

CASTLE CARY

& ANSFORD

NEWSLETTER

Late Summer/
Autumn 2017

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 17th Oct. 2017

Email to deputy.town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk
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

First of all we would like to welcome **Debra Henderson** who joined the Town Council at our June meeting; we still have one vacancy and if you would like to serve the community as a Councillor, please notify the Clerk to the Town Council in writing, giving details of your background and interests.

The **Annual Town Meeting** was held on 16th May and we had a reasonable turn out of residents and some very interesting stands from local societies and charities. This is your opportunity each year to question the Council in a public forum and to find out what the plans are for the future as well as to discover the progress that has been made over the last year.

All members of the Public are entitled, and welcome, to attend any of our committee meetings and our **Full Town Council Meetings** which are held monthly, usually on the 3rd Monday each month. You can come along and just listen or use the opportunity to have your say about any issues that you feel should be brought to the attention of the Council. Agendas of all Committee and Full Council meetings are published on the notice board outside the Market House as well as on the Town Website

As mentioned in our last edition, our usual distributor of newsletters has retired and the distribution of this and future copies, will be undertaken by a group of volunteers organised by **Caryford Hall**.

Work continues on **Fairfield** and the latest is the installation of improved drainage in preparation for further works on paths as well as continuing clearance

of brambles . We have had a disappointment in being turned down for a grant towards the pathways and pump track but will be applying to other grant funding bodies to help pay for these community facilities.

John Lawson's Circus paid their biennial visit from 10th July to 12th July and we hope that all who attended enjoyed the performances.

The **Horsepond** continues to be plagued by overgrowth of algae in the warm and sunny weather we have been experiencing and Lawrence Huggins, a volunteer, has been clearing out the floating green mess up to twice a week for which we thank him. We are currently making plans to try and permanently resolve this issue which recurs most years.

Inconsiderate use of our car parks by a few residents has led the Town Council to consider enforcement of **Parking Regulations** (which are posted at each car park). The car parks are maintained as **free** to use. This is only achieved by the Town Council making a contribution to South Somerset District Council for "loss of revenue" when SSDC introduced district wide parking charges and your Town Council felt that it was imperative, for support of our local shops, that parking should be free. It is very disappointing that a few inconsiderate residents are abusing this and creating this problem for us all. We will keep you updated on progress.

The chairs we use on the Cobbles and Undercroft are not the most comfortable and we thank a **benefactor** for a donation to provide **cushions** to make them more relaxing.

Congratulations go to our team of excellent **Volunteers at the Information Desk** who have received a commendation certificate from South Somerset District Council for their dedication to our community, which was presented at a volunteers tea party on 11th July.

We will soon be saying goodbye to **Lara Davis** who has been covering for **Anna Branson** (Market House Bookings & Promotions) during her maternity leave. Many thanks to Lara from us all for her time with us and best wishes for her future. We are, of course, looking forward to Anna's return in August and to welcoming her back.

Our **Finances** continue to be well controlled and we managed to keep the increase in the precept (the

amount of the Council Tax that goes to Castle Cary Town Council) to less than 15 pence per week for a band D home for 2017/18. We are introducing a much simpler and transparent method of reporting our financial progress through the year, both in comparing our actual income/expenditure against budget and also controlling our Earmarked Reserves (amounts we have saved for specific future large items of expenditure).

The Town Council have agreed to run a **Sunday Vintage Market** for four trial sessions in the near future; details are on our Facebook page and will also shortly be on our Website. If successful we will continue with this for the foreseeable future. The aim is to have stalls of independent local traders selling high quality Vintage goods including Clothing, Collectables, Hand Tools, Art and Jewellery etc. It is intended to have coffee, tea and snacks for sale as well as (potentially) some live music.



CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk: Sue Hake

Deputy Clerk: Claire Craner-Buckley
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Councillors:

Barry Moorhouse (*Chair*)

Judi Morison (*Vice Chair*)

Martin Atkins

Justin Birch

Robert Gilbey

Debra Henderson

Pek Peppin

Terry Philpott

Sally Snook

Penny Steiner

Nick Weeks

Barbara Williams

One vacancy

Full Council meetings:

7.00 pm in The Shambles

August 21st, September 18th

Public welcome to attend.

Planning Committee meetings are normally

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

See website for meeting dates for Finance & Management and Marketing, Communications & HR Committee Meetings.

South Somerset District Councillors:

Mr Henry Hobhouse Tel: 01963 350115

Mr Nick Weeks Tel: 01963 350572

County Councillor:

Mr Mike Lewis Tel: 01963 440231

**Castle Cary Town Council
Town Councillor Vacancy**

Are you interested in your local community and how it is developed in the future?

Do you have concerns about what happens in your community and the surrounding area?

Are you interested in making sure that the best possible services are available and maintained for residents?

You can probably answer “yes” to at least one of these questions but have you ever considered becoming a Town Councillor?

All that is required is genuine desire to help the community and a commitment to attend Town Council meetings. Good quality training is available. To find out more about becoming a Town Councillor either talk to an existing Town Councillor and/or Town Clerk, visit the National Association of Local Councils’ website: www.nalc.gov.uk.

The Town Council is made up of a total of 13 Town Councillors. It serves an estimated population of 2000 people. Full Council Meetings are held every month on the third Monday evening at 7.00pm at the Market House with other Committee meetings held at 6.30pm. The Town Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Market House and The Shambles, the Donald Pither Memorial Ground and Pavilion, the children’s play area, the town’s Cemetery and Chapel along with other smaller assets including the Millbrook Car Park toilet facilities and the Roundhouse. It also has to make sure that spending is kept within the agreed precept limit.

It is very important that the Town Council has its full complement of Town Councillors so that any decisions are made in a democratic way. The Town Council represents the opinions of residents in discussions with the district and county councils, especially decisions that concern the future development of the town.

If you are interested, please contact:

Mrs Susan Hake, Town Clerk

c/o The Market House, Castle Cary

tel: 01963 359631

or email: town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk

PLANNING

Regardless of local protests we now have planning permission granted for something in the region of 620 new dwellings in Cary and Ansford. And while we accept that there is some need for new affordable homes in our area, this figure far exceeds what is actually needed here.

There is no guarantee of course that all these houses will be built but the fact remains that they could be.

So what can we do?

Your Neighbourhood Plan group is taking the view that if the numbers cannot be controlled because of current Government policy, we can do our best to

make sure that any new houses built are not only well designed to provide good, comfortable and economic to run living units with minimal environmental impact, but are also designed to blend in with the local style of building.

Many developments now going up on the edges of towns and villages up and down the country have a chilling “off the peg” appearance – which means that a new estate in one town will be replicated all over the country with no respect for the surrounding local style.

Not only is Castle Cary unique in this area of Somerset for being built of the local Cary stone, it has its own distinct architectural style, with the older houses having gentle “cottagey” proportions. Don’t get us wrong, we are not asking for houses to ape those of the past, just for developers to think about the locality in which they are building and present us with modern housing that shows respect for the character of our town.

The next public consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to be this Autumn. Please support us by attending and giving us your hopefully constructive views.



FAIRFIELD PROJECT

I am sure you will all have noticed that some work has recently been done on Fairfield. This spring new fences and gates were installed around two boundaries and drainage was laid last month. We really hope that the new drains will help to keep the field drier in winter months.

The project team is still progressing with sourcing funding. As you may know we were not successful with our bids to Viridor Credits or Veolia for money for the pump park. However we do have money to lay the new paths and install the green gym but we have been waiting to start this work until we have funds for the pump park too. Last week after many months of waiting we heard from The Big Lottery about our bid to them for money for this project. We have had to submit more information to them but everything is now crossed that we will receive funding from them very soon. Letters have recently been sent to several local companies asking for their support financially and we hope to receive some funds from SSDC.

All in all things are looking brighter and we really hope that we will be able to do more work this autumn and let’s hope that by spring next year we will have the wonderful leisure, exercise and walking space that we are working to create. A document about the project is on the town website and look out for updates on the town Facebook page.



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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Taddywoody, Lamyatt, Somerset BA4 6NQ

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

THE HORSEPOND

The green slime looks awful but it isn’t affecting the Horsepond. We have had it tested and the water is very clean. The unattractive algae slime is there because of the reaction of the sun on it. We had it cleaned earlier in the year and now it’s out of control again, so we are investigating other ways to deal with it. We are, however, in good company as those of you who visit Stourhead will notice their pond is in the same situation.

We are very grateful to Lawrence Huggins who has been going into the pond to clear it out more frequently with his assistant Chris Fowler. Lawrence has told us that after all the years he’s been doing it, he wants to stop now. We wish to extend a very big thank you to him and to Chris for dealing with the pond on such a regular basis. If anyone wants to help Chris please get in touch with the Town Council. In the meantime, we will continue to consult the professionals over the best way forward.

The Horsepond was an excellent place to start a new tradition for Castle Cary on May Day. The Shepton Drifters brought their wonderful model boats – ships, yachts, an aircraft carrier and dinghies – to ‘sail’ on the Horsepond for our inaugural Regatta. The refreshments were donated by our Fairtrade group and served by the Brue Valley Rotary along with cake, and a donation of £250 was presented to the RNLI Lifeboat charity. A great morning was enjoyed by many people and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next May Day.



COMMUNITY LEARNING

LAMP

Learning at the Market Place

Next term's learning programme will start in September with the following courses:

French Conversation for beginners (with some background exam French) starts Thursday September 21st for 5 weeks, 6.30–8.00pm. Cost £50.

Creative Writing starts Wednesday 13th September until 22nd November, 6.00–8.00pm. Cost £100.

New for this term. A workshop with Emma Craigie: THE FICTION FACTORY at the Factory at Castle Cary Station. Saturday 30th September from 10.30–4.00pm. Learn in this wonderful inspirational space. Cost £50. Lunch and refreshments are provided. To book call 01963 548040 during Factory opening times: Tuesday–Friday 10–6, Saturdays 10–4. Spaces are limited.

Tai Chi – Age Concern continues this popular class on Friday mornings, 10.00–11.00am. Just turn up and contribute £3 weekly.

A new initiative for us – **Film Buffs**. Watch a film at home and make notes on bits you would like to discuss then come to the Shambles to have an informal led discussion from award winning film maker Jason King. Jason will show us the literary

references, references to other films, cuts, editing or how the scene was shot or discuss camera work. First session is on Tuesday 19th September at 7.00pm.

If you are unemployed or claiming benefit please talk to Laura Tilling or Judi Morison about fee remission.

If you are aged 16–25 and would like Careers or CV advice please let Judi know and we will make an appointment for you.

HEALTHY WALKS – Continue on Thursday 17th August in the summer holidays, with Walks & Talks starting again on 21st September, 19th October and 16th November. Look out for the new programme of health topics delivered by our health coaches from our surgery.

SOMERSET SKILLS & LEARNING

Please enrol online or directly on 0330 332 7997.

Painting and Drawing for Beginners. Tuesday 19th September for 5 weeks. Cost £67.50. Please quote **code AB1YE34**.

Christmas Bread-making Made Easy Workshop. Saturday 25th November, 10.00–4.30pm. Cost £53. Please quote **code BY1YE0**.

**Pick up our LAMP brochure from the Market House for more details or follow us on Facebook
LAMP – Learning at the Market Place or phone 01963 351763.**

BOWLS

I seem to be forever saying “How Time Flies”!

Last time I was heralding the opening of the Bowls season and highlighting some of our key games and prospects for the months ahead and now we are hurtling our way to the last two months of bowling.

So, as promised, here is a review of our progress so far. We have been doing particularly well in all our local leagues with the Ladies currently top of their Wild League (a strange or perhaps appropriate name do I hear you say? but simply named after its founder whose surname was Wild!). We are also in second place in both the Men's League and Mixed League. We hope to continue our pleasing success thus far and finish the season strongly.

We are also doing well in some of the County Competitions progressing through several rounds in both Ladies' and Men's matches and yet to be knocked

out – so watch this space!

Every Bowls Club in England is also entitled to submit entries for National Competitions too. This year more of our members than ever have done this and several (particularly the pairs players) are still going strong. All this with the addition of many clubs organising Open Tournaments locally makes a bowler a very busy person, so the image of a gentle leisurely sport sometimes gets thrown out of the window. It could be down to Watchet one day, out to Chew Stoke the next, bowling six days a week if you have the stamina for it or just one or two days a week if not – your level of participation is entirely up to you.

Interested in finding out more about us? Log onto our website www.castlecarybowlsclub.moonfruit.com.

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CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

On 1st July the Society held its 40th birthday party at Castle Cary Rugby Club. The carnival's history goes back to 1919/20, then to 1946/48 and its illuminated resurrection in 1977. All past and present members were toasted by the President Gordon Stockman and on behalf of guests Dr Andrew Tallon gave an inspiring response for this small but family-friendly carnival in the Wessex Grand Prix circuit. Gerald (Giggy) Burch then gave his wonderful dinner speech and bouquets were given to the society's stalwarts Di Pinnion (chairperson) and Sue Pexton who, with Wendy Hunt and Sue's husband Phil and daughter Debbie, organised a red carpet dinner with musical entertainment at the Rugby Club's great pavilion. A professional dvd was made by Moving Art TV for the 2007 carnival with commentary and interviews with members past and present. We are arranging a reprint – they cost £10 each and show carnival in its heyday. Not only great history but a good night's entertainment for those unable to attend our annual illuminated carnival. Contact Gordon Stockman on 01963 440472 if interested.

The society, with local schools, intends to make our 40th carnivals special and it is hoped the communities of Ansford & Castle Cary will also help us to make this a special year for our society.

Gordon Stockman MBE



CARNIVAL 2017

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

2017 marks an amazing 40 years of carnival in the town! To celebrate we are planning a programme of special events around our children's and the evening illuminated processions.

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

To make our Children's Carnival extra special there will be a programme of entertainment for children outside the Market House following the procession. For our Illuminated Carnival expect bands, singers and entertainers again outside the Market House, this time during the countdown to the procession.

We are really delighted to announce that Ansford Academy and Castle Cary Primary School are getting into the carnival spirit with special entries and involvement.

And remember, if you want to get involved, please let us know! How about marshalling on the night? Or how about being our press officer? If you're interested contact Caroline Sharley, General Secretary, on email carolinejsharley@gmail.com or on 07711 266969 to find out more.

For all the latest news keep in touch on <https://www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety/> and on our new website www.ccacs.org.uk.

Caroline Sharley, carolinejsharley@gmail.com



Castle Cary's **BIG CHRISTMAS** Thursday 7th December

We have started work already for our Big Christmas event on Thursday 7th December. It's a week earlier this year so that people can do more shopping in our fabulous independent shops. We've been busy fundraising with a coffee morning and now we are applying for grants. Last year we had generous grants from Crown Pet Foods and from Centaur Services. These grants enabled us to pay for lights in the Market House, the road closure licence, which now costs £200, and help with the costs for the event.

Our planning team is going to look different in 2018 as Judi (chair), Deb (secretary) and Ange (commercial market stalls) are planning to stand down from these roles after this year. If you would like to shadow any of them with a view to taking over next year we would be pleased to show you the excellent systems set up by our team leaders. Contact Judi on 350160 for a chat. It's a brilliant evening which, although it requires lots of organising, is worth every minute of the hard work on the night! It's also a great town attraction for our calendar.

Nicky has been running the tombola for many years and is giving up this year, although staying as a valuable member of the planning group. Apart from running the stall on the night she gathers prizes for adults and children throughout the year and stores them at her home. She now needs a dining room, so if you would like to join us in running the highly successful tombola this year you would be very welcome or if you have any small unwanted gifts to donate please drop them into the Market House so that we can add to our collection. The proceeds from the tombola go to the Fairfield and last year the donation was £462. A very big thank you from us all to Nicky Creed for working so hard on the tombola.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in the Shambles, Market House. Please do drop in, it's informal and fun!

Judi Morison

CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

Thanks to David and Helen Boyer, Geoff Garrett, Guy Burton, Mike and Tom and Chris Gould and Nigel Phillips of Phillips Tyres, Castle Cary, great progress has been made with Steve Higgins and club members in constructing a new dressed tractor/lorry for our intended carnival entry this year. It has been a mammoth task but with dedicated fundraising by club members and with some new members joining, we are now looking forward to taking full part in this year's carnivals. We do appreciate the help and professional guidance by members of other clubs and of Gerald (Gibby) Burch on behalf of the VSO committee. As always, more members are needed and welcomed together with the return to the club of former Cary Comedians. It will be great to be competing in the comic features class again, bringing some amusement and fun to the carnivals that the club is able to attend.

Cary Comedians celebrate their 40th year in carnival as a comic feature club, hopefully bringing humour and fun to all generations. Thanks to the Boyer family, we are based at Orchard Farm, Cockhill. It is possible to sponsor us – there will be no Glastonbury festival next year to raise monies so we still have to raise £12–15,000 to survive!

Gordon Stockman, MBE, Life Member

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CARNIVALS IN SOMERSET PROMOTION PROJECT

Carnivals in Somerset Promotion Project (CISPP) has assisted Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society with a carnival exhibition in the museum at the Market House to celebrate this year's 40th anniversary. It is well worth a visit.

Please remember, this is a self-funding voluntary museum supported by CISPP which is also a self-funding voluntary carnival organisation.

CISPP has a mobile exhibition van to accompany teachers into schools to educate children about the unique history of carnivals originating from the 1605 Gunpowder Plot.

Gordon Stockman

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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!

Join us this summer and engage your children with our Active Kidz activities! We are offering a wide range of fun and exciting activities to suit all children, from super splash day, art attack day, parkour day & science day. There is something for everyone. We can guarantee to keep your child entertained and keep boredom at bay!

Feeling a bit hot this summer? Visit our fitness suite for a nice cool workout! We also take classes outside so you can feel the real benefits of the fresh air. When doing Yoga outside, enjoy the beautiful views of the countryside, you can even see Glastonbury Tor.

Come along and experience the classes we offer, from high intensity such as Group Cycle, Body Conditioning and Combat MX, to more holistic activities such as Yoga and Pilates. There's an activity for everyone! Don't worry if you're a beginner, the instructor will adapt to all abilities. All classes are included with your membership along with access to the gym and racquet sports. Pay as you go options also available.

If you are interested in becoming a member, call the centre on 01963 350600 to find out more.

Cut this article out and bring it into the centre before 31/10/17 and you can try one of our fitness classes for FREE!

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CARYFORD HALL

We are thrilled to have received a grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Awards4All Fund which will go towards architect's fees for the new extension. Although substantial, this award is but a fraction of the total amount we shall need and the Committee continues to work hard at raising further money. Do please let us know if you would like to contribute or help in any way!

Seeing great music played live is always a joy. Hopefully you are aware of the music events we are putting on at Caryford, the net proceeds of which are going into the Hall Development Fund. Coming soon for your enjoyment are the following fabulous acts: The Jar Family (29th July), Wizz Jones (28th August), Charlie Dore (7th October) and Elles Bailey (9th December). More details available at www.caryfordhall.co.uk.

Recent improvements made to the hall, which have been much appreciated by users, include a new powered wide projector screen (suitable for movie shows and presentations), latest technology microphone system and update to the hearing-loop.

Please note, the hall will be closed between 11th and 17th August for refurbishment of the floor in the Main Hall.

Twenty-five tables have so far been reserved for our popular Christmas market on the 2nd December. If you would like a table please book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

As ever, we hope to see you again soon.



CARY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Febraary 2018 production

'Oh What a Lovely War!' will be our February 2018 production and we have chosen this to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. For anyone who would like to be a part of this, here are some key dates:

Information Evening – 7pm, Thursday 31st August 2017 at Castle Cary Primary School Hall.

Read Through – 7pm, Tuesday 5th September 2017 at Ansford Academy, Room PA2.

Sing Through – 7pm, Thursday 7th September 2017 at Ansford Academy, Room PA2.

Auditions will be held over the weekend of 16-17 September 2017 at Ansford Academy, Room PA2 from 10.00am to 5.00pm each day.

'Oh What a Lovely War!' is a lesser known production and although there is a film version it bears very little resemblance to the stage show. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity (it doesn't have to be on stage) and are curious to find out more, the information evening is the perfect opportunity, so please come and join us. You will be made very welcome as we at CATS are keen to involve as many members of the local community, who have an interest in amateur dramatics, as possible. The director will be explaining in detail the stage show and his ideas for its direction. This really does have the potential to be an outstanding production and he has some very interesting and fresh ideas for bringing it successfully to the Ansford Academy stage.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call 07715 510359.



CERAMICS GROUP

Our final meeting of the Summer session was on 4 July when Angela Howard spoke on 'Making a Date with Chinese Armorial Porcelain' and on Chinese export ware more generally. 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.

The Autumn session will open on 3 October, when Gaye Blake-Roberts, curator of the Wedgwood

Museum, will return to speak about 'The Genius of Wedgwood'; while on 7 November Tony Curnock will talk about 'Creamware and the Melbourne Enigma'. Our AGM will be held at 2pm. on 5 December, followed by three short talks by Paul Blatchford on 'Collecting Delftware Saucers', Sarah Fitzgerald on 'Wincanton Delftware' and Elaine Chetham on 'Chetham & Robinson Gifts for Good Children'.

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.



CHOIR

Having completed another year of concerts with a performance at the Gillingham festival raising funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, Castle Cary Choir members are now enjoying a well-earned summer break.

Rehearsals restart on September 4th when some of our choir members will be preparing for a twinning exchange visit to France to sing with the choir in Rémelard.

In October there is another chance to hear the choir sing 'Alpha and Omega', the highly acclaimed oratorio written by music conductor Martin Emslie, premiered in Wells Cathedral in 2013 (see www.omegaandalpha.co.uk). The concert will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton at 7.30pm on Saturday October 7th with proceeds toward the Willis organ appeal and Masonic charity funds. Tickets are £10, available from 01823 421510 or 01963 350498.

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.castle Cary choir.org.

We look forward to seeing you!



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid works continuously to support development projects and respond to emergencies. Among other places, Christian Aid is currently working with other agencies in East Africa to bring relief to people affected by the war and famine there. At the same time we are supporting development work with local partners in various parts of Africa, South America and South Asia while also helping refugees, particularly in the Middle East.

Locally we have supported this work with a **Coffee Morning** at the Market House on 1st April which raised just over £100, **Soup Lunches** at All Saints' during Lent which raised £615, and **Castle Cary Choir's Concert** at the Methodist Church which raised £561. Thank you to everyone who worked to help these events happen and who supported them in any way, and particularly to the choir for making Christian Aid the beneficiary of your Spring Concert.

Christian Aid Week was 14th to 20th May and we then raised £2334.61. Thank you to everyone who collected and who gave. This total compares very well with previous years and means that during the last twelve months we have raised over £3,750 in the town. This money will be used well to support some of the world's poorest people.

You can find out more about Christian Aid at www.christianaid.org.uk. If you would like to be involved with Christian Aid locally, please let me know.

David Osborne, 01963 351275



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Many people in our community focused their Lent Giving on the Charity for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. £836.79 was sent in support of the Charity: with added gift aided donations, in excess of £1,000 was donated. Thank you for your generosity.

One of the Crosses, which are placed on Lodge Hill, on Good Friday, has been repaired in time for this year's Walk of Witness. Although not a fundraising charity, we do have expenses, and were pleased that, resulting from the Hustings held in All Saints' Church, a donation of £114 was made to Churches Together. Charlie Hill was thanked for examining the accounts.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Methodist Schoolroom on 14th June. Officers elected for 2017/2018 were, Chairperson: Nick Niven-Jenkins, Vice Chair: Judith Cole, Hon. Secretary: Revd. David Osborne, Hon Treasurer: Val Chainey. Members of the committee are Audrey Rice, Elizabeth Manley, Joy Cross, Revd. Liz Mortimer, Revd. Craig Manley and Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk. Pauline Allen

retired from the Committee. Pauline has given 44 years as a member of the committee, the chairman expressed our sincere thanks to Pauline for her enthusiasm and dedication towards Churches Together.

Sarah Martin, Headteacher at Castle Cary Primary School, was our speaker. Mrs. Martin spoke passionately about her work in school, supported by her staff. We admired how much the staff involve the children with links to the community, caring for people, and our environment.

At the end of the meeting, we sent good wishes to Revd. Craig Manley, for his Ordination Service.

Churches Together AGM 2018: Wednesday 13th June, 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.



CINEMA IN CARYFORD

We were delighted to be able to use the wonderful electronic drop down screen for our last film. Caryford Hall funded the purchase, but we, ie you, made a very significant contribution, so thank you to all our enthusiastic audiences and keep coming.

We are just starting to look at the choices available for the Autumn programme. At the moment it looks like Hidden Figures, Their Finest, Another Mother's Son and, an exciting new venture, a film of a ballet, probably from the Royal Opera House, for a pre Christmas Sunday matinee in December. Details on the Caryford Hall website as soon as finalised.

Keep looking out for the yellow posters.

Tessa and Jeannie



EAT CARY

Treat yourselves to some really fresh, yummy vegetables from Eat Cary's kitchen garden and polytunnel (next to Ansford Academy) – onions, potatoes, spinach, beetroot, cabbage, courgettes, beans etc from the outside beds and green lettuce, tomatoes, aubergines, peppers from the polytunnel – and for a gastronomic adventure you could try sweet potato leaves (we'll provide a recipe). All we ask in return is half-an-hour of your help with straight-forward gardening tasks while you are there – hoeing, weeding, chasing butterflies off the cabbages, that sort of thing. Or if you really don't want to do any of that, make a donation to our funds to help us buy seeds in the future. Come up between 2pm and 4pm any Saturday and with our help take your pick, or ring Laura on 351461 if you want to arrange a different time to come up and see what it is all about.

Saturday specials. Do bring the children to any of

the Saturday sessions – we have mini gardening equipment and they will love digging up potatoes, watering etc – but on first Saturdays (5th August and 2nd September are the next ones) we will focus particularly on helping them learn to enjoy all aspects of vegetable growing.

We have exciting plans for the autumn too. We are having a “**Feast Day**” on Saturday 7 October with food to eat, harvesting to do etc etc. Watch out for more details.



MACMILLAN

In June the Committee provided hot drinks and cake for the Farm Open Day at Goulds Farm and raised over £400. Our next fundraising event will again involve hot drinks and LOTS of cake at The Greatest Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th September.

A date for the future: Tea at the Ritz with bridge at North Cadbury Court on Tuesday 14th November.

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.



MACMILLAN – HELP ABOUT CARY

The new scheme to offer practical help to those affected by cancer was launched by an event in the Market House in Cary on the evening of Tuesday 9th May. The event was well supported by staff from most of the local GP practices and many other associated health care professionals together with members of the general public. For the purposes of the scheme, affected by cancer includes not only those who have a diagnosed condition, but their carers and those who may have suffered a bereavement as a result of a close relative passing away from the complaint.

We have now recruited some 10 volunteer workers; these have been selected and trained by Macmillan professionals and will subsequently be deployed as the need arises. Others are still coming forward and we have received our first referrals. Further volunteers are still welcome and we do need two volunteer co-ordinators to be responsible for assessing the needs and assigning appropriate volunteers; we have the possibility of one as I write, but two would help to balance the load and giving the necessary flexibility.

While the Scheme in Cary is known by that name it will operate in surrounding areas with the appropriate title e.g. help about... Bruton, Wincanton etc.

It has often been remarked in the past that money raised in Cary & District should be spent here. This is a good example of such a wish being fulfilled.

David Gee, Help about Cary Steering Committee



METHODIST CHURCH

By the time you read this, we may well already have had our Children’s Summer Holiday Club – Water Wonder World in the last few days of the summer holidays (Wed 30th Aug to Fri 1st Sept 9-12pm – contact susie.simmons@yahoo.co.uk if it’s not too late to book in).

We worship every Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. We have junior church during morning worship and about once a month we have all-age worship – this autumn these will be on 17th Sept; 29th Oct; 28th Nov. Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 24th September and will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

Regular events

Homegroups on Monday morning or afternoon or Thursday evening;

Toddlers meets in the schoolroom – Tues 10am – for all preschoolers and their carers;

Coffee for All in the schoolroom Wednesdays 9.30 till 12 – pop along for coffee, cake, chat and more!

Check out our website at <http://www.carymethodists.org> or find us on Facebook – Castle Cary Methodist Church.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy term we have had! It never fails to amaze me how much we do during the school year but the summer term is ALWAYS busy!

Our learning has been inspired this term by visits to Fleet Air Arm Museum in Years 5/6, Carymoor in Years 3/4, Dorchester Dinosaur Museum in Years 1/2 and Bristol Aquarium in Reception. As always the children came back enthused and became fully engaged with their topics, producing some fantastic work which has been shared with their parents. In the future we hope to invite the wider community to school to share our learning.

We have had lots of sporting events this term too. Sports Days are always great fun and we have attended local sporting events such as cricket,

athletics, multi skills, rounders and tennis. Our Year 3/4 tennis team deserve a very special mention as they won the local schools event, went on to be in second place at the South Somerset event then went to Millfield for the County finals where they played their hearts out. We are very proud of them all.

Year 5 singing at the Ansford Academy music show, Year 6 children performing “Porridge” and a group of children country dancing in Wells Country Dancing Festival have been other additions to our calendar this term which have been thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

We hope the children leaving the school are successful and happy at their Secondary schools and we look forward to welcoming our new families in September.

Sarah Martin, Headteacher



RAILWAY SOCIETY

In June this year, we completed 10 years of our existence! We have seen a sustained growth, frequently attracting in excess of 30 members to our monthly (Friday) meetings at the Methodist Church School Room. It has been a delight to find that it’s not just blokes who come along – ladies, too, make a terrific contribution.

We enjoy a light cuppa and biscuit before being addressed by a range of speakers who cover various railway topics. Photographers also come and share their work with us and we enjoy a “good feel” time together. From our funds, we have been able to make gifts to a whole range of railway/preservation organisations.

Currently in our “Summer Recess,” we shall be kicking off again in September and if you would like to join us, do give a call to Steve Derby on 01749-860571 or e-mail enquiries@stevederby.co.uk.



RAMBLERS

Spring was well underway as we walked from Nunney passing Whatley Limestone Quarry. A lovely sunny but chilly day rewarded with tea and cake in Nunney.

Mid May took us to Tollard Royal (Wilts) climbing up to Win Green (the highest point on Cranborne Chase). Spectacular 360 degree views of the Mendips and rolling chalk uplands on the borders of Wiltshire and Dorset. A beautiful warm and sunny day walking alongside swathes of pungent wild garlic and bluebells in shady woodland.

The end of May walk started from Castle Neroche on a warm and dry but sunny and muggy day. Lovely

views across Taunton Vale and a woodland walk with bluebells still present.

In early June the walk started from Charterhouse rising up to Beacon Batch (highest point on the Mendip Hills) with 360 degree views across the Mendip Hills, Bristol Airport and Wales. We saw remains of old Roman and Victorian lead mine works, and buttercup fields and soft velvety grasslands on a warm and windy sunny day.

To avoid the Glastonbury surge on the longest day of the year (21 June), we planned a local walk from Castle Cary, but high temperatures and humidity levels postponed it.

The beginning of July took us to Maiden Newton in Dorset. A very warm and weary day with views across West Dorset downs, walking through wheat fields and Hogg Cliff Nature Reserve.

We meet at lower Millbrook car park on alternate Wednesdays and leave promptly at 9.30am. For more information contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621.



SOMERSET RARE PLANTS GROUP

Recording all plants growing wild in Somerset, not just the rarities

Eight members met in Catherine’s Close car park on Sunday 28th September 2016 and split into two groups for recording in different monads. Helena’s group remained in ST6432 and began recording immediately, so took a while to leave the car park. Skulking around an estate, we were asked what we were doing, then interrogated about why the Council had sprayed flower beds with weedkiller! Besides a footpath we found a huge Nigel (*Guizotia abyssinica*) plant, 1.5m tall, new to the hectad. The castle ramparts were mostly improved grassland, although on steeper parts we found Bird’s-foot-trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Spring-sedge (*Carex caryophyllea*) and Lady’s Bedstraw (*Galium verum*). Park Pond was also disappointing as we couldn’t get to it; however we could see Mare’s-tail (*Hippuris vulgaris*) on its surface.

Returning to the castle we found a sheltered spot for lunch, then headed up Ansford Road, recording Russian Vine (*Fallopia baldschuanica*), Chinese Bramble (*Rubus tricolor*), Love-in-a-mist (*Nigella damascena*) and other garden escapes. We left the town, exploring Solomon’s Lane and returning along Wyke Road, recording seven fern species. At the corner of Wyke Road, growing on the edge of the pavement against a cottage, we were astonished to find a large clump of Lace Aloe (*Aloe aristata*). Our interest attracted the occupant of the house, who came out and told us she had not planted it, but did grow it on a window-sill indoors and imagined a plantlet had fallen out and become established. It had clearly been

there for several years and had flowered well (and is visible on Google Earth!). This was new to Somerset and only the second record for Britain. Returning down North Street, we found a large plant of the less common subspecies of Fern-grass (*Catapodium rigidum* subsp. *majus*) on a raised verge, with Rat's-tail Fescue (*Vulpia myuros*). Altogether we recorded 214 species in the monad.

Liz's group walked northwest along the edge of the playing fields and bowling green towards St Andrew's Church, Ansford. We were questioned several times about what we were doing and suspected of mischief-making in the narrow back streets and alleyways! We found the usual pavement weeds such as Argentinian Vervain (*Verbena bonariensis*), Love-in-a-mist (*Nigella damascena*) and Cockspur (*Echinochloa crus-galli*). The churchyard grassland and graves produced Rough Hawkbit (*Leontodon hispidus*), Lesser Hawkbit (*L. saxatilis*) and Spear-leaved Willow-herb (*Epilobium lanceolatum*), but was disappointingly species-poor. The footpath to the industrial estate crossed ungrazed fields, where Lesser Stitchwort (*Stellaria graminea*) was surviving amongst the tall tussocky grass and nettles. We had lunch by a damp ditch with Fool's-watercress (*Apium nodiflorum*) and Brooklime (*Veronica beccabunga*) with Red Devon cattle not far away, and then explored the edges of the industrial estate, peering through the railings at several Fleabanes: – Canadian (*Conyza canadensis*), Guernsey (*C. sumatrensis*) and Bilbao (*C. floribunda*).

We turned around after recording a few species in a small reed-fringed lake with the aid of binoculars through another security fence and made our way back up through the streets of Castle Cary. Hairy Violet (*Viola hirta*) was an unexpected find, growing on a tightly mown road verge, but it was in good company with Glaucous Sedge (*Carex flacca*).

The two groups met up again at Liz's camper van, where tea and chocolate cake marked the end of the last pre-planned field meeting of 2016. We all agreed that it had been a good season of botanising and it was time to start thinking about ideas for next year's excursions.

Leaders and report: Helena Crouch & Liz McDonell.

SRPG Membership and Contacts

Annual subscription is £8 payable in January of each year. Payment can be made by cheque or direct into SRPG account. Contact the treasurer Clive Lovatt (see below) for payment details.

Members attend meetings at their own risk. Field meeting leaders carry a list of emergency phone numbers so please contact Liz McDonnell if you have not completed a membership form, so that she has the telephone numbers of those to contact in case of illness or accident.

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CARY RUNNERS

Cary Runners is a small group of local runners who enjoy each other's company while jogging around the country lanes. During the 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 country roads, lanes and fields or, if we're feeling energetic, a 5-k handicap race. In winter (after the clocks change) we meet at The George Hotel, also at 18h30 on Mondays, to run around the streets of Cary or nearby country lanes (with torches). Most of our "runs" are relaxed jogs, but some of us also meet on Wednesdays or Thursdays for a more strenuous run of anything between 6 and 10 km (4 to 6 miles), usually involving quite a few hills. Some Cary Runners also enjoy weekly open-water swim sessions at Vobster near Frome and a number of our group take part in triathlons.

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 contact Dave Boyer (01963 350418 / 07903 276315, boyer@orchard-farm.co.uk) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761) for more information.

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SOMERSET SIGHT

Sunday 22nd September brings Somerset Sight's biannual Country House Car Boot at the beautiful Yarlington House, Wincanton. Count and Countess Charles de Salis, Patrons of Somerset Sight, kindly hold this much loved event raising funds so Somerset Sight can continue supporting visually impaired people across the County. Bookings for pitches are now being taken, so don't miss out if you would like to be part of this wonderful event.

Pitches: £30 with proceeds to Somerset Sight. Please contact Holly on 01823 366147 or holly.sutton@somersetsight.org.uk. The Car Boot opens at 9am, early bird entry £5. Entry £3 from 10am.



SOMERSET VILLAGE AGENTS

Providing people in Somerset's rural communities with easier access to information and services

The Somerset Village Agent project is a project of Community Council Somerset (CCS) and now covers over half of the county. The project uses paid, part time, highly trained individuals living in the parish 'clusters' they support. They help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs.

Village Agents offer a signposting and referral service with a difference

Village Agents work with all ages dealing with a wide variety of issues, although a considerable number of their clients are elderly and involves social care issues. Helping to solve these problems may, ultimately, help the elderly to remain living independently for longer. Village Agents also have the role of helping to shape services by feeding back to the appropriate body information about gaps in service e.g. transport provision. They can also motivate and support a community to respond to a local need by working together to address issues e.g. by helping them to set up a coffee morning for a group of lonely people or start a volunteer car scheme.

My name is John Lapwood and I am your Village Agent – you can contact me on 07852 961839 or email me john@somersettrcc.org.uk

I offer a free confidential service to help you maintain or improve your quality of life while living in a wonderful rural community. I am here to help so please give me a ring.

Date for your Diary: There will be a Community Event held at the Shambles on Thursday 9th November from 10.30 – 12.30 where various organisations will be on hand to give advice. This is a free event being held for the community so please pop in and have a chat.



SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST

A big thank you for everyone who came and supported Somerset Wildlife Trust's Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Market House on Saturday 13 May.

The event raised over £600 for the work of the Somerset Wildlife Trust. Hope to see you again next year. (I do have a photograph of the plant sale, if this is of interest).

The South East Area Group of the Somerset Wildlife Trust organises a programme of illustrated wildlife talks on the first Tuesday of the month from September through to May (except January). The new season starts on Tuesday 5 September, with the 'Art and Craft of Wildlife Photography' by Liam Marsh, a Somerset-based wildlife and natural history photographer, who will show his stunning photographs. On Tuesday 3 October, Hugh Graham of Exeter University will talk about the trial re-introduction of Beavers on the River Otter in Devon, and their impact on local wetlands. Tuesday 7 November, Francis Farr-Cox will tell us about the myriad varieties of British spiders, and why they are fascinating, rather than terrifying.

All talks are held at Caryford Hall, Ansford. Tea and coffee are served from 7.30pm, and the talk starts at 8pm. Entry is £3 per adult, children free.



TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

This is a desperate plea to the people of Castle Cary: SOS – Save Our Sewing machines! The Cary branch of the charity Tools For Self Reliance has been refurbishing old Singer hand sewing machines and sending them off to communities in Africa for more than a decade. So far, more than 500 machines have left Cary for countries like Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda, where they have been put in the hands of seamstresses who previously had to work entirely with needle and thread. Armed with a Singer, their lives have been transformed. We have countless stories of women who have been empowered to earn a decent wage, allowing them to feed their children properly and send them to school.

But now, for the first time in our history, we have run out of old Singers to refurbish. We desperately need some more so that we can carry on the good work. So please, if you have an old hand machine (Singer only) sitting unused in your attic or shed, please consider giving it to us so that it can enjoy a new lease of life and help someone earn a livelihood in Africa.

Just call Amon Cohen on 01749 813239. Donations of other hand tools, such as carpentry, metalworking and blacksmithing tools, are also welcome as always.



WEA

Castle Cary Branch

We have the following courses available this Autumn.

The Life of Birds in Spring and Summer [C3528587]. By *Dr Colin Ryall*, 6 evening sessions starting on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Methodist Church Hall, Castle Cary. £35.

Topics covered will include behaviours, appearances, diets and lifestyles of birds living and breeding in different parts of the UK, and much more.

Speaking in Signs: The Life and Work of Otto Neurath [C3528530]. By *Prof Michelle Henning*.

An evening talk on Friday 20th October, 7.30pm at the Shambles, Market House, Castle Cary. £5.

In May 1940 Neurath arrived in Britain as a refugee and died here in 1945. Though largely forgotten now, he was famous in his time as a philosopher, polymath, and pioneer in social planning and modern housing. The talk will introduce his extraordinary life and work, in the social and cultural contexts of 1920s to 1930s Europe and wartime Britain.

Introduction to Islam [C3528531]. By *Elizabeth Barrett*. A Day School on Saturday 11th November, 10am – 4pm at Ditchat Jubilee Hall. £30.

The course will look at the beliefs and practices of the world's fastest growing religion, including the life of the Prophet, modesty in dress, the halal lifestyle and the role of women.

For further information on these courses, including enrolment, phone or email branch secretary Mike Henning on 01749 860352 (mike@henning1.plus.com).



CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD WI

Two of our WI members will be celebrating their 90th birthdays this autumn – Jean Barnes and Stella Clothier. The latter has been a member of this Institute for more than 65 years! Stella had to be 'introduced' by another member and approved by the committee before she could actually 'sign up'. Nowadays you can just walk into a meeting and join immediately. In her years with the Institute Stella has been President, Secretary and Treasurer – woe behold you if the annual financial audit is wrong, as Stella can spot a mistake that everyone else has missed, and she keeps the committee on the straight and narrow, ensuring correct procedures and protocols are followed.

We wish both ladies a Happy Birthday and many more to come.

Our Summer outing went well – a visit to Hauser & Wirth, then onto Cole Manor tea rooms. We are looking forward to September with our annual visit for

fish & chips at Whitstones, and of course the Christmas meal outing – yes, we do like our food!

Many people think we are 'Old Biddies': we are not, and have quite a few 'youngsters'. We play skittles, attend quizzes, go to the theatre, etc. We have even started a 'friendly' monthly get-together at the George Hotel for a drink and a chat. The last meeting topics ranged from Glastonbury Pop Festival (one of our ladies did Yoga for the famous there – including Johnny Depp!), which led to the 'older' girls telling us a story or two of the Sixties Festivals; Transgender, History of Castle Cary, Cinema, memories of living in London, and more.

Christine Stone, Secretary



YOUTH COUNCIL

Castle Cary Town Council, working with Ansford Parish Council, has recently made it a priority to start a Youth Council. There are several models across the area and we have the support of the County Youth Officer to help us train candidates. We would like to hear the views of our young people as well as encouraging them to find out more about how the Councils work. We are starting with a small number of young people and we hope that we will have an opportunity to gain more as we go along. The next meeting is planned for July, when we shall be working on a Facebook site and sharing pizza and chips. If you have a youngster under 18 who is interested in democracy and seeking and representing the views of young people in our town then do please encourage them to come to our events. The events will be posted on the main Town Council website and Facebook. Our town is changing and we are sure you will agree that it's important that our young people have a say.

Contact justin.birch@castle-cary.co.uk or judi.morison@castle-cary.co.uk or leave a message on FB or in the Town information office 01963 351763.

**The Castle Cary 2017
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
will run from
28 October – 11 November**

We would like to thank all those who kindly helped us collect **£4,135.58** in last year's Appeal and hope we may count on your support again this year.

We will have a table at the coffee morning at the Town Hall on Saturday 28 October and hope to see you there. During the following two weeks, collectors will be out and about in the town.

If you are interested in helping to collect, please leave a message on tel. 01963 350700.

*Poppy Appeal Organizer
TDC04 Area*

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
Bellingring – 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
Ditchheat 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