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The Camels



Magazine

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WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD SEPTEMBER 2024

Maximum temperature: 23.9C (75 F) on the 19th.
Minimum temperature: 0.5 C (33 F) on the 13th.
Grass level minimum: -2.1 C (28.2) on the 13th.
Total Rainfall: 160.1 mm (6.30 ins)

Cover: From the newly created digital Village Archives! Clockwise from top left: Bell Inn Skittles Team 1950; Queen Camel Football Team 1912; Queen Camel Players 'Hay Fever' 1946; Queen Camel Hockey Team in fancy dress, Boxing Day 1948.

Editorial

November. What springs to mind when you think of this month?

Fireworks with all their colours and patterns and loud bangs, TV presenters and newsreaders wearing red poppies in their lapels. The countdown to Christmas in our shops; wherever we turn there will be enticing images of gifts and food which will make our Christmas 'perfect'. The clocks have changed to GMT which has shortened the light hours considerably and the weather can be fickle. This will mean that for some there is less socialising or seeing neighbours for a friendly chat, for others it will mean going to work and returning home in the dark. Our children play more inside rather than letting off energy outside. The grass stops growing, so no need for regular mowing.

The list could be endless and there are positive and negative aspects of each.

For some November will bring loneliness and the possibility of increased risk of illness. So how can we approach the beginning of winter this year?

It's all too easy to adopt a pessimistic attitude because of changes in the season which affect our moods and maybe our lives. It could mean a little more hardship in the way we go about our everyday lives, no longer the ease of walking out the door with no thought of a coat. Instead, the need to wrap up warm with a torch in our pockets, possibly boots on our feet, all needing a little more effort to sort out.

We don't hear children complaining about the puddles to jump in or leaf mounds to kick, the excitement of a bonfire or the expectations of what Christmas will bring. Their minds are carefree, their expectations high. They are more likely to be present in each moment than to think too far ahead.

Jesus asks us all to be more like children. To be expectant of good things, to live in the moment, to put God first and to love and care for others like we love and care for ourselves.

St Paul encourages us to keep our minds thinking about whatever is true, whatever is respected, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever can be loved, whatever is well thought of, if there is anything good and worth giving thanks for, to get on and do it, because by practising this mindset it will bring us peace within ourselves.

At a time in our world where peace is becoming a rarity for many, it is good to think about the truth we read in the gospels; the story that will be retold throughout the world once more next month. That a saviour of the world has been born, has lived among us, has died and is resurrected to new life. A life we all can be a part of. A life which brings hope and healing, light and love. An understanding that everyone is accepted no matter what creed, colour or race.

As we move into the run up to Christmas I encourage you to take some 'me time' and re-read the nativity story for yourself, thinking about the part you might have played within the story.

Were you the inn keeper, short on room and time? Or maybe an official taking tallies of the census? Were you Joseph, who had the weight of how to care for his wife, or Mary, trusting that all would be well?

Sometimes we allow circumstances to dictate whether we are a 'glass half full' or a 'glass half empty' person. I think this year more than ever we need to be reminded of the Nativity story and why it happened.

Julie Ebsworth

VILLAGE CAFÉ

TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

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*

**PLUS
Save the Children Fund
CHRISTMAS CARDS
will be on sale**



ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS : NOVEMBER 2024

COMING UP . . .

All Souls Service: Sunday 3rd November at 3.00 pm – an opportunity to say thank you for those we have loved and known but see no longer. Please bring the names of anyone you wish to be remembered to the service and we will ensure their names are read out.

Remembrance Sunday: 10th November at 10.55 am. A service to remember and honour those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. We will be joined by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Bumps, Tots and Toddlers will resume meeting weekly in **the Memorial Hall** from 10.00 am – 12 noon starting after half term on **Wednesday 6th November**. Please see the separate advertisement elsewhere in the magazine.

Camel Club will resume after half term on **Thursday 7th November in the Memorial Hall** from 4.00 – 5.30 pm and all primary school age children are warmly invited to join in. See advertisement on page 25.

HAPPENINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS . . .

Our Harvest Festival service this year was taken by the Revd Mark Ellis and was a joyful occasion with a large congregation.

Afterwards there was a delicious **Harvest Lunch** in the Memorial Hall where some 60 people enjoyed a choice of hot dishes followed by, as always, a most tempting selection of puddings. A huge thank you to everyone who supported both the service and the lunch and a special BIG thank you to all the cooks who excelled themselves as well as a very special and heartfelt thank you to the three hard-working ladies in the kitchen.

Following the Service & Lunch, a quantity of non-perishable items was delivered to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil and, after expenses, an amount of £395 was sent to Christian Aid from donations given at the Harvest Lunch

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, the **Countess Gytha Primary School** was unable to hold its planned Harvest Festival service in the church but instead held it at the school. The children were most generous with their donations to the Lord's Larder and a further 10 boxes and several large bags were delivered to the centre in Yeovil.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Village Café on Tuesday 12th November in the Memorial Hall will be a further opportunity to purchase Save the Children Fund Christmas cards – as well as a chance to meet up with local friends and enjoy freshly brewed coffee/tea and a scone and/or piece of cake. Please see advert elsewhere in the magazine.

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Memorial Hall. Full details on pages 12 - 14.

Village Café, Tuesday, 10th December from 10.30 am with the choir from Countess Gytha Primary School performing carols.

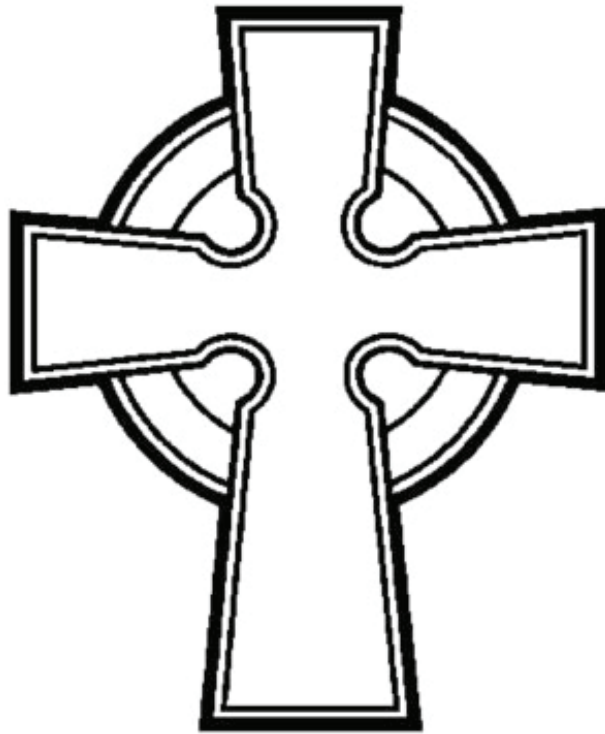
Carol Service on Sunday, 15th December at 6.30 pm. Crib Service on Saturday 24th December at 6.00 pm.

Full details of all the December events in the next issue of the Camels Magazine.

And FINALLY . . .

The collection box for the Lord's Larder is in the church on the right-hand side, just inside the glass doors. It is also available for donations at the monthly Village Café. Besides their continuing need for non-perishable food, the Lord's Larder are specifically asking for tinned Meatballs, tins of Sardines, tins of Chilli, tins of Beans and Sausages and tinned Carrots as well as packets of Pasta N Sauce, packets of Jelly and Shower Gel. Your continuing support is invaluable. Thank you.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE
SUNDAY 3rd November 2024
3.00 pm
at
St Barnabas Church
Queen Camel



An opportunity to remember those from our Benefice who have died recently,
and especially within the last year

Everyone is welcome

THE SIX CHURCHES OF CAM VALE

Services for the month of November 2024

Sunday 3rd November	Queen Camel	9.30 am	All age service
	Corton Denham	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	Queen Camel	3.00 pm	All Souls' Service
	West Camel	3.00 pm	Tea @ Three
Sunday 10 th November	West Camel	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	Queen Camel	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	Weston Bampfylde	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	Sparkford	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	Sutton Montis	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	Corton Denham	10.45 am	Remembrance Service
Sunday 17 th November	Queen Camel	9:30 am	CW Holy Communion
	Sparkford	11.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	West Camel	3.00 pm	Methodists' service
Sunday 24 th November	Sutton Montis	10:00 am	Together @ 10
	West Camel	3:00 pm	Methodists' service

Registers:

Funerals & Burial of Ashes:

10th October	Patrick John Davall	Funeral	Sutton Montis
14th October	John Lawes	Funeral	Sutton Montis
17th October	Marion Hemborough	Funeral	Weston Bampfylde

Christening

22nd September **Ophelia Stanton Voges** **Baptism** **Queen Camel**

We also have new weekday prayer times:

Monday 9.30am - Morning Prayer St Barnabas Queen Camel

Monday 6.00pm: 4th & 18th at Sparkford; 11th & 25th at Weston Bampfylde

Tuesday 5.00pm: 12th & 26th at Sutton Montis; 5th & 19th at Corton Denham

Wednesday 12.30pm: 6th & 20th West Camel

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 Connexion



Reg. Charity No. 1205373

Minister: Ray Ursell (07770 238588)

Local contacts: Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER (Please note earlier times)

Nov.	3rd	3pm	“Tea @ Three” (U.S.)
“	10th	3pm	Clarence Spracklen of Milborne Port
“	17th	3pm	Ray Ursell ('Sing Sankey')*
“	24th	3pm	Steve Derby of Ditcheat (H.C.)

*A service featuring some old-time Gospel songs

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

All PM services are followed by light refreshments.

“Tea @ Three” includes a full tea.

A very warm welcome to all!

“Zoom” Bible studies are held once a month. If you would like to join, please contact us for the link. Geoff.mead@yahoo.com

Recorded Sunday sermons can be accessed on
www.westcamelchurches.org.uk

Corton Denham Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 23rd. 11am to 3.30pm.

In the village hall just below the church.

Exciting stalls and refreshments.

West Camel Churches Together

On Sunday 13th October we celebrated our Harvest Festival. The church was beautifully decorated. On Sunday morning, a Family Service, led by the Rev. Caroline Walker, was followed by a delicious Harvest Lunch. The collection and profits on the lunch raised £222 for the Farming Community Network — a charity which helps farmers who are going through difficult times.

In the afternoon, the Harvest Praise service was led by Ray Ursell. The service included a short film about Tear Fund's Community Transformation Project in Africa. After the service, perishable items such as fruit and veg were disposed of in return for donations. The collection, together with donations for the produce, raised £301 for Tearfund. All the donations of tinned and packaged food have been taken to 'The Lord's Larder' food bank at Yeovil.

Sunday 3rd November 3pm. "Tea @ Three"

An informal service with a quiz, favourite hymns, a reading and short reflection, followed by a full tea.

10TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A commemoration at the War Memorial at 10.50am followed by a service in the church.

Go to our website at www.westcamelchurches.org.uk for details of regular services and recorded sermons.

See our Facebook page for news and photos about past and forthcoming events:
www.facebook.com/westcamelchurches

What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in November

Mondays: Pilates 9 -11.15am Youth Group 5.30-7.30pm Parish Council Nov 18th 7.30pm	Thursdays: Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am Camel Club 4-5.30PM Gardening Club Nov 14th 7.30pm
Tuesdays: Cam Vale Tues Group Nov 5 th 10-12 Brownies 6-7pm : Guides 7-9pm Village Cafe Nov 12th 10-12 QC Quilters Nov 19th 10-4pm	Fridays: Table Tennis 7-9pm
Wednesdays: Bumps, Tots & Toddlers 10-12 Hall AGM Nov 20th 7pm	Saturday: BHF Coffee Morning Nov 16th 10.30am Tennis Club Quiz Night Nov 16th 7.30pm Christmas Bingo Nov 30th 7.30pm

For hall booking enquiries please call 07707206250



Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) did not have a meeting in October, but some important matters have arisen.

The question of **road safety and speed watch** was discussed at a public meeting on 2 October. The principal objective was to see if a speed watch project could be established to provide evidence to support the perception of speeding through the village. The Police and Somerset Council (SC) will not initiate action, or provide funding, based on anecdote, but require clear evidence. Although a few villagers were willing to support a Community Speed Watch (CSW) it cannot progress without a volunteer to coordinate it.

The meeting wished for **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)** to be installed and for the **20mph speed limit** to be extended from the Old School to the new school. These measures are being explored, identifying restrictions on positioning of SIDS and implementation of 20mph zones. Without evidence to satisfy the Police and SC, funding and support for these projects will be a challenge. The PC similarly has to justify its public spending as well as complying with requirements of other authorities. Whilst acknowledging that there will always be those drivers who speed, the PC is undertaking informal checks on traffic to see how effective the existing traffic calming measures are.

The question of a **pedestrian crossing** was raised. There is no SC budget available this year for road crossings and dropped kerbs. We have been told that even if there were, due to the current measures with two road narrowing pinch points, Queen Camel will not be considered for additional crossings. Please remember to find a safe place to cross with good visibility in both directions (SEE and BE SEEN). The lack of visibility for cars **turning right** out of **Church Path** was also raised. This is still within the 20mph zone, but additional cautionary measures for drivers are being considered.

HGVs driving through the village in contravention of the weight restriction remain of concern. The Police lack resources to prosecute, but the nuisance caused through improper or unlawful use of vehicles is anti-social behaviour (ASB), which is a policing priority! If you are alarmed or distressed by the continual use of Queen Camel as a 'rabbit run' by HGVs then please report this ASB to Avon and Somerset Police, using its website, so they get a clear picture and can respond.

Hopkins lorries have continued to get close attention. Continuing attempts are being made to bring pressure on SC with the help of our local councillors and MP. Although lorries are 'legitimately' using the A359 for access to Sutton Farm, the PC, in collaboration with other PCs, are trying to hold SC to account for its lack of enforcement for potential breaches of planning. You can reinforce your concerns by reporting this type of ASB to SC through its website, so it too is constantly reminded of the affect this is having on local communities. Also our Community Safety Officer can investigate.

I expect the traffic and speed issues will be discussed again at the next **PC's meeting** on **18 November**. If you have any matters you would like to raise with the PC please contact me or any councillor.

John Brendon, Chairman of the Parish Council
Email: john.brendon@queencamelpc.org.uk
Tel: 07976691895



Save the Children



***Christmas Cards
& Everyday Cards***

will be on sale at the

Village Café

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Tuesday 12th November


10.30am - 12.00 noon



ST BARNABAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please help us have the best Christmas Fayre yet by donating to our stalls. We need:

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- New/nearly new toys and children's books
 - Bottles for the tombola
 - Good quality teddies and cuddly toys
 - New gifts/wrapping paper for present stall
 - Raffle prizes (new only please)
 - Red and Green items for the Hamper
 - Preserves, chutneys, jams & other goodies!
 - Items for Christmas wreath making
- ..and we will need cakes/biscuits on the day



Please email harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk
or call 07880714559 or 01935 850982
and we can arrange a time to collect

We are also looking for people to help on the day
- please let Harriet know if you can help



ST BARNABAS

SATURDAY DEC 7TH, 2-4PM

QUEEN CAMEL MEMORIAL HALL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

COME AND PLUCK THE LOLLY 'TURKEY'

BROWSE HANDMADE GIFTS

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND WRAP

STOCK UP ON CHRISTMAS TOYS

TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE TEDDY RAFFLE

WIN AT THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND CAKES

AND LOTS LOTS MORE!

IN AID OF ST BARNABAS CHURCH FABRIC FUND

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

200 Club Results

October 2024

Drawn at the Village Cafe

First Prize:- £30	Gill Dobson	Number:-9
Second Prize:-£25	Lizzie Noakes	Number:-83
Third Prize:- £20	John Marshall	Number:-21
Fourth Prize:-£15	Angus & Philippa Davidson	Number:-27
Fifth Prize:-£10	John Brendon	Number:-112

Did you enter the first draw in time? Remember there is a Christmas Bonanza Draw of £100, £75, £50 and £25 to be drawn at the Christmas Bingo.

You still have time to enter for the next 11 draws!



BUMPS, TOTS & TODDLERS

is back in the Memorial Hall, Queen Camel from November.

10.00 am - 12 noon on Wednesdays in term time

It is an opportunity for parents to meet and relax with a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of cake whilst their babies and toddlers enjoy crawling, exploring and getting to know one another Refreshments are available. £3 per family

Do come and join us!

For more information please contact

Morwenna Ford : 01935 850 300

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 Cleaveside 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/>

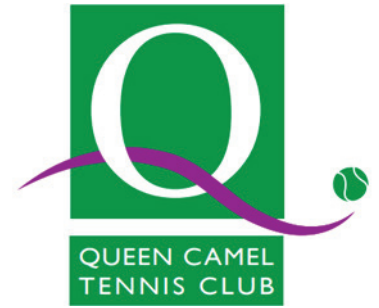
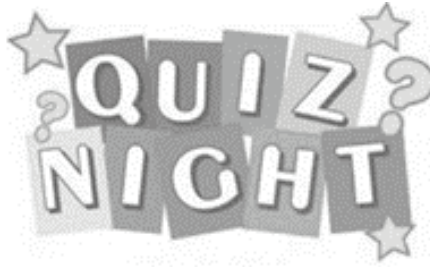
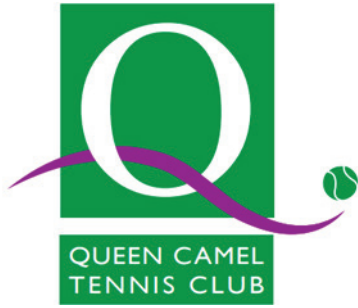


HEALTH and WELLBEING WALKS **Queen Camel: Fridays at 10.00am** **Open to all**

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.

An alternative more gentle walk from Queen Camel Medical Centre is planned to start soon with Health Coach Liz. Please contact the health coaches for more details.

Further details on www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks



**Queen Camel Tennis Club
Quiz Night and Supper
Saturday 16th November 2024
7.00pm
Queen Camel Memorial Hall**

**A quiz night to beat all quiz nights
Including a delicious 2-course hot supper**

Booking essential!

~ £15 per person ~

~ Cash bar ~ Raffle ~

~ Teams of up to 6 ~

~ Please bring your own cutlery and crockery for supper ~

**Don't worry if you don't have a team, just come along and
make up a team on the night**

Tickets available from:

Jules Rostrup 07930 502 795

Ali Harrington 07950 579 965





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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)



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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	X
Yeovil Bus Station	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30		7:30	11:30	15:30
Clarence Street, Tesco	7:33	9:33	11:33	13:33	15:33	17:33		7:33	11:33	15:33
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:35		7:35	11:35	15:35
Yeovil College	7:36	9:36	11:36	13:36	15:36	17:36		7:36	11:36	15:36
Mudford, Half Moon	7:43	9:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43		7:43	11:43	15:43
Marston Magna	7:48	9:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48		7:48	11:48	15:48
Queen Camel	7:52	9:52	11:52	13:52	15:52	17:52		7:52	11:52	15:52
Sparkford Inn	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	17:56		7:56	11:56	15:56
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	7:58	9:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58		7:58	11:58	15:58
Chapel Cross	8:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00		8:00	12:00	16:00
North Cadbury	8:03	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	18:03		8:03	12:03	16:03
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:08	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:08	18:08		8:08	12:08	16:08
Castle Cary, Horse Pond	8:12c	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12	18:12		8:12	12:12	16:12
Ansford, Churchfields	8:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16		8:16	12:16	16:16
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	8:19	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19		8:19	12:19	16:19
Alhampton	8:21	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:21	18:21		8:21	12:21	16:21
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	8:24	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24		8:24	12:24	16:24
Southwood	8:28	10:28	12:28	14:28	16:28	18:28		8:28	12:28	16:28
Evercreech, Village Hall	8:33	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:33	18:33		8:33	12:33	16:33
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	8:37	10:37	12:37	14:37	16:37	18:37		8:37	12:37	16:37
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Cleaveside Community Centre - November Activities



Mondays at 11.00am -12.15pm Flexercise on November 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Tuesdays at 2.15pm- 3.15pm Walking Group on November 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
(weather permitting)

Wednesday November 13th at 11.30am – 12.30pm Live Well with Pain Café

Wednesday November 20th from 2.00 – 4.00pm Games Afternoon

Wednesday 27th November Christmas Shopping at Cadbury Garden Centre, Congresbury. Leaving our Centre at 0930am & returning again at 5.00pm (phone Sue on 07527779248 for cost & to book your seat).

Thursdays at 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi in the Memorial Hall on November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Cost £6

Thursday November 14th 2-00 – 3.00pm Sing-A-Long. Donation of £3 to Golden Oldies

Saturday November 9th – Fun Bingo – eyes down at 2.00pm. 5 games of Bingo £4 & Raffle £1 for 1 ticket.

Saturday November 16th – Charity Event Coffee Morning in aid of the British Heart Foundation Research – from 10.00am - 12.30pm. Taking place in the Memorial Hall. Home-made cakes, Jam & Cream scones, tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and soft drinks; Cake Stall and Raffle. Donations gratefully received (Contact Sue Gettings on 07527779248 or Gaynor Brennan on 07598181736)

Saturday November 30th from 1.00pm Lunch (Fish, Chips and Peas, followed by a homemade dessert & coffee/tea) & Film (phone Sue on 07527779248 to book)
Check with Sue for the cost.



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 16 November 10.00am -12.30pm

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Cream teas, Home-made cakes, Cake Stall and Raffle

Please come along and support

Donations appreciated to help fight heart disease



Films at

The Davis Hall, West Camel



Friday 25th October **'Swede Caroline'**
Friday 29th November **'Vindication Swim'**
Friday 13th December **'Wilding'**

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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.

Book Club review of *The Year of the Locust* by Terry Hayes

After some warnings from reviewers that the plot in *The Year of the Locust* went into the realms of sci-fi several of us approached the novel with trepidation. However, perhaps forewarned is forearmed, and I was drawn into the complicated story and was happy to travel into a world of possibility and subdue my need for reality. The book has four distinct parts and for some the novel could have been truncated without losing its purpose. The level of detail was evocative and the knots were all tied up very tidily. If you like thriller style novels then you will enjoy this. Even allowing for the suspension of belief in the last quarter of the novel, it averaged a mark of over 8 from the group of 9 of us present, slightly less from those who weren't able to join us. Be prepared for some violence and worrying implications of meddling in space. After his first novel, which anticipated the threat of a pandemic, we should perhaps take his subject matter seriously?

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th November

Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris

Wednesday 4th December***

The Silver Pigs by Lindsey Davis

Corton Denham Christmas Fair is on Saturday, November 23rd. 11am to 3.30pm.

It will be held in the village hall just below the church. Exciting stalls and refreshments.

Christmas Read: *The Satsuma Complex* by Bob Mortimer

We meet at the Walnut Tree in West Camel at 7.30pm.



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Cam Vale Tuesday Group : October 2024

Sonja Rogers works for the National Trust and is responsible for looking after many of the artifacts in some of their stately homes. She came to talk to us specifically on tapestries. They come from many areas overseas and reflect the culture and the flora and fauna of these areas. Sadly, as the tapestries are made of organic materials, namely silk, wool and cotton, they soon deteriorate, so many are kept in store where light cannot cause any more harm. The darker the pigments used, the more they fade.

At present Montacute House has its top two floors shut off as there is important work going on to ensure the stone staircases are sound. But it is still worth a visit.

In 1947, 10 Queen Anne dining chairs were loaned to the National Trust by Sir John Chester. They were accepted in lieu of a tax scheme upon certain conditions: they must be displayed for at least 100 days a year, and they must be kept in good order. Each high backed chair tells a story based on classical myths that are not always pleasant. The work needed took nearly 5 years. But the end result is stunning, especially now as they are displayed in front of a recently restored tapestry of a knight. This tapestry, due in part to the pandemic, took from 2017 to 2021 to be restored to its former glory.

Our November guest will be the well-known Children's Book Illustrator, Jane Chapman. She will talk a little on her work and will then attempt to turn us all into artists!

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at The Queen Camel Memorial Hall at 10am. Visitors and new members are welcome to join us.



Scottish Country Dancing

Every Thursday



St Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club
7.30 – 9.30pm at the **Davis Hall**, West Camel BA22 7QX

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See website www.stmichaelscdclub.org
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In aid of Help for Heroes & West Camel Theatre Group

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Saturday 30th November

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With autumn approaching, Joe Knights and the learners of able2achieve have been working hard in the garden area having recently harvested the remaining wildflower seeds and cut and removed most of this year's growth to allow for favourable conditions for wild flower growth next year. Work will continue on the dead hedge to help bring more structure to the garden paths and exploratory pond work will also begin as well as some work along the river bank, so we have a better understanding of what we can do in the near future.

For the last year and a half, Helen, a Somerset Wildlife Trust 'Wilder Community Officer' has supported our wilding efforts with advice and on-site practical support. Helen enrolled the Old School Garden into the Wilder Gardens scheme, which we have been successfully awarded. The criteria took into our account the food, water, shelter and access we allow for nature on-site as well as our management of the garden. As you can imagine we are thrilled to have received this recognition.

With this in mind, we will be trialling a few new gardening/environmental awards and schemes that will highlight the community spirit of not just the Old School, but Queen Camel and the surrounding villages. We are always interested in more community involvement, so please get in touch if you'd like to make the community a greener place.

A huge thank you to all the plant donations received over the year. We can make use of most plants so if you've grown too much, are downsizing your garden or just want to spread the joy of plants, please let us know.

If you can offer any help or for further information regarding our Community Garden project, please email Joe knights, jk@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk.

Elsewhere on site, you may have noticed the front of the 1920's building has had a revamp! A group of volunteers including tenants and the QCCLT Board got together to paint the exterior of the building and, by the time this goes to press we will hopefully have smart new windows. We hope that this will give the frontage a huge lift as well as making the building warmer and quieter for our tenants.



The Macmillan Coffee Morning held last month in Camelicious was a great success, £80 was raised for the charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

SPACE AVAILABLE!

One room (some 152 sq. ft. with washbasin) in the Victorian Schoolhouse; and the whole of the Old School Hall and/or Pods in The Old School Hall, one with washbasin.

For more information about these spaces or the Old School generally, please contact Rebecca, our Administrator, e-mail: admin@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk or to postal address: Queen Camel Community Land Trust, High Street, Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7NH



From 25th October, our resident Silversmith Shelly will be holding a **level 2 Improvers Course** in The Old School Hall. **Limited spaces available!** Book via the website www.jouelle.co.uk or by email jouellejewellery@btinternet.com



People are asking "What is Halotherapy, and what happens when you are in the Salt Room?" My reply is "come and have a try". You will spend 40 minutes in the Salt Room where finely ground dry salt is misted into the air and fills the room. Initially it can cause a tickle in the throat or cough, which most people get used to. The salt, music and the dimly-lit room helps the body and mind relax. It also thins mucous and helps the lungs to clear, easing colds and coughs. For more information, contact Rachel at Halo Breathing Space at hello@halobreathingspace.co.uk or 0736 8986972.

TREASURE ISLAND

The top half of the poster features a vibrant illustration. At the top, the words 'TREASURE ISLAND' are written in a large, ornate, brown serif font with decorative flourishes and leaf-like patterns. Below the text, a three-masted pirate ship with a skull and crossbones on its sails is sailing on a blue sea with white-capped waves. The background shows green hills and a yellow sky with soft clouds. The ship has a red hull and a black deck, and its masts are topped with black flags featuring a white skull and crossbones.

A Buccaneer of a Panto by the West Camel Theatre Group at The Davis Hall, West Camel

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Tickets

Thursday:

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Queen Camel Gardening Club.

Next meeting: **14th Nov 2024**
in the **Queen Camel Village Hall**
at **7.30pm**



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For further details, contact Julie Bloom:

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We need Receptionists, Gardeners (both for veg garden and general), help with Maintenance, Painters, Cook for occasional meals, Trustees and Fundraisers. Even a few hours would be an immense help.

Courses & Events

Sound Bath 19/11 for relaxation and toning. Taize evenings: 7/11;

5/12 (1st Thursday in month). Come and sing or listen to absorb the peace.

Animal Energy Therapy: 2/3 November.

Celtic Advent Retreat: led by David Cole 29 Nov-1 December.

Christmas Retreat 23/27 December.

New Year Gathering 29 Dec/1 January.

Accommodation: B/B, H/B or F/B, & Meetings, Christenings, Funeral or Wedding Receptions, small groups, or venue hire.



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13th November 10am-12pm Shepton Mallet Shape Mendip Hub BA4 5BT

20th November 1pm-3pm Williton Killick Way TA4 4QA.

27th November 10.30am-12.00pm Ilminster Muchelney House, Ilchester

2nd December 10.30am-12pm Minehead Talking Cafe, Methodist Church, The Avenue TA24 5AP.

11th December 1.30pm-3pm Castle Cary Highfield House, High Street BA7 7AN

18th December 12pm-1.30pm Martock Moorland Car Park

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The 1912 Queen Camel Football Team outside the Mildmay Arms - does anyone recognise a grandfather or great-grandfather?

Queen Camel Digital Archives

Having recently been asked to ensure safe keeping of the records and photographs of the former Queen Camel Players (1946 - approx 1975), together with other photographs relating to life in the village from the 1900s, I have started the process of scanning, documenting and electronically filing them. If there is anyone who would like to carry on this work - or share it - please do get in touch. I would also like to hear from anyone who has old photographs of village life that we could include in the archive. Finally, I am reproducing the photograph of the village Football Team in 1912 above and would be grateful if anyone has any clue as to who these fine gentlemen might be.

Morwenna Ford : 01935 850 300

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