

CASTLE CARY

& ANSFORD

NEWSLETTER

Summer 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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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

Despite our best efforts to encourage people to stand as Town Councillors we are not going to have an election this May. In fact we have ended up with four vacancies. This causes us some concern as the more Councillors we have the more the 'work' can be shared! It's not too late to join us though! If you would like to be a Town Councillor then we can co-opt four people onto the Council very quickly. We particularly need people with financial 'savvy' who can support the Clerk through the Finance and Management Committee. If you think you can help then do please be in touch with the Clerk for more information. Castle Cary is at a critical time in its development and we welcome new Councillors with enthusiasm and ideas to take us into 2020 and beyond.

We said goodbye to several people in March. Martin Atkins has decided to pursue his businesses and a dream of building a new house. We shall miss his practical skills and his wide business knowledge. Barbara Williams has moved to Ansford and will take up a role on Ansford Parish Council having cut her teeth on Castle Cary Council. Terry Philpott has been a valuable member of the Council for many years. As a local businessman, and latterly as a Town Clerk in a neighbouring town, his experience has been invaluable to us all. We shall miss his friendly presence and his knowledge and we wish him well in his new exciting role in Hertfordshire. Last but by no means least Sue Hake has left us as our Town Clerk. Sue was in her role for seven years and saw Castle Cary through much of our development. There was always a cheery welcome in the busy office for our community and we shall miss her guidance and support as Clerk to the Council. We wish her well in

her new Town Clerk role in a very busy Parish in Hertfordshire.

These events have, of course, exercised our skills and time in appointing a new Town Clerk and we welcome Zöe Godden as a full time clerk. Zöe is at present juggling three part-time clerk roles locally and we are very grateful that she is able to give us ten locum hours a week until she starts on 1st July. In the meantime Zöe and her team are working hard to keep everything smooth but it's a tough job so please bear with us as we try to fill in and support our work colleagues.

Meanwhile the new houses are being built at a pace and selling fast. If you know of new residents then please direct them to the Market House to collect a welcome pack which will give them invaluable information about services, clubs and activities in our lovely town. We welcome everyone to our town.

Now that Fairfield is completed and Penny Steiner is helping the Friends Group to set up, Castle Cary Town Council has started a new project which we expect to take at least a couple of years to complete. The Pavilion Project will bring new life to the Football and Cricket Clubs. We have engaged an architect to draw up plans for a practical building which will increase the shower facilities, provide much needed storage and a flexible space inside the pavilion to increase the bar, kitchen and open space. It will also include a room for youth groups with storage. We very much hope to launch the project in the summer and start to seek funding once we know costs and have approved the plans. We are keen to encourage more women's and children's sport in the town so if you run a group that might benefit from the new facility please give your input when invited.

The pavement inspection has continued and we are looking forward to broken paving stones being replaced in the County Council's new financial year. When the engineer came out he observed many people parking on the High Street by driving onto the kerb and pavement first rather than reverse parking into a space. Please be mindful of your driving style and park by staying on the road. It is also the case that if people park on the narrow parts of the road then the buses cannot get through and are forced onto the pavement. This is a situation I recently witnessed and the paving stones broke on the same day as four strong people actually lifted a car up to move it to unblock the High

Street! To report a problem go to the following link:
<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/report-a-problem-on-a-pavement-or-cycle-path/>

The historic Pitching has gained a designation as a footpath and we are pleased that, apart from occasional use, the cobbles will not be at further risk of breaking.

At the start of the year Castle Cary Town Council finally took on the ownership of the Market House under a very long lease from South Somerset District Council. This was a decision taken a long time ago and we are pleased to take it on to do our level best to continue to preserve the building as the centre piece of the town. We shall be celebrating this event in late May and thanking the many people in our community,

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Mon–Friday 9.30–12 noon, Sat 9.00–12 noon

Councillors:

Margaret Bebbington	Justin Birch
Hedge Burley	Robert Gilbey
Judi Morison (Chair)	Pek Peppin
Sally Snook	Penny Steiner
Nick Weeks	

Four vacancies

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 (apart from 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:

Elections 2nd May

County Councillor:

Mr Mike Lewis Tel: 01935 851536

Reminder

**The Castle Cary Town Council Office
in The Market House
is open**

Monday 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Friday 10.00 – 12.00

Other times by appointment only

01963 359631

along with SSDC, who worked hard to rebuild the Market House and continue to work on it with a deep regard to its history and place in our hearts.

By the time this is published the eat:Castle Cary Festival will have taken place. The event has caused some very strong emotions from a small proportion of our community and we want to emphasise that the decision was taken to support this event, run by eat:Festivals, after they came to talk to the town meeting last May. The eat team have been present in the town for many events and they have done their level best to accommodate the needs of our shops and our community. Festivals attract people to the town, our High Street is very quiet at the moment, especially on a Saturday afternoon. We have supported the festival with the best of intentions. If we don't take risks then we would never know if it might have worked. Our independent shops on our High Street remain a great attraction to new residents and to tourists – let's hope we showcased the town and welcomed them all and enjoyed what we hoped was a wonderful busy day on the 4th May.

The Newt in Somerset is opening on 11th May. It's an exciting venture that will have a great impact on our community. The Town Council and the Castle Cary Chamber of Commerce have been working with the teams to support recruitment and generally promote this visitor attraction that will put our area firmly on the map.

Finally, please come to the Annual Town Meeting which this year will be run with Ansford Parish Council on Tuesday 21st May from 7.00pm with the business part of the meeting starting at 7.30pm. We are delighted with this development and will be reporting on the many projects in our town and plans for the future. We look forward to seeing you at Caryford Community Hall.

Judi Morison

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CITIZENS ADVICE – SOUTH SOMERSET

The nearest Citizens Advice centre is in Wincanton.

Advice is available every Monday
10.00am – 3.00pm at the Balsam Centre.

Call the advisers on **03444 889623** or
online at **southsomcab.org.uk**

B3153 TRAFFIC

The B3153 Traffic Management Group is composed of Councillor representatives from Castle Cary Town Council, Ansford Parish Council, Carymoor Parish Council and Lydford-on-Fosse Parish Council. The Group was formed in response to ongoing concerns about traffic volumes and speeds on the local road network. We meet every three months to consider ways of reducing problems, specifically on the B3153 (from the A371 to Lydford A37 traffic lights).

We know of several 'unreported' accidents or 'near misses', along with other incidents, on the road, that don't get logged in official police records. In order to collate these for further research and information, we'd like local residents to send any incident details (from the beginning of 2018 if you can remember them) to: B3153reports@castle-cary.co.uk

Please give details as follows: Date of incident; location (eg: end of Dimmer Lane); brief details; if possible, the weather conditions at the time. We will keep a list of these incidents and use it to inform our actions to prevent as many future problems as possible.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL DETAILS UNLESS YOU HAVE THE PERSON'S CONSENT.



ALL SAINTS' DEVELOPMENT GROUP

We've had a busy start to the year planning our diary of events and gathering the evidence needed to enable us to apply for grants. In April, we utilised some of the funds raised so far to employ both a quantity surveyor and stone conservator. We are now awaiting their reports which will provide us with detailed information about the extent of the repairs needed and the costs.

Dates for your diary: forthcoming events in All Saints' Church –

- **'Celebration of Marriage Exhibition'**
14th–16th June
- **'Upcycled Creation'** – exhibition of sculpture, made from junk! – **14th September**
- **'Fibre-Fest'** – exhibition of textiles, yarns and fabric creations – **12th & 13th October**

We've had an excellent response to our request for wedding dresses for our forthcoming exhibition in June. The event will run over three days. On the Saturday and Sunday the Church will be open, with free admission to the exhibition, from 10.30am until 4pm and cream teas/refreshments will be on offer. On Friday 14th June we will be hosting a special ticketed, pre-view of the exhibition, from 3pm – 6pm (*tickets £10, available from Bailey Hill Book Shop*). You are invited to come and admire the many wedding dresses and other marriage memorabilia whilst being

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, or 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, Fairfield 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:

Ms Zöe Godden, Town Clerk
c/o The Market House, Castle Cary
tel: 01963 359631
or email: town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk

serenaded by a string quartet. The special pre-view ticket price includes afternoon tea: delicious assortment of finger sandwiches, delectable cakes, scones with jam & cream and a glass of fizz.

We are always looking for support, if you can help us with either organising or helping at an event, or in any other way please do get in touch. Thank you.

David Baldwin
(baldwindavid67@gmail.com)



BOWLS

We are always pleased to welcome visitors for a taster session on any Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm. Equipment and instruction available. No obligation – come along and take advantage of a couple of free sessions.

Alternative days/times willingly arranged.

Open to all ages, junior members very welcome.

Contact: Carol Lowe, 01963 359573

We repeat, as we do each year, the above information which genuinely invites you to come up on a Tuesday evening to see what we are like, look at our facilities and have a go at the game of bowls. You will be made very welcome.

The deadline copy date for this edition has dovetailed superbly with our Opening Day of the 2019 season. It was dry and mainly sunny with a rather cooling wind but some fifty-plus club members enjoyed a light-hearted game with much laughter and good humour. The President's side were just narrowly beaten against the Captain's side – although a draw would have been perfect!

We aim to at least emulate the success we had last season when we came second in two leagues and third in another. We were also runners-up in the Ladies County Fours competition and the Men's County Triples. This could be an even more sparkingly successful 2019 – hopefully some excellent news to report in the next edition of the newsletter. Good luck everyone!

The green and grounds look quite superb and it is a really lovely facility both inside and out, thanks to our willing volunteers and the dedication of our PM who is devoted to the care of the green (not PM Theresa May – he knows who he is!). Thanks to you all and enjoy.

Y.C.



CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

Your carnival society is already well into planning our town's processions for this year.

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.

We are also busy raising the funds that make the carnivals such great events for the town.

SUMMER CARNIVAL FAIR. A new event for Cary's summer calendar! Come along on **Sunday 9 June** to Caryford Hall between 2pm – 5pm. Enjoy a great afternoon of family entertainment; old-fashioned games for children and adults – remember the egg and spoon race, or perhaps try for a personal best in the sack race! We already have a great range of stalls, plus bouncy castle, fancy dress and cake competitions. Or, simply watch the fun whilst

enjoying a freshly baked cream tea, or hearty BBQ.

QUIZ EVENING WITH CHEESE 'N' WINE SUPPER. Sunday 23 June at 7pm in the Shambles. A great way to end the weekend!

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 or 07711 266969.

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

HELP NEEDED – BRITISH LEGION

The Castle Cary Branch of the British Legion

desperately needs help in ordering and distributing the annual Legion poppies and other mementos annually. Bridget Laver has been doing this for the last two years but now has had to give up. She is available on phone no. **01963 350700** to advise on how to go about this task, which is a busy one around October and November. Last year we raised over £7000 which was a record.

*Please help by contacting her or our President
Edward Thring on 01963 240315*

CARYFORD HALL

On **Saturday 20th July** (a change of date) the Hall will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee! Free entry with lots going on. Please join us!

We have had a great response to our Silver Jubilee Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you would like to help, check the website www.caryfordhall.co.uk for details of how to give, and to view our plans, or ring Liz Middleton on 01963 351220.

We are delighted to announce that we are to receive two grants of £50K from Viridor Credits (each for different aspects of the project) and also a total grant of £40K from South Somerset District Council. Along with other monies raised to date this means we can begin the first phase of work on June 1st! The Hall will remain open throughout the building work – though please do comply with any safety requests by the builders. We will keep any disruption to an absolute minimum!

A request!! The retirement of our bookings secretary, Annette Bedford, is looming and we need to find a replacement! This could suit someone, at home, with a few hours spare each week. This is an important, but unpaid, role. Initially you could work alongside Annette, to learn the ropes; this could begin as soon as possible. You will need to be computer literate, have a computer and a 'phone, enjoy talking to and meeting people, and be prepared to attend our monthly committee meetings.

Rosemary Rymer, 01963 351057

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 business 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
- 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 and complete the application form from the website www.castlecarychamber.org.uk and return it with your fee to CCCOC, Helen Higgins, Treasurer, The Offices, Horsepond Courtyard, Castle Cary BA7 7BD.



LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Castle Cary Chamber of Commerce

Have you sent your business details to Nick Crowley for inclusion in the new business directory?

Please send the following details to nick.crowley1@outlook.com by 24 May 2019

Business name, phone number, website and a short description e.g. boiler repairs



THE MARKET HOUSE CASTLE CARY



*Are you organising a party? An important meeting?
An exhibition? Your wedding?!*

THE MARKET HOUSE IS AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Using these simple steps:

- 1) Get in contact or pop in to reserve a date
 - 2) Complete and return our booking form
 - 3) Sign the booking confirmation
- And voila! the booking is yours!

The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH. Tel: 01963 351763

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

CASTLE CARY CHOIR

We have a great line up of concerts coming up!

Our concerts always provide a great evening of entertainment as the program includes a wide variety of music ranging from sacred and traditional, to musicals and fun pieces – so there really is something for everyone. Dates coming up....

Friday 24th May, 7.30pm – Methodist Church, Castle Cary with internationally acclaimed mezzo soprano Marta Fontanals-Simmons. Tickets £10, to include refreshments, available from choir members, Castle Cary Tourist office, Bailey Hill bookshop or call John on 07970 039007. Funds raised will go to provide a lift at Castle Cary Methodist Church. *Please note this concert is ticket only.*

Friday 7th June, 7.30pm – All Saints' Church, Kingweston with acclaimed local organist Malcolm Gregory. Tickets £10, including refreshments, from lowerfarm@btconnect.com or (01458) 223237. Fundraising for the joint parish Churches of Kingweston and Keinton Mandeville.

Friday 28th June, 7.30pm – Holy Trinity Church, Street. Tickets £6, available from Crispin Community Centre, Street and on the door. Tea/coffee/biscuits are available during the interval (there will be a donations dish). Concert in aid of Church funds which support various missions and charities.

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



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

CHRISTIAN AID

By the time this Newsletter is distributed Christian Aid Week will have just finished. Christian Aid works in 37 countries across the world.

Together with other aid agencies and local partners we carry out relief work. So we have been working in South East Africa as part of the international effort to bring help after Cyclone Idai.

We also work on long term projects with local organisations helping to improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people. The focus of our attention this year has been the poor state of midwifery in Sierra Leone where every day ten women die in childbirth. Financial and technical support will enable local groups to improve facilities and reduce the risks to mothers and babies.

We also work in education and campaigning in the UK, for example by helping people realise how climate changing is already having a severe impact on people in the tropical regions of the world, or how tax avoidance deprives countries of money that they need to improve people's lives and environments.

Thank you to everyone who helped in and supported Christian Aid Week. If you would like to give now you can donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk or phone me on 351275.

David Osborne



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD

We were welcomed to the Methodist Church for a joint Service to mark the beginning of Lent, and to launch our Lent Appeal to help the Leprosy Charity. Trevor Grant, from the Charity spoke about the work of the Charity and Rev Craig Manley shared the service, the congregation taking away Smartie tubes to fill with

their gifts of money in Lent. A cheque for £211.07 has already been sent, the collection from the service, thank you. A bring and share lunch followed the service, many people enjoying the meal and the friendship – again a big thank you to the Methodist Church for their hospitality.

V. Chainey for Churches Together.



CINEMA IN CARYFORD

We were very pleased to be able to give lots of money away recently: up to £250 to our branch of Save the Children to improve their storage facilities, £200 to Somerset International Camp, a Girl-guiding group going to Tanzania and, the big one, £1,000 to the Horsepond Restoration Project. Like most of you we really hope to see the Horsepond back as it should be, full of clear water, no weed, plants, a few brave fish and even the ducks.

We have A Star is Born coming on April 30th, The Green Book (big Oscar winner) on May 28th, Can You Ever Forgive Me? (Richard E Grant) on June 25th and The Keeper (OK it's about football) on July 23rd. Please come, then we can give some more money away!

Tessa Gayford and Jeannie Thanisch.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CASTLE CARY

In the UK we have an ageing population. One third of people over 65 will go on to develop dementia as they get older and it's expected that 1 million people will be living with dementia by 2021.

People living with dementia often feel isolated and do not feel part of their local community. Dementia Friendly communities work to support people living with dementia and their families within their local community.

Millbrook surgery are working with the Town Council in supporting Castle Cary to create a dementia friendly town, and also to become part of a wider dementia friendly neighbourhood.

Castle Cary will also be lucky enough to welcome the Alzheimer's Road show on 21st May in the town centre from 10 am until 4 pm to promote the launch of the Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood.

If you would like to support this project or know someone who may be affected by memory problems please come along on the day to find out more.

We would like to invite local people, groups and businesses to attend a short Dementia Friends presentation as part of the project. This can be arranged to take place at your workplace, school, church, home or social group at a time that suits.

There will be a Dementia Friends presentation for

anyone who wishes to attend taking place on Tuesday 21st May in support of Dementia Action week.

Contact Steph at Millbrook Surgery on 01963 350210 or Julie Woan at the Alzheimer's Society on 01458 251 541 for more details.



EATCARY

Visit the community vegetable plot, up the little path on the left at the start of Maggs Lane, just before you get to the drive up to Ansford Academy. Give us half an hour of your time to help, and share some of our yummy vegetables. On Saturdays you will always find us there at around 2pm. We are now busy planting our summer crops. Once you know the ropes you can come up at any time – we are always open.

The children from the Toybox Preschool use some of our space, so that they now know that veges grow in the soil not on supermarket shelves. The Beavers are planting 100 sunflowers to mark the Baden-Powell 100th anniversary, and a small group of keen teenagers do much of the mowing which keeps the area looking smart.

Do join us. Ring 01963 351461 for more information, or just pop in on a Saturday.



GREENER CARY

It was very clear at the public meeting on 14th March that a lot of people are concerned about making Castle Cary greener, are already doing a whole range of things, and want to do more. We were asking the question: How can we make Castle Cary greener? And thinking about Castle Cary, Ansford and the surrounding villages.

Already people are recycling, repairing and re-using things instead of throwing them away, composting, eating less meat, not using cars unnecessarily, planting trees, stopping using pesticides and herbicides, and much more.

For the future there was a brainstorm of ideas to do with further recycling, waste reduction, energy, buying, travel and building. There was talk about how we can encourage local and national governments to act for the benefit of the environment and to support local initiatives.

The question now is how we take the ideas forward. The Greener Cary steering group is working out the best ways to further develop what is already happening and to encourage new initiatives. We will be keeping in touch via e-mail with people who have signed up.

If you would like to be involved and have not yet signed up, please contact Clare Bainbridge on 07876 764111.

Look out for information on all sorts of events, initiatives and ideas at www.facebook.com/groups/greenercary.

Note the date of the next Green Fair: Saturday 14th September, where there will be stalls, activities and presentations at the Market House and around Cary.

There will also be another general meeting in the autumn.

David Osborne



CARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Cary History Society presents a talk by Chris Culpin on "The Castles of Castle Cary and their place in English History – updated!"

This talk is being held by popular demand, following Chris' sell-out lecture on the same subject in January, and will incorporate fascinating new information from recent research. This is another chance to learn about the two lost medieval castles in the midst of our town – who had them built, why, what they looked like, what happened to them and what the answers to these questions reveal about key moments in English History.

Chris is a former Deputy President of the Historical Association, author, and co-wrote two National Curricula. He is currently chair of governors at Ansford Academy.

Sunday 14 July 4pm (doors open 3.30pm). Caryford Community Hall. Tickets £5 on the door, or from Bailey Hill Bookshop.

If you would like to keep up to date with events and outings organised by Cary History Society, why not add your name to their mailing list? Email: caryhistsoci@gmail.com for more details.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT CARYMOOR

During the summer Carymoor Environmental Trust will be running two family activity days, giving you a chance to enjoy the abundant wildlife on this unique nature reserve just outside Cary.

**Winged Wonders family activity day –
Tuesday 20th August – 10am to 2pm**

Find out more about the wonderful winged creatures on our nature reserve, from birds and bats to butterflies and bees, plus you'll enjoy lots of flying crafts and challenges including plastic bag kite-making, egg parachutes and flying machines.

**Woodland Survival family activity day –
Wednesday 21st August – 10am to 2pm**

Head into the woods with us for orienteering, fire-lighting, marshmallow toasting, den-building, whittling and team challenges that would even test Bear Grylls!

Both days are suitable for children aged 4-11 and their parents or carers. The cost is £8 per person or £25 for a family of four.

Advanced booking is essential. Please call 01963 351350 or email education@carymoor.org.uk.

For more information about courses, volunteering opportunities and Carymoor's work please visit www.carymoor.org.uk.



CERAMICS GROUP

We have had the following meetings in the Spring 2019: on 5 February a talk by Dick Henrywood "Literature-Related Patterns on Transferware"; on 5 March Steven Goss on "Chinese Symbolism on English 18th Century Blue and White Pottery" and on 2 April Lucy Lead on "The Importance of Canals to the 18th Century Pottery Industry". On 14 May Joss and Margaret Mullinger will talk about "Pottering Around the Potteries", on 4 June Pat Preller on "Pots and their History and on 2 July Ian Harvey on "Rathbone Revisited and Enhanced". We have no meeting in August.

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.



HORSEPOND RESTORATION PROJECT

We are a small group of volunteers who regularly clean the Horsepond in Castle Cary. Alongside the Market House, the Roundhouse Lock-Up, and All Saints' Church it is one of the defining features of the town, but it is in need of restoration to return it to its former glory.

We are seeking donations to fund an aquatic planting project to provide a beautiful and natural habitat in the centre of town. The project is likely to run over three years, over three planting phases and will cost in the region of £4,500.

We have been given backing from the town council to run the project and they will monitor its development through all its stages until completion.

It is our intention to recognise everybody who makes a donation to the Horsepond Restoration Project on a special "Thank you" page on the

restoration project website and at the end of the project on the Castle Cary town council website.

It's environmentally green, it's a local historical landmark and a potential beautiful natural habitat for wildlife in the centre of town. What's there not to like about the project!

Please get involved in this great community project by making a donation.

For more information on the project and ways to donate please visit www.horsepondrestorationproject.uk, and for regular updates visit *Facebook*: <https://www.facebook.com/HorsepondRestorationProject>; *Just Giving*: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/horsepondrestorationproject>

South Somerset Community Accessible Transport RING AND RIDE BUS & SOCIAL CARS

The SSCAT Bus is a registered charity based in Wincanton with a funding shortfall. We have put structures in place to reduce this but still require funds.

If you would like to sponsor or make a donation please contact Mike or Jayne on 01963 34594

We also run a Social Car Scheme taking people to and from their Hospital, Doctor or Dentist appointments. This is a vital service but we require more volunteer drivers. If you have time to spare and would like to get involved or require more information please contact Mike or Jayne on **01963 34594**

Email: sscatbus@gmail.com

Website: southsomersetringride.org.uk

EXCITING TIMES FOR CASTLE CARY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A first for the town, on Monday 1st of April the management of the community library passed from Somerset County Council to a Community Library Partnership. What does this mean for people in the Castle Cary area? On the one hand, not a lot as it will be run as efficiently as it ever was. On the other hand it means everything to the local community. Over the Winter a number of volunteers have been working tirelessly, setting up a Friends of the Library Group. The Friends will support the library through a number of activities. These will include coffee mornings, authors events, encouraging links with the school and story telling at the library.

Did you know that your local library is one of thirty-two throughout Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire – any one of which you can use to borrow or return books? As Libraries West, this organisation has its own website and app through which you can order or renew books. It gives you access to digital books and even an array of magazines to read offline. Many other services include helping isolated people to access the library and there is a provision to encourage a wide range of reading and digital skills.

You can support your community library in a number of ways. Certainly make use of your free membership by joining at your earliest opportunity if you have not already done so. Support local events of which there will be a number. Consider joining the Friends as a volunteer. Help make your library the hub of your community.



MACMILLAN

Once again we would like to thank to everyone who supports the Macmillan fundraising efforts.

The Big Quiz took place in February and we raised a magnificent £1,411.00 – thank you to the Rugby Club for hosting and to all the teams. We also had huge support from the businesses in town for raffle prizes and donations, including Manor Lodge Health and Beauty, Martins of Castle Cary, Godminster Cheese, Holbrook House Spa, Buy and Save, The Wonderful Garden Company, Dave Marsh Hardware, Jane Wintle Acupuncture and of course Kevin the Quizmaster!

We have been out collecting at different venues and raised an amazing £500 at Tesco and £400 at the Sherborne Plant Fair. Thank you to our team of volunteers who turn out to do shifts when needed. If you would like to help by being a collector we have many more opportunities coming up at local supermarkets and events. The Shepton Mallet 41 Club held a fundraiser in aid of Macmillan and raised £750. Thank you to them for all their efforts – every donation is so worthwhile and greatly appreciated.

We also support Macmillan fundraising events by serving teas and coffees and generally being on hand to provide help when needed. If you are planning a fundraiser in aid of Macmillan and would like some extra support please do get in touch.

Call Janet Loe on 07714 030813 or email castlecarymacmillan@gmail.com for further information. Many thanks for all your continued support.



MACMILLAN HELP ABOUT

An Evening with Dr Sam Guglani

On Thursday 11th April a gathering of some 50 people met at The Market House to hear a presentation on the relationships between medical science and human relationships. Dr Guglani is a consultant oncologist who, as well as his medical credentials, holds a master's degree in ethics and creative writing. His talk was very well illustrated by many references to poems and literature and described how the colossal advances in medical science had not always taken full account of the ethical and emotional requirements of treating patients with cancer. The stories of individual cancer

journeys varied enormously and it was so important to realize this and make allowances for this during treatment as far as it was possible.

Jane Budd, a local person, described her personal journey through cancer treatment, likening it to a cruise on a ship and graphically illustrated many of the points that Dr Guglani had outlined.

Both the talks taken together illustrated how Macmillan's recently launched 'Help About' scheme and other 'buddying' schemes sought to address and understand the practical and emotional needs of cancer sufferers.

Refreshments were provided by the local Macmillan fundraising committee



METHODIST CHURCH

Our annual spring sale took place on 23rd March and as ever there was a rush on homemade cakes and preserves. We continue to 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. We have recently upgraded our sound system and we continue to raise money to install a more suitable lift in our building. Do join us whenever you are able.

We are holding 'Celebrate!' Children's Holiday Club for primary age children on **Weds 31st July – Fri 2nd August 2019, 9am to 12pm**. £1 donation per child per day. For more details or to book in, contact Susie Simmons 01963 351554, susie.simmons@yahoo.co.uk.

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!

Our schoolroom is available for hire – please contact Patricia Fuller 01963 351635.

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



THE MOAT GARDEN

Monday mornings often find us at the garden, but we can vary and once contact is made you can garden with company, or as suits.

It is a year since the gate was made safe and the garden opened again to all, by the charity formed for the purpose.

Our AGM in April confirmed four trustees, and finances to support the small overheads. There are also

GENTLE WALKS

Our short, gentle walks continue on the first and third Thursday of the month. We meet at 2pm at the Market House and walk for a mile or so using local footpaths, returning to the Market House for a cup of tea at 3pm.

**Our next walks are on 6th June, 20th June,
4th July, 18th July.**

Do join us. Although we walk locally we always find something to interest us – the snowdrops in the Millennium woodland, footpaths to explore that even the locals didn't know existed, views of the new housing developments, more distant views of our wonderful countryside.

You don't need walking boots! Comfortable shoes will do, but do wear warm clothes. We walk whatever the weather.

For more details contact Laura Tilling on 01963 351461

'friends of the garden' who for a small contribution show support, are kept in touch, share ideas and decisions, with voting rights.

Thank you to the Carnival Committee for funds to purchase another bench. The young people like conversational seating and this will give them flexibility. Picnickers have a table again after great repair work by a nifty carpenter, and donations from an old fence has replaced other structures.

Primary school children have sown seeds, and potatoes will be planted. There may still be a raised bed available if you would like to garden a small space, as the school cannot use all at present.

SO..... easy to see lots of help needed.

We have lots of ideas – but would like to hear yours, *and most of all welcome willing hands* – just a few more would be sure to keep the garden blooming. Experienced or beginner, everything or 'just a mower'; once a week, once a month. Group gardening fits around a busy life.

Contacts: 01963 350899/359502; westidar@gmail.com.

Ida West and Anne Jelliffe

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CARY RAMBLERS

The new year began with a walk around Pennard Hill to compensate for any seasonal over-indulgence. We had spectacular views as we traversed Pennard Hill descending to West Pennard and Lower Southtown. First signs of Spring with snowdrops, crocus, mistletoe and catkins.

A local walk late January took us down South Cary Lane, across to Cockhill proceeding along Cary Moor Drove. Back across fields to Thorny Marsh farm, then up Thorny Marsh Lane before returning along Lodge Hill. Our post-Xmas lunch was held at the Bay Tree Inn.

February took us to Winsham along the Liberty Trail through Wayford Woods, notable for a collection of rhododendra and camellias (not in bloom yet). A

beautiful Spring day with snowdrops, daffodils, primroses.

Our walk mid-March was cancelled due to Storm Gareth with strong winds and gusts.

The late March walk started from the YHA near Ivy Thorn Hill cross roads, Street. We climbed up Collards Hill and followed the Polden Way past the Hood monument. A lovely sunny and warm day with pleasing views and wild Spring flowers and magnolia/blossom trees in full bloom.

Mid-April took us to the site of the Battle of Sedgemoor (in July 1685, the last military engagement between armies anywhere in England). We proceeded to Westonzoyland village, St Mary's Church and the Battlefield Visitor Centre and enjoyed a very interesting and historical walk.

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.

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CASTLE CARY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy Spring Term with the children fully engaging in their learning experiences. Our youngest children have been familiarising themselves with Traditional Tales with a problem of a missing Gingerbread Man – postcards have been sent to them from all over the country giving sightings of him. In Years 5 and 6 the children have become fully immersed in learning about WW2 with a visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum to start things off. We have been so impressed with their home learning this term – each child took an area of interest to them and produced work in whatever form they chose – we have had clothing made in WW2 style, research about family history, models of tanks, PowerPoint presentations, propaganda posters and so much more. Charterhouse Residential Centre was the home for our Year 4 children for 3 nights in March who came back to school full of caving, gorge walking, archery and den building stories while our year 3 children spent 3 days learning outdoors. Finally, a pirate ship appeared on our school field this term – built by year 2 to support their learning and we had many pirate tales across the classes to inspire the children's writing!

Our sporting successes continue with the County Netball finals and County Futsal finals. We also had the privilege of being invited to be part of the Royal Visit to Somerset with Sam, our oldest boy, presenting the Queen with a posy. What a morning!

We look forward now to the Summer term – a time to enjoy the outdoors and continue to take our learning outside the classrooms.

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TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

The Cary group of Tools for Self-Reliance meets every term-time Tuesday in the D & T building at Ansford Academy to restore and repair a variety of tools. We are always happy to welcome new members, so whether or not you have any restoration expertise please consider calling in to see what we get up to.

We welcome all sorts of donations, including garden tools and hand sewing machines, so if in doubt, please DON'T throw it out but let us have your unwanted tools and let us decide how they can best be put to good use. Amon on 01749 813239 can collect.

In particular we are currently trying to source the following specialist tools for self-help projects in Africa: angle grinders, cobblers' awls, foot pumps, jig saws, multimeters, lasting pliers, leatherwork scissors, scissors medium and large, skiving knives, slipstones, carpenters' vices, piston ring compressors and welding clamps and gloves.

Our next sale in the Market House will be on Saturday 29th June where, as well as selling a wide variety of good quality refurbished tools, we will be providing delicious refreshments and a raffle. And look out for our marquee at The Oak Fayre at Stock Gaylard, on August Bank Holiday weekend, 24th and 25th August – a great day out for all the family.



CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This year we are celebrating our 35th anniversary, an exceptional achievement. We will be holding 2 events during the weekend 30 May – 2 June 2019, when our guests from Rémalard will be visiting the town.

Everyone is welcomed to the events including NON-MEMBERS.

The events are as follows:

Friday 31 May 12.30 pm at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford – a Celebration 3 course lunch including wine.

Saturday 1 June 7.30 pm at Caryford Hall, Ansford – an evening soirée including buffet, entertainment and bar.

Please come along and join in the fun at either event or indeed both, details available from Pauline Hall, Secretary 01963 31619.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In January many members of the Castle Cary & Ansford Women's Institute attended the funeral of Stella Clothier, who had been a dedicated member of the institute for over 65 years!! She had covered all the officers' roles – President, Secretary and her favourite – Treasurer. Every AGM, the presiding treasurer would have her fingers crossed as Stella scanned the

paperwork of the annual report and when she gave a nod and a smile of approval that she was happy all was correct, every one gave a sigh of relief.

Stella kept us all on the straight and narrow, ensuring that we followed policies and procedures to the letter, she is sorely missed by all.

Our annual Coffee Morning will be held in the Shambles at the Market House in June.

And talking of the Shambles, this is the new venue for our monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month starting prompt at 7.15pm.



ZAMBIA LINKS

The 2019 IntroZambia trip has just returned from Mufulira, our link community in Zambia.

We have been busy. Muleya Winter Primary School is keen to reinvigorate its link with Castle Cary Primary School, although teachers cannot currently visit each other's schools. The "Green Team" at Muleya has chosen "living things" from possible environmental topics suggested by Castle Cary Primary School for joint work in the autumn. Meanwhile Muleya has sent back some of the award-winning items they made from recycled plastic, for display at Castle Cary Primary School, where they recently worked on the same topic.

Mufulira Secondary School's link co-ordinator has come up with three areas of work to share with Ansford Academy. The school's Press Club is creating copy on the challenges facing teenagers in Zambia – comparison with UK would be very interesting; the Wildlife Conservation Club is studying the impact of climate change on Mufulira and how the local community can combat it – and would like to know about the parallels in Somerset. Thirdly, small groups of students studying art and design are creating logos and collection boxes for in-school charities – and will then set up the charities as mini-enterprise groups.

Other members of the IntroZambia group followed up on a variety of projects which there is no space to describe here, including hospital projects run jointly by Mufulira Rotary Club and Brue Valley Rotary Club. Those of us who travelled hope to organise an evening soon to tell you all about everything we did.

[Laura Tilling, tillinglaura@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Tilling,tilinglaura@gmail.com)



BACK PAGE DETAILS

A huge thank you to Lesley Quick who has been updating the information on the back page of the newsletter.

Please check that your details are correct and do remember to contact our deputy clerk, Claire Crainer-Buckley, deputy.town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk if you change any of your information.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- 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 – ansford.clerk@yahoo.com
Ansford Academy – 01963 350895
Bellringing – 01963 350002
Bible Study Group – 01749 860571
British Heart Foundation – 01963 350022
Camelot Rounders – 07969 233760
Care4Cary – 07803 855208//01963 359318
Cary 2000 – 01963 350286
Cary Allotments – 01963 350917
Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) – 07715 510359
Cary Fitness & Leisure – 01963 350600
Cary Comedians Carnival Club – 01963 440472
Cary Conservative Association – 01963 350977
Cary History Society – caryhistosoc@gmail.com
Cary Runners – 01963 350418
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 351220/351057
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 –
01963 351881
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 01963 359573
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 01963 548009
Castle Cary Ceramics Group – 01460 54117
Castle Cary Choir – 01749 830293/07970 039007
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 01963 350841
Castle Cary Football Club – 07968 034929
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 240837
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 350696
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 350275
Greener Cary – 07876 764111
Guide Dogs for the Blind – 01963 350182
Horsepond Restoration Project – 01963 351408
Judo Club – 01749 890308
Liberal Democrats – 01963 350570
Macmillan Cancer Support – 01963 350424/07714
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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
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 33864
Table Tennis Club – 01963 351571
Taekwon-Do Club – 07759 405601
Tiddlywinks – 01963 350341
Together Magazine – 01963 359069
Tools for Self Reliance – 01749 813239
Tourist Information Group – 01963 351763
Toybox Pre-school – 01963 359600
U3A Camelot Area – 01963 33444
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461
Women's Friendly Hour – 01963 350510
Workers' Education Association (WEA) – 01749 860352
Youth Matters – 01963 350160
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