

# CASTLE CARY

# & ANSFORD

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

# CASTLE CARY'S

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Caryford Hall**

- 6.30PM:**
- A chance to view and comment on the Neighbourhood Plan
  - Catch up on the latest news on the Fairfield Project
  - See displays from local organisations about their activities
  - Meet Town and District Councillors to discuss local issues.

- 7.30PM:**
- Hear about the Town Council's current projects and plans
  - Question and answer time

**Fairtrade tea & coffee**

**All welcome!**

**We look forward to seeing you!**



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 July 2017

Email to [cctcnewsletter@btconnect.com](mailto: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

As you will see our editorial has moved to the inside cover of this edition. We have given up the space to make sure you all know about the **Annual Town Meeting** which is a wonderful opportunity for all residents to meet Councillors, see representatives from the many local organisations, listen to what the Town Council has been doing over the last 12 months and their plans for the next year and above all an opportunity for you to ask questions. Do come along on May 16th at 6.30.

May is the start of a new working year for the Town Council and the time when chairs of committees are elected and committee representatives selected. We still have **vacancies** and are wondering why you are all so shy at putting your names forward to join this committed, hard working, friendly group of people who aim to make Castle Cary the vibrant, pleasant and happy place to live. If you think you would like to help do contact Sue Hake, Town Clerk at [town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk](mailto:town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk) or 01963 359631.

This edition of the **newsletter** has reached you through the dedication of the councillors and local volunteers. Sadly, Malcolm who has delivered the newsletter for a number of years has retired. A huge thank you to him for all his hard work. Can you help? We need an individual or a small group of people to deliver approximately 1600 newsletters throughout Castle Cary and Ansford 4 times a year, over a period of 2-3 days. If you are interested and want to know how we will reimburse you, call in at the Information Point in the Market House or call 01963 351763 for more details. If we cannot find people to deliver we will have to look at alternative ways of distributing the newsletter – digital copies on the website, collection points around the area e.g. newsagents, Post Office, pubs, Market House. Your views on this are welcome. Talk to our volunteers in the Information Point.

Work has been continuing on **Fairfield**, though not at the pace originally hoped for. Funding is still needed for the Pump Park and some pathways, applications have been made to a couple of organisations but we have to wait until June for news on whether we have been successful. However groups of volunteers have made great progress with clearing large areas of brambles and opening up the area near the stream.

Grass seed will be planted soon. A new fence and new gates have been installed and we hope that work will start on drainage and the main path across the field within the next couple of months. **The circus** will visit again in July so look out for publicity about dates and times.

A first for Castle Cary! The **Inaugural Yacht Regatta** was held on the 1st May on our Horsepond. The Shepton Drifters Club brought their wonderful model boats for a morning's sailing and refreshments were provided by **Brue Valley Rotary**. Proceeds from the day were donated to Royal National Lifeboat Institution. We hope that many of you attended this event and we look forward to more regattas being held in Castle Cary.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** group has had a couple of set-backs in the past year ... but is now forging ahead again. If you would like to find out more, the team will be available on the evening of the Town Meeting on Tuesday 16th May from 6.30 pm (Caryford Hall) and will be happy to discuss progress and to answer questions.

**Planning:** Those of us who have signed the government petition "Give communities back the right to decide where houses are built" <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177333> will have received a reply from the Department for Communities and Local Government which says

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*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

May 15th, June 19th

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

things such as: “Local communities are not forced to accept large housing developments. Communities are consulted throughout the Local Plan process and on individual planning applications.”

Castle Cary Town Council has written to the Secretary of State pointing out the large number of untrue statements in the letter received and we are awaiting a reply.

Meanwhile the **County Council’s Somerset Waste Board** has signed a 25-year contract with Viridor that includes a waste transfer station at Dimmer (to handle South Somerset and Mendip household waste), having little or no concern for the fact that the B3153 through Clanville is totally unsuitable for huge lorries and that we were promised that when landfill ended the site would be returned to the community.

Rumours are flying about concerning the BMI site off Upper High Street. The owners have grubbed up the old orchard and it has been indicated to us that a planning application is imminent. We have asked the developers to meet us before they draw up their plans and we are hoping to hear from them soon. Watch this space.

June 1st sees the start of **Volunteers Week** when we can celebrate the work of all our volunteers in our communities. Castle Cary would be a very dull place without the services of a myriad of people who fundraise for the many charities; volunteers working with our young people and children in toddlers groups, schools, youth clubs and our uniformed services such as scouts, beavers and ATC. Then there are the many clubs and societies, listed on the back page of this publication, all of which require a commitment to raise funds, spend time to organise events and run bank accounts and the necessary taking of minutes and paperwork to show propriety.

Then there’s the Town Council which couldn’t run without our team of volunteers who staff our front desk answering loads of different questions, pointing people in the right direction, selling tickets for events and seeing over 5000 – yes, 5000 – people in a year. Finally, our Town Councillors are all unpaid and give up their time to support our lovely town. We shall be celebrating the achievements of our volunteers in the week of June 1st; if your organisation would like to join in then let Judi Morison know.



## **ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

At last there is some warmth in the air as Spring begins to arrive at last. However the occasional cold day still catches us out. The warmer weather means the annual process of grass cutting kicks off for those greens in the Parish owned by Ansford Parish Council. In joint ownership with Castle Cary Town Council the Fairfield refurbishment project is starting to move

with the new fencing in place and clearance of unsightly overgrown brambles having been completed. Applications for funding are in place to keep this project moving. Next major works will be the installation of new footpaths. There has also been evidence of development work taking place in some sites around the Parish which have been left unattended for quite a long time. Often years in fact. These sites often have planning permission which was granted many years ago.

Ansford Parish Council have been looking at possible future projects for the area. If you as a resident have an idea then please do not hesitate to contact the Council so it can be considered. Maybe some landscaping of Council land or improvement in footpaths for example.

The speed of traffic through our towns is a constant issue. You have probably seen those devices which flash up your vehicle speed as you pass it. These are known as SIDs, which stands for Speed Indicator Devices. Every few weeks the Council receives a report on the speeds recorded by vehicles passing these devices. Despite the legal speed limits these reports always show a large percentage of vehicles having broken the speed limit. Consistent excessive speeds reporting often results in the imposition of speed cameras. You have been warned! Currently in Bruton town centre a speed restriction of 20mph is being imposed. Perhaps Ansford and Castle Cary may take this approach in the future. However I expect the SIDs will then show many drivers just exceeding the 20mph speed limit but not as fast as when it was 30mph. With all the research into driverless cars maybe we will only see speed limits being met when these vehicles are totally in place in the future.

### **ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr C. Edwards – Chairman

Mr A. Gibbons – Vice Chairman

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

*Clerk:* Gordon McCarthy – 01749 812225

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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](http://www.parish-council.com/ansford)**

## LAMP

*Learning at the Market Place.* Book your place in the Market House, Monday–Saturday mornings or call 01963 351763 for the following courses this summer term:

### iPad workshops

**Beginners** and one-off workshop on Wednesday May 24th, 7.00–9.00. £12.00

**Improvers** one-off workshop on Wednesday June 7th, 7.00–9.00pm.

Tutor: Jason King. £12.00. Bring your own iPad and Apple ID with passwords.

### Fiction Factory

Six weeks starting Wednesday June 14th – 19th July, 6.00–8.00pm

Tutor: Emma Craigie. £60.00

### Photography in and around Castle Cary &

**Ansford.** Four weeks starting on Sunday 4th May – 25th May, 2.00–4.00pm.

Tutor: Jason King. £40.00

*New for the summer!*

**Holiday French Conversation.** Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June, 6.30–8.30pm.

Tutor: Denise Magill. £40.00

### Spanish for Improvers

Mondays 8th May – 3rd July, 10.00–11.30am (not 29th May).

Tutor: Feliciano Lopez-Chaves. £70.00

**Family Animation Workshop** for parents/carers and up to two children under 11, Saturday 19th August. Four short half hour workshops for two families. Tutor: Jason King. Look out for the publicity in the summer.

*In conjunction with Somerset Library Service:*

### Support for Small Businesses – The Digital Garage.

Learn through Google Digital Garage resources how to make the most of social media and boost your search ability on Google. This one-off session is also good for people in the voluntary sector.

Wednesday 17th May, 2.30–4.30pm in the Shambles, Market House. FREE.

### Somerset Skills & Learning

Art starts again with **Learn to Draw and Paint**, Tuesday 2nd May. Please book with SS&L on 0330 332 7997 quoting ABEWLB05.

### Every Stitch Counts

Helen Roskill runs monthly embroidery workshops. Find out more and book with Helen on 01749 673275 or [everysmallstitch@btinternet.com](mailto:everysmallstitch@btinternet.com).

*Look us up and 'like' us on our new Facebook page LAMP Learning at the Market Place.*

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Tick Tock Help the Clock..... as this goes to print the clock at All Saints' is in the workshop of Gillet and Johnston Clockmakers receiving the care and attention it requires and deserves in order to keep time in Cary once again. Thanks are due in particular to Peter Alderson and Martin Steiner for their determination to raise the necessary funds and to commit to the continuing care of the clock. Thank you, Peter and Martin, and to all who gave generously to the Tick Tock Help the Clock Appeal.

All Saints' Church is an iconic Cary landmark – whether viewed from the middle of the town, the top of Lodge Hill or even from the comfort of a GWR first class carriage.... For many people the church is more than a backdrop to everyday – it holds very personal memories and also it holds the story of our town going right back to the when we had a castle ... and possibly even further than that.

Looking backwards, we are pleased to make space

for the Norman font which has been languishing in the public loos on the playing field for some years, having been buried in a garden in North Street for several centuries.

Looking forwards, we need to raise a considerable amount of money to replace the nave roof, restore the badly weathered stonework and to do more essential works inside and out to ensure the building is fit for the future. This presents us all with an exciting opportunity to a) do lots of fundraising (!) and b) even more excitingly, have a community-wide conversation about how we might use the church building to serve the people of Cary.

There will be an open meeting on Friday June 23rd at 7pm in All Saints' Church – refreshments available from 6.30pm. Come along and find out what needs to be done – and to work together to discern what might be done.....

*Revd Liz*



## BOWLS CLUB

As I write this article there are just five days to go to the Club opening game on Saturday 15th April. Predictably we have just enjoyed a beautiful sunny and very warm weekend but the forecast coming up is for rather cool breezy conditions with, maybe, the odd shower! Money raised at this event will go to the Cary Scout Group building appeal – an organisation which provides valuable leisure opportunities for our young people.

We have an exciting season ahead and hope to build on our good efforts of last year. Our fixture book is full and there is plenty of bowling to be enjoyed by all playing members – young and not so young, novices or experienced campaigners, with league games for men, ladies and mixed, and county and national competitions. So much to look forward to.

We continue our association with county bowlers from the Isle of Wight with a Somerset County versus IOW Men on the 4th July and Somerset County versus IOW Ladies on the 11th July. The booking by county of these fixtures is a compliment to us, implying that our green bowls to a high standard and our hosting is second to none. We simply look forward to welcoming long established friends from ‘across the water’ (albeit a small crossing!) and all of those who visit us throughout the season.

The clubhouse is sparkling from its annual spring clean and the green and surrounding grounds look superb – all thanks to the efforts of our members and Pat M. who cherishes our green.

More news of how we have progressed in the next edition of this Newsletter.

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## CARY CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Launched in 2016 by Thelma Fisher and others, this group is open to those in the local community who are caring unpaid for a family member, friend or neighbour.

The group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 10.30 – 12.00 in the Shambles, to chat informally with others who have similar issues. Representatives from the Millbrook surgery and Compass Carers are on hand to offer advice and useful information and the group has the full support of the Town Council.

Everyone is welcome and if you are interested, please join us. A contact telephone number for the group is 01963 350541.

S.K.



## CARNIVALS IN SOMERSET PROMOTION PROJECT

### Carnival Exhibition in the Museum

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Castle Cary’s illuminated carnival, Gordon and Sue Stockman of CISP agreed to help Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society with the exhibition in the museum which will be open from April to October.

CISPP Exhibition Unit and team have been requested to attend Castle Cary Primary School and Ansford Academy. Since its creation in 2009, CISPP has attended over 70 schools for workshops and heritage lectures for the 400 year history of carnivals in Somerset.

Gordon Stockman MBE



## CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

In this auspicious 40th year for the club and Castle Cary Carnival, tremendous efforts are being made by Cary Comedians to fundraise and get their dressed tractor completed to enter not only Castle Cary Carnival but also the Wessex GP circuit and the Somerset County Guy Fawkes circuit.

One major issue remains, however: we need **more members and more performers**. We did our best last year but now we have the ability to be a leading comic feature float in Somerset. So many skills can be accomplished by members of a carnival club and you can perform to thousands and raise money for local charities. Come on, join us if you can – you will experience the joy of performing and giving pleasure to so many.

Gordon Stockman, MBE



## CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

2017 marks an amazing 40 years of carnival in the town! To celebrate we are planning a programme of special events, as well as making our children’s and evening illuminated processions brighter and better than ever!

For starters, see if you can spot yourself in carnivals gone by. We have a special exhibition in the town’s Museum, on now!

The big dates for your diary this year are Saturday 7 October for the Ann Hallett Children’s Carnival, and Saturday 14 October for our evening illuminated procession.

Such a special year makes it a great time to get involved and help out. It takes a lot of people, with lots

of different skills and talents to bring the procession to a street near you. If you love carnival, how about helping out? Perhaps helping to keep our streets safe during the procession? Or, writing our press releases, liaising with the media and feeding social media? Or, helping to raise the £8000 we need to put the carnival on? It could be about giving as little as couple of hours a month, or a few hours around carnival time. If you love carnival – we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Caroline Sharley, General Secretary, on email [carolinejsharley@gmail.com](mailto:carolinejsharley@gmail.com) or 07711 266969 to find out more!

For latest news, visit our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety/> or our website: [www.castlecary-carnival.org.uk](http://www.castlecary-carnival.org.uk).

*Caroline Sharley*



## CARY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY (CATS)

We are really pleased with how successful our February show, 'The Addams Family', was. We all had a great time and were pleased to hear that our audiences did too! Thank you to everyone who watched and supported us, and helped us in any way.

Now it is time to turn our attention to our February 2018 show, 'Oh! What a Lovely War'. Our main reason for choosing this is to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. If you would like to get involved, whether it be on stage or behind the scenes, or if you would like any other information, please phone 07715 510359. Please also feel free to come along to our AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 23 May in the main hall at Castle Cary Primary School. We would love to see you.



## CARYFORD FITNESS & LEISURE

We are on Facebook /1610Caryford & Twitter @1610Caryford. This is the best way to keep up to date with the centre on news events etc.

Don't forget to check out our website & App!

If your doctor or health professional feels that physical activity can help with a health condition they can refer you. You can also refer yourself to 1610's Wellness Works scheme if you have any existing medical or health conditions, or even if you just need some extra support, guidance or motivation. Wellness Works membership gives you full access to Centre facilities from opening to 5pm, and throughout the weekends. Our Exercise referral gym staff will work closely with you during the initial 3 month period to

ensure you receive the best possible exercise prescription for you, which includes all Group Exercise Classes, where applicable and use of our Fitness Suite. All this from just £23 per month. Please contact us for more information.

We offer over 15 classes a week. From high intensity classes such as Group Cycle, Conditioning, Combat & Clubbercise, to more holistic activities such as Yoga and Pilates. There's an activity for everyone! The majority of them are evening and weekend classes.

\*\*\*Cut this article out and bring it into the centre before 31/08/17 and you can try one of our fitness classes for FREE!\*\*\*

*Charlotte Butt, Customer Sales Manager*



## CARYFORD HALL

Live music? Caryford Hall is now regularly hosting a variety of live groups. Events are planned for May 13th, August 28th and October 7th – watch out for leaflets for more details. Cary Choir will be singing on July 1st to raise money for Caryford Hall – they have a wide repertoire, do come along and support them.

Another new venture in the autumn will be a Bridge Event – people of all levels of skill will be very welcome.

We are still looking for a new **Treasurer**. At the AGM in the June our current treasurer will be standing down, so we are looking for someone who is willing to take on this voluntary role. 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 email 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](mailto:barry.moorhouse@outlook.com) to discuss the role further.

Our **Christmas Market for 2017** will be on Saturday December 2nd, bookings for tables are already being taken! Reduced rates for those who book and pay before June 1st.

*Rosemary Rymer, 01963 351057*



# CARYMOOR

## May half term activities at Carymoor!

### **30th May, 2-4pm: Future Field Naturalists Club: Brilliant Bumble Bees**

Are you between 8 and 12 years old? Are you wild about nature? Do you fancy yourself as the next Spring Watch presenter?! Yes! Then come along to our Future Field Naturalists' Club!

This is our nature club for 8–12 year olds: a combination of outdoor fun investigating wildlife and developing ID skills with real hands-on practical conservation activities. In this session we'll be looking at the amazing bumble bees we have on the site at Carymoor.

### **1st June, 10am-12pm and 2-4pm: Family Fun Day: Reduce, Reuse Recycle!**

Join us for 2 hours of environmental crafts, trails and activities this half term. Our session will focus on the 3Rs with craft activities using reused materials and an opportunity to see the landfill site. Plus enjoy one of our famous themed cupcakes on sale in our education centre!

**Charge:** £12 per family (up to 4 people including at least one adult) plus £3 for each additional participant.

**Booking essential:** For more information or to book a place for your family phone 01963 351350 or e-mail [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk).

There will be further details on our website at [www.carymoor.org.uk](http://www.carymoor.org.uk).

## Summer Fun at Carymoor!

This summer Carymoor is launching an exciting week of summer activities for children aged 7-11 years! Join us from **31st July to 4th August** for an action-packed week of fun on our beautiful nature reserve near Castle Cary.

Try your hand at surviving like Bear Grylls one day, being an Anglo Saxon the next and then get things 'ship-shape' as part of our Eco-Pirate crew! Explore our woodlands, meadows and ponds and find out about the amazing creatures that live there, plus help with some fun conservation tasks around the site. Each day will be full of hands on activities, challenges, games and craft opportunities and most importantly lots and lots of fun!

During the week we will also work towards our John Muir Discovery Award, a nationally recognised conservation Award.

**Charge** per child for the week: £175.

Places on this very special week are limited to twenty children, so phone 01963 351350 or **email us now** to find out more and to express interest in booking a place for your child.



## *The Early Bird Catches the Worm!*

### EVENTS NOTICES

*Would you like to help organise these community events? The more people we have the easier it is!*

### **MAY DAY**

*A proposed new event for 2018*

If you are interested in being part of this exciting initiative then please come along to the first planning meeting on **Tuesday 20th June** at 7.30pm in the Shambles, Market House.  
*Everyone is welcome.*

### **BIG CHRISTMAS**

Planning starts on **13th June** at 7.30pm in the Shambles, Market House. We shall be looking for new members of the teams to help plan trees, lights and the event activities on Thursday 7th December.  
*Everyone is welcome.*

## CERAMICS GROUP

Our Spring programme began on Tuesday, 7 February with a meeting on 'Our Favourite Teapots'. Also included was an auction of books on porcelain and pottery, kindly donated to benefit the Group's finances and our members.

On 7 March we had a talk by a member of the group, David Birley, who spoke about 'Early Blue and White Porcelain and some Conundrums'. He displayed items from his own collection. On 4 April Maurice Hills spoke on 'The Liverpool Porcelains of Chaffers and Christian'. On 9 May Andy Violet spoke about 'Ceramic Artists of the Torquay Potteries' and on 6 June our chairman, Pat Preller, will speak on 'Sorting the Wheat from the Chaff; is it New Hall?' There is no meeting in August. On 5 September Pat Preller and Rosie Cooke will lead our second session on 'Handling and Identification of Ceramic Wares', when members will be quizzed on examples from several factories.

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 covering ten meetings. Guests pay £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.



## CASTLE CARY CHOIR

If you missed the wonderful concert held at the Methodist Church in April to raise funds for Christian Aid, you might like to join us for one of the events coming up in the next couple of months. We always include a wide variety of music, from sacred to popular and folk to musical theatre, so there's something for everyone!

**Friday 12th May** – 7.30pm 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 Charltons' Churches.

**Saturday 1st July** – 7.30pm at Caryford Community Hall, Ansford. Proceeds to go to the running costs of this popular village hall. Tickets will be available from the Market House Information Point. For more details contact [cfch.website@gmail.com](mailto:cfch.website@gmail.com).

**Saturday 8th July** – 7.30pm at the Gillingham Methodist Church, Gillingham. This concert will be part of the Gillingham Festival with a retiring collection raising funds for the Dorset hospice.

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](http://www.castlecarychoir.org).

We look forward to seeing you!



## CHURCHES TOGETHER

In January, Canon Frank Fisher prepared a booklet for our use, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: thank you. A service was held in the Methodist Church.

The Lent Appeal was launched at tea, served in the Methodist Schoolroom, on Sunday 26th February. Alex Wentworth, communications officer for the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, spoke of the charity's work. Thank you to Sandie and Derek Biles for preparing the smartie tubes, which we are busy filling with money, to support this charity.

Preparing for Easter, we will have shared a service at the Market Place on Good Friday.

Our AGM will take place in the Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday 14th June, at 7.30p.m. when the speaker will be Sarah Martin, Headteacher at the Primary School.



## MILLBROOK SURGERY

### Travel Vaccinations

With spring in the air, it will soon be the holiday season. May we take this opportunity to remind you that if you are planning a holiday to somewhere exotic, you may well need to be protected by certain travel vaccinations dependent upon your destination. When you have booked your holiday, collect from the surgery or download from our website [www.millbrook-surgery.gpsurgery.net](http://www.millbrook-surgery.gpsurgery.net), (*select patient information, then library and holiday form*), a holiday form for each member of your family who is travelling and is registered as a patient here. Once completed, return the form to the surgery for the Practice Nurse to check whether any immunisations are needed. If you telephone after five working days, you will be told what is needed and an appointment can be made if necessary.

### Text messages

Patients with mobile phone numbers registered on our data base now receive a text reminder about any appointment that is booked at the surgery. You will also receive a text message if your child has your mobile telephone number on his/her records and an appointment is made by you, or by us eg for baby immunisations. So please can you tell us if you change your mobile telephone number, so that our records are always up-to-date.

When children reach age 15 years, parents' mobile numbers are removed from their records. The young person then has the option to have his/her mobile number added to his/her own details.

## CINEMA IN CARYFORD

We have had a good winter season with large audiences for The Eagle Huntress and, of course, the Cat film – A Street Cat Named Bob!

On May 30th, we are showing The Light Between Oceans – a lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat. Starring Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz. Great reviews.

June 27th – The Viceroy's House with Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson. I'm already calling this Downton in India – but gather it is a spectacular film

Finally on July 25th – Lion with Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. Set in Australia and India this is a wonderful film – may need the paper hankies though!!

We look forward to seeing you.

*Tessa and Jeannie*

## EAT CARY COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is plenty of activity now up at the garden, and there are always seeds to be planted, weeds to be removed, and generally enjoy the open air! One of the Eat Cary team will be up at the garden every Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm until 4pm, 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.

There is always space for an extra row of seeds, if you have something you wish to grow. Do you want advice on what you could grow in your own garden? Later in the summer look out for the tray of surplus vegetables outside the garden, all fresh, all free!

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



## GARDENING ASSOCIATION

It's all very confusing for us gardeners – mid-March became early April and May tulips were in full flow within the first week of April! Poor birds and bees! We'll see how our gardens fared when it comes to our **Open Show on August 5th**. Schedules will be available for our next meeting, our **Plant Sale on May 6th**, and then from Dave Marsh and Heather's Flowers in Castle Cary. There really is something that everyone can enter: If you can grow or flower arrange or draw or boil jam or bake or knit or stitch or photograph or limerick, you can enter! Children have their own section too!

Our meetings are in the Methodist church school rooms at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome (£1).

We now have a wonderful

**NEW WEBSITE:** <http://ccga.btck.co.uk/>

Dates for your diary:

**May 4th** – 'The Cultivation and Use of Unusual Herbs' – Caroline Pakenham

**May 6th** – Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning - Market House

**June 1st** – 'In Pursuit of the Plants of Peru' – Hilary Little

**June 17th** – Coach trip to Cerne Abbas Open gardens – see website for details

**July 6th** – 'Resuscitation and Incandescence' – the revival of the walled garden at Longleat – Matt Simpson

**August 5th** – Annual Open Show at Caryford Hall.



## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

In the last newsletter I announced that the Cary & District Committee had raised £25,000 last year; in fact we have now had the final figure from the central finance office and the figure was, in fact, £26,383.

This year we held two events which raised £1,025 for the Quiz Evening in February and £1,800 for the Bridge Event at the beginning of April. These figures were after expenses.

As ever the committee worked really hard to ensure that these events are successful and we would also like to give a huge thank you to Castle Cary Rugby Club for the use of their club house. It's such a fantastic venue with an amazing kitchen. We really appreciate their support.

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.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been another busy term at the school and we have all been working very hard – as always!

Starfish and Seahorse classes have been learning about people who help us and they have been visited by the firemen, paramedics and vets. Having visitors in school really brings learning to life and I know that the children were full of excitement after each visitor.

In Turtle and Sea Otter classes they have been learning about transport and they visited Haynes Motor Museum in February. As a result of this they built the most amazing models but my personal highlight was a comment by a Grandad prior to the visit who said to "look out for a red car!!!" I am sure I could hear him chuckling as he said it!

Our older children in Jellyfish and Octopus classes have been studying local history and visited the horsehair factory. I think everyone who went learnt something new.

Dolphin and Swordfish classes have been historians this term too but were not able to visit their area of study – The Indus Valley! They have, however, done some fantastic things this term and their thirst for knowledge never fails to amaze me.

As ever, extra-curricular activities are as important as the curriculum in developing our children as well rounded individuals. Our Year 4 children have just returned from a 3 day Residential at Charterhouse – exhausted but having had an amazing time. Music lessons are still happening in the school and we have

taken part in a variety of sports events. We have children learning the ukulele and children preparing to dance at Wells Country Dancing Festival.



## CARY RUNNERS

Cary Runners is a small group of local runners who enjoy each other's company while jogging around the country lanes. Some of us are training for a particular race, some want to get fit, while others just run because we can. We usually break into groups, with people of similar fitness matched, so that no one is left behind or holds up the faster runners. During summer we meet each Monday at 18h30 at Orchard Farm, Cockhill (near the Cary Comedians carnival float) to jog between 5 and 8 km (3 to 5 miles) along the country roads or through the lanes and fields. Most of our "runs" are relaxed jogs, but some of us also meet Wednesdays or Thursdays for a more taxing run of anything between 6 and 10 km (4 to 6 miles), usually involving a few hills.

Whether you are a seasoned runner or a beginner, and regardless of your level of fitness, you'll find running much easier when you have others to encourage you. If you would like to join us either turn up at 18h30 on a Monday evening or call Dave Boyer (01963 350418 / 07903 276315, [boyer@orchard-farm.co.uk](mailto:boyer@orchard-farm.co.uk)) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761) for more information.



## ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE

Lynch Country House hosts one of the showpieces of the 2017 St Margaret's Hospice Open Gardens. The event will feature an opportunity to look around the stunning gardens of Lynch house on the 15th July. Afterwards you can enjoy a locally sourced cream tea against this beautiful setting. Entrance fee to Lynch Country house is £3.50 from 12pm.

If you fancy becoming part of the St Margaret's Open Gardens for 2017 or would like any more information please contact Victoria Poole 01935 709157.

Whether a country house, care home, small town garden or country estate, we would love to share your garden with us and your community. By opening your garden to the public, you will be raising funds supporting the work of St Margaret's Hospice in the local community.



## TOGETHER

*Together* is the 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. Not only does it cover times of church services and events but all sorts of events ... coffee mornings, charity fundraisers, concerts and lectures, gardening, wildlife, messy church, mothers' union ... you name it. Its invaluable trade directory includes everything from clock-smiths to locksmiths, plumbing to pilates. And there is still room for the odd joke or cartoon.

Interested in getting Together? Please contact 01963 359019.

Please note: all further communications should go to [carytogether@gmail.com](mailto:carytogether@gmail.com).



## TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

You may have seen the Cary group of Tools For Self Reliance running a stall in the Market Place on various Saturdays recently. We use the stalls to sell tools that people donate but which are inappropriate for us to send on to communities in Africa. The most obvious example is gardening tools. As you can imagine, there's not much call over there for items like rakes, shears and secateurs, so we sell them instead to raise much-needed funds.

The costs of running our local group are minuscule: mainly consumables like sandpaper, wire wool and lubricants. But the costs of our national organisation sending the tools where they are needed in Africa are enormous. Even with special charity discounts, the bill for transporting a single shipping container is about £5,000. That's why the £689 we earned from the first of our 2017 tool sales on 22 March and all the other funds we raise are essential to our mission of putting tools in people's hands so they can feed their families and send their kids to school.

Talking of schools, the main reason the Cary group's costs are so low is the continuing generosity of Ansford Academy in providing its DT workshop for our tool refurbishment sessions on Tuesday evenings. Many thanks to them for 14 years of unstinting support, especially site manager Gary and caretaker Zoe.

As always, we appreciate tool or cash donations, and more volunteers to join our refurbishment efforts. Just call Amon Cohen on 01749 813239.



## WALKS AND TALKS

By popular request, we are increasing the frequency of our short health walks (part of the District Council's Health Walks initiative). In May, June and July they will take place on the first and third Thursday of each month. All the walks will start at the **Market House** (not at the Millbrook Surgery) at 2pm, and will last about an hour. We are continuing with talks from the Millbrook Surgery Health Coaches too, starting at approx 3.15pm in the Market House, but only on the third Thursday.

So the programme is as follows:

18 May: walk, followed by a cup of tea and talk "Understanding diabetes"

1 June: walk only

15 June: walk followed by a cup of tea and talk "Worried about your memory"

6 July: walk only

20 July: walk followed by a cup of tea and talk "Stroke awareness".

The walks are very short – little more than a mile, along largely level ground. Everyone is welcome to come along, and we will make sure you are walking at a pace you can manage. We'll hope for lovely summer weather but we'll go ahead even if it is raining.

If you don't want to walk, just come to the talk – and the cup of tea.

For more information ring Laura on 01963 351 461.



## WILDLIFE TRUST

### Plant Sale

The South East Area Group of the Somerset Wildlife Trust will hold its annual plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday 13 May from 9.00–12.30 in the Market Place, Castle Cary. The event raises funds for the Trust's conservation work in Somerset. Please come and support us. Lots of home grown plants for sale, and donations of plants would be very welcome. Please contact Dave Boyer, [boyer@orchardfarm.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:boyer@orchardfarm.wanadoo.co.uk).



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Make a note in your diary for our Annual Coffee Morning, including cake stall and Tombola, under the arches of the Market House on Saturday 19th August 2017.

Remember that we now hold our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, at Millbrook Gardens Day Centre, and we start promptly at 7.15pm.

Come along and make new friends. The programme of speakers for this year ranges from Cruising, Yoga,

Owls, Ventures in Vietnam, visiting vets, RNLI and the history of knitting and other handicrafts. We have biannual visits to the theatre, play skittles (which we normally lose, but it's only a game!). We collect Pennies for Friendship to donate to Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW), which supports numerous projects – training women in the third world in animal husbandry, disease control, sustainable fodder cultivation, financial literacy and book-keeping skills.

*Secretary: Christine Stone (07402 765932)*



## ZAMBIA LINKS

The latest of the yearly "IntroZambia" groups, led by Laura Tilling and Steve Curtis, with the main aim of strengthening links between our community and the copper mining town of Mufulira, has just returned. This year's group included three members of the Brue Valley Rotary Club, which is exploring the possibility of an international link with the Mufulira Rotary Club. Steve supported them in this, and also successfully worked with the Mufulira Rotary Club to restore water to Kamuchanga Hospital in central Mufulira.

Laura, meanwhile, on behalf of the Cary-Mufulira Community Partnership Trust (CMCPT, the "umbrella" organisation for the many links between Cary area and Mufulira), worked with John Kapesa, her Mufulira counterpart, to review progress with small grants awarded by CMCPT to linked primary schools. She also met representatives of church links, and of the link between Bath Spa University and Mufulira Teacher Training College. She visited Mufulira High School to explain Ansford Academy's decision to discontinue student exchange visits for financial reasons, and listened to their exciting ideas about possible joint curriculum projects between the two schools, sustainable through up to date communications.

The IntroZambia group also visited shops and markets, and toured Mufulira's copper mine. They were accompanied in everything they did by local people, and came away feeling they had made lasting friends. Some of the group also visited Livingstone and the Victoria Falls, while others spent two days in a remote village in the Eastern Province.

For more information about IntroZambia contact Laura (01963 351461 or [ltilling@waysidecc.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ltilling@waysidecc.freeserve.co.uk)).



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## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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- 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 (Cygnet) – 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](http://www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk)  
Poppins – 01963 350002  
Quiz Evenings – 01963 350510  
Red Cross – 01963 350830  
RoadPeace – [www.roadpeace.org](http://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