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The Camels



Magazine

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Weather records from Mead Farm, Downhead:

MARCH 2024

Maximum temperature: 17.4 C (63 F) on the 17th.
Minimum temperatures: -2.5 C (27 F) on the 3rd and 4th.
Grass level minimum: -3.6 C (26 F) on the 3rd.
Total rainfall: 95.1 mm (3.74 ins)

Cover: A selection of spring flowers from both our villages

Editorial

At last, we have seen the sun. It may have been mixed in with some showers and strong winds but it is glorious to feel the warmth flooding through our windows.

It's a very British thing to make so much talk about the weather. The regular articles in this magazine usually have a reference to how lovely it's been or how wet it's been. It's a safe topic, it's inclusive because it affects us all and it gets used as a conversation starter.

We all have 'weather' stories to tell.

Back in the day, on the other side of the world in a place which is much warmer than here, the weather wasn't the conversation which was on everyone's lips.

The main story everyone was talking about was an empty tomb.

The body had disappeared, not a sign of it unless you were one of those Jesus followers, you know those Galileans who had been disrupting the status quo within the hierarchy of the temple.

The man who was called 'King of the Jews', 'Son of God', some even went as far as using the word 'Messiah'. He'd been crucified and died alongside some criminals and now after leaving his dead body in a tomb, apparently it had come back to life and moved the stone and walked right out. Nail marks still in his hands and his feet.

Of course the authorities are playing it down. They don't want an outcry. Goodness knows what they'll do if they find him. Maybe crucify him again or send him packing as an outlaw. Where do you suppose he's hiding?

Would he die again if they did try it a second time? Who do you think he was? He did some pretty amazing stuff and to hear him talk, well, he spoke as gentle as a lamb but the authority in his voice and his knowledge, never heard anything like it. You know he cured Jean's son who had been blind since birth, and there were those lepers, he also created loads of baskets of fish and bread when there was that crowd up on the hills.

There was even talk that two ships nearly went down because they had caught so many fish after he told them to put their nets in again after a night's fishing and catching nothing.

And there was Lazarus, Mary and Martha's brother, did you hear what he did for him?

You know, maybe there was something special about him. Maybe there is something special about him.

If we could only find him and listen properly now. Pay more attention and heed his words. Maybe try and live in the way he was showing us, being grateful and expectant that God knows us more than we realise and wants to be a part of our lives.

Not sure the Romans would like that, but maybe that's the way to get rid of the Romans.

We need to start spreading the word. Get everyone talking about it. Let it be the talk of the town.

I bet we all have a Jesus story to tell.

Julie Ebsworth

VILLAGE CAFÉ

TUESDAY 14th MAY

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

10.30am - 12 noon

*Book & Jigsaw exchange

***Bottle top collection in aid of the
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**

* Lord's Larder collection box

*** Digital Cafe**

**Come and enjoy a cup of coffee
and a bite of something delicious
and meet up once again with friends old & new.**

*Profits from the Village Cafe
will be donated to the Lord's Larder*



ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS : MAY 2024

COMING UP . . .

The funeral service for Kath Betteridge will take place on Tuesday, 30th April at 2.00 pm in the church.

Our All Age workshop (5th May) will be a special Rogation Service with the Rev'd. Mark Ellis officiating. Breakfast of croissants, toast, jam, etc + milk shakes, coffee & tea will be served from 9.00 am & the service will start at 9.30 am, focusing on the countryside and our responsibility in caring for it. We hope you can join us.

Areas of the Churchyard will be left unmown to allow for the growth of many species of wild flower that exist in the area between the Church and the North gate.

HAPPENINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS . . .

Those taking part in the **Good Friday Pilgrimage** arrived at St Barnabas in a rather wind-blown and damp state having endured a rainstorm as they walked from West Camel. After a short service taken by Julie Ebsworth, they left for Sparkford.

Our Easter Day Service was taken by the Revd Mark Ellis with a good turnout. The Easter Egg Hunt at its conclusion was possibly the highlight for some of the younger members of the congregation. The flowers in the church were wonderful - our most grateful thanks to Sheila Reeves & her team for their talented work.

A new storage cupboard has been installed beneath the stained glass window in the Thacher Chapel which looks most attractive and replaces a very unstable wrought iron rail with an ancient curtain. This has revealed another brass plaque set into the wall behind.

Camel Club has had a busy term with craft activities related to Easter during the last week. Children took home their work along with an Easter egg. Some of these can be seen in the Church.

All primary age children are welcome to join: we meet in the Memorial Hall from 4.00 - 5.30pm on Thursdays during term time. If your child is a pupil at Countess Gytha school they can be collected by the helpers of Camel Club. Depending on numbers on the day we always make sure that there are two or three people walking the children from school to the Memorial Hall. Once there the children are given drinks, cake and biscuits. We have bible stories, singing, craft activities and games.

Cost per term is £20 for the first child and £15 for any other child. This helps to cover the cost of the hall, equipment etc. If you would like further information please contact Marian Davis 07513 107916 or email marian2810@hotmail.co.uk

FINALLY . . .

The Church Path Fayre will take place on Saturday 8th June - see separate advertisement. A number of people have already volunteered to assist but we always need more, so please do get in touch with Paul Davis (01935 850 139) if you are able to assist. If you have any items you could donate to any of the stalls, Paul & Marian or Morwenna (01935 850 300) would be happy to hear from you.

THE SIX CHURCHES OF CAM VALE

Services for the month of May 2024

Sunday 5 May	Queen Camel Corton Denham West Camel	9.30 am 10.00 am 4.00 pm	All Age Service Rogation Tea @ Four with Methodists
Thursday 9 May	Milborne Port	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Deanery Service
Sunday 12 May	West Camel Weston Bampfylde Sutton Montis West Camel	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	BCP Holy Communion Rogation Rogation Methodists
Sunday 19 May	Queen Camel Sparkford West Camel	9.30 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm	CW Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Methodists
Sunday 26 May	Sutton Montis West Camel	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Together @ 10 Methodists

From the Registers:

Funerals

2nd April – Vanla Joy Oxley, St Barnabas Queen Camel

A thank you from Jenny Clothier at All Saints Church, West Camel

A big thank you to all who help prepare for our services, from playing music, reading lessons and serving refreshments.

Also many thanks to all who mow the church yard keeping it looking very tidy. To the many who do church cleaning and the flower arrangers.

If there is anyone else willing to volunteer please let me know.

Jenny Clothier

Queen Camel Cares

A village-based support network for anyone requiring a bit of extra help at times when life is particularly challenging. Please ring Morwenna Ford (850 300) or Paul Davis (850 139) if you think we might be able to help or make a difference.

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH



Meeting at All Saints Church

Affiliated to the Independent Methodist Churches



Registered Charity
No. 1205373

Minister: Ray Ursell (07770 238588)

Local contacts: Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)

SERVICES IN MAY

May	5th	4pm	“Sunday @ Four” (U.S.)
“	12th	6pm	Mac Kingsbury of Yeovil
“	19th	6pm	Simon Evans of Enmore
“	24th	6pm	Ray Ursell (H.C.)

(U.S. = United Service.H.C. = with Holy Communion)

All PM services are followed by light refreshments.

“Sunday @ Four” includes a full tea.

A very warm welcome to all!

West Camel Churches Together

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Bank Holiday Monday May 6th.

10am-12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

with cake stall, raffle, etc.

**Proceeds for Christian Aid
Relief and Development Charity**

EASTER ACTIVITIES



Due to damp weather, our Good Friday service had to be held in the church. The service was followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee, and a children’s Easter Egg Hunt.

Our United Easter Sunday Praise Service (left) was very well-attended. Hymns were accompanied by organ, piano, saxophone and guitar.

Will you be attending?



Queen Camel Parish Council invites you to:
**THE QUEEN CAMEL ANNUAL VILLAGE
MEETING**

Friday 17TH May 2024
Queen Camel Memorial Hall

6.00pm: Doors open, complimentary drink and nibbles

6.45pm: Formal business

8.15pm: Relax! Bar open, socialise and chat with other villagers and guests.



This annual event brings the community together to celebrate the successes within the parish and to showcase the community efforts with guest speakers and presentations from local clubs, businesses and organisations.



**PLEASE COME ALONG, ALL WELCOME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE.**



Community Noticeboard
WhatsApp group



Queen Camel Community Whatsapp

The PC has expanded its community warning group (Camels Alert) on Whatsapp and has now set up a Community Noticeboard so the community can be kept informed of local news, events etc.

Everyone is welcome to join and participate. Please scan the attached QR code, use the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/.K01zrzafoPCDX8OTz45n5R> or email community@queencamelpc.org.uk to keep yourself informed.



Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council:

The Parish Council (PC) did not have a scheduled meeting in April but it met for an extraordinary meeting on 15 April to consider the recommendations of its Tender Board (TB) for the play area redevelopment. The PC approved the recommendation of the TB, which has been working with the support of an external consultant (Sports and Play Consulting Ltd), to proceed to contract with HAGS Ltd, who was adjudged to have provided the best tender from eight specialist companies responding with quotes. The final approvals for the grants to fund the redevelopment can now be put in place and it is planned that full details of the project will be unveiled at the Annual Village Meeting.

The Finance, Personnel and Risk Committee of the PC also met on 15 April and reviewed the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 as well as reviewing various PC policies to make recommendations for approvals at the next PC meeting in May.

WhatsApp for the Queen Camel Community Noticeboard, as well as Camel Alerts, has been getting increasing use and is a very effective way of getting messages to residents. Also there have been a number of security concerns which have been easily brought to villagers' attention. Please contact Phil Jones if you would like to be added to these communications.

The issue of the Hopkins lorries has been getting close attention from a working group of the parishes particularly affected. Correspondence with Somerset Council continues though no clear conclusions or a solution have been reached yet.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on 17 May 2024 from 6.00pm - see advert opposite. Please come along to engage in the village's activities.

John Brendon, Chairman of the Parish Council

Email: john.brendon@queencamelpc.org.uk

Tel: 07976691895

Email Delivery of the Camels Magazine:

We are gradually establishing an email delivery system for the Camels Magazine in Queen Camel and having started this exercise in late 2023, we are keen to make everyone aware of the possibility. We will continue with a print run each month to deliver to those who would like to receive a hard copy. In addition the magazine will be available in the shop, church and the Old School cafe.

If you would like to receive future copies in this format, please email Morwenna Ford at morwennaford@gmail.com giving you name and street address. The email version of the magazine is, of course, in colour and we will be pleased to forward a copy of the current magazine for you to compare if you wish. GDPR data storage obligations will be followed.

Live Well with Pain Café



If you live with a long-term pain condition and want to meet up with others in the same situation, you are very welcome to attend on the **2nd Wednesday of the month from 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Abri communal lounge at Cleave-side Close, Queen Camel (BA22 7PR)**. You can hear about the Ten Footsteps programme – a skills-not-pills approach to managing and living with pain. For more information call Sue Crisfield on 07749418850 or email sue.crisfield1@nhs.net <https://livewellwithpain.co.uk/>



St. Johns Ambulance

Basic First Aid Refresher Course

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Monday 20th May at either

2.00pm or 7.00 pm. For 90 minutes

FREE No exam, no certificate.

Tea & Coffee : Do come along

For more information please contact Liz Jardine at

lizjardine@outlook.com



Better wellbeing is just
a step away

HEALTH and WELLBEING WALKS.

Queen Camel: Fridays at 10.00am

(note earlier time): Open to all

We leave the Old School car park at 10.00am (when the church bells have chimed) each Friday and walk for about an hour and a half. A chance to meet people, learn some local byways and enjoy the fresh air and gentle exercise. The walks are for fun and everyone is welcome; no obligations, no fees, just wear suitable footwear and come along.

West Camel: Thursdays at 10.00am

The walks run fortnightly - next one on May 2nd

Meeting point: Davis Hall

Come and join Claire and Liz (Health Coaches from Queen Camel Medical Centre) on our Health walk.

The walk will be under 1 mile, flat ground, at a gentle pace. It will be ideal for those new to walking or living with health conditions that impact fitness or mobility.

We cannot allow dogs unless for assistance, there is parking and toilets.

The village café starts at 9.30am, so please join us for a coffee beforehand.



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SHEPTON MALLET - CASTLE CARY - YEOVIL SERVICE 1

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)							FROM 15TH APRIL 2024			
SERVICE NO	1	1	1	1	1	667/1	1	1	1	1
Notes								X	X	X
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Garden Centre	-	-	11:20	13:20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cannard's Grave Road	-	-	11:27	13:27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30	9:30	13:30	17:30	
Whitstone Road	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:35	9:35	13:35	17:35	
Cannard's Grave	7:37	9:37	11:37	13:37	15:37	17:37	9:37	13:37	17:37	
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	7:39	9:39	11:39	13:39	15:39	17:39	9:39	13:39	17:39	
Evercreech, Village Hall	7:42	9:42	11:42	13:42	15:42	17:42	9:42	13:42	17:42	
Southwood	7:47	9:47	11:47	13:47	15:47	17:47	9:47	13:47	17:47	
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	7:51	9:51	11:51	13:51	15:51	17:51	9:51	13:51	17:51	
Alhampton	7:54	9:54	11:54	13:54	15:54	17:54	9:54	13:54	17:54	
Castle Cary, Rail Station	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	17:56	9:56	13:56	17:56	
Ansford, Churchfields	7:59	9:59	11:59	13:59	15:59	17:59	9:59	13:59	17:59	
Castle Cary Horsepond	8:05c	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:05	17:35c	18:05	10:05	14:05	18:05
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:10	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:10	17:40	18:10	10:10	14:10	18:10
North Cadbury	8:15	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:15	17:45	18:15	10:15	14:15	18:15
Chapel Cross	8:18	10:18	12:18	14:18	16:18	17:48	18:18	10:18	14:18	18:18
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	8:20	10:20	12:20	14:20	16:20	17:50	18:20	10:20	14:20	18:20
Sparkford Inn	8:22	10:22	12:22	14:22	16:22	17:52	18:22	10:22	14:22	18:22
Queen Camel	8:26	10:26	12:26	14:26	16:26	17:55	18:26	10:26	14:26	18:26
Marston Magna	8:30	10:30	12:30	14:30	16:30	18:00	18:30	10:30	14:30	18:30
Mudford, Half Moon	8:35	10:35	12:35	14:35	16:35	18:05	18:35	10:35	14:35	18:35
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	8:43	10:43	12:43	14:43	16:43	18:13S	18:43S	10:43	14:43	18:43S
Yeovil Borough	8:46	10:46	12:46	14:46	16:46	18:16S	18:46S	10:46	14:46	18:46S
Yeovil Bus Station	8:48	10:48	12:48	14:48	16:48	18:18S	18:48S	10:48	14:48	18:48S

S = SET DOWN ONLY
c = CONNECTS WITH SERVICE 646 @ 08.16 TO STREET (STRODE COLLEGE) IN THE MORNING & 1 TO YEOVIL IN THE AFTERNOON.
CONNECTION IS NOT GUARANTEED.

X = THE ONLY SERVICES RUNNING ON A SATURDAY

Tel - 01963 33124 (WINCANTON) - 01935 475872 (YEOVIL) - 01305 823039 (PORTLAND)

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

200 Club Results for April 2024

Drawn at the Village Cafe

First Prize:- £30 Anne Aldworth Number:-4

Second Prize:-£25 Gill Hobbs Number:- 95

Third Prize:- £20 Patricia Golovonchenko Number:- 110

Fourth Prize:-£15 Lavinia Frank Number:- 36

Fifth Prize:-£10 Simon Stapely Number:- 112

Contact Liz Jardine 01935 850074 or lizjardine@outlook.com if you wish to join and support the maintenance of your village hall.



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**YEOVIL - CASTLE CARY - SHEPTON
SERVICE**

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

FROM 15TH APRIL 2024

SERVICE NO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Notes								X	X
Yeovil Bus Station	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30		7:30	11:30
Clarence Street, Tesco	7:33	9:33	11:33	13:33	15:33	17:33		7:33	11:33
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:35		7:35	11:35
Yeovil College	7:36	9:36	11:36	13:36	15:36	17:36		7:36	11:36
Mudford, Half Moon	7:43	9:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43		7:43	11:43
Marston Magna	7:48	9:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48		7:48	11:48
Queen Camel	7:52	9:52	11:52	13:52	15:52	17:52		7:52	11:52
Sparkford Inn	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	17:56		7:56	11:56
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	7:58	9:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58		7:58	11:58
Chapel Cross	8:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00		8:00	12:00
North Cadbury	8:03	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	18:03		8:03	12:03
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:08	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:08	18:08		8:08	12:08
Castle Cary, Horse Pond	8:12c	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12	18:12		8:12	12:12
Ansford, Churchfields	8:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16		8:16	12:16
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	8:19	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19		8:19	12:19
Alhampton	8:21	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:21	18:21		8:21	12:21
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	8:24	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24		8:24	12:24
Southwood	8:28	10:28	12:28	14:28	16:28	18:28		8:28	12:28
Evercreech, Village Hall	8:33	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:33	18:33		8:33	12:33
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	8:37	10:37	12:37	14:37	16:37	18:37		8:37	12:37
Cannard's Grave	8:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	16:40	18:40		8:40	12:40
Whitstone Road	8:42	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42		8:42	12:42
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	8:47	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47		8:47	12:47
Cannard's Grave Road	-	10:50	12:50	-	-	-		-	-
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Gdn Centre	-	10:57	12:57	-	-	-		-	-

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Tel - 01963 33124 (WINCANTON) - 01935 475872 (YEOVIL) - 01305 823039 (PORTLAND)

Scottish Country Dancing

Every Thursday,

St Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club,

7.30 – 9.30pm at the Davis Hall, West Camel BA22 7QX.

Always a fun evening - come along and give it a try – a warm welcome assured!

First two visits free, £2.00 per session, £1.50 for members.

See website: www.stmichaelscdclub.org or contact

elspeth_a_wright@hotmail.com 07972125617



NEW YOUTH GROUP

STARTING
11 MARCH
for 12 weeks

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-14

QUEEN CAMEL, WEST CAMEL & SPARKFORD

5.30PM - | FOOD | BE A PART
7.30PM | PROVIDED | OF IT

QUEEN CAMEL MEMORIAL HALL BA22 7LJ

Cam Vale Tuesday Group : April Meeting.

John Burgess, a freelance journalist for BBC Radio for 20 years, was our speaker. He told us he had only been employed because he had a portable tape recorder! The BBC wanted recordings of people who had experiences that the public would want to hear about, so a man willing to visit people with his own recording equipment was essential.

He travelled widely in the south west interviewing people from all walks of life: Mary Lees talked about Armistice Day, 1918, in London when so many people crammed into London to celebrate; Gladys and Laura from Nether Stowey were experts in spinning and weaving, selling their beautiful home dyed materials country wide. These two industrious ladies also bottled Whortleberries, managing to sell them in Fortnum and Mason, and Harrods for many years.

There were many fascinating anecdotes along the way and we also heard recordings of 'Listen with Mother' and 'Mrs Dales Diary' amongst others. A true trip down memory lane for most of us,

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday May 7th at the Queen Camel Memorial Hall.

This will be our Annual General Meeting

and will be followed by a talk 'In the Mood' by Dr. Francis Burroughs.

We meet at 10am until midday. New members and visitors are welcome.

For further information please contact Marion Chapman at 01963 220741



BUMPS, TOTS & TODDLERS

If you have a little one, why not come along and join us during term time

**on Wednesdays in the
Memorial Hall, Queen Camel
from 10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Next term starts on
Wednesday 17th April**

**Refreshments available.
£3 per family
Do come and join us!**

**For more information please contact
Morwenna Ford : 01935 850 300**

Camel Club

St Barnabas Church

**Crafts,
Music, Games
& Bible Stories**

*For all children of primary
school age*



**Queen Camel
Memorial Hall**

THURSDAYS
during term time

4.00 - 5.45 pm

**Cost: £20 per
term**

**For further information
please call Marian Davis on
01935 850 139**

Cleaveside Community Centre Activities for May 2024

Flexercise sessions Monday 11.00am - 12.15pm - 6, 13, 20 & 27 May Sitting down and some standing exercises to tone up your muscles whilst having fun with all sorts of gadgets and music! Refreshments included (£2 to non-residents).

Relaxation Techniques with Jenny Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00pm – 1, 8, 15 & 29 May

Coffee Mornings every Tuesday and Thursday 10.30 onwards in the Lounge Don't be on your own, come along and have a cuppa; you will soon make new friends! 20p per cup!

Tai Chi in the Memorial Hall Thursday 10.30 - 11.30am – 2, 9, 16 & 23 May Pay as you go £5.

Games and Social Thursday 2.00 – 3.30pm – 2 May A good variety of board games, cards Dominoes, Hoy etc. to play in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere Learn to play Snooker and Darts. Bring your own nibbles. Tea/coffee provided. A FREE session!

Live Well with Pain Cafe Wednesday 11.30 - 12.30pm – 8 May Are you living with a long-term pain condition? Come along and meet others in the same situation and learn how to deal with pain. Get help and advice from Liz Webber, QC Health Coach and Sue Crisfield, Social Prescribing Coordinator. FREE refreshments and a warm welcome awaits you!

Sing-A-Long with Jaine Thursday 2.00 - 3.00pm – 9 May Come along and join in singing songs and having fun! Refreshments included (at least a £3 donation in support of Golden Oldies).

Fun Bingo Saturday 11 May – Eyes down at 2.15pm for an afternoon of fun and surprises! Raffle £1, Buy your Bingo tickets for £3. All welcome! Refreshments included.

Cream Teas & Cake Stall Saturday 3.00 - 5.00pm – 18 May In aid of the Cleaveside Lounge. Come along and enjoy a cream tea (£4) and cake, if you have room! Bring and buy cakes, or just donate something baked!

Day Visit to Dorchester Wednesday – 22 May- Departing from Cleaveside Community Centre at 10.00am and returning later in the afternoon. An opportunity to discover all that Dorchester has to offer, shopping, Market-day with many different stalls, an exhibition hall and lots of places to have lunch! Price TBC. Book your seat with Sue on 01935 850008

Supper and Film (Chicago) Friday 6.00pm – 31 May -Enjoy a home cooked supper with a dessert, coffee/tea for £7 and then relax as you watch the musical film Chicago. (please book your meal, in advance, providing any special dietary requirements with Sue on 01935 850008) We can deliver!



West Camel Village Cafe

9:15 - 12 Every Thurs

At the Davis Hall

Cake£1.00

Tea.....£1.00

Espresso.....£1.00

Cappuccino....£1.50

Latte.....£1.50

Americano.....£1.50

Bacon Sandwiches

£3.50

Featuring Bakery and
Post Office

Films at

The Davis Hall, West Camel

Friday 24th May **Wonka**
Friday 21st June **The Holdovers**
Friday 26th July **The Lesson**
Friday 23rd August **Wicked Little Letters**



Trailers on the Davis Hall website www.davishall.co.uk

Doors open 7 p.m. for 7.30 start : Licensed Bar, Tea and Coffee

Tickets £5 on the door : 16s and under £3.50 Warm hall as ever! Easy parking

Please tell anyone not on the internet who might like to join us.

CREATION RESOURCES TRUST

Final annual Public Meeting
Saturday 18th May 2024 3.30pm-7.30pm
The Davis Hall, West Camel, Near Yeovil,
Somerset, BA22 7QX.



3.30pm Welcome, reports and worship

**3.45pm "Creation — the Final Proof:
evidence for design in nature."**

**—Joe Hubbard *Dip. (Zoology) B.Sc*
*(Creation Research UK)***

4.30pm Short break

4.45pm "CRT: A Potted History"

—Geoff Chapman *(CRT)*

5.30pm Buffet tea



**6.30pm. "Voyage to the planets: solar
system discoveries that confirm
creation." —Paul Garner *MSc, FGS.***

(Biblical Creation Trust).



A range of resources will be available

West Camel Book Group

The Island by Victoria Hislop was a welcome 'feel good' read, albeit covering the history of Spinalonga, the Island that became a Leper Colony. Victoria Hislop has been lauded by the Greek Government for her insightful writing about their country. This book was well researched and factually very interesting as well as telling a fictitious story that was quietly appealing. For some it was a reminder of their own experience of time spent on Crete. A good holiday read, probably more for the ladies than the gents, we marked it between 5 and 9 with an average of above 7.

It was good to be back at The Walnut Tree. Our next meetings are at 7.30pm on:

Wednesday 8th May Cake for the Gestapo by Jacqueline King
Wednesday 12th June The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell
Wednesday 17th July Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte And / Or
 The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
Wednesday 14th August Philip: The Final Portrait by Gyles Brandreth
Wednesday 11th September Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Additional recommendations:

Songbirds by Christy Lefteri.

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan (a beautiful and sad read.)

What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in May

Mondays: Pilates 9.00- 11.15am (Not May 6th & 27th)
Youth Group 5.30-7.30pm (Not May 6th, 20th & 27th)
St Johns Ambulance Basic First Aid Refresher Course May 20th 2pm or 7pm

Tuesdays: Cam Vale Tuesday Group 7th May 10-12
Brownies 6-7pm (Not May 28th)
Guides 7-9pm (Not May 28th)
Village Cafe May 14th 10-12
QC Quilters May 21st 10-4pm

Wednesdays: Bumps, Tots & Toddlers 10-12 (Not May 29th)

Thursdays: Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am (not May 29th)
Camel Club 4.00-5.30pm (Not May 29th)
Police & Crime Commissioner Election May 2nd 7am-10pm

Fridays: Table Tennis 7-9pm (Not May 17th)
Annual Parish Meeting May 17th 6-10pm

Saturdays: Gardening Club Plant & Bake Sale 9.30am-12

Somerset Sight is a local charity that has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 we proudly won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

One of the services we offer is the Volunteer Visiting Service, whereby volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support and to alleviate their loneliness and isolation.

Volunteer visitors help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits.

We have a number of visually impaired people in Somerset who would welcome a volunteer visitor, but they are on a waiting list as we don't have enough volunteers to match them with. Therefore, we just wondered if you might be able to assist us in promoting this service to help us recruit some more volunteers.

Furthermore, we hold monthly Social Groups for the visually impaired in various towns across Somerset. Our service users come along to have a chat and a coffee, and we are also able to share ideas and information about living with sight loss. Please call Somerset Sight on 01823 333818 to find out more.

We also have a Mobile Advisory Service which travels across the whole of Somerset offering information, advice and visual aids for people with sight loss. We have lots of helpful gadgets and interesting resources on board. The dates are on the website.



**Somerset
Sight** Working with people
who lack sight, not vision

Volunteer Visitors Needed

Somerset Sight is recruiting volunteers to befriend visually impaired people on a regular basis

Would you like to help someone in your local area?

Join our team of volunteers, who help people to remain independent and overcome loneliness and isolation.

All reasonable and out of pocket expenses are paid.

**For more information please contact Somerset Sight on:
01823 333818 or email admin@somersetsight.org.uk**

Queen Camel Gardening Club.

Annual Plant and Bake sale.

Saturday 4th May 2024.

10am - 12pm in the Memorial Hall.

Come along to buy some locally grown quality plants available at very reasonable prices, as well as a selection of homemade baked goods.

Whilst you are there, why not have a cuppa and cake, not to mention some raffle tickets for fabulous prizes!

Pick up a copy of the show schedule (3rd August), and you could also join the club. (£10 per year)

So much to do - don't miss out!

Summer Show

August 3rd, 2024

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Schedule available from QC Post Office/Shop/Plant & Bake sale.

New classes include: Floral art - flowers arranged in a teapot; a crocheted/knitted item; a Men's Baking class; and Junior Section classes (decorated fairy cakes and animals made from vegetables)

Entry for classes is 40p per item for members,

60p for non-members,

children's entry is free.

Lots of fabulous prizes to be won.

Also, a raffle and refreshments available.

Open Pathway to Peace

Charity 800412 ~ findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org

Christy & Daniel Francis, Laurel Lane, QC BA22 7NU Tel: 01935
850266 We would love to hear from you and welcome you here.



Yoga classes Friday mornings 9.30-11am from 12th April.

Have a relaxing, quiet, and private swim, in our pool.

Volunteers much needed with DIY, painting cooking and gardening skills after last year's flood. Please can you help?

Courses & Events

Meditation 18-22 April or 26-30 May – for health and focus

Sound Bath 30 April – good for rest, relaxation, and toning

A Healing Way of Life – 4-5 May plus 1-2 June

Bede Griffiths Retreat with David Cole – 10-12 May

Animal Energy Therapy Training – 18-19 May

Labyrinth Retreat, within and without – 6/7 July

Accommodation available throughout the year: B/B, Half Board or Full Board, & Personal Retreats.

Rooms for Meetings and Christening, Funeral or Wedding Receptions, small groups, or venue hire

The Round Table – Jesus Style Lunches were greatly enjoyed with lively discussions and donations were raised for the following charities chosen by a draw on the day: Great Ormond Street new Children's Cancer Centre £75; Candles for Ukraine £65; and the Lord's Larder £55.

Thank you to all who took part. Christy is hoping to arrange similar lunches monthly at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel. Please contact her on 07564 935555 if you are interested in coming. Discussions are open – no questions or opinions barred! 'Why, what, how and because', as well as 'what is spiritual?', are greatly welcomed.



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SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

12.30 PM START



**PLENTY OF ACTION ALL AFTERNOON
FOR EVERYONE!**

- * ASSAULT COURSE * TOWER TRIPS**
- * CHICKEN CHUCKING * FACE PAINTING**
- * ZIP WIRE FROM TOWER FOR TEDDIES**
- * CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

- * CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA ***
- * BOOKS * CAKES * RAFFLE ***
- * BOTTLES ON CARDS ***
- ALMOST NEW * TOYS * PLANTS**

... AND NOT FORGETTING ...

- BARBECUE * TEA * COFFEE**
- CAKE * PIMMS * SOFT DRINKS**
- STRAWBERRIES & CREAM**

**ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE CHURCH
FABRIC FUND**

QUEEN CAMEL SPORTS CLUBS

OPEN DAY

Saturday 4th May

Come & talk to the club coaches & members & find out what's on offer.

Have a go at all the sports & find out which you like best

On or adjacent to the Playing Field

Please wear flat shoes for Bowls & Tennis

BOWLS CLUB

10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Open to everyone over the age of 10. Bowls can be provided.
Bar open 12 noon.
Also tea, coffee & biscuits.



CRICKET CLUB

9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Come & find out all about this exciting club which has a lively junior section.

TABLE TENNIS
on the basketball court.

Bats & balls provided
Help at hand if you've never played before.
Come & have a go!



TAI CHI

with demos you can join in!
11.30am - 12 noon
1.30 - 2.00 pm
3.00 - 3.30 pm
Sessions are suitable for all ages.



TENNIS CLUB

*Children's coaching from 9 am
Courts open to all from 11.15 am with rackets & balls.
Bacon butties from 9 am to 12 noon
+ tea, cake



* 9.00 - 9.45 am - mini red coaching, ages 5 - 8 yrs

9.45 - 10.30 am - mini orange, ages 8 - 11 years

10.30 - 11.15 am - mini green for ages 12+ years

Then take on the ball machine - or your friends - or play with members. Come and have fun!



April 2024

Welcome to Queen Camel CC as we start our 2024 season.

We have 80 senior & junior fixtures for the coming season, see our website for more details.

We are now looking for new players to join. Please contact us via our email below or if you know some of our local team members, please let them know you are interested.



Senior Cricket

Outdoor nets are planned for Thursday evenings 1800 to 2000 (when the U14s are not playing at home).

Youth Cricket

On Friday 19th May we are pleased to announce that Cookie Patel, an ECB level 4 coach will be visiting our club. He is a hugely experienced fielding coach with previous roles including England Women, Derbyshire CCC, Northants CCC, Yorkshire CCC and Lancashire Thunder, his workshops are always very well received. The workshop will run from 1800 to 2100.

This will be a fundraising event with any donations made being given to local charities.

Want to be involved? Ways support your Cricket team

QCCC are always looking for new members of the community to join the club, see below for details on how you can be part of a fantastic village cricket team.

Do you shop online? Do it through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise a free donation for Queen Camel Cricket Club every time you shop! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queencamelcc/>

Visit our website for Club Contact Details <http://queencamel.play-cricket.com/>

Club Email: queencamelcc@hotmail.com

May Home Fixtures

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Type
28/04/2024	Under 10	v South Petherton CC - Under 10	League
29/04/2024	Under 12 B	v Chard CC - Under 12 Girls	League
05/05/2024	Under 10	v Wells and Horrington CC - Under 10 B	League
06/05/2024	Under 12	v West & Middle Chinnock CC - Under 12	League
09/05/2024	Under 14	v South Petherton CC - Under 14	League
12/05/2024	Chairman's XI	v President's XI	Friendly
13/05/2024	Under 12 B	v Yeovil CC - U12 Tigers	League
20/05/2024	Under 12	v Yeovil CC - U12 Wildcats	League
23/05/2024	Under 14	v Yeovil CC - U14 Wildcats	League
25/05/2024	1st XI	v North Perrott CC - 3rd XI	League
26/05/2024	Under 10	v Yeovil CC - U10 Tigers	League
27/05/2024	Under 12 B	v Broadway & Horton CC - Under 12	League
29/05/2024	Twenty20	v Pen Selwood CC - Friendly XI	Friendly

QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

The Recreation Ground, off Englands Lane, Queen Camel, Yeovil, BA22 7NN

Lawn Bowls is a competitive game that is also fun to play.

Come along and join us on Tuesday Club Nights - 5:30pm - Free Coaching is available.

Village Sports Club Open Day 4th May - 10 am until 4pm, and

A Marie Curie Charity Big Tea Party and Bowls Weekend on 26th May from 2pm until 4pm.

We also hold Social Events and have a Licenced Bar



Somerset
Wildlife Trust



Potential for nature

With an estimated 124,500 gardens in Somerset, covering 19 square kilometres of the county, these spaces have huge potential for nature. If we all gave a little bit more space for wildlife within our gardens, just imagine how much habitat we would create overall for nature! Gardens can also help us buffer the impacts of surface flooding, pollution run off, create cooler climates around our homes and are fantastic for our health and well being.

We're on a mission to help everyone in Somerset who looks after a garden to give more space to wildlife.

At www.somersetwildlife.org/get-involved/at-home/wildlife-gardening

you'll find tips, projects and downloads, or you can request personal advice from our team of Wilder Gardening Champions who are part of the Wilder Gardening Group.



Marianne Leverton's son takes part in the Paris Marathon in aid of the Alzheimer's Society

Many in the village will remember Marianne with great affection. Her son James, his wife and daughter, Isabella, often spend time in Queen Camel in their cottage along Church Path. He has sent through the following about his endeavours to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

On the weekend of Sunday 7th of April we embarked on a flying visit to Paris in order for me to run the Paris Marathon. I was running in aid of the Alzheimer's Society - a charity which some readers will know holds personal meaning after my late Mum's affliction. It's a condition I have discovered strikes a chord with many families; my sympathy and empathy extends to all those who have encountered its reach.

I have run the London Marathon before a few times, so it was time for a change of scene, some new landmarks, and being within relatively easy reach I whimsically entered the Paris Marathon in late 2023. As with all these things it seemed like a good idea at the time, and so it came to pass that I was bundling the family onto Eurostar at St Pancras heading for Paris with Dad in tow.

My race report, if we can embellish a little and describe it so, goes as follows.

- Enough porridge to feed several families of bears
- Safe passage of Le Metro to the start at Arc de Triomphe – walking up the Champs-Élysée at dawn was a particular highlight
- An arduous sightseeing tour around Paris - cramps hit me at half distance so a challenging second act!
- Cobbled roads to finish for a final dose of discomfort!

Gladly I finished just under 3.45 which given my struggles on the day, and a few of pit stops to stretch and say hello to my support crew was respectable enough. As with all these events the atmosphere and support was incredible and the route very scenic. That said being back at work sitting in an office chair with a cup of tea has never felt so good! **If anyone is minded to offer support to Alzheimer's Society I'm very near my fundraising target and the link can be found here - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-leverton-1709560037835>**

Hopefully I'll be back to walking normally by the next time I see you!

Best wishes, James



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