

Castle Cary & Ansford Community

NEWSLETTER



Summer 2021 Issue



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Castle Cary Town Council

As we go forward in the roadmap to recovery our community coffee mornings are re-starting. For new residents, our large numbers of community groups take the opportunity to raise money for their organisations on most Saturday mornings in the Market House Undercroft and on the Cobbles in fine weather. Our organisations and clubs are listed on the back page of our newsletter and often they will advertise their events with a banner on the Market House. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and meet new people whilst they drink fairly traded coffee, tea and eat delicious homemade cakes. We wish success to the groups reconvening and recruiting new residents to their activities.

Continuing the roadmap to recovery the shops which reopened after such a long time returned with additional enthusiasm. We have been fortunate to receive some sponsorship from The Newt to support a 'Cary in Bloom' initiative in the High Street, the 'welcome to Cary' gateway signs and the station. Both Councils have committed additional funds to enhance the Market House and the Station so we hope that Castle Cary and Ansford will look very attractive to tourists and shoppers this summer. We encourage you to enhance your street with hanging baskets or planters.

Other uses of the funding are promoted in the leaflet enclosed with your newsletter and articles in the newsletter. We hope that you will support all the exciting events planned for the summer.

The Town Council has continued to be busy in lockdown and you will have noticed the castle on Fairfield, another piece of new equipment in the play area, the access path from Station Road to the Fairfield and the work at the newly named Millbrook Hub. Councillors have many skills both practical and cerebral and much of the work on the Millbrook Hub

The newsletter for Castle Cary and Ansford 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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We prefer copy by email, but don't worry if this is not possible for you.

has been carried out by Bob Gilbey and Steve Biddlecombe and former Councillor Nick Weeks. Penny Steiner's extensive fundraising meant that the Fairfield path could finally be completed with a bit of additional funding from both Councils and we are delighted with the results. Pek Peppin has been working some magic on the top floor of the Market House and we have started some renovation work on the Billiard Room after we gained a grant from SSDC. You will have an opportunity in the next few months to view the upper floor and hear of our ambitious plans.

Millbrook Hub is nearing completion and we hope to open the Community Larder early in June. We were disappointed that there was a delay with planning permission, however our many volunteers have completed their induction and food hygiene training and are looking forward to opening as soon as we can. This is essentially a food saving project and we are working with our High Street shops, The Newt and Morrison's to provide food nearing its 'eat by date' thereby stopping it going to landfill. The larder will be open to everyone in our community and will be the new pickup point for food boxes. Please see the leaflet in the newsletter for opening hours, watch out for the new date of opening and look out for our posh signage in the car park!

We were saddened to hear of the recent untimely death of Martin Parry. Martin was our Big Christmas photographer extraordinaire, Castle Cary Station Master, guitar teacher, singer and member of the Methodist Church and much loved father and recently very proud grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

We were also saddened that Mr John Drewitt recently died. In his heyday he was our notable town solicitor, treasurer of All Saints' Church for many years and avid Somerset cricket supporter amongst many other talents. His contribution to our community was extensive and much valued. We send our condolences to both bereaved families.

Finally we extend a warm welcome to all our new residents and hope that you will pop into the Market House to collect your welcome pack and make the acquaintance of the volunteers Mondays- Saturdays from 9.30-12 midday. We also welcome George Cronk as our new Councillor. Many of you know George as one of our greengrocers and we look forward to working with him, particularly with our youth projects. We also welcome Colleen Bower to the post of Marketing and Communications Administrator with the Town Council and very much look forward to working with her

We wish you a happy, healthy, sunny summer.

Judi Morison
Chair Town Council



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Council meetings are open to the public and take place in The Shambles on Monday evenings at 7.00pm. The public are welcome to attend. Email the Town Clerk if you would like to take part.

Full details of meetings are on the noticeboard & website.

Call the clerk to check on venues for meetings. Some will be held at Caryford Hall until after 21 June.

Meetings held include Full Council, Finance & Management, Marketing & Communications, Properties & Infrastructure and Planning Committees.

South Somerset District Councillors:

Mr Henry Hobhouse. Tel: 01963 440272
Mr Kevin Messenger Tel: 07969150646

Somerset County Councillor:

Mr Mike Lewis Tel: 01935 851536

Sustainability Update

Get ready for Recycle More!

Somerset Waste Partnership is getting ready to bring Recycle More to South Somerset and wants residents to prepare, too.

The new service is changing the way the county recycles, and it is coming to all 78,000 households in the district at the end of June. It was successfully launched in Mendip at the end of October and is already collecting hundreds of tonnes of extra recycling –helping reduce waste, protect our environment and tackle climate change.

With Recycle More, you will be able to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays, as well as cartons (or Tetra Paks), small household batteries and small electrical items (such as irons or toasters, laptops or phones) from the kerbside every week, along with everything you can recycle already.

Because it will be easier to recycle more, there will be less rubbish, so this will be collected every three weeks instead of every two. Collection days will change for some, and everyone will need to put different things into different recycling containers, including a new Bright Blue Bag delivered to all homes a week or two before the service starts.

Remember nothing changes until you receive your new bag!

SWP will write to all South Somerset households before the new service arrives, with details of what is changing and when. For more information visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more or call SSDC on 01935 462462.

Claire Craner-Buckley
Deputy Town Clerk

Fairfield

Mud Mud glorious mud!!!! It has gone! Well those of you who walk along the path from Station Road alongside Weavers Field to Fairfield will now know we have a fabulous new tarmac path. This has been planned for sometime but due to Covid 19 restrictions the installation was postponed last year. Financing this pathway was made possible through careful budgeting with the grants received for the Fairfield project and a top-up from Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council. We hope that residents from the new estates on Station will make use of the path for a scenic route to school and town.

The new climbing fort was again financed through the grants received and has proved very popular with young children. At last we have moved the tyre exercise station on the meadow gym to make it more accessible and we have installed larger tyres. Let's see you all using this wonderful outdoor gym this summer!!!

The trees planted last summer are doing well and we have removed the tree guards from some of them and the daffodils planted last autumn provided a splash of colour this spring.

Fairfield is to be the venue for "Fun on the Field" on Monday 30 August 2021. An event to bring our community together, to thank everyone for their hard work over the last 12 months. Music, food and drink, demonstrations, dog show and more will all be happening from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. Do join us.

Penny Steiner
Castle Cary Town Council

Planning

Castle Cary Town Council Planning Committee has again been busy over the last few months: applications about the Post Office building, The Old Bank House and Highfield House among other smaller applications. Details are in the Minutes on the website.

Importantly, we now have details of the Appeal hearing for the proposed 200 houses in the fields above the station, the application for which was turned down at Area East a year ago.

The Planning Committee has written a strong statement against granting the Appeal and this can be found on the 'Planning updates' page of the Town website along with a link to the Appeal on the Inspectorate website.

The Appeal Hearing is currently scheduled as a virtual event on Tuesday 13th July 2021 although it may be subject to change; in this case we shall send out a Cary Crier message and update the website and our Town Facebook page.

If you wish to 'attend' you can email the case officer to request you be added to the list of attendees by emailing the Case Officer Bridie Campbell-Birch using East1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk However, the Inspector will decide who can 'attend' and who can speak. If you wish to speak you are asked to keep it short and not to repeat points that are made by others.

At last we are able to hold 'in person' meetings after more than a year of Zoom. Planning meetings until at least 21st June will be held at Caryford Hall, to allow for social distancing. Dates & venues of all Town Council meetings are published on the website.

The Agenda is published 5 days before the meeting and Minutes of all Town Council meetings are published, within 10 working days, on the Town Council website.

Phosphates

This issue is still ongoing and causing much delay in planning applications for the whole of Somerset. South Somerset District Council is grappling with it and has introduced a 'Phosphates Calculator' on the relevant page of its website. A link can be found on the Planning Updates page of the Town website.

Sally Snook

Castle Cary Town Council

Market House Information Point

JUST MOVED INTO CASTLE CARY?

Pick up a "Welcome Pack" from the Tourist and Local Information Desk at the Market House. It is full of all sorts of information about Castle Cary which will smooth your way into our lovely community.

Things have been strange this year, but we are about to receive leaflets covering activities and events all over Somerset,

The Information Desk is staffed by volunteers and is open every weekday and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.30pm, extending to 2pm on weekdays in the summer. Do pop in to see us.

Ansford Parish Council

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter and hopefully, to the swift easing of lockdown measures and the lifting of restrictions. Going forward, we all still need to be keenly aware of acting responsibly, and to continue with observing the latest Covid 19 briefings, especially at indoor public events. Our sincere thanks to go to the Millbrook Surgery Team, Doctors, Nurses and all of the care professionals involved in giving the people of Ansford & Castle Cary such dedicated service in administering the vaccines at Wincanton, Shepton Mallet showground and latterly at Haynes Motor Museum, and also for the Cary Cares volunteers providing support during the last twelve months.

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Parish Meetings

Our monthly Parish Council meetings have now reverted to them being held at Caryford Hall, after many months of Zoom Meetings. They commence at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. A list of future dates can be found on the parish noticeboards and on the website. These meetings will all be held according to the continually updated COVID protocols, and all participants should be aware that the guidelines will be strictly adhered to. If you have an item you wish to be brought to the Council's attention, please notify the Clerk by the 1st day of each month.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

With the release of new homes gathering pace at the housing developments in Ansford, we are always on the lookout for improvements that could be made to the local infrastructure in our community, and an example of this is the significant upgrade to the footpath linking Station Road to Fairfield, that was completed very recently. Although this scheme had to be postponed several times due to the pandemic, we are sure that parishioners will appreciate the benefits of such an accessible amenity, having been initiated and funded by Ansford and Castle Cary Council's. With this in mind, we hope that one or two of the new residents now living in the Station Road area might like to become involved with a variety of future activities and projects in enhancing the environment, and we would welcome people coming forward to join our team on the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to receive more information regarding matters related to recreational & social activities, road safety, planning applications and other issues within Ansford.

Highways

During the past few months, Highways have installed a number of visual traffic calming measures along the A371. May we remind everyone to please take these

into account, especially at the B3153 junction/sharp bend over the two railway lines, where large vehicles often have to cross over the central white lines when manoeuvring over the bridges. We feel that Highways should have provided additional road warning signs alerting motorists of this very busy and accident-prone location and we will be recommending that better placed rumble strips are needed in order to slow down the speed of traffic, despite the 30mph speed restriction (that we all know is mainly ignored.)

Fairfield

The wooden fort has now been erected on Fairfield and is proving to be extremely popular with youngsters. This has been made possible with the collaboration of the Ansford and Castle Cary Fairfield Committee, who have worked hard to provide this play equipment.

If you would like us to add information about local events, activities, or general information within our parish, please let us know and we can post them onto our website. We always welcome your feedback.

With Best Wishes, Ansford Parish Council

ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Mr C. Edwards - Chair, Mr N. Begg, Mr G Clothier,
Mrs D Pinnions, Mrs B. Williams + 2 Vacancies

Ansford Parish Clerk: Mrs Angela Roberts,
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Somerset, BA7 7DW. Tel.07969 399559
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Monthly Parish Council Meetings are held at
Caryford Hall on the second Wednesday of each
month starting at 7pm.

Agendas can be seen on the website
or on the Parish Notice Boards.

Website: www.ansfordpc.org.uk

The Arts Society Mid Somerset

Has continued to flourish and offer its usual full programme despite the current coronavirus restrictions. Like all other societies we have been unable to meet publicly at our usual venue Caryford Hall. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 11 to 12 (doors open at 10.30 for coffee) excluding August and September. During the lockdowns and in the inter lockdown periods we have been meeting successfully using the virtual platform Zoom. This has proved easy for members to use, and we have had a very good response to these lectures.

We have a full programme arranged for the coming year and we are hopeful that we shall be meeting 'in the flesh' once more in the Autumn, current Government guidelines and restrictions allowing. Should we not be able to do this we will of course continue to supply our online service.

For further information of our full year's programme go to

www.mid-somerset.theartsociety-wessex.org

There is an annual membership fee and details of this and any other queries you may have may be directed to enquiries.mid-somerset@theartsociety-wessex.org or 01749 890206.

I do hope that you will be able to join us in the coming year and we will look forward to meeting you.

Terry Jones

Programme Secretary

Barrow Market

A new venture in Castle Cary
A Saturday afternoon Barrow Market once a month
On The Cobbles
At The Market House
Sell your lockdown leftovers
Bring a wheelbarrow with your goodies and
have a pitch
First come first served but you must book.
Are you free to help run this new project?

Further details from Marketing & Communication
Administrator
01963 351763

Somerset Beekeepers Association

This is a worrying time for beekeepers. April says the queen should be increasing her laying and the colony would build up, but cold weather stops the bees from foraging so they stay in the hive and eat any stores they have left. So do we need to feed to help with the increasing numbers? Also are the bees contemplating swarming? To find out we need to do a full inspection but that could chill the brood. Decisions, decisions, all part of the fun of keeping bees. One part of beekeeping I could do without is trying to protect from badgers. We have many pests which we have to contend with as we try to help our bees. Mostly if we control the numbers of say varroa mites or wasps to keep a balance, the bees can protect themselves but the one pest I have failed to help protect the bees from is badgers. This week I found that they had destroyed the last colony in one of my apiaries [They took three last summer] so I have given up and moved out of that apiary. There is no way you can stand against a protected species with no natural predators anyway, especially when some people encourage them into their gardens by feeding them.

Bowls Club

The bowls club opened on 17 April with the annual President versus Captain game, the players enjoyed a good game and fine weather, maintaining Covid-19 guidelines. We enjoy roll-ups on a Tuesday evening and some Friday and Saturday afternoons. All of our competitive leagues are postponed until the middle of May and the ladies league is cancelled for the season. Club competitions will take place, though they may be slightly different this year. We are a friendly club and visitors can expect a warm welcome. Our members enjoy a variety of bowling activities from a roll-up with others, to playing in friendly or league games, taking part in club competitions or the County or National competitions. It is for each individual >>

to decide how much they want to do. The club is run by volunteers and includes everything to ensure the smooth running of the club, from providing teas and suppers to cleaning the pavilion and helping to maintain the green and surrounds.

During the closed season, mid September to mid April, we enjoy a variety of social events including Horse or Dog Race Night, quizzes and musical entertainment. We are holding an Open Day on Monday 31 May from 2pm to 6pm and hope to see some of you there. However, you are welcome to visit the green on a Tuesday evening from 6.15pm if you would like to have a go.

Carol Lowe

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www.castlecarybowlsclub.moonfruit.com

*you can also follow us on Facebook,
Castle Cary Bowls Club*

Cary Cares

Firstly Cary Cares would like to say "Hi" to all those who have called the help line and been so very appreciative of the support we have been able to offer via our amazing team of volunteers! Of course, we could not have operated so freely without the generosity of townsfolk, who have continued to make donations throughout this challenging time. A huge "thank you" to all of you.

As the vaccine programme has rolled-out, we have had fewer requests for shopping and prescription deliveries, which we're glad to hear is because people's confidence is gradually returning. Nevertheless, we at Cary Cares are still staffing the phone line and email inbox, willingly picking up the messages that come in.

Emerging from over a year of "lock-down" has taken its toll on many of us and we may all still need support from our neighbours and community in one way or another. Cary Cares is here to offer help to individuals, families and groups for whom the long-term impact of the pandemic could now be taking its toll both

financially and emotionally and for anyone needing support – food boxes, other essentials etc. please just ask!

The familiar 01963 602013 answer phone is checked on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Leave a message at any time or email us on carycares1@gmail.com and you will receive a call-back from one of our coordinators, who will be very happy to discuss your request.

Stay safe, enjoy the sunshine and if you need help, please just ask!

The Cary Cares Team

01963 602013

carycares1@gmail.com

Cary Carnival Society

THE SHOW MUST GO ON! Our carnival, on Saturday 16 October, will be the only procession in the county. A lot may happen between now and then, and of course we will follow government COVID guidelines. However, we have been talking to people in the town, and everyone is delighted we are going ahead.

The procession will be very different to other years'. Currently, the Society is planning a lantern workshop and procession. A number of Carnival Clubs are joining as walking entries, and we anticipate a small number of modest floats. All local entries will be very welcome as we show that carnival spirit is alive and kicking!

FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- Cakes, bacon sarnies and picnic cream teas at the Vintage Market, Saturday 3 July outside the Market House and then at Cary Place, North Street.
- Cheese, wine and quiz evening, Sunday 11 July September from 7:00pm at the Rugby Club. Sponsored by the lovely people at Godminster Cheese.
- Race night, with Brue Valley rotary, 11 September from 7:30pm at Caryford Hall.

Use your Co-op Membership to raise money for costume making workshops with our local primary school children and professional carnival artists from Notting Hill. Show your Co-op card when you buy

anything and then choose the carnival society as your local charitable cause. Watch out for more details on our web site: www.ccacs.org.uk, Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety or contact Society Chair, Paul Burch on paully.b@hotmail.co.uk

Caryford Community Hall

Caryford Hall reopened in April and many of its regular group activities have now restarted or will do so soon. See the enclosed flyer for details of fundraising events planned for later this year. We continue to operate subject to strict Covid rules and guidance to ensure the safety of all hall users and visitors. We will review these requirements in June when formal restrictions are likely to be lifted. On 22 March the Hall Association completed its incorporation and residents can now become members. We do hope you will want to join. It does not cost anything and you just need to complete the simple online application process found at www.caryfordhall.co.uk/membership It should not take you more than five minutes. Why become a member?

- A member shows their support for the Hall and its future
- A member can participate in meetings and vote to ensure the Hall is run efficiently and effectively in the interests of local residents
- Having a local membership helps us win grants for improvements. If we can show such backing, then the Hall will have a much better chance of getting the money it needs

Every member will be sent regular news of what is happening at the Hall, an invitation to the Annual Meeting and any Members' General Meeting held in the year. Under the Association's Constitution members elect the Trustees' Committee each year and receive and vote on the Accounts and Annual Report.

Ian Bynoe

ian@caryfordhall.co.uk 01963 350655

South Somerset Community Accessible Transport (SSCAT)

The CAT bus has continued to run a limited service following strict government COVID-19 guidelines, throughout the last lockdown. As each stage of the government Road Map is being fulfilled, there are more people requiring transport. If this number continues to grow, we will very soon be introducing more buses to enable more members to travel. New members are welcome, membership forms are available please ring number below. We are now getting ready to reinstate the social car scheme with many of the previous drivers agreeing to carry on delivering this excellent service. We are currently looking for more social car drivers for the scheme and if you feel that this is something you may be interested in, please ring the number below for more information. As a charity we are always looking for funding. If there are any individuals, businesses or groups that feel they could give a little to help keep this essential service going please contact us on the number below or go to our website www.southsomersetringride.org.uk and press the donate button and follow instructions.

If you can help with any of the above or would like more information about the services the CAT bus provides, please ring 01963 33864

Christmas is Coming

Big Christmas December 9th
5.30-8.00

Late night shopping
Entertainment
Food & Drink

Urgently needed
Volunteer Helpers and
Road Marshals
Phone 01963 351763

C.A.T.S.

At last Cary Amateur Theatrical Society is starting to come back to life! We are planning to stage our show for next year – Calamity Jane – at Ansford Academy in February 2022. The committee has been keeping everything ticking over, and our director for the show – Nick Toop (who some of you will have seen starring in our last show Dirty Rotten Scoundrels) – has drafted our schedule of auditions, rehearsals etc. I know that the regular members of the society can't wait to get back on stage, and of course we are always looking for new members. Cary has seen an influx of newcomers over the last year, and there must be some of you who have already "trod the boards"! Calamity Jane is such a fun show to be involved with, be it on stage or in some other capacity behind the scenes. CATS particularly needs someone to take charge of wardrobe. We can't wait to start rehearsals again, and you must all be feeling starved of live entertainment! So put the dates in your diary - our performances will be from the 23rd to 26th February 2022. If you would like more details about the society with a view to joining us, please email me on marktromans11@gmail.com – we would love to hear from you! Also, don't forget our coffee morning at the Market Place on Saturday 31st July when you will be able to meet us in person.

Mark Tromans
Chairman, C.A.T.S.

Castle Cary Choir

Castle Cary choir members are still "zooming" to rehearsals on Mondays at 7.30pm. They enjoyed a "virtual" Christmas concert, with guest stars Tom and Millie Toomey, along with readings from choir members. This was joined by our members both old and new and from all parts of the country. Members of the choir have been remarkable with average attendance

in the order of 35 per week – it has been really important to keep up the community spirit and it is lovely to see all the smiling faces and of course there's been opportunity for a chat both before and after the rehearsal - vaccinations has featured widely in these discussions! We hope to get back to meeting and rehearsing together in September (or earlier if regulations allow) and already have a couple of Christmas concerts lined up and a special "Welcome Back to Normality" concert with guest stars on 29th October for people in Castle Cary and surrounding areas, so watch this space! If your organisation would like us to come and sing for you we would love to hear from you so do contact our secretary on the number below.

If your usual choir has not been able to rehearse during the pandemic and you would like to join us check out www.castlecarychoir.org or contact our secretary John Roberts 07970 039007.

Christian Aid

As I write we are in the middle of Christian Aid Week. Thank you to everyone who has helped, and who will have donated by the time this goes to print. It is good to be able to help other people.

We have neighbours who need help, but also people in other parts of the world who are struggling with disease, war, poverty and climate change. Christian Aid is one of many organisations which enables us to help them as well. Different organisations work in different ways. When there is a major disaster they work together, usually playing to their strengths. At other times they can spread out. There is more than enough to do without competing.

In its development work Christian Aid always works with and through local organisations. These are often Christian groups but not always. They might be secular organisations, or of another religion. The key thing is that they are working to benefit their whole community,

be it developing agriculture, building a dam or a health centre, planting trees, or improving education programmes.

These groups are supported and monitored to ensure that money and other resources are carefully used.

Christian Aid does not give money which might disappear from sight into a vast government project.

What happens elsewhere is affected by what happens here, so Christian Aid also campaigns to inform people in UK but also to try to influence our government and businesses for the good of all. Thank you for your support.

David Osborne

All Saints' Development Group (ASDG)

This is an exciting time. The roof repairs are complete and the pinnacles on the tower have been made safe. Stone conservators working from ropes not only did an excellent job but provided live entertainment for a few days!

Following a generous donation from Nicky and Bex O'Dell-Shearn the external lighting has now been restored and updated so the tower can be illuminated in the evening.

We are now looking ahead to the next phase. There is work to be done to improve access to the church, to make the inside more flexible, and at the same time alter the heating to make better use of the boiler we have. Then we can redecorate.

Beyond that there are all sorts of things that can be done which depend on how people in the community want to use the building. Several groups are regularly meeting there, and others are interested. This is good. The space is there to be used. The size, shape and acoustics mean it is good for small groups and large, for talk, music, activities, craft, and movement. And social distancing can be maintained while people are together.

Look out for a social gathering in June to explore future possibilities, and jazz and choir concerts later in the year.

We have been joined by Revd Elisabeth Isted, the new Vicar, and I am very pleased she has taken over the Chair. My thanks to everyone who has supported the development while I have chaired the group.

David Osborne

From the Anglican Church

Warm greetings to you all! As your new Priest in Charge, I have received a wonderfully warm welcome – thank you! It feels like a very good time to have arrived, as spring continues to spring and we all look forward to the lockdown lifting.

Many of you came to the service at All Saints' on Sunday 2 May, and it is very good to be able to announce that we shall now be offering services every Sunday: a Holy Communion service according to the Book of Common Prayer at St Andrew's at 8:30am, and a Parish Eucharist at 10:00am at All Saints'. When social distancing constraints are reduced, we shall certainly be reviewing this, so please keep an eye on the church website (castlecary.allsaints.org.uk) or, if you see me around and about, please just ask. We shall also continue to send a weekly newsletter and service by email; please contact us on the details given below to join the mailing list.

Plans for social events are now forming, including various concert possibilities, and gatherings (with refreshments!) on the Vicarage lawn: please see the website, which also has up-to-date information about when both churches are open for private prayer.

Finally, we very much enjoyed sharing in a zoom service with our brothers and sisters from the Methodist church at the start of Christian Aid week, and look forward to more collaborations with them in the future.

Rev'd Elisabeth Isted

standrews.allsaints@gmail.com

07483 866400

Catholic Church of St Luke & St Teresa South Street Wincanton BA9 9DH

Weekly Mass Times

Monday & Tuesday - 9.00am

- St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

Preceded by Morning Prayer at 8.40 am

Friday - 11.30am

- St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

Saturday - 10.00am

- St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

Preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40 am

Mass followed by Confession & Exposition

Saturday - 5.30pm

- St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

Sunday - 10.30am

- St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Confessions at Call

Contact the Parish Priest or the Parish

Office. As lockdown eases other activities

e.g. coffee mornings may be restarted.

Please refer to the parish website.

Our parish priest is Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk.

Please contact the Parish Office at St Luke &

St Teresa on 01963 34408 for further details

or email: hope@stlukeswincanton.org.uk

For more information the parish website

is: www.stlukeswincanton.org.uk

Castle Cary Methodist Church

We continue to worship on Zoom every

Sunday morning and are planning for

some services to resume in our church

building from May 23rd. Our main

morning services will continue on Zoom in

May and June, with more regular worship

happening in the building from July 4th.

If you wish to attend a service in the building

at 4pm on 23rd May, 6th June or 20th

June you will need to book a place by calling

07595 655292 no later than 12 noon on

the day before the service so that a seating

plan can be arranged. You will still be asked

to wear a face mask and practice social

distancing throughout your time in the church

building. It is hoped that after the 21st June,

restrictions will be able to ease further.

Do keep an eye on our Facebook page where

you can also sign up to our weekly notices email which includes links to recordings of our worship which are available on YouTube.

For more information:

Email: castlecarymethodist@gmail.com

Phone: Rev Craig Manley 01963 351598

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/castlecarymethodist

Web: www.somersetmendipmethodists.com/castle-cary-methodist-church

Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford

We regret it wasn't possible to share a service, at The Market House in 2021, on Good Friday.

We are grateful to Judith Cole, secretary,

for arranging with The Newt Management,

for permission to place the crosses on

Lodge Hill. Bigger thanks to Tim Cook, who,

assisted by Ellie, erected the crosses on the

hill. Our plans are still very restricted, but

we are pleased that Sue Kellagher, from the

Anglican Church, is our new president. When

possible, the A.G.M. will be advertised, and

it's hoped Revd. Elisabeth Isted, the newly

licensed Priest in charge, of the Anglican

Church, will share in our meetings. We ask

that you keep safe, respect guidelines on

behaviour procedures, and continue to share

in the benefits of our caring community.

Val Chainey

for Churches Together

The Quaker Meeting House

The Quaker Meeting House in Wincanton

has now reopened. Situated down the

passageway between 32 & 34 High Street,

meetings are held 10.30-11.30a.m. on

Sunday mornings, and it is now possible to

join the meeting online via Zoom.

The Peace Garden is open from 9.00 a.m.

to 6 p.m. and all are welcome to use it. We

also have The Barn available for hire and

we hope to host future events in both the

Meeting House and the Barn from May 17th.

For further information please contact Ray

Leary by email: mclachlan3@mac.com

Churches in Castle Cary and Ansford: Service Times

All services will be subject to Government guidelines
Please check the church website for updates

Church of England

All Saints', Castle Cary & St Andrew's, Ansford

www.castlecaryallsaints.org.uk

Services each Sunday

8.30am Service of Holy Communion in St. Andrew's church

10.00 am Common Worship Parish Communion in All Saints' church

St. Andrew's is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and this Sunday from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Catholic Church

St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

stlukeswincanton.org.uk

See article

Quaker Meeting

Friends' Meeting House, 30/32 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF, 350980

10.30am each Sunday

Methodist Church

www.somersetmendipmethodists.com

Services on Sundays at 10.30am and 4.00pm. These services are a mix between Zoom and in the building. If Zoom is indicated the building will not be open.

June

	6th	13th	20th	27th
10.30 am	Rev Craig Manley ZOOM	Music Group ZOOM	To be confirmed ZOOM	Rev Craig Manley ZOOM
4.00 pm	Rev Craig Manley	-	Rev Tina Swire	-

July

	4th	11th	18th	25th
10.30 am	Rev Craig Manley	Rev Craig Manley	To be confirmed	Janet Day
4.00 pm	-	Rev Mag Slingo	-	Rev Tina Swire

August

	1st	8th	18th	22nd	29th
10.30 am	Rev Craig Manley	Clare Laudicina	To be confirmed	Barry Speddings	Rev Craig Manley
4.00pm	-	At Glastonbury at 5.00pm	-	Jacqui Cobb	-

CHURCHES IN CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD

Tel No.

Catholic Church: St Luke and Teresa, Wincanton

Parish Priest: Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk

Special Minister for Castle Cary: Nick Niven-Jenkins

Website: stlukeswincanton.org.uk

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Church of England: All Saints', Castle Cary & St Andrew's, Ansford

Enquiries:

07483 866400

E-mail: standrews.allsaints@gmail.com

Vicar: Rev Elizabeth Isted

350394

Churchwarden & PCC Treasurer: David Baldwin

359000

Churchwarden & Administrator: Katya Duncan

351581

Churchwarden and Reader: Gillian Sinclair

350725

Churchwarden: Sarah Stringer

351080

Pastoral Visits Co-ordinator & Reader: Sue Kellagher

351992

Reader: Madron Osborne

351275

Safeguarding Person: Judi Morison

350160

Stewardship Secretary: Val Chainey

359420

Chair of All Saints' Development Project: Rev Elizabeth Isted

350394

Bellringing at St Andrew's: Philip Townshend

350502

Website: www.castlecaryallsaints.org.uk

Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Craig Manley

351598

Steward & Local Preacher: Rob Haskins

350950

Pastoral Visits Co-ordinator & Local Preacher: Elizabeth Manley

351598

Local Preachers:

Steve Derby

01749 860571

Patricia Fuller

351635

Anna Schiffer

ex dir

Safeguarding Person: Christine Davidson

548016

Church Secretary: Hannah Knight

359663

Church Treasurer: Steve Baker

351659

Music: David Knight

359663

Worship coordinator: Judith Cole

350570

Sunday school and holiday club: Anna Baker

351659

Website: www.somersetmendipmethodists.com

Quaker Meeting at 30/32 High St, Wincanton

Local Contact Number:

350980

Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford

Chair: Sue Kellagher

351992

Secretary: Judith Cole

350570

Cinema in Caryford

It`s hard to believe it`s been over a year since we all crowded into Caryford Hall, grabbed ourselves a glass of wine, bagged a seat, the lights were dimmed and"Showtime"!! Cinema in Caryford in partnership with Moviola transporting us to another place and time.

All being well, fingers crossed and all that sort of thing, we believe there may be a glimmer of light on the horizon. We, Cinema in Caryford, have booked Caryford Hall for September, October and November 2021. We have moved our Tuesday nights to the fourth Wednesday in the month so the dates to put in your diaries are:
Wednesday 22nd September 2021
Wednesday 27th October 2021
Wednesday 24th November 2021
We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Love from Tessa and Jeannie

10 YEARS OF CISPP

The Carnivals In Somerset Promotion Project (CISPP) was formed early in 2009 by a small group of carnival folk who were very concerned that the unique heritage of our Somerset Illuminated Carnivals could be lost in the future unless efforts were made to encourage more people to take part. The aims of the group are to promote the historical and contemporary importance of the unique West Country illuminated carnivals, disseminate an interactive mobile carnival exhibition unit so that communities can experience the heritage and culture of West Country illuminated carnivals, create educational and entertaining DVDs to portray the carnival experience, and develop partnerships with interested groups to ensure the future of our carnivals. The CISPP van visits outside events throughout the summer and autumn to promote our carnivals and give out leaflets carnival dates and times. We have visited over 70 different schools in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Devon (many of these multiple times) since 2011.

Help grow and eat some yummy veges@EatCary

BEANS CELERY PEAS ONIONS
SQUASHES VERY HOT CHILLIES
SPINACH GARLIC COURGETTES
OCA LETTUCE PEPPERS BASIL
TOMATOES CHARD AUBERGINES
PARSLEY CARROTS BEETROOT CHIVES
PARSNIPS SWEET SPUDS

Not forgetting the grape vine!
Go to @EatCary Find out more about our community garden near Ansford Academy
Or visit us for real any Saturday at around 2.30pm

Laptops 4 Learners

Wondering what to do with redundant laptops languishing in the cupboard?
The pandemic has exposed a shocking 'digital divide' for many people across the country. A campaign, spearheaded by Councillor Sarah Dyke, is underway across Somerset to remedy this situation. The Brue Valley Rotary Club, together with the Town Charity, has joined the Laptops4Learners campaign to help redistribute 'redundant' computers where there is need in Castle Cary & Ansford.

We collect your redundant laptops, PCs, tablets & phones so that they may be cleaned (data removed) & redistributed to families with schoolchildren who may have had to share one device for their homework, sometimes just a telephone, between several children! Members of the older generation have also found themselves on the wrong side of the 'digital divide' and we want to help them too. Equipment not suitable for re-use is broken down and the parts sold to raise money for more equipment.

By joining this scheme, as opposed to others, you can rest assured that your data will be destroyed by an accredited company. Simon Barfoot from Blackmore IT has been a specialist in IT recycling since 1995 and is happy to answer questions donateIT@r3cycle.co.uk

We are helping the environment too as less goes into landfill!

Philipps Tyres have kindly agreed to be the collection point for the equipment but please note:

Printers are NOT accepted
Apple products MUST be disconnected from their Apple account,
'Find My Phone' MUST be removed from iPhones

Castle Cary Fire Station

Castle Cary Fire Station has recently recruited 4 new firefighters. They are Jamie Horsfall, Hannah Moore, Sammy Elliott & Adam Gichie. They will soon be completing their recruit's courses and starting their development phases. We wish them all the best of luck with their new careers and welcome them to the team.

Sadly firefighter Anna Kirkin will be leaving the station soon to concentrate on her full time career at Exeter Middlemoor. We all wish her the best and thank Anna for all the great work she's done at Castle Cary.

2 of our development firefighters Paul Lee and Joshua Duke-Williams have also passed their final assessments this weekend and will shortly be passing out as competent firefighters. This is a fantastic achievement and shows a massive amount of commitment by the pair of them. Well done guys.

As a wider service we are really focussing hard on reducing all types of incidents and continue to work with local businesses with our Fire Safety Checks, as well as helping and advising members of the community within their own homes with our free Home Fire Safety Visits. If anyone would like to see if they qualify for a visit please contact us on 01392 872 200, visit the station or take a look at our Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service website.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at jwenglorz@dsfire.gov.uk

Best wishes and stay safe!

John Wenglorz

Watch Manager

Castle Cary Gardening Association

We are now into the most beautiful part of the year when the leaves are new and green, the blossom is on its way to fruit and the summer is on its way. What better time than to think garden.

The garden club is still not meeting in person but we are providing Zoom talks. Members are sent the link for 7.15pm,

the talk starts at 7.30pm and they take place on the first Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome. Annual membership only costs £7 which has several perks as well as the talks. The June 3rd talk is to be from Castle Gardens called 'Garden Friends or Foe?'. On July 1st Abigail Bellinger will tell us about 'Somerset: a County of Glorious Gardens' AND August 7th will be our Annual Show! We are planning to run the show in Caryford Hall as usual but we are reducing the Classes to flowers and plants, vegetables and Floral Art only. We will, of course, be following the COVID rules that are required of us at the time. The show schedule and all the details for entries are on our website. Anyone of any age can enter, see what is there for you. We now have a new website castlecarygardening.com so do take a look and find out what and who we are and where and when we meet. Happy Gardening and good luck with your growing!

Castle Cary Community Library

The library is now open for browsing and is back to normal hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4.30pm plus Saturday 10am – 12.30pm. We have a lot of new books in the library, both fiction and non-fiction, including children's, so it is well worth paying us a visit.

There will be a book sale held in aid of the library on Saturday 5th June. We have lots of books to sell so there is plenty to choose from with all genres covered. 9.30am to noon at The Shambles in The Market House in the centre of town. Come along and bag a bargain and sort out your summer reading!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge for children has a nature-based theme linked to the environment. Details will appear in the library and can be found online at: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk Castle Cary Library is part of Libraries West, a consortium of 145 libraries across the south west. An online catalogue of all

the books held across all these libraries can be accessed at www.librarieswest.org.uk - there are also plenty of online materials such as e-books and digital newspapers and magazines that can be accessed via this website, as well as a range of activities for all ages. You can also reserve books from other libraries and have them delivered to Castle Cary Library via this website.

We look forward to seeing you in our lovely local library soon.

www.castlecarylibrary.org.uk

Castle Cary Macmillan Fundraising Committee

As we slowly head towards summer and move forward out of the more stringent lockdown restrictions we are looking forward to some face to face fundraising for Macmillan again. And, as I am sure you will remember, it is all about the Cake! The Castle Cary Macmillan Fundraising Committee is supporting two events over the Open Gardens weekend and we would really appreciate cake donations from all dedicated supporters. We need cakes and volunteers to help serve them in Castle Cary on Saturday 12th June, and then we need more cake - no volunteers this time - to support an Open Garden event at Coleford House. All money raised by the sale of the refreshments will go to Macmillan and last year we raised almost £600 from this event. Hopefully, we will be just as successful this time. We are hoping to do bucket collections at local supermarkets and events soon so if you are happy to help with those please do make contact via our email below.

We also have two advanced dates for your diary. The annual Macmillan Big Coffee Morning will be at Castle Cary Market House on Saturday September 25th and we will also be holding our Annual General Meeting shortly after that. Dates, times and details to follow.

If you would like to get involved

either by volunteering with us or joining the Committee, please call Janet Loe on 07714 030813, email castlecarymacmillan@gmail.com or speak to any Committee Member at one of our fundraising events.

Mid Somerset Show

Plans have resumed for this year's Mid-Somerset Show on Sunday 15th August 2021 and organisers are busy preparing for the show's return at its new home. The one-day agricultural show was due to move to its new site last year, but those plans were regrettably postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Building work has now begun again on the site near Cannards Grave in Shepton Mallet to provide an office, large storage space, meeting room, kitchen area and better road access. The team are now planning for the return of the show and its much-loved attractions. At the time of printing they are continuing to follow the Government's advice on events and mass gatherings and ask you to keep checking the show's website and social media pages for updates. For more information please contact Christine Barham on 01749 938044 or secretary@midsomersetshow.org.uk

Save the Dates

Monday 30th August

2.00pm - 6.00pm

Fun on the Field

(Fairfield)

An event for our community to thank everyone for working so hard over the last 12 months. Music, food and drink, dog show, demonstrations and much more.

Sunday 10 October

12.00 - 3.00pm

Apple Day

(Market House)

Cheese and cider stalls, music, apple pressing, games

Thursday 9 December

5.30 - 8.00

Big Christmas

Late night shopping, street food and drink, entertainment and Father Christmas

Castle Cary Museum

As you are probably aware our Museum was closed during 2020 because of the Coronavirus Lockdown. In normal circumstances we would have been opening on 1st April 2021 but again the pandemic and restructuring issues have made it impossible to open as normal.

We are sorry for any inconvenience to our visitors but definitely look forward to seeing you in 2022, The Queen's Jubilee Year. We are hoping to celebrate this with a special exhibition.

Breaking News

Proposed Platinum Jubilee Water Fountain

2022 will see Queen Elizabeth II celebrate 70 years on the throne. In 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee the town marked the event by installing a drinking fountain by the Horse Pond. It was on the pavement opposite the War Memorial. It was taken down in about 1920 to make way for the War Memorial. It is proposed that a fountain be installed to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. Again it would be opposite the War Memorial on the pavement. It would provide drinking water and the ability to fill a bottle. Concurrent with this a fountain would also be installed adjacent to the Market House - again for drinking, filling bottles and for dogs to drink from a bowl. In addition to marking this important event it would benefit the town and our green credentials. Later in the year there will be a consultation process by the town council.

Fundraising will also be needed to meet the costs. This would be both corporate and from private individuals.

Simon Bebbington

Castle Cary Community Primary School

It is lovely to be back with all the children in school and that great "buzz" we get when everyone is here enjoying their learning adventures. Although we are still having a staggered start and end to the day, playtimes and lunch times everyone is now quite used to operating in their "bubbles" and the children have adapted brilliantly. We have even managed to have workshops virtually from our friends at Carymoor, virtual assemblies from visitors and a virtual visit to Haynes Motor Museum. On our return to school,

all the children recorded their lockdown memories on postcards and we will be planting our special COVID time capsule in the school grounds this term as a record of this event in our school life. We are beginning to see glimpses of "normal" school life this term especially now we can use the wonderful school field and enjoy outdoor learning. We are planning (fingers crossed) for some children to get out on residential visits in July and hoping that we can carry out our normal activities to introduce our new Reception children into school ready for September.

Cary Ramblers Group

By the time you read this article it is hoped that our rambling group has resumed with our first return walk planned for 19 May without any Covid-19 restrictions. This is dependent on whether we get the green light from HMG allowing up to 30 people to meet outdoors from 17 May. I pray every night! With summer fast approaching, some of our intrepid members have continued to walk alone or in pairs to enjoy our lovely countryside and beyond. Bluebells and other flora and fauna are starting to appear promising longer and warmer days to come. Primroses have been particularly abundant this year. Everywhere is turning green bursting with new lush growth. Birdsong can be widely heard as they noisily compete for mates and build their nests to raise their young. All heralding hope in this new era as we gradually come out of lockdown.

So better times ahead should beckon us to explore and enjoy our local area respecting public rights of way and private lands. This is particularly important when livestock are present with their young. Dogs should always be kept on a lead and under close control. New members are welcome to join our friendly group to shake off the Winter and Covid-19 blues and improve their physical and mental health. All you need is a good pair of waterproof boots and social spirit! For more information about the Cary Ramblers Group please contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621/07854 597158 or Email anne.pitt60@gmail.com

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is 100 years old! It was founded by Field Marshal the 1st Earl Haig and others on 15 May 1921. To mark the centenary, a small ceremony was held at the town war memorial by the Horse Pond on Saturday 15 May. In attendance was the British Legion committee supported by Revd Elizabeth Isted from All Saints Castle Cary and St Andrews Ansford, Revd Craig Manley from Castle Cary Methodist church, representatives of the Town Council and a few members of the public. The Castle Cary branch of the Royal British Legion has been active this year in helping to support a major 'lockdown' project. The project we helped to support was the production of the 'Cooking Pot', a beautiful book produced by Karin Hurd full of stories from local farmers, cheese makers, cider makers, food retailers, and residents with an emphasis on how they survived lockdown. Favourite recipes were included as a bonus, so as well as being an interesting record, it is a real Somerset cookbook! Proceeds from sales amounting to over £14,000 to date are going to town charities. The Royal British Legion in Castle Cary will continue to support members and will always respond to requests for help. Although some way away, we hope that the 2021 Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day events will take their normal format this year! For collectors of British Legion enamel poppy pins, the committee has a small number of 100th anniversary pins. Please ring Simon Bebbington on 07587 180639 – they are available at a suggested donation of £5.

Cary Runners

Cary Runners is a small group of local runners who meet every Monday at 18h30 for a gentle jog, often with several small groups tackling slightly different routes and distances according to each person's level of fitness. We have runners of all abilities – we

make sure that everyone fits in. If you are able to run/walk 5 km in about 35 minutes then give us a try. During the summer we meet at Orchard Farm, Cockhill, to jog between 5 and 8 km (3 to 5 miles) along country roads, lanes and occasionally off-road. Once the clocks change (end Oct) we will meet at The George Hotel, also at 18h30 on Mondays, to run around the streets of Cary or nearby country lanes (with hi-viz and torches). Note that, when relevant, we strictly observe all social distancing guidelines, while still enjoying each other's company. If you would like to join us either turn up on a Monday evening or call Dave Boyer (01963 350418 / 07903 276315) or Dan Patrick at the George Hotel (07966 224261 / 01963 350761) for more information. You can also get details of our runs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/caryrunners

Toybox Pre-School

Spring is coming – it's time to throw off those winter blues and get active! Cary Runners is an informal group of runners whose aim is to support and help each other with our running. As soon as the lockdown ends we will resume meeting every Monday at 18h30; until the clocks change at the end of March outside the George Hotel and then from April to October at Orchard Farm, Cockhill. We will continue to follow all Covid guidelines to ensure that everyone is safe, while still supporting and encouraging each other to get as much exercise as is allowed. Perhaps of even greater importance during the pandemic, getting together for a bit of exercise helps us all get through these rather dark and dismal days. Speed or level of fitness does not matter, as long as you can manage about 5 km, no matter how slowly. If you would like to join us, check us out on Facebook at 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.

Tuesday Market

Hello Cary and Ansford

Our weekly Market continues to "buzz" on Tuesday mornings, thanks to our band of traders and YOU! I see some of you taking the opportunity to have a chat with friends over a coffee (at a safe distance!) as well - we really do seem to be blessed with sunshine on market days.

We've had a couple of Bank Holidays recently, which is why Paul the fishmonger hasn't been with us (fishing fleets don't go out on BHols) but he's back now, alongside all our regulars.

The Grey Dogs Jazz Band have brought a wonderful atmosphere to the High Street on a few occasions and they collect donations for Macmillan and other charities - great guys; check the CASTLE CARY MARKET and CARY REAL NEWS Facebook pages so that you don't miss them!

As I write this next Tuesday is Somerset Day so I hope you visited us. We have a few new stalls joining us too.

Throughout the Summer we are offering reduced rent on our stalls to encourage new LOCAL Artisans to try Market Trading. Do get in touch with the Town's Information Point (at the Market House) for details. Enjoy your summer.

Angela

Castle Cary & Ansford Twinning Association

At long last there seems to be 'a light at the end of the tunnel'. This Association now feels more positive that through the coming summer months we will be able to arrange and look forward to any planned events. Unfortunately, our exchange trip to Remalard during the Easter weekend was cancelled, but we look forward to welcoming our French friends to Castle Cary during 26-30 May 2022. With further easing of COVID restrictions we hope to rearrange the promised AGM, the members BBQ in August (the date yet to be finalised) and go ahead with our coffee mornings booked for 17 July and

13 November 2021.

We would welcome your support at our first coffee morning since 2019 booked for:- 10.00 - 12.00 a.m. on Saturday 17 July 2021 @ The Shambles, Castle Cary.

There will be the usual raffle, cake stall, hot food with liquid refreshments.

Fish & Chips quiz night:-

6.30 p.m. on Saturday 4 December 2021 @ Caryford Hall, Ansford.

Fingers crossed, the decreasing numbers with Covid virus will mean the proposed date of 21 June 2021 for ending restrictions can be achieved.

Camelot Area U3A

If you are no longer in full time work or if you are no longer raising a family - u3a gives you opportunities to develop your interests, make new friends and have fun. Camelot Area u3a has more than 25 groups catering for different interests, and covers Castle Cary and the surrounding villages. We have two events coming up where you can find out what we do:

National u3a Day Wednesday 2 June 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Please come along to our stall in the Undercroft at the Market House Castle Cary and bring your friends. We will be there handing out our new leaflets and events information. Camelot Area Open & Enrolment Day will be on Thursday 1 July 2pm to 3.30 pm at Caryford Hall. You will be able to come along and meet the Group Leaders and find out about the different Groups.

Recently we have been having monthly meetings by Zoom, on subjects such as Great British Eccentrics, My Chelsea Adventure and the Battle of Sedgemoor, which have been well attended. Our last meeting before the summer will be on May 28th and the subject is Fraud Safety with the Regional Fraud Safety Officer. Some of our Groups have also managed to continue using Zoom.

For more information, why not visit our website where you can also post a message and someone will get back to you.

www.u3asites.org.uk/camelot-area/home

Jill Halford

Wilding in Castle Cary

Over the last 70 years, we have lost 97% of our flower rich Hay Meadows, this is causing catastrophic losses in our wildlife. With insect numbers falling by 74% in nature reserves alone. This loss of habitat and food supply is also having a detrimental effect on our bird and mammal species too. So it is up to us to make some changes, in Castle Cary we are in the process of identifying "green spaces". These areas will be managed in a better way for wildlife, by letting the beautiful wildflowers and grasses to grow long in the spring and summer, for the benefit of our wildlife. So when you stumble upon one of these areas around our town, enjoy the buzz of the bees and the beautiful flowers, and if you ever think how can I get involved then please contact our group of community volunteers by emailing Claire on deputy.town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk

Castle Cary Womens Institute

It is now over a year since we were able to meet but hopefully we should be able to resume our meetings in the near future. We have arranged a visit to Mintern Gardens for 22 May where we will be able to enjoy the gardens and have a cream tea afterwards. It is two years since we visited these gardens where we had a very enjoyable day. On the 19 June we plan to hold our annual coffee morning at the Market Hall and will need the usual help with providing teas and home made cakes on this day. With restrictions still in we cannot meet indoors, so in order to organise this event we plan to meet on the evening of 15 June at the playing fields, approx 6.00 p m. Looking forward to seeing all our members again.

Irene Dobson: 01963351881

Chrissie Stone: 01963 350921

Diane Rickers: 07845 480225

Cary21

Castle Cary opens up!

Castle Cary is pleased to announce a fascinating display in the Market House from 24 July to early September. It is called: CARY21: Cary through time in 21 objects. This is a joint venture by the Cary History Society, Cary Town Council and Castle Cary and District Museum and generously supported by The Newt in Somerset. It explores the story of the Town from the Stone Age to the Roman and Norman invasions, the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution to the present day through a selection of intriguing objects all relating to the Town. Here you will find an Axe-head, a Roman house-god, the story of the Castle, a Hoard of hidden coins, a locally made clock, the Horsehair Factory, the Railway Station and much, much more. To find the show, take the winding staircase to the second floor of the Market house to the wonderful Victorian Assembly Room – recently acquired by the Town Council. See the plans to renovate this room and the adjacent former Billiard room (where short videos on Cary's history will be shown) and discover a model showing the scheme to provide a lift for those unable to manage the stairs. Opening hours will be announced on the Town website.

Admission Free

For those unable to manage stairs we hope to provide a ground floor audio visual presentation about the display. Contact our Information Point Volunteers on (01963) 351763 to check the availability of this before coming.

In addition there will be a one-day visit by the Cary Coin Hoard – normally held in Taunton and not on show, to be advertised nearer the time.

To be kept up to date, join this mailing list: caryhistsoc@gmail.com



The Market House Castle Cary

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

THE MARKET HOUSE IS AVAILABLE TO HIRE
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The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH

Tel: 01963 351763

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

What's on May 2021 – September 2021

The number of events is gradually increasing. We collate the events from the text that you send us but if you have a specific event you want us to list please send details to deputy.town.clerk@castle-cary.co.uk in advance of the copy date for the next issue. You can also post your event on the town website: www.castle-cary.co.uk

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue	Contact
31 May	Bowls Club	Open Day	Bowls Club	01963 359573
2 June	Camelot U3A	National U3A Day	Market House	01963 351269
3 June	Gardening Club	Talk	Zoom	01963 240837
5 June	Community Library	Book Sale	Market House	www.castlecarylibrary.org.uk
12 June		Vintage Market	Market House	01963 350995
12 June	Macmillan	Pre-Loved Pop Up	The Old Rectory, Church Street, Castle Cary	07803 173657
19 June	WI	Coffee Morning	Market House	01963 351881
June - September	CCTC	Barrow Market	Market House	01963 351763
1 July	Camelot U3A	Enrolment Day	Caryford Hall	01963 351269
1 July	Gardening Club	Talk	Zoom	01963 240837
3 July	Carnival Society	Vintage Market refreshments	Market House	paully.b@hotmail.co.uk
3 July		Vintage Market	Market House	01963 350995
11 July	Carnival Society	Quiz/cheese & wine night	Rugby Club	paully.b@hotmail.co.uk
17 July	Twinning Association	Coffee Morning	Market House	01963 31619
24 July - September	History Society/Museum/ CCTC	Summer Display	Market House	caryhistorysoc@gmail.com
31 July	CATS	Coffee Morning	Market House	07715 510359
7 August	Gardening Club	Annual Show	Caryford Hall	01963 240837
30 August	CCTC /APC	Fun on the Field	Fairfield	01963 351763
11 September	Carnival Society	Race Night	Caryford Hall	paully.b@hotmail.co.uk
25 September	Macmillan	World's Biggest Coffee Morning	Market House	07714 030813

TRADE DIRECTORY

Business	Contact Details	Description
ANTIQUES and COLLECTABLES		
Jenny Martin Antiques	Castle Cary Email: martins.cary@talktalk.net Tel: 01963 350733	Gold & silver jewellery purchased also broken items (silver and decorative antiques)
FASHION		
HATS by Emelle	18, Clothier Meadow, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7HA Email: emelle7@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01963 351423 Website: www.getdressedy.co.uk	Marion at HATS by Emelle designs and makes hats, fascinators and headpieces, both bespoke and ready-to-wear, for weddings, races, Royal garden parties and award ceremonies
FINANCIAL, LEGAL and INSURANCE SERVICES		
Battens	Francis House, Fore Street, Castle Cary, BA7 7BQ Email: enquiries@battens.co.uk Tel: 01963834477	Specialist legal advice and solutions for whatever life brings – at home or at work
Lighthouse Payroll and Bookkeeping	Helen Higgins Email: lighthousepayroll.co.uk Tel: 01963 350205	We are small bookkeeping practise dealing with payroll, VAT, bookkeeping and CIS. We are licensed with the AAT, and proficient with lots of different softwares. Email for more information.
Max Foote Associates Ltd	2 Bailey Hill, Castle Cary, BA7 7AD Email: info@maxfoote.co.uk Tel: 01963 351052	Accountancy & Tax Advice, Bookkeeping & Payroll
FLORISTS and GARDEN SERVICES		
Osborne Tree Services	Bruton Email: osbornetreeservices@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07896813934	All aspects of tree surgery Fully insured
FOOD		
The Slow Farming Company	Clanville Manor Farm, Castle Cary, BA7 7PJ Email: sally@slowfarming.co.uk Tel: 01963 350313 Website: www.slowfarming.co.uk	Farming here since 1898, our mission is simple: to produce nutrient rich food that nourishes both the people that eat it and the land that helped grow it. Free local beef delivery in affordable packs.
FUNERAL SERVICES		
Harold F Miles Funeral Director	Winton Cottage, South Cadbury, BA22 7ES Tel: 01963 440367	Family-run Business, 24 hour service, Pre-paid funeral plans
HEALTH BEAUTY and MEDICAL SERVICES		
Heal and Sole Holistics	Station Road, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7BX Email: healandsole@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01963 350639 Website: www.healandsole.co.uk	Experienced, highly qualified complementary therapists, specialising in Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Reiki Healing and EFT Tapping. Luxurious tranquil treatment room, safe private off road parking, AOR & CNHC registered
Manor Lodge Health & Beauty Clinic	The Triangle, Castle Cary, BA7 7BA Email: info@manor-beauty.co.uk Tel: 01963 351504	Relaxing, friendly health, beauty and cosmetic surgery clinic with over 30 years experience. Open for all treatments Health and safety measures for Covid-19 in operation.
Secrets of Castle Cary	13 Fore St, Castle Cary, BA7 7BG Tel: 01963 351746 Tues-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm Sat 9.30am-3.00pm	Lingerie sizes A – H Mastectomy Lingerie Sports Lingerie Swimwear Hosiery

Suttons Stairlifts Ltd	The Works, Board Cross, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5DX Tel: +44 (0)1749 346900 Mobile: +44 (0)7711 774111	Family-run, local business offering new or refurbished stairlifts, either straight or curved, also rentals, services, removals and repairs. Free survey, honest advice, no hard sell and no hidden costs.
Jane Wintle Acupuncture	West Country House, Woodcock Street, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7BL Email: janewintleacupuncture@gmail.com Tel: 07538 719153 Website: janewintleacupuncture.co.uk	Fully degree qualified, insured and council licensed Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture practitioner. Week day and evening appointments available. Please telephone or email for further details
HEATING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL and TELEPHONE		
PJS Window Cleaning	Castle Cary Call Paul on: Home: 01963 202627 Mobile: 07973693193	Windows, gutters and fascias, solar panels. Domestic and commercial. Purified water-fed pole system
Steve Adams Chimneys	Carystones, South Street, Wincanton, BA9 9DL Email: steveadamschimneys@hotmail.com Tel: 07932655267	For all your Chimney Sweeping, Bird guards, Wood Burner and Flue installations, contact Steve Adams Chimneys HETAS registered installer
Schimmel and Son Gas Water Heating	Leyton House, Fore Street, Castle Cary BA7 7BQ Email: schimmelandson@msn.com Tel: 07956 542303	Highly experienced gas engineer and plumber. Gas safe registered. Recommendations on request
HOMES, INTERIORS, FINE ART and FRAMING		
Needful Things	7 High Street, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7AN Email: info@needfulthings.uk.com Tel: 01963 351352	Bespoke curtain and blind making. Fabrics, paints and wallpaper sales. Plus a very popular range of home accessories, gifts and ladies clothing. 9.00am to 5.00pm except Sundays & bank holidays.
RESIDENTIAL CARE and NURSING HOMES		
Highfield House	High Street, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7AN Email: manager@highfieldhouse.net Tel: 01963 350697 Website: highfieldhousecastlecary.com	A residential care home that provides an excellent standard of care and support to elderly people in a homely, friendly environment. Please contact Rachel Mundy for further information
SPORTS and SOCIAL ACTIVITIES		
Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes	Email: cccygnets@gmail.com Tel: 01963 350603	We are a friendly youth dance troupe that learns new skills once a week using batons and pompoms. We display at local events. New members welcome



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Castle Cary & Ansford LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



- Alcoholics Anonymous** – 0800 917 7650
All Saints' Development Group – 01963 350394
All Saints' & St Andrew's Churches – 07483 866400
Alzheimer's Society – 01458 251541
Ansford Parish Council – 07969 399559
Ansford Academy – 01963 350895
Bellringing – 01963 350002
Bible Study Group – 01749 860571
Camelot Rounders – 07969 233760
Care4Cary – 07803 855208
Cary Cares – 01963 602013 / carycares1@gmail.com
Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) – 07715 510359
Cary Comedians Carnival Club – 07983 716016
Cary History Society – caryhistsoc@gmail.com
Cary Runners – 01963 350418
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 548016
Caryford Fitness & Leisure – 01963 350600
Caryford Short Mat Bowls – 01963 359069
Carymarsh Nature Reserve – 01963 350418
Carymoor Environmental Centre – 01963 350143
Castle Cary Allotment Association – 01963 350618
Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society – 07711 266969
Castle Cary & Ansford Women's Institute –
01963 351881 / 07971 100779
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 01963 359573
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 01963 351886
Castle Cary Choir – 07970 039007
Castle Cary Community Library – 07579 049109
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 07527 628956
Castle Cary Senior Football Club – 01963 350587
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 240837 /
www.castlecarygardening.com
Castle Cary Majorettes (Cygnets) – 01963 350603
Castle Cary Out of School Club (The Hive) – 07496 348233
Castle Cary Primary School – 01963 350520
Castle Cary Rainbows and Brownies – 07985 246833
Castle Cary Ramblers – 01963 359621
Castle Cary Rugby Club – 01963 351178
Castle Cary Town Museum – 01963 351324
Castle Cary Twinning Association – 01963 31619
Christian Aid – 01963 351275
Cinema in Caryford – 01963 350132
EatCary – 01963 351461
Fair Trade Group – 01963 350629
Friends of Cary 2000 – 07803 855208
Friends of Cemetery Chapel – 01963 350276
Friends of Castle Cary Library –
www.castlecarylibrary.org.uk
Greener Cary – greenercary@gmail.com
Macmillan Cancer Support – 07714 030813
Martial Arts – 07738 599670
Methodist Church – 01963 351598
Methodist Church lettings – 01963 351635
Mid-Somerset Flower Club – 01963 351811
Moat Garden Project – 01963 350899
Netball – 07903 244213
Parson Woodforde Society – www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk
Red Cross – 01963 350830
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 – 07894039933
Somerset Wildlife Trust (SE Area) – 01749 812127
South Somerset Community Accessible Transport –
01963 33864
Table Tennis Club – 01963 351571
Tiddlywinks – 07817 629004
Tools for Self Reliance – 01749 813239
Tourist Information Group – 01963 351763
Toybox Pre-school – 01963 359600
U3A Camelot Area – 01963 351269
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461
Workers' Education Association (WEA) – 01749 860352
Youth Matters – 01963 350160
Zambia Links (CMCPT) – 01963 351461

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