

CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD NEWSLETTER

Winter 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

Our little town is looking lovely in the autumn light, now that skips and building works have abated, all except the scaffolding to the side of the Market House! You will recall that from April 2019 the Town Council took on the long lease of the whole Market House to include the Dance Studio and the Museum. We are currently renewing leases and addressing some much needed exterior work that needed to be completed. Most of this work is funded by an initial dowry given to us by SSDC. We expect the work to be finished by Christmas and hope that the renovated windows, the slightly leaky inaccessible roof work and newly placed signs will last us for many years to come. The responsibility of our much loved grade 2 listed building is highly valued by us all in the town and we hope that we will be able to be responsible custodians for many generations to come.

We currently have a bit of a problem in the children's play area. Every morning our staff take it in turns to pick up litter and specifically examine the grass for broken glass. This became necessary in October and we feel that it is such a risk we must undertake these daily checks. The loo has also been closed again as a result of vandalism. May we also remind all dog owners that dogs should be kept on leads on the Donald Pither Memorial field. Fairfield is where dogs can be taken off their leads.

Last month we had news of some prospective cuts to the Fire Service and two of our Councillors attended an information session. They were able to report that there will be minimal disruption to our local services. We also facilitated a meeting for local parishes to meet the regional director of the South West Ambulance Service to hear how their proposed changes to Ambulance stations are going to impact on our communities. Steve Boucher, County Commander for Somerset and his deputy, Jo Gadsden, updated us on plans to close the Ambulance Station in Castle Cary but they assured us that attendance times for emergency services will remain as they are and could even improve.

Pek has written a planning update and you will read of our genuine distress at the possibility of planning for the 200 houses near the Station going ahead and all the other complexities of planning that we are juggling and responding to weekly.

We recently had an update from South West Waste Partnership regarding recycling and you can sign up for updates on this link: <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/latest-news/>

Alternatively you can pick up a leaflet in the information office, open every morning from 9.30-12 noon. We would like to thank Ange and her Market team for trying to support people without cars to take non kerbside recycling to Dimmer every week. Unfortunately this became untenable because of unwashed plastic and plastic not being sorted. New systems from next year will mean that everything will be collected from the kerb.

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020. VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe. The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events. We will inform you of plans for our town in the next newsletter.

We will shortly be decorating the Market House in time for Big Christmas on 5th December. Our Apple Day decorative lamps have inspired us to use the paper

lampshades again for Christmas along with last year's wreaths.

Although it's cold it's a lovely time of year but not if you are isolated and lonely. If you know of anyone who might need some help this winter please can you let us know at the information desk in the Market House or pop in and visit your neighbour. There are visiting schemes, book schemes and food schemes to be accessed we just need to know who might need a bit of care.

Our lovely caring community is very supportive of

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Mon–Friday 9.30–12.30pm, Sat 9.00–12 noon

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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**.

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anyone in need and we are proud to be residents and Councillors in such a community. It's too early to say Happy Christmas as there's so much to get through before the 25th but enjoy craft fairs, Big Christmas, celebrations, Christmas meals, Church services, family time and of course remember to vote on the 12th December.

Judi Morison



PLANNING MATTERS

You may have noticed large numbers of new houses appearing along Station Road. We now have planning permissions granted for over 600 new dwellings with yet more applications in the pipeline. These will increase our population by around a third. While we welcome some new housing, we feel this number is excessive. Our recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan states that no more permissions should be granted until the existing permissions have been built and are occupied. We are now told that because South Somerset District Council does not have a 5-year land supply we may be obliged by the Government Inspectors to take yet more. This cannot be right; our infrastructure – particularly our roads – are already stretched to the limit. Enough is enough! The latest application is for 200 houses on the field above the station. This is outside the area designated for development. Whatever your views – for or against this application – you can find it, and the comments made by others on the internet: just go to the address at the end of this article. This application is number 19/01840/OUT.

Another problem we have is that developers with existing permissions can – and do – ask for changes to be made to the conditions which are imposed on them when the permission is granted. We have two ongoing examples of this:

1) The 125 house development formerly called Wayside Farm (now mysteriously called Mulberry Meadows!!) would like to reduce the promised number of affordable homes and additionally reduce the amount of S106 money to be paid. This is a fee which is agreed at the outset and which provides money for local infrastructure. In this instance for example, the Caryford Hall development will lose over £60,000. Application number: 19/1840/OUT & 19/02353/DPO

2) The 165-house site between Station Road and Torbay Road which has been bought by Persimmon Homes, is asking to waive a condition which says that after the first 25 houses are built all construction and

residents' traffic will solely exit onto Station Road. The developers want traffic to additionally be able to enter and leave via Torbay Road . . . But where will it go to? Torbay Road is already congested with a pinch point in the middle and South Cary Lane and the Barrow Road are largely single track. That leaves Blackworthy Road which leads onto the B3153 which as we all know has huge problems due to lorries and other HGVs from Dimmer and elsewhere. Application number 15/02347/OUT (*Section 73 application to vary conditions 15 & 22 of permission 15/02347/OUT in relation to pedestrian, cycle & vehicular traffic*).

And as for Foxes Run – you may know we lost the Appeal and it now has planning permission for 27 houses. We did our best to stop this, as it meant opening the cul-de-sac of Brookfields and yet more traffic on Torbay Road and in Mill Lane. We took advice from a top-level planning barrister who told us that we had no hope of overturning the Appeal in the High Court, but that we should ensure that the conditions imposed by the Inspector were carried out to the letter. This we did by means of a lawyer's letter to the South Somerset Planning Department and to Somerset County Council. Foxes Run is now up for sale. . .

We are not telling you what to think or say about the above, but we would like to urge you, if you feel strongly about any of this, to let the District Council Planning Department know. Letters, particularly if there are lots of them, really do make a difference.

To access the District Council's planning website: <https://publicaccess.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-applications>

For those without computers, the paper plans can be viewed in the clerks' office at the Market House on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10–12 or by appointment.

The Town Council is extremely grateful to Care4 Cary, retired planners, lawyers and other supportive residents, who have come forward to help us with these knotty issues and to those who have helped by giving money to pay for legal advice.



SUSTAINABILITY & CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

Since our declaration of a Climate Change Emergency in July 2019 the Town Council has drafted an **Environmental Policy** that will go to Committee in early January 2020.

This recognises that we can set an example of best practice for living & working sustainably as the Local Authority & therefore act as a catalyst encouraging &

supporting everyone in the local community to do the same so that we all embed sustainable living practices into all our everyday decision-making and so make living more sustainably the norm and the right way to do things.

We aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, by developing a strategy, targets and action plans, reviewing and reporting progress at regular intervals.

Here are some examples of where we are already working more sustainably in the following key areas:

- **Energy** – Targeting the purchase of green energy and investigating the levels of insulation in all our buildings.
- **Waste** – Generating less waste by reducing our use of paper and increasing our paperless transactions. We are recycling more and informing services when our waste needs collecting rather than unnecessary waste collections by heavy vehicles congesting the town.
- **Travel** – Minimising the use of travel for all staff and Councillors by encouraging car sharing and healthier walking where possible.
- **Water** – Investigating the use of an 'app' to promote water refilling in the Market House when it is open.
- **Biodiversity** – Requiring contractors not to use harmful glyphosates, encouraging the upkeep of flora and fauna in all our open spaces, including new residential developments.
- **Procurement** – Purchasing sustainable supplies of paper, eco products for cleaning and purchasing, where possible, from local suppliers.
- **Safe Practices** – Ensuring that all staff teams and contractors use materials that are safe to our environment.
- **Financial** – Investing the precept in banks with ethical practices.
- **Planning** – Using the SSDC Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan to demand higher standards from developers regarding materials, electric car charging points and better environmental standards into the homes and spaces they build.

Within the wider community

We are working together to support and empower the many individuals, groups, businesses, and organisations which are working towards more sustainable lifestyles. In financially contributing to local groups and services we aim to keep the provision of services such as the Library, the High Street shops, the Tuesday Market, and support access to services further away through the CAT bus.

Within our local community there are many environmental groups such as beekeeping, community gardening for all ages and projects to reduce the use of single use plastic.

We are linking with South Somerset District Council & Somerset County Council initiatives to feed into their environmental strategies and consultations.

This article is a summary of our full report given to Greener Cary on 7th November 2019; if you would like an e-copy of the report please email deputy.town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk



FAIRFIELD

Several things have happened over the last couple of months on Fairfield so I thought I would just update everyone.

The fair visited and was very successful. Yes, a rather muddy field was left at the end but this is a field and we all agreed that the fair should continue to come. The fair people and the town and parish Councils will level the areas that are very muddy in the spring and sow some seed and “Voila” we will be back to normal for a field.

The Friends of Fairfield have spent time preparing the ground for a wildflower garden. This is at the top of the field near Ansford church. Nick Mann from Habitat Aid, an expert in meadow planting, has helped us and donated the seeds. Now we must just wait to see what appears next spring and summer. Establishing a wildflower garden is a long process and this may take a couple of years so please be patient!!

Next month we will be planting a mini orchard just below the Ansford gate. Just six trees but these have been donated and we will receive help from Tia Cusden with the planting. A big thank you to both Nick and Tia for their support.

Finally, the Friends of Fairfield have spent time putting the field to bed for the winter, a bit of pruning and collecting rubbish and we will be installing a water butt near the sensory garden in the next few weeks.

Keep a look out in the New Year for news of activities on Fairfield and we hope you will all continue to enjoy using this community space.



ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Last month, after a three year stint as Parish Clerk, we bade a fond farewell to Gordon McCarthy and wish him well in his next venture. In his place, we are pleased to announce that Angela Roberts has now

taken over the reins and is already busy assisting parishioners with queries, and with planning and housing development matters, that constitutes an increasing amount of time within our parish. Please note the contact details in the Ansford Parish Council box display.

We are currently considering a couple of new planning applications in the vicinity of Castle Cary railway station, both of which appear to offer significant and very welcome benefits to our community and we will make the plans available for all to view. For convenience, they can be seen at the Market House, in association with Castle Cary Town Council.

You may have seen that recent gardening works at Fairfield have been taking place, mostly to do with clearing areas of shrubbery and pruning of overgrowth along the boundary. This rather laborious work has also uncovered some old, rusty rolls of barbed wire, so we are at least making good progress, and our grateful thanks go to the Friends of Fairfield who gave their time and effort to keep this important public amenity in a good and safe condition. If you would like to join in with some spare-time gardening mini projects, then please contact Ansford or Castle Cary Council’s for further details on how you could get involved.

Next year, we would like to clear up much of the overgrowth along the gully area, but careful to keep

ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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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

disturbance to wildlife and the natural environment, to the absolute minimum. In the meantime, we are actively looking at making improvements to the final footpath link connecting Station Road to Fairfield, to provide a hard surface on the route adjacent to the southern boundary of the Weavers Fields housing development, that is nearing completion.

Angela Roberts, Ansford Parish Clerk



SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS

Following on from the success of our third Honey Show at the Market House, we will be running a six week beekeeping theory class in January and February 2020. The idea is to give beginners the knowledge which they will need to keep their own bees. The classes will be held at Ansford Academy on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00pm and will each last for about two hours including a tea break. The dates have yet to be confirmed but we anticipate that the classes will begin on 14 January 2020. There is a fee of £36. If you are interested, please contact Les Kimberley on 07855899257.



BOWLS CLUB

We had a very good season this year, winning the Mixed League, a very fine achievement and a first for Castle Cary; we were also runners-up in our other leagues. About 20 members went to Yeovil Golf Club on 19 October where our Captain, Steve Anderson, was presented with the Mixed League Shield and Cup. The autumn green work has been completed and the green 'put to bed' for the winter. The green still gets a light cut from time to time as specified by our Green Team. Other work continues to keep the surrounds looking good.

Over the winter we have a full programme of social events to enable members to meet up and enjoy a chat etc. The events currently scheduled include a quiz night, another Coffee Morning and monthly Sunday Lunches. Next month we have our Annual General Meeting when there will be a new President taking over and possible changes to our Committee.

Castle Cary Bowls Club always welcomes new members; therefore, should you be interested in joining us, take a look at our website www.castlecarybowlsclub.moonfruit.com.



CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

After two years of hard fundraising and the generosity of a few kind supporters, Cary Comedians were able to bring out their generator float "Startrekking", winning all Comic Feature competitions in the Wessex GP circuit and being placed 5th at Bridgwater and 3rd at North Petherton in the County Guy Fawkes circuit – a tremendous effort considering that their dressed tractor could not be used. A new engine was installed but more engine parts were needed for which another £3000 has to be raised. Sad as this might be, the spirit of our club members remains high and, of course, more members are needed for the future of the club. Ages range from 16 to 68 – a great mix of youth and experience. The pleasure of learning new skills and keeping the unique tradition of carnival in Castle Cary is enduring.

Most will know the great reputation of Cary's "Family Friendly Carnival" with floats, masqueraders, bands, majorettes and other unique performances by circus performers, samba bands, etc, together with Ansford and Cary Academy's new club which has to be applauded. We all miss the Britannia Carnival Club but their memory is cherished, so please keep our Cary Comedians strong and support carnival in any way you can. Thank you.

Gordon Stockman



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CARYFORD COMMUNITY HALL

We are almost there! By the time you read this, we will be days away from having a brand new kitchen with underfloor heating, and a dedicated store for our cleaner. We hope you like the improvements!

We are hugely grateful to all Hall users for being so understanding and bearing with us throughout the work, and to the contractor, F J Reeves, for going out of their way to accommodate us.

The handover date is 13th December and, once we have moved everything into the new kitchen, the existing one will be stripped out and used as a temporary meeting room. It will take us a week or so to sort everything out but certainly by the New Year it will be business as usual. Look out for details of the special events we will be putting on at the Hall as a thank you to everyone.

Does this mean we are sitting on our laurels? Not at all. We are already pressing ahead with fundraising and grant applications for phase 2, which will be the extension for the new meeting room(s), store and new ladies toilets. Our target is to start work on this next summer. Please help us if you can. Would you put on an event for us, a coffee morning or suchlike? Every little bit helps.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you again for your understanding!

Liz Middleton (01963 351220)
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Somerset Potato Day

**Caryford Hall
Ansford, Castle Cary**

JANUARY 19th 2020
10.30am – 1.30pm

This annual event for gardeners offers a vast range of seed potatoes, heritage seeds, onion sets, shallots, rhubarb crowns and a lot more under one roof.

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CARYFORD HALL FUND**

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CEMETERY CHAPEL

Many of you will be aware that **The Friends of the Cemetery Chapel** have been working on a tapestry project. Their goal is to brighten up the inside of the chapel. Whilst the inside of the chapel has been beautifully restored, the east wall, where the altar cloth used to hang (before the chapel became non-denominational) was rather bare but will not be for much longer.

Our goal is four tapestry panels each showing Glastonbury Tor during the four seasons of the year. We themed the tapestries around the Tor as that is the view you see from the cemetery. Our four tapestry ladies: Gillian Sinclair, Sue Begg, Liz Anderson and Ann Simon are working hard. Autumn and Winter are nearly finished. Our goal is to be completed by next spring ready for an unveiling ceremony. There is still the opportunity to have a tapestry dedicated to the memory of a loved one.

For those of you who have not visited the chapel and cemetery yet, it's worth the effort for the view alone. The chapel is open to visitors at weekends and bank holidays from 10am–4pm. As you might expect, the chapel is used for committals, but is also available for small meetings and gatherings. There is car parking, power comes from a small wind turbine and solar panels and, to add to its green credentials, there is a very smart compost loo.

We are looking for more Friends (volunteers); if you are interested in joining us to help look after the Cemetery Chapel we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Friend, dedicating a tapestry or booking the chapel please call Charles Simon on 01963 350276.

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CERAMICS GROUP

Our first meeting after the August break on 3rd September was an illustrated talk by Richard Dennis on “William de Morgan in My Life”. On 1st October Brian Allacker spoke about “Bovey Tracey and the Rogers Connection”; on 5th November Angela Howard on “From Canton to the City: Export Porcelain for London”. The Group's AGM will be held on 3rd December 2019 in the Methodist Church Hall at 2 pm, followed by a talk by David Pendergast on “Elijah Mayer: Under Appreciated Master”, followed by the usual Christmas fare provided by members.

We have no meeting in January and August 2020. Our meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday in

the month (except after Monday bank holidays) at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Upper North Street, Castle Cary.

Our annual subscription for members is £30 covering ten meetings. Guests pay £5 per meeting, including tea and biscuits. Visitors are most welcome, but we hope they will become subscribing members of our friendly group. You do not need to know about ceramics – just have an interest.

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



CASTLE CARY CHOIR

Our **Christmas concerts** are always a joyous affair with a programme of Christmas songs, including seasonal favourites and some new arrangements, along with some light hearted Christmas readings. As always the audience will be invited to join in singing some carols.

We hope you can join us at our annual carol concert in **Castle Cary** which will be on **Friday 13th December** at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, North Street, Castle Cary. Programmes £8 on the door – refreshments included. Fundraising for the Methodist Church and the choir.

We will also be singing at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Peter St, **Shepton Mallet**, BA4 5BL on **Friday 6th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 available on the door, or via the Parish Office, Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BL – 01749 342163. There will be refreshments during the interval. Fundraising for the church re-ordering project.

We are now taking bookings for 2020, so if you need to do some fundraising for your church or favourite charity, maybe we could sing for you? 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.



The Recycling BLUE BOX . . .

. . . is still at the Market House Information Office ready to receive:

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

CARY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY (CATS)

February 2020 production – ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’

From Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd February 2020, CATS brings you the fast-paced and highly amusing musical, ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’.

Two con men, a beautiful woman and the elite of the French Riviera collide in this sexy and irreverent farce. Based on the popular 1988 MGM film, the musical version of ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’ takes us to the French Riviera for high jinks and hilarity. Sophisticated, suave with a good dash of mischief, this hysterical comedy features a delightfully jazzy score by David Yazbek. Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother’s failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together, only to find that this small French town isn’t big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress Christine Colgate, wins, and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’ is a fun, fast-paced musical guaranteed to give audiences a really enjoyable night’s entertainment.

The show runs from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd February 2020 at Ansford Academy, Castle Cary, starting each evening at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available from January 2020. Look out for posters around town and local areas, and details in the next newsletter.

We hope to see you at the show and promise you won’t be disappointed.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD

We are concerned that Together Magazine is struggling, and in need of more help, we trust more people have found time to help.

Churches Together Committee are anxious that people in the community are more aware of foodbank arrangements in town. Food donations can be taken to South Cary House, and vouchers are given from Millbrook surgery for the foodbank in Shepton Mallet.

We have lots of events when we hope you will join us, leading to Christmas and then in the New Year.

Share a mince pie at **The Big Christmas**, Thursday 5th December.

The **Combined Carol Service** is Sunday 15th December, 4pm, hosted by the Methodist Church, but in All Saints' due to the lift problems, an example of our churches really "working together!" The **Crib Service** will be on Saturday 21st December.

In 2020, an **Agape Meal** will take place on 22nd January, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th–25th January.

On Sunday 23rd February, a joint service to launch the **Lent Appeal** will take place at 11 am at the Methodist Church. Our chosen charity is C.A.P., Christians Against Poverty.

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CHRISTIAN AID

Many events make it to the headlines and then disappear the next day. But not for the people involved. Cyclone Bulbul hit Bangladesh and India early in November this year. Over 1.8 million people were affected in Bangladesh alone. Over 70,000 homes were damaged and powerlines were brought down.

This may have disappeared from the British headlines but it hasn't gone off Christian Aid's agenda. Together with other agencies Christian Aid is working there to bring help where it's needed. As it is in many parts of the world.

Christian Aid works with local partner organisations, not by giving money to governments, whether it's emergency relief or development projects. Christian Aid works with locals who often have a better idea of what's needed than people in a remote office somewhere.

Here in Castle Cary we are not doing local fundraising this Christmas but you can still support

Christian Aid's work. You can donate online at christianaid.org.uk, send a cheque to Christian Aid Bristol, Stoke Gifford Baptist Church, BS34 8PF, or pass it to me and I'll make sure your donation gets to the right place.

And for Christmas, how about giving someone a goat? Or a pair of chickens? Or mosquito nets? Find out more at charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk

David Osborne



CINEMA IN CARYFORD

It's hard to believe that we are going into our seventh year of films for Cinema in Caryford. On January 28th we hope to be showing Downtown Abbey, just the right film for a chilly winter evening. I have seen it and it is a great show, with some wonderful lines for Maggie Smith. We have to confirm the booking with Moviola, but, fingers crossed it will be fine. Watch for the yellow posters.

Then on February 25th, The Good Liar, March 31st, Official Secrets and on April 28th The Souvenir.

We are being charged a little more by Moviola so, for the first time, we are increasing our ticket prices, just by 50p! From January £5.50 in advance and £6.50 at the door.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Tessa and Jeannie



CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE CARY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Christmas Books. We'll have a special selection of Christmas books for both adults and children on the shelves during December. Wonderful recipe books, ideas for decorations, and stories of all sorts.

Book Sale. We'll be having a book sale in the Library at Cary's Big Christmas on Thursday 5th December, 5.30pm–8.30pm – many people have generously donated good quality and nearly new books of all sorts to sell to raise money for library improvements.

Story Time. Our Friday sessions for babies and pre-schoolers are now scheduled for 9.30am – 10am, so that parents delivering older children to school can come straight on to Story Time with the younger ones. After the session your child can have fun choosing books to take home – they're never too young for the library habit!

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours.

Variations to usual opening hours:

Christmas Eve – open 10am to 1pm; closed 2pm – 4.30pm

Christmas Day and Boxing Day – closed

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th December – open as usual.

Tuesday 31st Dec (New Year's Eve) – open as usual except closed at 4pm

Wednesday 1st January – closed

Friday 3rd January and thereafter – open as usual.

Come in to choose your Christmas reading – we'd love to see you – if you're not a member bring proof of your address and we'll sign you up!

Home Library Service. If you'd like to join our little band of people delivering books to housebound people please call in at the library or ring 07579 049109



CASTLE CARY CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is well and truly over now and winter is upon us.

The season ended very well for Castle Cary Cricket Club with the 1st X1 finishing first in their division which means that they have been promoted to Division 3 next year.

The 2nd X1 finished 5th in their division and will be remaining in Division 7 South next season.

The Annual General Meeting has taken place and we have a few new faces who have taken on the responsibility of running the club.

If there is anyone interested, or parents with children who would like to join the club, we would be very pleased to see them as new players are always welcome.

M.W.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CASTLE CARY

Castle Cary Town Council and Millbrook Surgery are currently working together to officially recognise Castle Cary as a Dementia Friendly Town and to become part of a wider dementia friendly neighbourhood with our local towns and villages.

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. The aim is to enable our community to support people living with dementia and their families within the town, and the wider area.

We will be inviting all local people, groups and businesses to attend a short Dementia Friends information session 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. Our aim is to raise awareness and an understanding of the problems individuals face. We will keep you posted via Facebook etc. about when these sessions will take place.

If you, or anyone you know, is suffering with memory loss or dementia, there is now a Memory Café on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at Cary Brook Residential Home in Castle Cary from 10.30–12.30pm. It provides an informal meeting place for information and support as well as the opportunity to have coffee and a chat, as well as enjoying quizzes, flexercise and fun. Please encourage anyone you know with memory problems to attend. We are also looking for any local volunteers who would like to help at the café.

Contact Steph at Millbrook Surgery 01963 350210 or Philippa Biddlecombe 01963 359320 or Julie Woan at the Alzheimer's Society 01458 251 541 for more details.



CASTLE CARY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

As we leave the season of mellow fruitfulness and head into the winter, it's difficult to think about gardening. But now is the time to start dreaming. Those plant and seed catalogues with their seductive photographs and promises of summer abundance need closer scrutiny, preferably whilst tucked into a comfy chair with a hot drink.

Our last meeting of the year is on a **Wednesday December 4th**, instead of the usual Thursday due to Cary's Big Christmas. We meet in the church rooms beneath the Methodist Chapel in North Street. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments followed by the talk at 7.30pm. This month we have a **Winter Hanging Basket demonstration** by Castle Gardens. We will also be selling next year's membership programme, still only £7, with which members qualify for discretionary discounts at Dave Marsh Hardware and Julian Shave. If you want to visit us you are very welcome for only £2 on the night.

January has no meeting but the members New Year Lunch is on January 18th. And on Sunday

January 19th we will be at **Pennard Plants Potato Day** up at Caryford Hall.

Thursday February 6th is our opening meeting of the year and we start with the energetic and enthusiastic **Paul Stickland** from **Black Shed Flower Farm**, a field of English flowers growing just outside Sherborne! It's a beautiful place and open to the public in the summer.

All details on <http://ccga.btck.co.uk> or contact ccgardeningsassociation@gmail.com



GREENER CARY

We have had quite an active time recently with the fair on 14th September and an open meeting on 7th November

The fair was a great success, lots of residents came along and heard from a number of speakers on a short history of climate change, what we can each do in our own homes to be more environmentally engaged and from one of our local farmers about what they are doing to improve the wellbeing of their land and livestock.

Thanks to your support and the support of our sponsors we raised over £400 to help us to fund future initiatives.

The open meeting in November was attended by some 40 people developing the themes of what each of us can do to improve our sustainability.

Upcoming events – Entry is free

Make your vote count – All Saints' Church, 3rd December 2019, 7.30: *Greener Issues Question Time*. Come along and hear what prospective candidates for the parliamentary election have to say on Sustainability and Environmental Issues. Get inquisitive and ask them those challenging questions.

25th January, 10.30–13.00: The Market Place, Coffee Morning – workshops – how you can reduce your use of plastics, reuse your old clothes to make useful things for the house.

What can I do to become greener?

One Planet Living provide a simple guide to what we as individuals can do to make a difference. See the box above summarising what can be readily achieved.



Reduce Consumption ~ Reuse and repair ~ Recycle wisely

Seven things which will make a difference:

- Stay on the ground – if you do have to fly, offset your carbon use
- Switch to a green energy supplier, reduce consumption, insulate to retain
- Eat Local and seasonal, from sources which are sustainable
- Consume less and better
- Refuse to buy things that are overly packaged or from unsustainable sources. Reduce consumption; Reuse things or repurpose them; Recycle things which you cannot use (eg freecycle or recycling facilities)
- Use your voice
- Get active eg **Greener Cary**



CASTLE CARY MACMILLAN FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We have had a busy Summer of fundraising – collecting, baking cakes and serving tea and coffee. Generous visitors to the Antiques Fair at the Bath and West showground donated a massive £832, we raised £173 at the recent Vintage Fair in Castle Cary and we are still thrilled that the Big Coffee morning held at the Market House at the end of September raised an astounding £1200. Thank you to everyone who came along – we really appreciate your support in whatever way you feel you can help.

Our next major event will be the Big Quiz in February 2020 so look out for the publicity and do book a place for your team to come along to eat, drink and enjoy the quiz. It's a fabulous evening. We will also be carol singing at the Big Christmas on December 5th so look out for us and do join in!

We are always looking for volunteers with ideas for fundraising so if you would like to get involved call Janet Loe on 07714 030813 or email castlecarymacmillan@gmail.com. We will be in touch. We are also keen to hear from anyone who has a few hours to spare to collect at local venues.

Somerset benefits greatly from Macmillan Cancer Support so thank you all for continuing to fundraise with us.



CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD BIG CHRISTMAS

Shop 'til you drop – Eat – Sing – Dance – Smile

At

BIG CHRISTMAS

Thursday 5 December 2019

5.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Grand opening with the Primary School procession

The shops and local businesses will be open until late

The Anonymous Travelling Market plus Tuesday market stalls will be there

A variety of charity and local organisations are attending

Plenty of street food and drink to enjoy

A Big Raffle

Masses of entertainment including carol singing, majorettes, The Hillbillies, Morris dancing, Wincanton Silver Band and more

The arrival of Father Christmas in Castle Cary

CASTLE CARY IS THE PLACE TO BE ON 5 DECEMBER

Local roads will be closed to traffic from 4.00 pm – 10.00 pm

MARIE CURIE

Could you be a Marie Curie Helper or Companion?

Marie Curie are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset. The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people in your area living with a terminal illness. This includes visiting them at home, going out with them, or talking to them over the phone. The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life. These volunteers give around three hours each week and provide companionship, comfort and emotional support for people on the hospital wards as well as family and friends who are visiting them. All services are completely free to the terminally ill person and full training and travelling expenses are given for all volunteers. If you are interested please phone 0800 3047400 or email southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk

MARKET

You will be pleased to hear that the rentals from the **TUESDAY MARKET** continue to make a good net profit, which in turn is used for Town/Community expenditure that benefits all. Our regular Stallholders have continued to give us amazingly good attendance, come rain or shine, and a “thank you” for that, and for your custom, is in order! Also the addition of Casual Stallholders has added interest and the welcome they receive is appreciated. I frequently hear from many of them how friendly and buzzy Cary is on a Tuesday.

As some of you know we offered an added, voluntary, plastic collection service on Tuesdays which ran in tandem with the “plastic-free”, **Greener Cary Policy**. This was to help those who were unable to get to Dimmer, while we awaited the new kerb-side collection, which will include this type of recyclable plastic. Unfortunately, after a year or more, we have had to stop this service as drivers were pulling up, dumping unwashed containers, without visiting the Market! Our apologies to those genuinely in need.



NETBALL

Established in 2018, the Cary Rangers are a friendly group of ladies who all share an interest in playing netball, keeping active and having fun.

We train every Thursday evening, 7.30–9.00 pm at Caryford Leisure Centre. Weekly subs are £3.50/£2.00 for students and the first session is free for newcomers.

New faces are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please call/text Lydia on 07903 244213 or simply turn up to training. Everyone aged 14+ is welcome from beginners to experienced players.



RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

As of 11th September 2019, 2nd Castle Cary Rainbows and 4th Castle Cary Brownies are up and running. We meet every Wednesday from 5pm til 6.15pm for Rainbows and 5pm til 7pm for Brownies. Group leader Lynzey and group helper Kelly would like to welcome all girls aged between 5 years to 10 years. Call or text Lynzey on 07985 246833 or register on www.girlguiding.org.uk and someone will be in touch. Hope to meet you soon.



CARY RAMBLERS GROUP

The mid-July walk was around Fivehead Village through woods, ordinary pasture and hay meadows rich with wild flowers and butterflies (RSPB land). We enjoyed panoramic views from Pynsent Monument across West Sedgemoor and beyond, and Swell Manor and its tiny ancient church provided our last stop before returning to Fivehead.

Our end of July walk started just outside Polsham, skirting Coxley, heading up to Wookey round the sewage works (!) then over ‘one-tree-hill’ with beautiful views.

At the end of August we walked over Fontmell Down and Nature Reserve through Compton Abbas returning via Melbury Hill, a chalk downland with far-reaching views and an abundance of wild flowers and butterflies.

The mid-September walk circumnavigated Portland with extensive views ending in Tout Quarry sculpture park. At the end of September we started at Odd Down Park & Ride and walked towards South Stoke/Midford. Joining a track-bed of the former Somerset and Dorset Railway we reached Bath city centre and proceeded alongside the River Avon towards Green Park Station for tea.

In early October we started from Oakhill, taking coffee at Maesbury Castle with fine views from the ramparts before climbing up Beacon Hill whose wooded slopes are reached via the ancient Roman Fosse Way. The end of October walk involved a 5-minute train journey to Bruton, then up the Coombe valley to the top of Lamyatt Beacon. We descended to Wyke Champflower before crossing the Brue valley towards Ansford.

Early November we walked through parkland, woodland, farmland, orchards and villages, covering part of the Monarch’s Way and through Dinton and Teffont Magna.

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.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

I would like to say a big Thank You to everybody who helped, participated and was so generous in donating to this year’s Poppy Appeal. As first time organisers, the committee were astonished at the displays made in many shops in town and the time given by the hardy street collectors. But the biggest thank you must go to everybody who donated. It will take a little while to count the donations and the final figure will be posted when known. But in the meantime – THANK YOU CASTLE CARY.

There is a new Royal British Legion Committee which consists of Simon Bebbington as Chairman, Martin Steiner as Treasurer and Philippa Biddlecombe as Secretary. We are still finding our feet and working out what we should be doing! – but will try to keep everybody updated by posting on both the Cary facebook page and the CC town website.



CARY RUNNERS

Cary Runners meet each Monday at 18.30, usually at the George Hotel during the winter months for a 5-8 km (3-5 miles) run. We are a small group of local runners who enjoy each other's company while jogging around Cary's streets and the surrounding country lanes. We are not an official club and therefore do not have any fees; you just need to turn up to become part of the group. Many people mistakenly believe that they are not fit or fast enough to join Cary Runners, but we have a wide range of abilities and we ensure that our "runs" are suitable for everyone. If you can run, however slowly, 5 km, you're fit and fast enough to join us. Note that during the dark evenings all runners must bring a torch and wear some hi-viz gear. If you would like to join us check our Facebook site (www.facebook.com/groups/caryrunners) or call Dave Boyer (01963 350418 / 07903 276315) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761) for more information.

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SOUTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT (CAT BUS)

Appealing to any business or individual who may be able to offer some financial support, either a one-off donation or on-going sponsorship, to get in touch on 01963 34594; alternatively we now have a donate button on our website address – southsomersetringride.org.uk.

We are a registered charity delivering a local minibus service that fills a void in transport to Wincanton and the surrounding villages. We help people of all ages who are unable to access service transport, some because they live in isolated rural areas so it doesn't run through their village or others because they have disabilities which make it impossible for them to use. We offer these people a life-line, enabling them to continue to live independently for longer whilst also helping them to overcome the loneliness and isolation of being stuck indoors with no means of escape. It's difficult for us to imagine how that must feel while we have our cars on the drive ready for any event, or the ability to walk or run to the service buses should the need arise.

It is easy to overlook the need for this service when we ourselves or our loved ones don't need it. But one day we or our friends/relations may need it, but if we don't support it now there is a good chance it will not be here for them/us.

We are constantly applying for funding. Unfortunately, many of the big funds are based in cities, so the people making the decision of whether or not to support us don't understand the rural issues regarding transport. They are able to step out of their front doors straight onto some form of transport, so totally missing the essential need for accessible transport in rural areas. Hence, I am sending this email to local businesses in the hope that being local you are able to understand the desperate need for accessible transport in and around this beautiful, but often hard to reach area.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this article. I hope that you may feel able to offer some form of support.

Jayne McDougall, SSCAT Operations Manager
Tel. 01963 34594, Email sscatbus@gmail.com
Website: southsomersetringride.org.uk

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TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Tools for Self Reliance is a national charity which supports self-help projects in African countries, thus enabling people to earn a livelihood using the tools and training we provide.

The Cary group is a cheerful collection of men and women who meet every term-time Tuesday in the D & T building at Ansford Academy to restore and repair a wide variety of tools, including Singer sewing machines. 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 do – and maybe even joining us!

We welcome all sorts of donations, including garden tools and hand sewing machines, so when you're clearing out your shed or workshop and come across something unwanted please DON'T throw it out. You can let us have any unwanted tools and we'll decide how best to put them to good use. Some (eg electrical tools) are not suitable for Africa but can be sold to raise funds for shipping and training. Amon on 01749 813239 will collect.

Look out for us at the Potato Day on the morning of 19th January in Caryford Hall, where we'll mainly be selling garden tools. And our next sale on the forecourt of Castle Cary Market House will be on Saturday 21st March where we will have a wide variety of good quality refurbished items.

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TWINNING ASSOCIATION

After two very successful exchanges in Castle Cary and Ansford and Rémalard in Normandy, France, to celebrate 35 years of Twinning, we are now planning for events in 2019 and 2020.

We will end 2019 with an Annual Quiz on 14th December at Caryford Hall, Maggs Lane, Ansford, with a Fish and Chip supper. Cost £10.

Please let Lesley Quick know on 01963 359248 if you would like to join a team or make up a table of 6. Please bring your own drink, glasses, plates and cutlery, 7 for 7.30pm. Numbers in by 2nd December.

The Annual Members/friends lunch is on 12th January 2020, venue to be decided.

The AGM will be on 25th March at the Shambles (Castle Cary Market House) at 7.30pm followed by drinks and nibbles.

Our next exchange will be during Easter 2021.



WILDLIFE TRUST

We are looking forward to the following talks this Winter:

Tuesday 3 December Somerset Wildlife Trust Talk on **'Better Birding'** by Mike Langman, who will tell us how to improve our nature watching skills. Bring a pencil and paper to get the most out of the evening. Talk starts at 8pm at Caryford Hall. Tea, coffee and mince pies from 7.30pm. There will also be a fundraising raffle. Entry £3 adults, children free.

There is no talk on the first Tuesday of January because of New Year.

Tuesday 4 February Somerset Wildlife Trust Talk on **'Britain's Ancient Forests – Lore and Legacy'** by Julian Hight, author and photographer. Talk starts at 8pm at Caryford Hall. Tea and coffee from 7.30pm. Entry £3 adults, children free.

Tuesday 3 March, John Dickson of the Somerset Wildlife Trust's Reptile and Amphibian Group will talk about the **Mendip Ponds Projects**.



GENTLE WINTER WALKS

In December we will walk only on Thursday 5th December. Meet at the Market House at 2pm to join in this short walk on hard-surfaced paths and pavements. We might end up somewhere special for our tea. We'll leave out the walk on 19th December as it is very near Christmas.

In the New Year our first two walks will be 2nd January and 16th January, then we continue in that pattern of the first and third Thursday of the month. Do make a resolution to walk more in the New Year, and join us.

Laura Tilling, who leads the walks, is looking for more people to be leaders so that we could offer a greater variety of walks, to suit people of different abilities. Do ring her on 01963 351461 if you could help.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Although the nights are drawing in, we still hold our monthly meetings in The Shambles at the Market House, 7.15pm every third Tuesday of each month.

If you were passing by in September we apologise for the raucous laughter and the antics, as you may have seen us trying some burlesque moves, albeit none too raunchy, but a shimmy and a grind here and there. Even trying some fan movements, what great fun you can have at the WI!!

In October we quietened down and became more lady-like with a talk about Somerset churches and chapels. What a contrast.

Sadly once again another member has recently passed away – well known local lady Jean Barnes. We affectionately recall the year she celebrated her 90th birthday: as a WI we went out for a fish and chip celebration supper and although she was the oldest, Jean was the only one who managed a pudding.

We look forward to our annual Christmas meal which we plan to have at The Orchard in Galhampton.

The first meeting for 2020 on January 28th is a talk from Dementia Champion Stephanie Agbo, with the plan that all our Institute members become Dementia friends, hoping to encourage Castle Cary to be a dementia friendly town.

If you wish to come and see what the WI is all about just pop into The Shambles one Tuesday night.



ZAMBIA

Young People from Mufulira find their voice.

When I was in in Zambia last year, students at Mufulira Secondary School wrote me something for the young people here – young people’s worries are the same the world over, even though the context in which they live might be very different. Contact me for the full text of these short extracts, tillinglaura@gmail.com.

The school’s Press Club wrote about teenagers’ feelings.

“The feeling of being free engulfs them. But truly even as they seek it, it becomes their greatest prison. Imprisoning to the conformities of society. The inability to be free suffocates them sending them into a mountain of rage. So what is slavery? Is it bondage? Servitude? Serfdom? and if yes, then to what exactly is the Zambian teenager enslaved? Imagine asking yourself, do we exist to live or we live to exist?”

“I am the Zambian Teenager. Chained by my own past, suppressed by the system and choked by societal rules”

Climate change is hitting Zambia hard already. The school’s Wildlife Conservation Club writes:

“Our town has not been left from the impact of climate change. We realize that the personal lifestyle changes that we youths of Mufulira make; can help reduce our carbon foot print. Although our club is still in its infancy, we are already preaching to ourselves that we should be aware of the products we eat, wear, work, play with and even sleep on as these are the major contributors to pollution which leads to climate change.”



ZAMBIA LADIES RUGBY 7's 2020

What excitement... In August of 2020 TWO ladies’ teams are being sponsored to compete in the Zambian 7’s tournament held at Mufulira Rugby Club and open to entrants from Zambia and other sub-Saharan African countries.

Following a selection process, the teams chosen are our local Yeovil Ladies and Thamesians based in Twickenham. They both approached this opportunity with such enthusiasm and passion that we could not differentiate and hence we are taking two and not one team as originally proposed.

These teams will not only play in the tournament,

but will also play a XV’s game against Mufulira Leopardesses for the Kay Booker Trophy. Kay was a Castle Cary girl who not only played the game but sat on the board of Women’s Rugby Football Union. She sadly died 10 years ago.

In addition to the games, both teams will have a programme of events, visiting schools sharing skills and enthusiasm and hospitals.

Playing rugby has enriched the lives of the Zambian ladies and helped them grow in confidence and attain a greater level of self-esteem and respect.

We aim to provide a very special cultural and sporting exchange, which will lay foundations for further visits and friendships. We are still hoping to attract more help by way of sponsorship or donations to ensure that this is a valuable trip for all.

Any enquiries to wendysilver@talktalk.net.



SPARK 

SOMERSET

INSPIRING COMMUNITIES

Environmental Awareness is a key current issue.

This is a great time to get involved in the many environmental volunteering opportunities available. We have opportunities ranging from recycling, to outdoor conservation, to Forest School and picking/packing vegetable boxes! These are ideal ways to volunteer in your local community doing something you feel passionate about.

Whatever your motivation, contact us to find out how you could get involved in volunteering. We have lots of other general volunteering opportunities available too.

volunteer@sparksomerset.org.uk

Tel 01460 202970

#beaspark – #give a little, change a lot



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 – 01963 350968
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 – caryhistsoc@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 Community Library – 07579 049109
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 and Brownies – 07985 246833
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
National Blood Transfusion – 01963 350279
Parson Woodforde Society – www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk
Plastic Wise – plasticwisecastlecary@gmail.com
Red Cross – 01963 350830
RoadPeace – 01963 359044
Rogue mma – 07738 599670
Rotary Club (Brue Valley) – 07767 488719
Royal British Legion – 01963 548009
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