ‘slot’ for you to communicate with us.

COUNCIL TAX, BUDGETS, PRECEPT

The 2017/18 budget has been set at £159,637 with a release from reserves of £32,387. The precept (Council Tax) will be set at £124,380, an increase of 5% per band D property per annum, equating to 13p per week.

The additional expenditure provides funding for the key initiatives, Fairfield, the Market House, the Neighbourhood Plan, the Donald Pither Memorial Field, training for staff, councillors and volunteers, plus ongoing management responsibility for the cemetery, public conveniences, play area and the pavilion.

Further information is available on the CCTC website, www.castle-cary.co.uk

Our annual Town Meeting at Caryford Hall will be held on 16th May at 7.30pm this year. **Be there to talk to us and we’ll listen**. We may not always be able to do something about your concern straight away but your feedback will go, with others’, to form a balanced judgement to continue to ensure that Castle Cary and Ansford is a vibrant, pleasant and happy place to live for everyone.



ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

2017 is up and running and Councils up and down the country are putting together their budget plans for the next financial year. Ansford Parish Council is a relatively small parish in comparison to other Councils; however, this does not diminish the commitment of the volunteer Councillors to ensuring that funding available to the Council is not wasted and is managed in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

Changes are afoot in both Ansford and Castle Cary with the potential for major housing developments commencing along Station Road. These developments will bring new families to the town as well as providing additional housing for the next generation of local parishioners looking to remain in the area.

The Fairfield project is continuing to move along, albeit not at the pace originally hoped for. Funding is an issue, however, with both Ansford and Castle Cary Councils working together we can expect to see some progress in the next few months on

ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Mr C. Edwards – Chairman

Mr A. Gibbons – Vice Chairman

Mr N. Begg, Mr G Clothier, Mrs D Pinnions

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Please contact the clerk to find out the dates of the next parish council meetings. You are more than welcome to attend all open meetings of the council – and to participate – there is a public open session on the agenda at all monthly meetings. Agendas can be seen (a minimum of three clear days in advance of meetings) on the village noticeboards around the parish at Woodforde Green, Lower Ansford and Ancastle and will also be on the Council website.

Website:

www.parish-council.com/ansford

replacement fencing and possibly drainage improvements. More major improvements may take a bit longer.

If you would like to become involved in helping to contribute to Ansford Parish by becoming a Councillor please don't hesitate to contact the Council. Details can be found on the notice boards around the parish or on the internet.



On behalf of the **TUESDAY MARKET** stallholders we would like to send best wishes for 2017 to all our customers; and many familiar, weekly faces there are too!

For nearly 3 years Cary has benefitted from the Market, with products and services that complement our variety of independent, local shops. It certainly adds a weekly energy to the town and offers an added attraction for seasonal visitors.

Our priority in managing the market are fourfold:

- **competitive pricing**
- **choice**
- **friendly interaction**
- **high quality display and visual appeal**

We have regular stallholders that have been with us since 2014, plus casual traders that come and go, offering variety. This is the very essence of a street market – you never know what you'll find!

The stalls are up and running by 8.30 a.m. – offering folk the chance to shop before work or during the school run. We pack up at 2.00 p.m. with the hope that you can use your lunch hours too.

If you haven't had a mooch around lately, please do! We have a **FACEBOOK** page "**Castle Cary Market**" where you'll pick-up comments from the traders and customers and...find some great pics.

Finally, if you fancy trading yourself or have any helpful suggestions, please contact Angela Piggott via the Information Point in the Market House.

See you soon.

LEARNING AT THE MARKETPLACE (LAMP)

Our programme is underway for the Spring term with Spanish, Creative Writing 'Fiction Factory' and an art course with Somerset Skills & Learning. We are keen to continue to run iPad and iStuff courses on a Wednesday and ask you to book a session for Wednesday dates. As always please let us know if you would like a particular class and we will try to provide it. Ideas so far have been Textile Tasters and Holiday French.

We are thrilled to have a one-day workshop with the renowned bread maker Paul Youd who will be doing Italian Bread-making on Saturday 29th April 10.00–4.30pm. Please quote code BYEWLF01 when booking on 0330 332 7997, cost £50. Join us for this fun session. For more information go to SS&L website or pick up a leaflet from the Market House.

Judi Morison



CASTLE CARY FIRE STATION

Did you know Castle Cary Fire Station is crewed by Retained Firefighters?

There are currently 11 of us and we all have 'other' jobs, we all live within 5 minutes of the station. Between us we make sure there is a fire engine available 24/7 throughout the year. When an emergency call is received, by someone dialling 999, the pagers we all carry are activated and we respond to the station from home or work.

Last year we attended 192 incidents. These included 37 Automatic Fire Alarms, 35 Road Traffic Collisions, 25 Property Fires and 19 Chimney Fires in Castle Cary and surrounding villages.

As well as attending emergency incidents we also work hard to provide advice and support to members of the community to help keep them as safe as possible. We offer free Home Fire Safety Checks. The check takes no longer than five minutes after which you may be offered a home fire safety visit, which takes less than 30 minutes. We provide advice and fit a free smoke detector if required.

You are important to us. If you would like a free home fire safety check please call 0800 05 02 999.

To make sure we can continue to provide the service we do we need new people to join our team. We are now recruiting fire fighters at Cary so if you are aged over 18, live and/or work within 5 minutes of the station, are physically fit and want to be part of a highly trained tight-knit team – it is exciting, challenging and most of all rewarding.

You may be called out two/three times a week for one/two hours. This can be during the day, evenings or weekend but you choose the hours when you are available – all we ask is for you to be flexible. The minimum availability hours contract is 63 hours per week (part cover) and 84 hours per week (full cover).

Your employer may be interested in the benefits and transferable skills the Service can offer in your workplace – for more information visit our website (a career with DSFRS/retained firefighter).

If you'd like to know more about joining us or the fire safety work we do why not visit our website, www.dsfire.gov.uk, pop into the fire station on a Wednesday night between 7pm and 9pm when we're training or ask one of your local fire fighters?

Have you got what it takes?

*Andy Cole, Station Commander,
Castle Cary Fire Station*



ALL SAINTS' AND ST ANDREW'S

2017 began with All Saints' and St Andrew's formally becoming a Single Parish Benefice with two parish churches.

While the 'church' as people are now one, we still have two churches, ancient and beautiful buildings to maintain and develop in the best way, to serve not just the people who choose to worship in them Sunday by Sunday, but for the whole community. Many people, living locally and also further away have a special connection with either All Saints' or St Andrew's ... weddings, baptisms, family ties, local history interests, bellringing ... and on it goes. Keeping our churches open for everyone depends entirely on the generosity of local people. We receive no financial help from the Government or the central church.

We have established a Friends scheme for each church and would like to invite as many people as possible to become a 'friend' of either (or both) churches. This is an opportunity to assist the Parochial Church Council to raise funds for the maintenance, development and running costs of the buildings. You might like to make a one-off donation or to give regularly; perhaps you might consider leaving a legacy in your will. This Friends scheme ensures that funds are kept and spent only on the church building and will help to ensure that the doors remain open for the generations to come.

More details are in the back of either church ... or on the website. If you would like to speak to someone, please contact the Treasurer: Oliver Morison on 350160 or Revd Liz on 351615. Thank you.



BIG CHRISTMAS 2016

We hope you all enjoyed the wonderful Big Christmas evening. After a worrying moment, when the heavens opened and flooded our streets just as the stalls were arriving, the event went off very smoothly and our lovely town was crammed with appreciative people browsing the bustling shops, the huge variety of market stalls (commercial and community) and the entertainment from our local children.

So many shops made a massive effort with their festive decorations and creative window displays. We hope that even more homes and businesses will be able to host a tree (we can arrange for delivery, erection and dismantling as well as lending lights or, of course, you can provide your own) when the Christmas trading period rolls around again so that we can really make the town shine in 2017.

As usual we enjoyed the Castle Cary Primary School children's lantern parade, singing and country dancing (albeit without music!), the Cygnet Majorettes and the lovely singers from Ansford Academy who led us in a lively rendition of All I Want for Christmas. What talented young people we have in our town!

Our splendid tombolas raised £312 and the raffle £150. This money goes directly to support the Fairfield and we are very grateful to all the businesses who so kindly donated gifts for these very popular stalls.

Father Christmas, accompanied by reindeer and a Christmas pudding, was a huge success again. He gave out 140 packs of sweets lovingly purchased and packed by volunteers and he had jovial conversations with the children, even quite big ones!

Our safety is assured with our team of marshalls led by Mike who was supported by his regulars and some new members. This role involves a great deal more than just being there on the night and this year they went to Shaftesbury to collect the cones. Our huge thanks goes to all of you – we know there are heart-stopping moments every year but these are always taken in your stride.

All in all we felt that the event brought the whole community together: if you opened your shop late; if you donated prizes; if you ran a charity or community stall; if you gave your time ahead of the event putting up trees or lights or cones or delivering leaflets; if you sang carols or made music; if you bought last-minute Christmas presents in our shops; if you bought your supper (or that extra mince pie or glass of mulled cider) from a stall; if you marshalled to keep motorists and pedestrians safe; if you simply came to cheer on

your child; if your family took part in Spot the Window; if you helped to clear up at the end ... then you helped to make Castle Cary's Big Christmas the wonderful event that it was. You can see Martin Parry's excellent photographs on the Castle Cary Facebook page.

The event could not have taken place without the generous grants from Centaur Services and Crown Pet Foods. We are extremely grateful for their support.

Diary the dates for this year ... yes, we are thinking about it already ... Saturday 2nd December – Switch-on Saturday and Thursday 7th December – CASTLE CARY'S BIG CHRISTMAS 2017 and if you would like to join the volunteer organising committee or help on the night then please contact Judi Morison 01963 350160. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 13th June at the Shambles at 7.30pm We would be delighted to welcome you to our group.

The Big Christmas group



BOWLS CLUB

Here at the Bowls Club we welcomed in the New Year with a party, enjoyed by all, and now continue our usual pattern of social events to keep us 'ticking over' and in touch during the winter and early spring months.

As ever, what initially seems like a long period of bowls inactivity soon flies by and we can now realistically contemplate the season ahead and sharpen our resolve to do well. We give the Club house a good spring clean in March and begin to sort out our own bowls bags too – cleaning woods and shoes and checking we can still fit into our white and grey gear!

We hope too that our green has wintered well, particularly as a great deal of time and effort was spent in the autumn ensuring it was prepared for the winter months ahead. Last year it bowled really well and this was commented on by many of the clubs and county sides who came to play here – so fingers crossed for another good season.

We were very fortunate to 'recruit' some new players in 2016 (some with very little bowls experience and others with finely honed skills) and we hope they continue with us. To those of you who may be new to the area or finding yourselves with more leisure time on your hands why not come up to the club and see what we are all about. We open for the season in mid April and warmly invite you to

drop by and visit us at the club on any Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm onwards – no obligation whatsoever but a chance to look around, meet some friendly people and perhaps venture out onto the green to roll up a few woods. More information can be found on our website www.castlecarybowlsclub.moonfruit.com.

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CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

This year we celebrate our 40th Carnival. However, Castle Cary had a carnival in 1919/1920 to celebrate the return of our national heroes 'The Tommies' from the First World War.

During the Second World War there was a break in the carnival tradition and when the war ended the carnival was resurrected to welcome home once again our national heroes, the soldiers, sailors and pilots who thankfully survived. However, due to a tragic accident in 1948 the carnival ceased until we resurrected it again with the help of Ansford Parish Council and Castle Cary Town Council in 1977 to celebrate HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee. Since then our carnival, which now forms part of the Wessex Grand Prix Carnival Circuit) has grown into a 'family friendly illuminated carnival' enjoyed by many of the residents as well as many visitors.

The society has a strong and vibrant committee but we are looking for a new chief marshall or silver control officer, a new publicity officer and, of course, more marshalls for our annual carnivals.

The Children's Carnival which was created by Ann Hallett has been named in her honour – 'The Ann Hallett Children's Carnival'. Her son Bryan and daughter Claire will not only continue to manage their special carnival with our society's help but also have set up a fund to run it with the spotlight entirely on the children and their imaginative creations and afternoon procession. Long may it enrich Castle Cary.

Gordon Stockman, President



CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

Thanks to the kind people who have provided donations and fundraising, the club raised just sufficient moneys to buy a Wincanton Transport “old tug” to convert into a VSO compliant dressed tractor. It needs a lot of new parts and considerable mechanical attention. Two mechanics of friendly carnival clubs have agreed to help our mechanics to do this specialised work.

Our club members luckily have a “never say die” attitude and with character and determination we wish to keep our club going. As always we need help to do this and seek more members, more patrons and also ancillary help from competent volunteers, i.e. chippies, painters and electricians.

As Castle Cary & Ansford celebrate their 40th carnival anniversary this year and we are the only carnival club remaining active in Cary, there is every incentive to keep going.

We still find it difficult to get insurance for using a dressed tractor unit in carnival – can anyone help us please?

Gordon Stockman, Life Member



CARYFORD HALL

The committee are looking for a new **Treasurer**. At the AGM in the early summer, our current treasurer, will be standing down, and we need to replace him. So we are looking for someone who has a desire to help provide an excellent resource for the use of the local community on a voluntary basis. That person needs a working knowledge of book keeping and accounting principles (although formal qualifications are not required), a good knowledge of Excel (or similar spreadsheet) to assist in the recording and preparation of the accounting information. That person is expected to be computer literate with an e-mail account for general communications with the rest of the committee and for distribution of reports and accounts. The committee currently meets on the second Thursday evening in the month, with meetings lasting approx 1.5 hours. If you think you may be this person, please contact Barry Moorhouse on 01963 350027 or barry.moorhouse@outlook.com to discuss the role further.

The annual “**Caryford Christmas Craft Market**” was a resounding success, the hall was busy with people all day, and raised nearly £1,200 for the hall. Our **Market for 2017** will be on

Saturday December 2nd, bookings for tables are already being taken!

Are you interested in a trip to see the “Mary Rose”, probably early summer? Contact Liz Middleton on elizabeth_mid40@hotmail.com to register your interest.

Do check our website diary to hear of all the events happening in the hall – www.caryfordhall.co.uk

Rosemary Rymer, 01963 351057



1610 CARYFORD FITNESS & LEISURE

OPEN MORNING

At Caryford Fitness and Leisure we are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 25th February 2017**, 9am to 1pm, in aid of Mind. We are holding some classes such as group cycle, power yoga, children’s pilates, family climbing, free health MOTs, free taster sessions in our fitness gym.

There will also be stands promoting local companies – Centaur Services, Crown Pet Foods, Courtyard Beauty and the Co-op – do come along and have a great time while supporting the very worthwhile charity Mind.



CARY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY

CATS presents “The Addams Family” – 15th to 18th February.

We are now on the final countdown to this year’s show, ‘The Addams Family’. Containing all the characters from the well-loved family film, this is a new musical comedy. The story is based around Wednesday Addams desperately wanting her totally unconventional family to appear ‘normal’ to her new boyfriend and his typically conventional parents, after she invites them over for dinner one evening so they can all meet. If you are looking for an evening of light relief and amusement, this is the show for you as it is packed with great characters, catchy musical numbers, lots of dance & hilarious scenes with extremely funny lines.

The show runs from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th February at Ansford Academy, starting each evening at 7.30 pm. Tickets (Adults £9, Children £7, Family £28) are available to book on line at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cats or they can be purchased from ‘Needful Things’ in Castle Cary.



Can you spare 2 hours per week?

St Margaret's Hospice needs you.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate collection tins in your local area and to help with collection days at supermarkets.

Your support will help us to raise vital funds, caring for patients and their families facing a life-limiting illness at St Margaret's.

For further information call us on

0845 345 9671

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St Margaret's Hospice is asking Somerset to open its gardens for us.

We're looking for beautiful gardens in the area.

If you would be interested in opening your garden for our local community to enjoy, please get in contact on 0845 345 9671.

1 in 3 people in Somerset will need St Margaret's support in their lifetime; the entrance fee from your garden will go directly to ensuring everyone who requires our care, receives it.

Registered charity 279473

CERAMICS GROUP

Our Autumn programme concluded on Tuesday, 1 November with a lecture by Paul Atterbury on 'Minton Masters'. Our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 6 December was followed by a talk entitled 'A Rivetting Tale' by a member of the Group, Pauline Fisher, with illustrations and examples of traditional repair with rivets.

Our 2017 Spring Session starts on 7 February with a Members' Meeting on 'Our Favourite Teapots', to which members are invited to bring teapots from their personal collections. On 7 March we have a talk from David Birley entitled 'Some Unusual Early English Blue & White Porcelain and Some Conundrums' and on 4 April a talk by Maurice Hillis on 'The Liverpool Porcelain of Chaffers and Christian', two of the major 18th Century Liverpool manufacturers. On 9 May Andy Violet will speak on 'Ceramic Artists of the Torquay Potteries'.

Our meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday in the month (except after Monday bank holidays) at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Upper North Street, Castle Cary.

Our annual subscription for members is £30, entitling them to attend ten meetings a year, and the charge for guests and other visitors is £5 per

meeting, including tea and biscuits. Visitors are most welcome, but we hope they will become subscribing members of our friendly group. You do not need to know about ceramics – just have an interest.

For more information telephone our Secretary, Duncan Chalmers, on 01460 54117.

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CHOIR

Another new year and Castle Cary choir are practising some new pieces for their Spring concerts which always include a wide variety of music, from sacred to popular, so there's something for everyone. Whether you are a regular supporter or maybe have never heard the choir before, we hope you can join us at one of our forthcoming concerts:

– **Friday 7th April** at 7.30 pm there will be a concert to raise funds for Christian Aid at Castle Cary Methodist Church, North Street, Castle Cary. Tickets are £8 in advance (£10 on the door) and include refreshments. Available from the Market House Information Point, Bailey Hill Books, or from David Osborne on 01963 351275.

– **Friday 12th May** at 7.30 pm we will be performing at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Charlton Mackrell. Tickets are £8 on the door or from the Post Office in Charlton Adam with a donation for refreshments. The concert is in aid of the Charlton's Churches.

If you would like us to help you to raise money for your Church or favourite charity please get in touch. To find out more about fundraising, future events and to join the choir, please call John Roberts on 07970 039007 or check out our website at www.castlecarychoir.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

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CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid is a British based relief and development organisation which works in partnership with churches, individuals and local organisations in communities worldwide, supporting people of all faiths and none to rise out of poverty.

In December the Castle Cary and Ansford Christian Aid Group ran a coffee morning at the

Market House on a cold, grey Saturday morning and raised just over £150. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

There will be another **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** at the Market House on Saturday 1st April.

On 7th April there will be a **concert** for Christian Aid by Castle Cary Choir and guests at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church. Tickets will be £8 in advance, £10 on the door.

14th to 20th May is **Christian Aid Week** and we will be fundraising in the town that week. Christian Aid has been helping refugees since 1945 and the need is greater now than it has been since then. If you can help with fundraising please contact the local organiser, David Osborne, on 01963 351275. And if you are able to make a donation, please do.

We will have a stall to receive donation envelopes at the Market House on Saturday morning, 20th May. On Sunday 21st May there will be a **Christian Aid Service** for all the churches together at All Saints' Church, followed by a bring-and-share picnic lunch. Everyone is welcome.

David Osborne



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Churches Together in Castle Cary & Ansford celebrated Christmas together, at the Big Christmas, the Placing of the Crib figures at the Market Place on 19th December, even though there was no room on the 17th, and a Carol Service at All Saints' Church. A big thank you to all mince pie donations, much appreciated, for all three events. Your cash collections meant that from the community £1,300 was sent to Save the Children, for their Child Refugee Crisis Appeal. We were pleased to share in the Methodist Christmas Tree Festival, thank you for the invitation. The Luncheon Club members enjoyed their Christmas meal, thank you to all the helpers. Please remember that in 2017, Luncheon Club will be the 2nd Monday of each month.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held on 18th January, a service was held in the Methodist Church, and prayer leaflets were in the Churches.

Lent is quickly approaching and we hope to support the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. Prepare to eat your smarties! We plan to launch the appeal in February, details will be in the Churches. A Good Friday Service will take place in the Market House,

Friday 14th April, at 10 am. We plan to take the crosses to the hill as in previous years. There is an invitation from the Methodist Church to welcome the sunrise on Lodge Hill on Easter Sunday Morning. Our thoughts are for Peace, Good Health, and Happiness, in the New Year.



CINEMA IN CARYFORD

We are now into our fourth year. Forthcoming films include The Queen of Katwe on February 28th, A Street Cat Named Bob on March 28th, A United Kingdom on April 11th and Sully on April 25th. (We don't usually show two films in the same month but these are so good we didn't want you to miss them!)

Tickets as usual £5 in advance from the Market House or £6 at the door.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.



CASTLE CARY CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season will start in May, with practice sessions taking place in April.

As the new nets are now in place, we are looking for junior players of all age groups to once again play in junior cricket league matches. Coaching evenings will be arranged by then.

We will be running two senior sides this year in the Shrubbery Hotel Cricket League and will be very pleased if any new players would like to join us.

All details will be put on the cricket website – castlecarycricketclub.org.uk. May we take this opportunity of thanking Steve Chaudoir who has stepped down as Chairman of the Club after 16 years. Steve was instrumental in arranging the 175 year celebrations of the club in 2012 which involved re-enacting the Olympic Cricket Match between a French team and a Castle Cary team in 1900.

The celebrations concluded with a gala dinner at Caryford Hall.

The new chairman is Chris Martin whose aim is to encourage youth cricket at Castle Cary once again.

M. Webber, Castle Cary Cricket Club



EAT CARY COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is little growing, or planting, being done in the garden at present, because of the time of year. There is always some preparation to be done – digging the plots ready for sowing in a month or two, keeping the polytunnel tidy, and general maintenance. One of the Eat Cary team will continue to be up at the garden every Saturday afternoon for a while from 2.00pm, if you fancy a bit of bracing fresh air and some invigorating exercise do come and join us.

A number of groups use the garden on a regular basis throughout the summer months; if you know of a group, which would benefit from access to the garden do contact us to discuss your requirements.

We are busily planning the planting scheme for this year – what to grow is always a question and suggestions are always welcome, either for out in the plots or inside in the polytunnel. What is your favourite? Do we grow it? Let us know – it's your community garden!

For more information on the garden, do contact Sarah or Tim Earl-Marsh on 07944 100156.



GARDENING ASSOCIATION

If your New Year's resolution is to join the Garden Club this year, then now is the time to do it and take advantage of nine talks (1st Thursday of the month), kindly researched and organised by Erica, our Chairman. This year we will also be organising a couple of trips. It is still only £7, and, for those of you who may be new to Castle Cary, membership also entitles you to 10% discount on gardening items at Dave Marsh's, discount evening at Castle Gardens and 15% off gardening items (excludes fruit, veg and floristry) from Julian Shave's. So come along to a meeting and, hopefully, join the club.

The next talks are listed below and, apart from the coffee morning, are normally on Thursday evenings at the Methodist Church Rooms at 7.30pm. Non members are always most welcome, £1 per talk on the door.

Don't forget our plant sale when you are dividing or growing plants; do a few extra, we need all the plants we can get to sell.

March 2nd: Greg Morter 'From Seed to Fork'. The story of how plants evolved and how humans adapted them.

April 6th: Christopher Bond 'Successful gardening in the shade'.

April 13th: 25% Discount evening at Castle Gardens Sherborne 6.45 for 7pm.

May 4th: Caroline Pakenham 'The cultivation and uses of unusual herbs'.

May 5th: Plant sale and coffee morning at the Market House until midday.

Anna Hales, 350618



FRIENDS OF CASTLE CARY LIBRARY

Hopefully at the coffee morning on 4th February local people will have found out more about the wide variety of services our local library, small though it is, can offer in conjunction with Libraries West and Somerset County Council. As well as books, the library service offers its members DVDs and talking books to hire, and a wide range of e-books, e-audio books and other electronic resources via our website. Borrowers who are blind, partially sighted or have dyslexia can have free hire of talking books, and can also request in for free music CDs, or additional large print and talking books to supplement the small selection at Castle Cary. Mixed in among the children's books are those from dyslexia-friendly publishers with cream pages and a more readable font, and there are children's books with a CD version in the back to listen along as you read, all accessible free of charge via our little library.

Local volunteers already help with the home library service (run by the RVS) for housebound residents readers and with the Friday morning storytelling for 0-3yr olds

If you'd be interested in joining our Friends group, to help spread awareness and use of the library's offer or give support in other ways, get in touch with Laura Tilling on 01963 351461 or leave your name at the library.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

I am delighted to be able to say that the final total raised by the Castle Cary Committee in 2016 was an amazing £25,000.

Looking ahead we are planning for 2017 already and some of the events that will take place are:

Quiz Night, 24 February – Castle Cary Rugby Club. Tickets can be obtained from Margaret Beggington.

- **Bridge Lunch**, 4 April – again at the Rugby Club.
- **Douglas Macmillan Birthday event**, 12 August – Market House.
- **Biggest Coffee Morning**, 30 September – Market House.
- **Bridge Tea** – in the Autumn, venue to be confirmed.

We welcome individual or corporate fund-raising events and we can provide support if you need any.

If you would like to become involved with Macmillan Fundraising or want help in organising an event or need more information please get in touch with **Margaret Bebbington on 01963 351886**. Events are always advertised in local shops and on the town website.

A huge thank you to everybody who has supported us last year and we look forward to another successful fundraising year with your support.



METHODIST CHURCH

Our **Christmas Tree Festival** had many visitors including the regular visit from all the classes at the Primary school. At this popular event local organisations decorate a tree and visitors vote for their favourite.

While the trees were up, we held a ‘**Carols amongst the trees**’ service which we alternate, usually, each year with a Christingle service. Nearer Christmas we joined with many others in All Saints’ church for the packed **United Carol Service**.

The children’s **Cinema Club** continues on alternate months. The next one is Saturday April 8th at 4 pm – popcorn, drinks and pizza included!

The **Marmalade Sale** selling preserves, cakes, good-as-new, cards etc. will be held on **Saturday March 4th from 10.00–12.00**. Refreshments provided of course!

‘**Coffee for all**’ continues to be well attended on Wednesdays from 9.30am – 12.0 noon, when home-made cakes etc. are served and there is a book swap stall. Most of the donations received are given to charities, a recent one being Toilet Twinning!

We now look towards **Easter** and all that it brings. We will be with the other churches at the Market House on **Good Friday** at 10.00 am, followed on Easter Sunday by our usual walk up the hill to greet the sunrise and have breakfast. Other services and events will be announced and publicised.

All are **most welcome** to join us on Sundays at 10.30am (with Sunday school) and 6.30pm. For further church activity information contact our Minister **Rev Craig Manley**, 01963 351598.



MOAT GARDEN

At the December AGM the Moat Garden committee was wound up and the assets and responsibilities transferred to: **The Moat Garden Project group** – a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1169894.

This status has secured further grants and with donations we now have monies to cover the purchase price. We hope by the time you read this the trustees will have proceeded towards purchase and repairs to the entrance, so we can open the garden again.

The garden and the triangle area outside the gate need our care. Anyone wishing to share in gardening occasionally (a wide range, and something for all) will be welcomed. We try and commit to once a month, and make it sociable, but often do small visits between.

The trustees are hoping to offer a members option for those wishing to show support for the garden.

Could you include the area as part of your outside event? For example summer picnic, bug hunt, a ‘story session’...we need to promote use and would try to support the town’s ventures.



CASTLE CARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I was thrilled to be appointed as Head at Castle Cary Primary School and being able to work in the community in which I live. My children both attended the school so I know, as a parent, what a wonderful place of learning it is and how the children benefit from being part of the community.

Last half term was a busy one in school and there was exciting learning happening in every classroom. Our newest children in Starfish and Seahorse classes have settled well and thoroughly enjoyed learning about Traditional tales; they made gingerbread men, wrote about the Three Little Pigs and acted out the stories using puppets that they had made. In Turtle and Sea Otter classes the children learnt about plants and how they grow. They visited Carymoor as part of this topic to support their

learning. The children in Jellyfish and Octopus classes became experts on the Romans and thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Roman Baths and dressing up in togas for a Roman experience day. Our oldest children, in Swordfish and Dolphin classes, became engrossed in animals and wrote some amazing versions of traditional tales after reading “How the Zebra got his stripes”.

Christmas is always an exciting time in a school and we had Nativities, a whole school visit to see *Peter Pan*, Christmas parties, a whole school Christmas lunch and a wonderful carol service at All Saints’ church. It is always great to see parents enjoying these events and making wonderful memories watching their children taking part. We also took part in the switching on of the lights at the Market House and the Big Christmas evening where children sang and danced. In the last couple of days of term we also visited Carybrook and Highfield House to sing to the residents and visited the Methodist Church wonderful Christmas tree festival.

As we welcome in 2017, we look forward to many more exciting days of learning in school. It is a pleasure to be part of supporting children with their learning and seeing them develop as individuals with their own characters and aspirations.

Sarah Martin, Head teacher



CARY RAMBLERS GROUP

In late October we enjoyed walking on a warm and sunny autumnal day from Marnhull to Hinton St Mary church, Blackmore Vale. Here we saw the impressive Hinton St Mary roman mosaic that was discovered in 1963. We took lunch at the delightful Cutt Mill on the River Stour, Sturminster Newton.

Our walk in mid November began from Cranmore Tower proceeding towards Torr Quarry and All Hallows Prep School near Shepton Mallet. In late November our walk started at Haydon where we visited the little grade II listed Haydon church (St Catherine parish) in Dorset then through Alweston onto fields by Sherborne Castle. Here we saw deer grazing and early spring lambs with Sherborne Abbey rising above Sherborne town in low hazy sunshine.

Our final walk of the year started at Stratton-on-the-Fosse visiting the old parish church at Holcombe that survived the time of the plague

where it is suggested that the rhyme ‘Ring a Ring o’ Roses’ began. We also visited the Benedictine monastery Downside Abbey, designated as a grade 1 listed building by English Heritage. A very mild, sunny but breezy day with the sound of seasonal pheasant hunters with their recovery dogs nearby. We finished with tea/mulled wine, mince pies and stollen to complete yet another great rambling year!

Why not come and join our friendly rambling group? We meet at Millbrook Car Park in Castle Cary on alternate Wednesdays and leave promptly at 9.30 am. For more information contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621.



BRUE VALLEY ROTARY

Brue Valley Rotary is going from strength to strength with more new members and an even greater variety of events and activities.

The Christmas season was busy for us, with the run up seeing us out collecting for Children in Need, assisting Mind with the first of many Santa Runs to be held in the town, and cooking our now legendary food at the Bruton and Castle Cary Christmas street evenings.

January is no quieter with Youth Speak, Young Writer and Young Photographer stages in local schools.

Our ever popular Wassail evening was on Saturday 21st January, this is a free event to thank people for all their generous donations and help during the year. This year we moved it to North Cadbury, starting at 6.00 pm, Morris men, Wassail Queen and Mummers Play were all there, and did I mention the *FREE* cider. Come along next year if you missed it.

If you are interested in joining Rotary, please look at our website www.bruevalleyrotary.org to see all the great events that I haven’t told you about. We meet weekly at the George Hotel.



CARY RUNNERS

Cary Runners is an informal group of “runners” with the same aim: to support and help each other with our running. We meet every Monday at 18.30 pm, outside the George Hotel until the clocks change at the end of March and then from April to October at Orchard Farm, Cockhill. We usually

divide into groups; some enjoy a relaxed jog, while others prefer a more taxing run. These runs range from about 3 to 10 km (2 – 6 miles). If you can run 3 km in about 21 mins you'll fit into the "gentle joggers" group; if you are faster than that you might be more comfortable joining the speedier runners.

If you would like to join us either turn up at 18.30 on a Monday evening or for more information call Dave Boyer (01963 350418 / 07903 276315) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761). You can also get details of our runs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/caryrunners/



SOMERSET SIGHT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Somerset Sight provides immediate help and support to visually impaired people and their families.

Are you recently retired? Do you have some time to spare?

Somerset Sight are looking for much needed Volunteers across the whole county to help continue its vital work with visually impaired people.

We have various roles that may interest you:

Hospital Eye Clinic information point

This role is to support visually impaired patients and their carers attending the eye clinic providing vital information and signposting to other services available. Full training and support is available.

Supermarket Collection Co-Ordinators / collectors

Are you energetic, passionate and enthusiastic? Volunteers are needed to co-ordinate supermarket collections in their local area. Volunteers are also needed to help at collections.

Volunteer Visitors

Volunteer Visitors provide regular company, friendship and help with day to day tasks. They can also help with trips out and support people to maintain an active lifestyle. Volunteer Visitors help sight impaired people to remain independent without having to rely entirely on friends and family. Could you spare a couple of hours a fortnight to visit someone?

Our Mobile Advisory Service (MAS) travels around the county offering information and advice, as well as carrying a wide range of products and gadgets to support visually impaired people. The MAS will next be in Castle Cary on Monday 27th March from 1.30–3.30pm, parked in the Millbrook car park.

Please get in touch if you are interested in volunteering or would like any support/ advice on visual impairment.



TOGETHER

Together is the monthly Parish Magazine of All Saints' Castle Cary and St Andrew's Ansford, together with the Methodist and Catholic churches, and is part of the Christian outreach in this area.

It is the 'What's On' in Castle Cary and Ansford. Not only does it cover times of church services and events you might expect in a parish magazine, but also all sorts of other events ... coffee mornings, charity fundraising events, concerts and lectures, gardening, film nights, wildlife, messy church, scouts, and so on.

Its invaluable trade directory includes everything from bespoke picture framing to local eating places, clubs, B & Bs, plumbers, electricians and so on.

If you would like to have this magazine delivered to your home every month it costs £6.00 per year. You may have a free sample if you wish to try it.

For advertising in the Trade Directory or if you would like to have *Together* delivered please contact 01963 359069 or e-mail carytogether@gmail.com.



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Tools For Self Reliance Castle Cary has been mourning the death of its inspirational leader Dennis Massey, who lost his 20-month battle with cancer shortly before Christmas 2016. Like Jim Greathead and Jack Robinson, the two other wonderful members TFSR Cary has lost since he co-founded the group in 2003, Dennis was an extremely practical man who loved helping others, including, as one speaker pointed out, most of the 200-odd mourners who attended his memorial service at Caryford Hall on 21 December.

TFSR was the perfect charity for Dennis. Its slogan is Practical Help for Practical People and it achieves just that by collecting old hand tools and Singer sewing machines from donors in Castle Cary and Ansford, refurbishing and cleaning them, then shipping them to communities in Africa where they are used to make, mend and sew by their hard-working recipients.

None of this would have happened in Cary without Dennis, so his legacy is to have directly improved the lives of others, not to mention bringing many hundreds of hours of accomplishment, comradeship, support and humour to the rest of the group, who will miss him incalculably. He leaves behind a flourishing outfit which contributed to TFSR nationally shipping 25,000 tools to Africa in 2016, supporting 4,053 different people.

As always, we appreciate tool or cash (for shipping) donations, and more volunteers to join our refurbishment efforts are always welcome too. Just call Amon Cohen on 01749 813239.



TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our Annual Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd December in Caryford Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The evening started with a fish and chip supper followed by the not-too-serious series of quiz questions covering a wide variety of topics. Mince pies and cream were consumed during a short break.

Our Chairman Mike Baker promises a few fundraising events in the future so please look out for them. Planned so far is a **Musical and Social Evening** which will take place at Caryford Hall on Saturday 3rd June with musician Finnian McGurk whose forte is performing sea shanties.

Dates for your diary:

- **Twinning Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday 14th March at 7 pm in the Betty Churchouse Room at Caryford Hall.
- **Coffee Mornings** in the Undercroft of the Market House on Saturday 8th July and Saturday 7th October.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association then contact our secretary on 01963 359248. You will be made most welcome.



U3A

Camelot U3A will hold its monthly meeting at Caryford Hall at 2.30 pm on Friday 24th February when the speaker will be **Sarah-Jane Bungay**, presenter on **BBC Points West**. A true multi-tasker in the newsroom, one day she may be producing the lunch time programme, the next presenting the breakfast bulletins or reporting on the road.

All members and visitors are welcome.

USE LESS SHARE MORE

The group's major initiative at the moment is the recycling awareness raising project which you'll find out about in the insert to this newsletter. Otherwise we continue with our guerilla gardening, and look forward to giving the phone box outside the Market House its final coat of paint in the summer (incidentally did you know you can not only use it for phone calls but also for email and texts?). We meet on the first Friday of each month for a shared meal and to discuss future projects. Tel 01963 351461 for more information.



WILDLIFE TRUST

Tuesday 7 March 2017 Somerset Wildlife Trust illustrated talk: 'The Wildlife of Carymoor, Life After Landfill', by Rupert Farthing, Chief Executive. The talk will cover the restoration of 100 acres of capped landfill site at Dimmer, and its transformation into a haven for local wildlife; and centre for education and conservation. Tea and coffee are served from 7.30pm, and the talk starts at 8pm. The venue is Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ. Entrance £2.50 adults, children free.

Tuesday 4 April 2017 Somerset Wildlife Trust illustrated talk: 'Urban Peregrines of Bristol and Bath', on behalf of the Hawk and Owl Trust. The Trust has placed nest boxes on tall buildings to encourage these magnificent birds of prey to live and breed in our cities. Tea and coffee are served from 7.30pm, and the talk starts at 8pm. The venue is Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ. Entrance £2.50 adults, children free.

Tuesday 2 May 2017 Somerset Wildlife Trust illustrated talk: 'Gardening for Wildlife'. This talk by Steve Fry of Castle Gardens in Sherborne, will focus on nectar-rich planting, and other ways to create a wildlife friendly garden. Tea and coffee are served from 7.30pm, and the talk starts at 8pm. Venue is Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ. Entrance £2.50 adults, children free.

Saturday 13 May 2017 Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in aid of the Somerset Wildlife Trust in the Market Square, Castle Cary from 9am-12am.



WEA

Founded in 1903, the **Workers' Educational Association (WEA)** is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in England and Scotland. With the support of nearly 3,000 volunteers, 2,000 tutors and over 10,000 members, we deliver friendly, accessible and enjoyable courses for adults from all walks of life. Castle Cary Branch organises two 6 week courses and two day schools during each academic year as well as one-off public lectures. We would like to hear from anyone interested in Adult Education and in volunteering at the branch; the commitment involves helping to choose, publicise, organise and run courses, and overall in time is not great unless, of course, you want to become more deeply involved in the organisation.

For further information contact Mike or Richard (see below), and look at the website <http://www.wea.org.uk>.

Our final event of the Spring term is a **Day School at Ditchat Jubilee Hall on Saturday 18th March**, 10am to 4pm, £28 – *The Golden Age of Detective Fiction*, by Dr Rita Depledge, will examine the enduring appeal of post-war crime fiction emphasising the formation and characteristics of the Crime Writers' Association.

A hot lunch will be available, on request, for £5.

For further information please contact Mike Henning (01749 860352 / mike@henning1.plus.com) or Richard Ashdown (01749 860313 / mail@richardashdown.co.uk), or book by telephone (0845 458 2758).



YOUTH MATTERS

At the AGM of Youth Matters the committee reported that the company we contracted with to deliver the Youth Work had stopped the contract and then we suffered another blow when our paid Youth Worker decided not to take up our offer of a contract directly with us. The group therefore, felt that, along with dwindling attendance at youth club, we would not keep the role going at the moment. However, Fray Cronie who has been a volunteer at the group kindly offered to keep the youth club at the Swainson Building going on a voluntary basis. This will be supported by a committee which Fray is going to convene and Youth Matters will continue to pay for the premises and any trips or activities requested. We are very grateful to Fray for

continuing the club which is on a Thursday at 7.00pm. Fray and his committee will report to the stakeholders and to the County Youth team for support and they will keep you posted.

Zoe Mitchell is continuing to run the Monday Club with a group of faithful volunteers. She is running from a classroom on the school site kindly provided by Ansford Academy.



WALKS AND TALKS

The next "Walk and Talks" are on 16th February and 16th March. You are welcome to the Talk even if you don't go on the Walk, and *vice versa*.

The walk is very short (about a mile) and not strenuous. It starts from Millbrook Surgery at 2pm (but please park in the main car park off Millbrook Gardens), and is very much for people who are out of the habit of doing any walking at all, and need to improve their general fitness. We'll do the walk regardless of the weather.

The talks (given by one of the Millbrook Surgery Health Coaches) start with a cup of tea in the Market House around 3.15pm. The February talk is on the benefits of physical activity, and the March talk will be about how to avoid falls and the fear of falling.

It's free and friendly. Do join us. Enquiries to Laura Tilling 01963 351461 or call in at the Millbrook Surgery.

Walks and Talks will continue after Easter on the third Thursday of the month, ie 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July.



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- ACF, Castle Cary Platoon – 01963 240382
Action for Children – 01963 351554
Alcoholics Anonymous – 0845 7697555
All Saints' & St Andrew's Churches – 01963 351615
Alzheimer's Society – 01935 473597
Ansford & Cary Traidcraft Sales – 01963 351751
Ansford Parish Council – 01749 812225
Ansford Academy – 01963 350895
ATC 2277 (Cary & District) Squadron – 07717 683404
Bellringing – 01963 350002
Bible Study Group – 01749 860571
Britannia Carnival Club – 07855 497263
British Heart Foundation – 01963 350022
Camelot Rounders – 01963 350576
Care4Cary – 07803 855208
Cary Allotments – 01963 350917
Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) – 07715 510359
Cary Business Network – 01963 350600
Cary Comedians Carnival Club – 01963 440472
Cary Conservative Association – 01963 350977
Cary Guides – 01963 350936
Cary Reels – 01963 350276
Cary Runners – 01963 350418
Cary Wives Group – 01963 351473
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 351057
Caryford Fitness & Leisure – 01963 350600
Caryford Short Mat Bowls – 01963 351324
CaryLive – 01963 350160
Carymarsh Nature Reserve – 01963 350418
Carymoor Environmental Centre – 01963 350143
Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society – 01963 440472
Castle Cary & Ansford Women's Institute –
07402 765932
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 01963 351908
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 01935 850122
Castle Cary Ceramics Group – 01460 54117
Castle Cary Children's Centre – 01963 359098
Castle Cary Choir – 07970 039007
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 01963 350841
Castle Cary Football Club – 01963 350587
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 350618
Castle Cary Majorettes (Cygnets) – 01963 350603
Castle Cary Out Of School Club (The Hive) –
07837 772105
Castle Cary Primary School – 01963 350520
Castle Cary Railway Club – 01749 860571
Castle Cary Rainbows – 01963 350004
Castle Cary Ramblers – 01963 359621
Castle Cary Rugby Club – 07739 300144
Castle Cary Town Council – 01963 359631
Castle Cary Town Museum – 01963 351324
Castle Cary Twinning Association – 01963 359248
Christian Aid – 01963 351275
Churches Together – 01963 351275
Decorative and Fine Arts Society – 01963 350527
EatCary – 01963 351461
Ditcheat Moviola – 01749 860348
Friends of Cary 2000 – 01963 351707
Guide Dogs for the Blind – 01963 350182
Judo Club – 01749 890308
Liberal Democrats – 01963 350570
Living History Group – 01963 350168
Macmillan Cancer Support – 01963 351886
Market House Dance Studio – 01963 351503
Messy Church – 01963 351615
Methodist Church – 01963 351598
Methodist Church lettings – 01963 351635
Mid-Somerset Flower Club – 01963 351811
Millbrook Surgery Friends Group – 01963 350210
Moat Garden Project – 01963 359502
Monday Club – 01963 350931
Mothers' Union – 01963 359069
National Blood Transfusion – 01963 350279
Parson Woodforde Society – www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk
Poppins – 01963 350002
Quiz Evenings – 01963 350510
Red Cross – 01963 350830
RoadPeace – www.roadpeace.org
Rogue mma – 07738 599670
Rotary Club (Brue Valley) – 01749 813429
Royal British Legion – 01963 351154
Save the Children Shop – 01963 351681
St Margaret's Hospice – 0845 345 9671
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers – 07773 515511
Scout Active Support – 01963 351025
Somerset Wildlife Trust (SE Area) – 01749 812127
South Somerset Community Accessible Transport –
01963 34594
Table Tennis Club – 01963 351571
Taekwon-Do Club – 07759 405601
Tiddlywinks – 01963 350341
Together Magazine – 01963 350627
Tools for Self Reliance – 01749 813239
Tourist Information Group – 01963 351763
Toybox Pre-school – 01963 351523
U3A Camelot Area – 01963 350132
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461
Weight Loss Club – 01963 350163
Women's Friendly Hour – 01963 350510
Workers' Education Association (WEA) – 01749 860352
Youth Matters – 01963 350160
Zambia Links (CMCPT) – 01963 351461