

CASTLE CARY

& ANSFORD

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

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.

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CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

This month we have welcomed our new Clerk Zöe Godden who has started her full time role. Zöe is available to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10–12 noon. Should you wish to view planning applications our information desk volunteers can help you every morning Monday – Saturday 9.30–12 noon.

You will be following the planning applications and all of a sudden we feel overwhelmed. Pek Peppin, as Chair of Planning, has communicated many updates about Foxes Run, the BMI site and more recently the proposed development which already had planning permission in Torbay Road/Station Road. If you wish to receive Cary Crier emails please sign up on the following link: carytowncrier@castle-cary.co.uk. We use this to inform you of important town issues.

By the time you read this you will know the outcome of the referendum regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. I would like to thank the team again for their fantastic work to get this legal document agreed and ready for the vote. If you have voted for the plan we will benefit from your support when challenging more housing developments, and from gaining additional funding from developers to enhance our leisure facilities. Some of this funding is beginning to be claimed and we are pleased to be working with the cricket and football clubs to enhance their sports pavilion on the Donald Pither Memorial Field. We are also encouraging new uses of the pavilion and recently

the field has been used on a Sunday morning for family Fun Runs. The last one was expertly facilitated by Cary Runners. The first one was the vision of two Primary School pupils who wanted to do a fun run for charity. Their choice was Greenpeace and we were extremely impressed by the knowledge of our young people and their commitment to plastic-free communities. They raised £1000 from sponsorship, donations and cake selling. It was a fabulous effort and cemented our commitment to single use plastic-free Castle Cary. One of the youngsters confidently addressed a plastic-free initiative, expertly using technology to put his points over to a group of adults who were impressed by his passion.

Our Town Council is pleased to support the future of our young people and of One Planet issues. Greener Cary will be holding their Green Fair again on Saturday 14th September at the Market House. Watch this space for simple changes and tips for living more sustainably or sign up to the Greener Cary Facebook page for daily innovations in waste, recycling and reducing consumption of plastic and much more.

Building on the feedback received about sustainability at the Annual Town Meeting we plan to add another objective to our work stream about Climate Change. Our first step was to declare a Climate Change Emergency at our July meeting. It was unanimously supported that we should work with community groups and Greener Cary to develop sustainability objectives to achieve by 2030.

Our contractors are working hard to keep our open

NEWS FLASH – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The local community of Castle Cary and Ansford had the opportunity to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan on Tuesday 30th July.

726 votes were cast
682 voted yes to the plan
43 voted no to the plan
1 spoiled ballot paper

This is good news for our town as it means we have more influence on what developers can and cannot do and more money to spend on the community.

Thanks to all those who voted.

spaces tidy in what has been unprecedented weather. What has emerged, however, are some surprises in the hedgerows, by the side of the road and on our open spaces. Laura Tilling has written a charming article about her observations while walking around our lovely town – see The Weeds of Cary. A gentle nudge: please will residents whose hedgerows hang over public highways give them a trim. The Council has had a number of complaints about overgrown vegetation and can only rely upon residents to keep their gardens in check. SSDC will only attend to public land.

Our Horsepond volunteers have begun to work on the planting of the pond. They have worked tirelessly to clear the pond and now to plant it with expert advice from professionals. They are extremely grateful to all the residents who have donated to their fund and they are very excited to start planting. A big thank you from the Town Council as well.

Judi Morison



PLANNING UPDATE

The detailed plans for the site in Torbay Road for 165 houses, a new primary school and employment land came to us in late July. The site has planning permission, so we were being shown the details.

The houses proposed by Persimmon Homes were stock ones from their national collection and therefore did not comply with our neighbourhood plan policy DP1. Additionally, the plans also fell short in terms of access, positioning of the housing and school, roads, connectivity, lack of energy saving measures and so on. We hope by the time you read this, that the planners in SSDC will have heeded our concerns about the scheme.



FAIRFIELD

I thought that I had finished writing about Fairfield but we have good news to relay to the community. We have wanted to establish a “Friends of Fairfield” group which is to include Town and Parish Councillors and volunteers from the community. This group is to carry on the work of the original project team so that all members of the community have the opportunity to be involved in maintaining this wonderful green space.

A meeting was held on 9 July and was well attended by local people. We now have teams working on specific areas to ensure that projects get completed, the field is well maintained and hopefully events will be held in the future. The groups are: -

- Wildflower garden, orchard and wildlife**
- Sensory garden and watering**
- Equipment, furniture, general maintenance and inspections**
- Events and fundraising**

Two of the groups have already met and work will be commencing soon on the wildflower garden and the sensory garden will be tidied.

It is very exciting that the community has responded to our requests for help. If anyone wants to

CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

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Mon–Friday 9.30–2pm, Sat 9.00–12 noon

Councillors:

Margaret Bebbington	Philippa Biddlecombe
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Robert Gilbey	Judi Morison (Chair)
Pek Peppin	Sally Snook
Penny Steiner	Nick Weeks
Rob Worth	

Full Council meetings are held on 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Market House. The Public are welcome to attend.

Planning Committee meetings are held on 1st Monday of each month at 6.30 pm in the Market House (1st Tuesday after Bank Holidays). The Public are welcome to attend.

See website for dates of **Finance & Management; Properties & Infrastructure and Marketing & Communications Committee meetings.**

South Somerset District Councillors:

Mr Henry Hobhouse Tel: 01963 440272

Mr Nick Weeks Tel: 01963 350572

County Councillor:

Mr Mike Lewis Tel: 01935 851536

get involved just contact Zöe Godden, Town Clerk 01963 359631, town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk and she will pass on your details to the Friends of Fairfield.



ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Council are planning to carry out some improvements to the footpaths at Maggs Lane and Solomons Lane, to try and eliminate several muddy patches where surface depressions make walking difficult, and also to clear away dense overgrowth along parts of the lanes.

In the area overlooking Combe Bottom, and with fine Northerly views towards Lamyatt and beyond, we propose to install a new bench later this year.

We are particularly concerned about the increasing volume and speed of traffic through Ansford, and are actively engaged with a specialist supplier of Speed Indicator Devices, in order to slow down vehicles along the A371, and which will also provide useful data about local traffic management, in our pursuit for improved standards of road safety.

With regard to the increase of Ash die-back/disease in and around Ansford, it is unfortunate that a number of mature trees are having to be felled, and our Council will carefully monitor this situation, and to consider a strategy for a long term future tree planting initiative.

The Council will continue to resist any large scale housing developments especially considering the number of new homes currently being built off Station Road.

The Council are working closely with CCTC on the management of the Fairfield with plans for a structured grass cutting and strimming programme, and planned improvements to some of the amenities.

Finally, Ansford Parish Council will have a vacancy for a new Parish Clerk. The work can be done from home, with IT equipment provided. If you are interested in applying for this job please contact the current clerk at ansford.clerk@yahoo.com for details. It is planned to carry out interviews etc in late August.

ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Mr C. Edwards – Chair

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Mr N. Begg, Mr G Clothier, Mrs D Pinnions, Mrs B. Williams, Mr J. Birch

Clerk: Gordon McCarthy – 07565 737812

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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of August. Meetings take place at Caryford Hall, usually in the Betty Churchouse room commencing at 19.30. Note that during current refurbishment work at the hall meetings will occasionally take place in the main hall. Residents 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, Ancastle and by St Andrew's Church. The agenda will also be available on the Council website.

Website: www.parish-council.com/ansford

ALL SAINTS' DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Following our very successful exhibition, "Celebration of Marriage", in June which raised over £1,000, plans are now well underway for our Summer Concert entitled "Sounds of Summer" – a recital of music for flute & piano by Adelaide Brown & Clare Sydenham on the 16th August. Tickets for this will be available from Bailey Hill Bookshop and on the door.

Grant applications have now been submitted to the Somerset Churches Trust and All Churches Trust. We are also delighted to report that we have passed phase 1 of the Viridor Grants application process and have received support from The Clarke Foundation. Applications are being prepared to other grant making bodies and we are hopeful that we will have more positive responses before too long.

Meantime we need to continue with our fund raising events. Please continue to support our efforts. All help and ideas for future events will be gratefully received.

We are always looking for support, so if you can help us with either organising or helping at an event, or in any other way please do get in touch. This is a very big project & we urgently need more people to become involved. Any offers of help please contact the Churchwarden, David Baldwin, at The Linen House,

STOP PRESS

All young people aged 13 years and over:

Experience Virtual Reality at Castle Cary Library!

Monday 19th, Thursday 22nd & Saturday 24th August

Take a trip into orbit and experience life on board the International Space Station! Or if you are feeling brave, try the virtual rollercoaster.

To book your session ring **07579 049109**, email ccylib@somerset.gov.uk or call in at the library.

BA7 7AD, on 07885 761442 or at baldwindavid67@gmail.com. Thank you.

The reason why there is a development project is because time and weather have taken their toll. The ornate stonework on the tower has been eroded and needs to be made safe. The slate roof of the nave needs to be replaced and the lead roofs on the aisles need to be repaired. Additionally, some of the stone walls need to be re-pointed. The building also needs to be made more accessible, the heating system improved and heat loss reduced. Then the main part of the church can be altered so that it is more flexible, with for example movable pews.

The work on the roof will cost about £125,000. Re-pointing the stonework and repairing downpipes will cost about £45,000. Making the tower safe will cost tens of thousands, but how much depends on what is done. Once those are done we can improve the access with a permanent ramp and new doors, alter the pews and improve the heating. So, the whole project will cost about £500,000. A huge amount of money.

A project like this is only possible with the financial support of the wider community and with grants. Lots of bodies will make grants for this kind of work but most require the local community to have raised some of the money needed – hence our fundraising events. Applying for grants is hard work but the Development Group is already working on it. If you can help, please do.



16th AUGUST

“Sounds of Summer”, Music for Flute & Piano
by **Adelaide Brown & Clare Sydenham**

All Saints’ Church, 7.30pm
Tickets £10

14th SEPTEMBER

‘Upcycled Creation’ – a celebration of creation
Exhibition of sculptures made from junk!

All Saints’ Church
Details to follow

12th – 13th OCTOBER

‘Fibre-Fest’
Exhibition of Textiles, Yarns and fabric creations
All Saints’ Church



FIBREFEST AT ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH

On the weekend of 12th – 13th October, All Saints’ Church will be hosting an exhibition celebrating textile art of all kinds. Among the exhibits will be samples from John Boyd Textiles, art quilts, embroidered and felted pieces, historical work and much more. There will also be items for sale.

Do come and see what local textile artists are doing – you may even be inspired to pick up a needle and thread yourself. If you are a textile artist, dyer, felter, weaver or spinner and would like to show your work or give a demonstration please email katya.goubsky@gmail.com.

Entrance is free for both exhibitors and visitors, but donations to the All Saints’ Church Development Fund would be most welcome.

Refreshments will be on sale and we have toilets in the building.

For more information please see our Facebook page FibreFest at All Saints or email me at the above address.

This should be an exciting event and we welcome all visitors.



BOWLS CLUB

Our regular contributor to the Newsletter, Yvonne Cudlip, unexpectedly died at the end of May. Yvonne was our immediate Past President and long time supporter and bowler of the bowls club and was also former deputy head of Ansford School. Yvonne had many interests, foremost of which was horses and racing: she avidly followed her horses in their races and enjoyed visiting the stables and the various courses. She also enjoyed Glyndbourne with her friend, and the ballet and opera, plus, of course, champagne. Yvonne will be very much missed by her many friends.

We also lost another member at the beginning of June, Ivan Hicks. Ivan had been a founder member of the bowls club along with his late wife, Brenda. Ivan was our club Captain for several years, a coach to many and an umpire. Ivan enjoyed his bowls and was a great competitor with his name appearing in many of the competitions on our Honours Board. Ivan will also be missed by his many friends throughout the bowling world.

We continue to enjoy a good season and are doing well in our various leagues; late June/early July was perfect bowling weather.

By the time you read this, we will have had our

Open Day on Sunday 28 July, I am keeping my fingers crossed for good weather, and I hope that some of you will have come along to see what we are about and have given the game a try.



CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

Cary Comedians are featuring “Startrekking” this year – a comic space theme.

The club members have worked hard to try and get their 80ft long float out. There is a need for more members, performers, road crew etc.

Gordon Stockman



CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

CARNIVAL DATES – The big dates for your diary are **Saturday 5 October** for the afternoon Ann Hallett Children’s Carnival, and **Saturday 12 October** for our evening illuminated procession.

The committee are busy raising the funds to make the carnivals such great events for the town.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our SUMMER CARNIVAL FAIR. A new event for Cary’s calendar, we were delighted with how many people turned up to enjoy country dancing by children from the primary school, our top twirling majorettes, as well as stalls, games, cream teas, etc! We had great feedback and the event will be back next year!

We also hosted a very successful quiz evening with ploughmans supper in the Shambles. Again, a new event which was very well received. Thanks again to everyone who came along and taxed their brain cells!

Our fundraising continues with an evening of FLOWER ARRANGING from Heather’s Flowers at Ansford Academy, on November 19th at 7pm. Tickets for this popular event are £7 and will be available from the shop in early September.

BINGO! On the first Wednesday of every month we hold a very popular and friendly bingo night. It’s good fun with great prizes! How about coming along to join us? We are at Ansford Academy, doors open at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7.30pm.

Contact Caroline Sharley, General Secretary, on email carolinejsharley@gmail.com on or 07711 266969.

For latest news, visit our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety/> or our website: www.ccacs.org.uk.

CASTLE CARY CHOIR

Castle Cary Choir members are now enjoying a well-earned summer break following another successful year of concerts, including a most memorable evening at the Castle Cary Methodist Church with special guest mezzo soprano, Marta Fontanals- Simmons.

Rehearsals for our Autumn and Christmas concerts restart on the 2nd September in the Methodist Church, Castle Cary and so now is a good time to get in touch if you are thinking you might like to join the choir.

Looking ahead, the date of this year’s annual Christmas concert at the Castle Cary Methodist Church will be Friday 13th December.

To find out more about fundraising for your favourite charity, future events and to join the choir, please call John Roberts on 07970 039007 or check out our website at www.castlecarychoir.org.

We look forward to seeing you!



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An exhibition? Your wedding?!*

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 - 2) Complete and return our booking form
 - 3) Sign the booking confirmation
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**The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7
7AH. Tel: 01963 351763**

Email: markethouse.bookings@castle-cary.co.uk



CARYFORD COMMUNITY HALL

Exciting news! Building work is underway and by late October, we will have a new kitchen, plant room, and cleaner's store. The existing kitchen will become a temporary meeting room until we can fund the new one.

The contractor (F J Reeves) is leaning over backwards to fit in with our needs – such as quiet times during lectures – and knows that when the car park is full he will not be able to take delivery of materials.

We hope you will bear with us during the work. The main hall, existing kitchen and toilet facilities will all operate normally. Any problems, please let us know.

Efforts to raise the funds for phase 2 (the new meeting room/ladies toilets) is underway. The Silver Jubilee Appeal continues – please donate if you can. Or, enter our Quiz, which runs until 1st December and is available from the Hall or Bailey Hill Bookshop – prize £50!

Can you fundraise for us; please help in any way you can.

Are you new to Cary; do you have time on your hands; are you recently retired and would like a new challenge? We are looking for a new Hon. Secretary to take minutes at our monthly meetings and to provide administrative support to our Chair; also a new Bookings Secretary to take over from Annette Bedford who is nearing the end of her term. Both are voluntary (unpaid) positions. Please get in touch if you are interested. We would love to hear from you.

*Liz Middleton – 01963 351220 /
elizabeth_mid40@hotmail.com*

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CARY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY (‘CATS’)

February 2020 production

Our 2020 production will be the musical comedy, ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’, based on the 1988 film starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine and set on the French Riviera. It's the first time CATS has done this production and we are really excited. We hope you'll come along and watch our performances at Ansford Academy from 19 to 22 February 2020. Or, if you'd like to become a member of CATS and get involved with the production you'd be more than welcome, and below are some dates for your diary:

Information evening – Thurs 29 August, 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Castle Cary Primary School Hall). This is a chance to learn what ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’ is

all about, who the characters are and what's involved for anyone interested in being part of the production. It will also be a great opportunity to socialise and meet other members of the society.

Choreography – Tuesday 3 September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Ansford Academy, Room PA2).

Choreography/Sing through – Thursday 5 September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Ansford Academy, Room PA2).

Auditions – Sunday 15 September, 10.00am – 5.00pm (Ansford Academy, Room PA2).

If you would like any further information please call 07715 510359, otherwise, we hope to see you at the information evening on Thursday 29 August.

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THE BLUE BOX . . .

. . . is still at the Market House Information Office ready to receive the items listed below.

When there is a sufficient quantity they will be sent for their parts to be recycled and the money raised donated to local charities.

Jewellery – Watches, costume jewellery (including broken items), ear-rings (odd ones too), made from any materials.

Currency – Any country or age.

Stamps – Loose, single, collections.

Postcard collections only.

Gadgets – Satnavs, tablets, laptops, cameras, mobile phones, i-pods, mp3 players, games consoles & games.

Ink cartridges – wrapped please BUT NOT EPSON

NO BATTERIES THANK YOU

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CERAMICS GROUP

We have had the following meetings in the Summer 2019: on 14 May Joss and Margaret Mullinger spoke about ‘Pottering Around the Potteries’, on 4 June Pat Preller on ‘Dated and Inscribed Pots and their Histories’ and on 2 July Ian Harvey on ‘Rathbone Revisited and Enhanced’. We have no meeting in August.

Our first meeting after the August break will be on 3 September. Richard Dennis will talk on ‘William de Morgan in My Life’. On 1 October Brian Allacker will speak about ‘Bovey Tracey and the Rogers Connection’; on 5 November Angela Howard on ‘From Canton to the City: Export Porcelain for London’ and the Group's AGM will be held on 3 December at 2 pm, followed by a talk by David Pendergast on ‘Elijah Mayer: Under Appreciated

Master Potter”, then by the usual Christmas fare provided by members.

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VISION

That Castle Cary becomes a vibrant place for new and existing businesses and an attractive destination market town.

That the Chamber of Commerce contributes to local community life and initiatives to help Castle Cary thrive which will in turn help local businesses grow.

The Chamber becomes the coordinated voice for local businesses of all types and sizes so that we can influence local and regional decisions that affect Castle Cary and us as its businesses community.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS

We will achieve our vision by:

- building an open and welcoming community and network of local businesses
- working collaboratively with each other as local businesses
- being enthusiastic about Castle Cary as a place and local initiatives
- contributing positively when asked and when we can to the work of the Local Councils
- building a constructive partnership between the Chamber, the Town, other local Chambers and relevant organisations regionally
- creating and supporting opportunities to mix business, culture and pleasure
- by working to protect the viability of the High Street and all our local businesses

If you share our vision and would like to join, please download the application form and complete from the website www.castlecarychamber.org.uk and return it with your fee to CCCOC.



CHRISTIAN AID

During Christian Aid Week in May we delivered envelopes to every house in the town and had a great response. (We think we went everywhere but if you got left out somehow and want to give, do let me know!) Thank you to everyone who returned envelopes with a donation and helped make a total of £1,767. There will be a further £245 coming to Christian Aid as much of that was gift-aided.

Thank you too to everyone who helped deliver envelopes, offered your home or business as a drop-off point, helped or supported the coffee morning, which raised £248, or helped with the counting and banking.

A lot of people will benefit from the work that we did together here in Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid works to bring relief in disasters, supports development work through local partner organisations, and campaigns on behalf of the world’s poorest people.

The people who will benefit include those in Sierra Leone who were the focus of the advertising this year. They can look forward to a new clinic and better maternity care. They won’t know us but they will certainly appreciate the help they receive through Christian Aid. Please accept their thanks too, even if it can’t be expressed personally.

And if you wondered what happened to Jebbeh, the heavily pregnant woman in the posters: she gave birth to a healthy baby boy in a clinic supported by Christian Aid, and sends her thanks.

David Osborne



CASTLE CARY WEEKLY TUESDAY MARKET

You know who our regular traders are:

**The Browns’ Fruit & Veg ~ Lou and Liam’s
ORGANIC Fruit & Veg ~ Taylor’s Bread ~
Hillside Farm Cheeses ~ Natural Seafoods ~
Little Bakes ~ Perennial Plants ~ Olives et Al ~
Sue’s Neal Yard products ~ Pop’s Thai Kitchen
~ Little Bit Sheepish ~ Stretties gluten free
bakes ~ Bagnell Farm locally reared meat.**

More recently we welcomed

**Sarah selling local, hand polished wooden
chopping boards and practical clothing**

Soon to join us –

Watercolours of animals by a local artist

**ALL YOU NEED AT AFFORDABLE PRICES!
Spread the word. See you there folks !**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 12th June, at the Methodist Schoolroom. Elizabeth Manley, chairperson, welcomed us all to the meeting.

Reports were received from, the Chair, Churches Together in Somerset, Christian Aid, The Luncheon Club, Together Magazine, and The Treasurer's Report showed that £1024.36 in total, had been sent to support The Leprosy Mission, our chosen Lent Appeal Charity, thank you to everyone who helped.

The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Steve Hart, a member of The Yeovil Community Church, and part time manager of The CAP debt centre in Yeovil. Steve told us of the work of CAP, Christians Against Poverty. The workers at The Centres are Befrienders, who meet with people who are asking for help and advice.

Officers for the next year, are Chairperson, Judith Cole, Vice-Chair Nick Niven-Jenkins, Secretary David Osborne, Treasurer Oliver Morison. Retiring Officers, Elizabeth Manley and Val Chainey, were thanked for their years in office.

Val Chainey for CT in CC and A

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CINEMA IN CARYFORD

We start our autumn programme on September 24th with Fisherman's Friend, our guidance notes say "one to keep you swinging and swaying along in the aisles"! On October 29th we have Late Night with Emma Thompson as a legendary talk-show host faced with plummeting ratings. In November on the 26th Judi Dench appears in Red Joan and we finish on December 10th with The White Crow, the incredible story of Nureyev's defection to the West.

We look forward to some packed houses in the autumn.

Tessa and Jeannie

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CRICKET CLUB

It's now July and we are half way through our cricket season. The weather has been good for us so far so we haven't had to cancel any games because of the rain. The 1st X1 team are second in their league at the moment, but the 2nd X1 team are not doing so well, hopefully they will improve before the end of the season.

The President's Day was in June and a good day was had by all despite the rain that afternoon. At the moment Castle Cary are playing in the Minor Cup knockout competition and are through to the semi final so we are hoping they will get through to the final which will be held at the County Ground in Taunton. Our best wishes go to them for that and for the rest of the season.

M. Webber, CCCC

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EATCARY

We continue to grow yummy veges at our community vegetable plot next to Ansford Academy, and to encourage young people of all ages to get involved. Find us at the Greener Cary Fair at the Shambles on 14 September when you'll be able to taste the things we make from our vegetables and steal our recipes.

For more information contact Laura Tilling on 01963 351461 or simply visit the plot (up the path on the left at the start of Maggs Lane before you reach the drive up to the school) any Saturday afternoon, 2pm-ish.

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"NO WAY TO FOXES RUN

"No Way to Foxes Run" is opposed to Yarlington Homes' plans to create an access road at the end of Brookfields and Bridgwater Buildings, to build 27 houses on the Foxes Run field.

Why we are still saying "No Way to Foxes Run"

1. Bridgwater Buildings and Brookfields will be a through road.
2. Brookfields will be the only route for all traffic to and from the new houses and the exit for everyone in Bridgwater Buildings.
3. Double yellow lines will be painted outside some Brookfield homes.
4. Bridgwater Buildings and Brookfields could become a rat-run.
5. Yarlington will only build 3 affordable houses.

Yarlington needs a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) from Somerset County Council to make the road changes. But SCC has to hold a public consultation – **this is our absolutely last chance to object.**

In parallel, the Town Council instructed a lawyer to write letters to South Somerset District Council and

Somerset County Council to request that Yarlinton's planning approval must be adhered to at the highest standard and in the best interests of the local community.

What Can You Do Now?

Write an objection letter to Somerset County Council when the consultation starts. We will update you when we know the dates.

Join our facebook page "No Way Foxes Run".

We need £1,000 for the planning lawyer.

Cheques payable to Castle Cary Town Council with FOR FOXES RUN written on the back can be dropped off at the Market House.



GREENER CARY

The aim of Greener Cary is to help people know what can be done, and to help people get on and do things to reduce their environmental impact. Information is shared on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/greenercary/

The steering group meets monthly to develop some of the ideas which were put forward at the March open meeting. We are building our database of people and their identified areas of interest. We will develop a repository of useful information and guides which will be available to all. We are considering creating special interest groups to cover such areas as Greener Energy, Recycling and reuse, alternatives to single use plastics. If you have a particular interest which supports the Greener Cary initiative please get in touch.

The Green Fair is happening again on 14th September at the Shambles, from 3 till 7. Food, music and talks form the core of our plans this year.

At the Town Meeting in May there were lots of good ideas generated around sustainability, which the Town Council are adopting into a local sustainability policy. Watch this space for information and links to initiatives and action being taken to help improve our greener credentials.

We will all benefit from doing small things to improve our green footprint. Let us know what you are doing to make a difference. If you would like to be involved and have not yet signed up, please contact Clare Bainbridge on 07876 764111.

Fergus Clarke



HEALTH WALKS

Short walks, just over a mile on footpaths and pavements around Cary, 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, meet 2pm outside the Market House. Ring 01963 351461 for more information or just come along.



THE HORSEPOND RESTORATION PROJECT – UPDATE

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. All positive, I am pleased to report in this age of uncertainty.

We reached our funding target of £4500 in just over three months rather than the three years we had been anticipating!

As a result, we have been able to plant out more than 60% of the Horsepond. Planting took place on the 17th and 18th July by the Dorset Water Lily Company <http://www.dorsetwaterlily.co.uk/> with volunteers in attendance to lend a helping hand. Lots of advice and guidance was given to us by the team from Dorset Water Lily while planting which we really appreciate and which will help the project over the longer term. Phase one of planting now completed we will leave the plants to establish themselves which will require the pond to be left relatively undisturbed for several months. I am pleased to report that we now have a very healthy ecosystem, so it is all looking good.

Many people have asked us when there are going to be fish and ducks back in and on the pond. The plan is to introduce some fish once there is sufficient plant cover. When the pond becomes its own self-sustaining habitat then the ducks should return just as the frogs and the newts have over the past 18 months.

We will provide regular seasonal updates as the project develops.

Thank you again to the Castle Cary and Ansford community for all your support.

The Horsepond Restoration Project Volunteers

Be an amazing summer reader –

– become a Space Chaser in a mission with the Rocket family to save their favourite books disappearing from the Moon Library into the clutches of aliens. Come into the library without delay for your free Mission folder and get reading to earn clues from the stickers (some stinky ones) to solve this great mystery.

Create your own profile at
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>
and join in the fun.

CASTLE CARY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Book stock at our very small library is regularly refreshed through a “churning” system between libraries. Each month we send carefully chosen books (both fiction and non-fiction) to other libraries and receive an equal number of different books back, so that you will always find new titles on our shelves. For example if you find small print difficult, you might like to look at our Large Print section, the most recent category to be churned.

Twice a week a van arrives to deliver several boxes of books which readers have requested from other libraries in the southwest. The library service is still purchasing new books, of which we get our fair share. Another source of new titles has been donated books, but we are currently overwhelmed with your generosity and must say please, no more book donations for now.

For **school aged readers** the Library Service’s “Summer Book Challenge” is now underway – this year’s theme is Space Chase (see box). In late August the **over 13s** will have an amazing opportunity to experience an Oculus Rift virtual reality headset. Rhyme Time for the **under fives** starts again in September on Friday mornings.

The Friends of Castle Cary Community Library have started their fundraising programme. Sunday 14th July saw a successful event at the Methodist church with musicians Adelaide Brown & Clare Sydenham and members of the community in Music for a Summer Reading. We look forward to further events in the coming months.

See our website, <http://castlecarylibrary.org.uk/> for more information.



MACMILLAN CARE

Hello, I’m Kristel Van der Schyff your local Macmillan Agent. The Community Council of Somerset and Macmillan have teamed up to offer those affected by cancer in the South Somerset and Mendip area to help you access practical, financial and emotional support. It is my job to try and solve any problems you are facing and to try and make your cancer journey a little smoother.

We also have a lovely team of dedicated volunteers who offer help with practical household tasks.

Please don’t hesitate to call me for advice or equally if you’re able to volunteer a few hours I would also love to hear from you: 07798 703321 or email me macmillan-agent@somersetcc.org.uk. Macmillan support line 0808 8080000.

MILLBROOK SURGERY

Memory Cafe – Castle Cary

The Memory Café is a place for people with memory problems or dementia, and their carers, to meet others in a similar situation.

Share experiences, make friends, enjoy activities and find information and support. Free of charge.

For further information please contact Steph on 01963 350210 or Carybrook on 01963 359700
First Wednesday of every month, 10.30am–12.30 pm.
Carybrook, Millbrook Gardens, Castle Cary.

Bereavement Friendship Group – Castle Cary

The Bereavement Friendship Group is a drop-in support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close.

The group provides an opportunity to meet and chat to other people in a similar situation, to talk about experiences and feelings in an informal setting, and to make new friends to share social events and outings.

This is not a counselling session but health coaches can signpost to counselling services if wished.

Call 01963 350210 for more details.

First Monday of the month, 10.30am–12.30pm at Millbrook Surgery.



THE MOAT GARDEN

Take the path by The George, increase your daily step count to find a place to sit, garden, picnic, play ... managed in a wildlife friendly way which lets us two-legged animals enjoy the space.

The mix of flowers and grasses is increasing, the unwanted ones have reduced everywhere except the bank which we have not yet worked on.

The primary school has had great success with their vegetables and flowers this year, and paths are being renewed in their plot. We have the timbers to repair the rotted boards – a friendly handy person could speed us along.

Some townsfolk have taken the non-used beds to help with its upkeep and grow their own favourites.

Helping to keep the garden open needs – *a few people for a few minutes a few days for a few months* – come on your own or together, join those of us already pottering, or just when suits.

Enjoy your interest, start a new one; increasing plants, finding new ones, weeding, mowing, strimming, art for labels, wildlife projects, your choice ... be outside in a happy place.

After our super successful May plant sale, we hope

to have a Shambles spot, perhaps with vegetable soups shared from the garden and EatCary; and a smaller plant sale **October 12th** – a great time to divide and add new plants.

Contact us: Anne Jelliffe: annejelliffe@gmail.com,
Ida West 01963 350899 / 07919 803610.



CASTLE CARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I cannot believe that another school year has nearly passed and we are busy getting ready to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and welcome our new starters in September. I always tell parents make the most of every minute of their child's life; as time seems to go by so fast. We all need to ensure we make those special memories as often as we can.

We have had another wonderful year at the school; there have been huge amount of developments in order to improve the quality of education we provide and we are especially proud of the exciting curriculum the staff have worked so hard to develop. Just this week we had an Italian Café on the school playground serving pizzas and tiramisu which had been designed and made by the year 2 children (and cooked at the Gallery Bar in town). We also celebrated amazing home learning by all KS2 children with fantastic research on a European country and a variety of homemade skeletons. Creativity is one of our key learning values and we are most certainly seeing that develop in the children across the school. Collaboration and independence are our other core learning values and these too have developed over the course of this year; seeing our children organise fun runs, cake sales, vegetable sales are all important parts of our curriculum which help make learning real at the school.



CARY RAMBLERS GROUP

A local walk in late April started from the Old Orchard Inn at Galhampton – extremely wet and damp but highlights included the stunning Woodland Trust bluebell orchard at Sparkford and delicious tea & cake at the Inn to finish.

Early May took us to West Horrington near Wells and a woodland walk climbing to the Mendip Aerial. We enjoyed grand views before dropping down to Wookey Hole, returning to West Horrington for tea and cakes!

Three things in brief . . .

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- Cary Museum's huge old sign for **Castle Cary's Mitre Inn** (now defunct) is under restoration and enjoying its new home in the Undercroft.

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- **Cary History Society's next talk is on October 27th** to coincide with Halloween (well, more or less!). It will be about **Witches in Somerset**. For further information email caryhistsoc@gmail.com and ask to be put on the mailing list.

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- The **Caryford Quiz** is now on sale in Bailey Hill Bookshop, priced at a paltry £1. The closing date is 1st December and the winner will receive a magnificent **prize of £50**. The quiz has been sponsored, so all takings will go to The Caryford Community Hall Development Fund.

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In late May we returned to RSPB Garston Wood in Wiltshire. Swathes of pungent garlic and wild flowers including orchids, violets, speedwell and cowslips. Skylarks and cuckoos were heard along with other birdlife, and scenic woodland and spectacular views of Cranborne Chase on our return.

Early June we climbed up to Beacon Batch, highest point in the Mendips to enjoy far-reaching views, then proceeded downhill overlooking Cheddar Gorge towards Velvet Bottom, with splendid views of Blagdon Lake and the Severn Estuary.

The mid-June circular walk started at East Somerset Railway car park towards Cranmore Tower for coffee then followed the East Mendip Way through Downhead to skirt Merehead Quarry. Returned to East Cranmore to the start.

In early July we had a short walk around Baltonsborough. We headed towards Lottisham Green with fine views of Glastonbury Tor, tramped down Bailey's Drove and returned to Baltonsborough along Mill Stream, enjoying our annual summer picnic in lovely sunshine at Baltonsborough Village Hall.

We meet at lower Millbrook Gardens car park on alternate Wednesdays and leave promptly at 09.30. For more information contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621.



ROTARY CLUB

What the Rotary Club of Brue Valley have been up to recently

In addition to our regular Thursday evening meetings at the George in Castle Cary. We have also:

- Served Pimms at St Margaret's Hospice Glitter Run at Wincanton Racecourse.
- Marshalled at Bruton History Re-enactment and Packhorse Fair.
- Parked cars at Yarlinton Fringe Music Festival and the Yarlinton Opera.
- Served refreshments at the Regatta on The Horsepond raising money for the RNLI.
- Set up for St Margaret's Hospice fete in Yeovil.
- Hosted a Race Night at Wanstrow Village Hall.
- Packed Emergency Water Survival Boxes that get sent around the world.
- Hosted a Tea Party in North Cadbury.
- 'Meeted and Greeted' at Royal Bath and West Show
- 'Detubed' trees in Haddon Wood, Alhampton
- Skittles
- Photograph competition

We Visited:

- 'Burns the Bread' bakery in Glastonbury
- Police Dog training in Clevedon
- Stourhead

Guest Speakers included:

- Wincanton Racecourse,
- Trek to Everest Base Camp
- The CAT Bus
- Haynes Publishing.

Coming Up:

- We are preparing for the Classics and Supercars Show at Sherborne Castle on 21st July which raised over £42,000 in 2018.
- Hosting the Coffee Morning at The Market House with cakes, books and bric a brac from 9.30am to 12 noon on 31st August
- Cooking Burgers and bacon baps and providing activities for children at the Playfest at Castle Cary Primary School 10.00am to 1.00pm on 14th September
- Hosting a Race Night at Galhampton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 21st September

You can find out more at www.bruevalleyrotary.org or call 07767 488719.



SAVE THE CAT BUS

The SSCAT bus is a local Charity based in Wincanton providing accessible transport serving the surrounding towns and villages.

For several years now we have been trying to secure funding to keep this valuable service going, but funding is getting very hard to secure as the funding sources do not recognise transport as an essential need. Which of course if you live in a rural area as we do or have disabilities which makes it difficult for you to access service buses, you know it is essential to have this service available.

It is now getting to a serious point where we will not be able to continue to offer this service unless we can get some funding in.

We are appealing to local business or individuals for donations or sponsorship. It could be a small amount monthly or a larger/small one-off payment. If many people give a little it could make all the difference to the CAT buses future. You can download the gift aid form from our website and fill it in, this will give us an additional 25% on anything you donate:

WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THIS SERVICE

Website: southsomersetringride.org.uk

Tel 01963 34594

CARY RUNNERS

Cary Runners meet every Monday at Orchard Farm, Cockhill at 18.30 during the summer for a relaxed jog, and sometimes at other times of the week for a more strenuous run. We have runners of all abilities – we make sure that everyone fits in. If you are able to run/walk 5 km in about 35 minutes then give us a try. Here are a few quotes from some of our regulars on why they run with Cary Runners:

'Running as part of a group is far more enjoyable than running alone. It's a great social and gets you out in the fresh air – great for your mental health.'

'I never thought I could run, or keep up, but I'm getting there! And they're a lovely caring group of people.'

'I ran on my own for 25+ years – running with others gives you a much bigger high.'

'I've made some great friendships and it really is one of the best things that I've ever done for my physical and emotional health.'

'Support and advice of variously skilled runners makes me come when otherwise I may sit down and do nothing.'

'It doesn't matter what your pace is as the faster runners always run back to support you.'

If you would like to join us either turn up on a Monday evening or call Dave Boyer (01963 350418 /

07903 276315) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761) for more information. You can also get details of our runs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/caryrunners.



SOMERSET SIGHT

Somerset Sight is the local independent charity supporting blind and visually impaired people all over Somerset. There are estimated to be 23,000 people living with visual impairment in Somerset. The organisation provides practical and emotional support to enable visually impaired people to live full and independent lives despite sight loss. Our Services include: A Volunteer Befriending service, Mobile Advice Service, Activities and Socials, Living with Sight Loss courses, Emotional Support and much more. We couldn't do the work we do without our team of over 300 Volunteers, and at the beginning of June we were honoured with The Queens Award for Voluntary Service, thanks to the outstanding contribution our Volunteers have made to the local Community.

Sunday 8th September brings Somerset Sight's country house car boot sale at the beautiful Yarlinton House, Wincanton. Count and Countess Charles de Salis, Patrons of Somerset Sight, kindly hold this much-loved event to raise funds so Somerset Sight can continue its great work across the County.

The sale opens at 8.30am with early bird entry £5 and £3 from 9.30am.

Pitches are booked by prior arrangement only for £35, please contact Holly on 01823 366147 or holly.sutton@somersetsight.org.uk for more information or to book.

If you would like more information about Somerset Sight please visit our website, www.somersetsight.org.uk.



TOYBOX PRE-SCHOOL

Toybox is a charity-registered Pre-School judged as a "Good Provider" by Ofsted. We offer term time day care for 2 to 5 year olds at the Swainson Building next to Ansford Academy. We are open Monday – Friday from 9.15am to 3.45pm and re-open for the Autumn Term 2019 on Monday 9th September.

We offer access to the government's Early Years Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds of 15 hours free

childcare per week, or 30 hours for eligible working families, as well as fee paying or 2 year funded children. Please email us on toyboxcastle Cary@gmail.com or visit www.toyboxpreschool.weebly.com if you would like more information. We have spaces available for September onwards and would love to hear from you if you are looking for childcare.

We are currently one of the Local Causes you can support if you are a Co-Op member – please opt to support us if you would like to via your Co-op online log in. We would like thank Jean Shakespeare for her hard work in fundraising for us for the last few years. She has gone literally gone the extra mile to help us provide additional equipment for our setting by climbing Snowdon and running the Bristol 10k!



TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We have just hosted our French friends and celebrated 35 years of Twinning. The link between Rémalard in Normandy is just as strong as ever and some of us have connections going through two generations or more in families we have hosted with.

Castle Cary and Ansford Twinning Association entertained the visitors with a three course meal at Haynes motor museum which was a great success, and a meal and barn dance at Caryford Hall which was well attended and lots of fun. How to dance the Gay Gordons with the French is a challenge but they did very well. The fund raising we do during the year and membership fees helped us to put on the events. The French went free as our guest on both occasions.

We are now looking forward to travelling to Rémalard on 20th September, returning on 23rd September, when we stay with our hosts and judging by previous stays we will be splendidly entertained. They are taking us to Versailles to visit the gardens of the Chateau de Versailles on Friday 21st September and at an Anniversary meal on Sunday 22nd September the Charter will be signed. You don't have to speak french but it does help; we try to match you with families with the same interests and abilities to understand the two languages.

Our next events will be on **Saturday 24th August at the Market House, Castle Cary, 10am – 12 noon**. Come and talk to our committee if you have an interest in Twinning; we are especially looking for young members but all are very welcome.

Annual quiz night is on 14th December at Caryford Hall. Ansford with a fish and chip supper.



WALKING NETBALL

I would like to start a Walking Netball group in Castle Cary at the Caryford Leisure Centre one weekday evening. To gauge local interest please contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621 or email anne.pitt60@gmail.com.



U3A

U3A stands for University of the Third Age; it is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Our local group covers a wide area and is known as the Camelot Group. Local U3As are individual charities in their own right and are run entirely by volunteers. They are learning co-operatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. The U3A movement is supported by its national organisation, the Third Age Trust.

In the Camelot Group we have some 30 activity groups catering for different interests, some activity based, others study or discussion based, including art, bridge, creative writing, digital photography, discussion, flowers and craft, French, German, history, Latin, literature, lunches, mahjong, patchwork and quilting, poetry, rambling, reading, theatre and wine appreciation. Meetings are spread through the week, generally during the day. There is a local newsletter and monthly meetings in Caryford Hall on the last Friday of the month. Subscriptions are £15 per year.

Come along to see what we do, meet group leaders and maybe join us!



SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST

Autumn 2019

The South East Area Group of the Somerset Wildlife Trust is starting its new programme of illustrated wildlife talks. These are held on the first Tuesday of the month from September through to May (with the exception of January). All the talks are held in Ansford Community Hall and start at 8pm. Tea and coffee is served from 7.30pm. Entry is £3 for adults, children go free.

The first speaker on Tuesday 3 September is Stephen Parker, Lead Adviser at Natural England who will talk about **Rewilding the British Countryside**. His talk will look at this controversial topic as a way of reducing the impact of modern intensive farming methods, and promoting nature conservation.

On Tuesday 1 October, the talk is about **Manu – Where the Amazon Meets the Andes** by Dr Rob Williams, Conservation Ecologist and photographer. The Manu National Park in Peru is the world's most biodiverse protected area with ecosystems such as lowland rainforests, cloud forests and Andean grasslands. The park has over 1,000 species of birds and 300 different mammals. Rob has previously talked to our group about his studies of Otters.

The final talk of the Autumn is on Tuesday 5 November, and is on **Exmoor Ponies** by Mandy Buttner of the Exmoor Pony Society. These native British Ponies live wild on Exmoor, and are perfectly adapted to their environment, as their grazing conserves the moorland. This talk will introduce you to the history, uniqueness and potential of this rare breed.



TOOLS FOR SELF-RELIANCE

Tools for Self-Reliance is a national charity which supports self-help projects in African countries, enabling people to earn a livelihood by equipping them with the tools and training they need.

The Cary group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8.30pm in the Design and Technology building of Ansford Academy (during term time only) to repair and refurbish a wide variety of donated items. We are always happy to welcome visitors, so if tools or machines interest you do pay us a visit to see what we do, and maybe consider joining us. We are a friendly, cheerful bunch!

We welcome donations of hand sewing machines and carpentry, metalworking, blacksmithing and mechanical repair tools. We can also make use of most miscellaneous items, garden tools etc. – in fact almost any type of tool – for redistribution or sale. So ... if in doubt, please DON'T throw it out, but let us have it and decide how it can best be put to good use. Amon on 01749 813239 can collect.

The last of our popular second-hand Tool Sales of 2019 was held on June 23rd in the Market House, when as well as an eclectic array of second-hand tools we sold coffee and homemade cakes. The funds generated from these sales go to help cover shipping

and training costs. We will also be part of a large TFSR presence at The Oak Fair in King's Stag, which takes place over the holiday weekend of 24th and 25th August.



THE WEEDS OF CARY

In mid-July I flower-spotted from Ansford Church to All Saints' and back. Pretty little wild strawberries were hidden by my gate but otherwise in the just-mown Fairfield only a few brave buttercups and clover survived plus nettles wisely left for butterflies along the hedge. Hopefully the horseshoe vetch, cuckooflower and other familiars will return when the Fairfield committee establishes a wild flower meadow.

The pavement edges to Churchfields yielded willowherb, petty spurge, nipplewort, tiny forget-me-nots. Along Blind Lane were the eponymous-smelling pineappleweed, lemon-yellow sowthistle, speedwell, woodavens, cleavers, and the beautiful trumpets of convolvulus. Then clumps of valerian, and the pretty little ivy-leaved toadflax, herb robert, and Mexican daisies in the walls.

The path to the surgery included vipers' bugloss, charlock, big white oxeye daisies, poppies. Then by the stream knapweed, mallow, cinquefoil, pendulous sedge. Yellow loosestrife, purple hedge woundwort, various escaped geraniums, ghostly-flowered stinking iris, alkanet, buddleia, ladies' mantle, fuchsia and the beautifully named but very invasive enchanters' nightshade and yellow archangel flowered on the slope behind Carybrook. The churchyard added mellilot, groundsel, plantain, herb Robert, selfheal and sorrel to my list.

Nothing new through the town, but along Florida Street I spotted scarlet pimpernel, and across the edge of the playing field and Fairfield honeysuckle, scentless mayweed, black medick, spear thistle.

Back to my own garden full of escapees from other gardens – evening primrose, marshmallow, feverfew, roman soap plant, cinquefoil, foxgloves, and spires of mullein more than six foot high. PLUS a few butterflies and lots of bees.

Laura Tilling



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April – Bridget, Alison, Jackie and president Irene were hostesses serving buffet breakfast to dignitaries and passengers at the celebration of the rededication of

Castle Cary station in honour of the Glastonbury Festival. They met the festivals organiser Michael Eavis who was having a GWR train named after him.

May – our 97th Birthday, many members celebrated with an afternoon outing to Minterne gardens, exploring the beautiful gardens, followed by a cream tea.

June – our annual coffee morning at the Market House, we were blessed with glorious weather. Thank you to everyone who purchased our cakes and raffle tickets, we raised over £200.

Four members visited Barber cheese makers, learning the process, followed by a tasting session, and leaving with a “goodie” bag, finishing off the morning with lunch at the local pub.

Things to look forward to – annual evening quiz, trying to remember to use the “joker” card at the appropriate section, when we know the answers. And the annual skittles knockout tournament. The word knockout normally comes true in the first round, although we did get to second round last year (the first time ever I recall). So now we're trying to get to the third round!

We meet 3rd Tuesday of each month, in The Shambles at the Market House, 7.15pm.



ZAMBIA LINKS

You've heard lots about our links with Mufulira in the Copperbelt region of Zambia. Fancy a visit? Our next “IntroZambia” trip is likely to be just before Easter 2020 – do get in touch if you are interested. Tillinglaura@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATES

Castle Cary & Ansford

BIG CHRISTMAS

*Join us for the usual Christmas Extravaganza
in Castle Cary Town*

on **THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019**
from 5.30 pm

*A fundraising coffee morning will be held in the
Undercroft*

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019
10am – 12 noon.

***The Big Christmas Team look forward
to seeing you at both***

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- ACF, Castle Cary Platoon – 01963 240382
Action for Children – 01963 351554
Alcoholics Anonymous – 0800 917 7650
All Saints' & St Andrew's Churches – 01963 351615
Alzheimer's Society – 01458 251541
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 – 07969 233760
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 History Society – caryhistosoc@gmail.com
Cary Reels – 01963 350276
Cary Runners – 01963 350418
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 351324
Caryford Fitness & Leisure – 01963 350600
Caryford Short Mat Bowls – 01963 359069
Carymarsh Nature Reserve – 01963 350418
Carymoor Environmental Centre – 01963 350143
Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society – 07711 266969
Castle Cary & Ansford Women's Institute –
07402 765932
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 01963 359573
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 01935 850122
Castle Cary Ceramics Group – 01460 54117
Castle Cary Children's Centre – 01935 475938
Castle Cary Choir – 01749 830293
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 01963 350841
Castle Cary Football Club – 01963 350587
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 350618
Castle Cary Majorettes (Cygnetts) – 01963 350603
Castle Cary Out of School Club (The Hive) – 07496 348233
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 – 01963 351178
Castle Cary Town Council – 01963 359631
Castle Cary Town Museum – 01963 350680
Castle Cary Twinning Association – 01963 31619
Christian Aid – 01963 351275
Churches Together – 01963 351275
Cinema in Caryford – 01963 350132
Decorative and Fine Arts Society – 01963 350132
EatCary – 01963 351461
Fair Trade Group – 01963 350629
Friends of Cary 2000 – 07803 855208
Friends of Cemetery Chapel – 01963 351220
Friends of Castle Cary Library – 07813 628447
Guide Dogs for the Blind – 01963 350182
Judo Club – 01749 890308
Liberal Democrats – 01963 350570
Macmillan Cancer Support – 01963 351112
Market House Dance Studio – 07805 571590
Martial Arts – 07738 599670
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 350899
Monday Club – 01963 350931
Mothers' Union – 01963 350621
National Blood Transfusion – 01963 350279
Parson Woodforde Society – www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk
Plastic Wise – plasticwisecastle Cary@gmail.com
Red Cross – 01963 350830
RoadPeace – 01963 359044
Rogue mma – 07738 599670
Rotary Club (Brue Valley) – 07767 488719
Royal British Legion – 01963 351154
Save the Children Shop – 01963 351681
St Margaret's Hospice – 0845 070 8910
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers – 07773 515511
Somerset Beekeepers Association – 07855 899257
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 359600
U3A Camelot Area – 01963 33444 & 01963 351269
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461
Women's Friendly Hour – 01963 350510
Workers' Education Association (WEA) – 01749 860352
Youth Matters – 01963 350160
Zambia Links (CMCPT) – 01963 351461