

February 2025

The Camels



Magazine

Editorial

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as spring -
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
the ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy peartrees leaves and blooms, they brush
the descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
with richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.
What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
in Eden garden -

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Spring is a very special time of year - it speaks of new beginnings. It reminds us of past glories that have been forgotten through the long, dark winter months. The green shoots of bulbs rise up and daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses and bluebells paint spectacular pictures in our gardens and woods...

As we go into February as a Benefice, we start working on discovering the dormant gifts and abilities in our church and village communities. The old Cam Vale benefice of Corton Denham, Sutton Montis, Queen Camel, Sparkford, West Camel and Weston Bampfylde has now joined with North and South Cadbury, Galhampton and Yarlinton. We move into a Spring time of a new Benefice. We are in the process of discerning a name for this new Benefice and of working together. All this against a backdrop of a world that sees war, natural disasters and climate change in ever increasing stark reality and a national church that is also perceived to be in quite a bit of disarray. Does this mean more chaos and uncertainty even with what is near and dear?

We must not despair, there is hope and the solution starts with each one of us. It will and does, involve a willingness to embrace change. To recognise that things cannot go on as they have been. To look at the past and celebrate and treasure the good, and to look to the future and see the opportunities and possibilities and embrace them.

Across the Benefice we are now meeting to pray in all the village churches at least once a fortnight. Details will be in the magazines going forward and on the benefice website, or simply text me for further details. These times of prayer last about half an hour and are open to anyone in the community who would like to come along, whether you worship in one of our churches or not. Prayer is the key that will open up the way forward for us.

Recently I was reminded of the story of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. In which C S Lewis portrays God as Aslan the lion and how when Aslan returns to Narnia the endless winter is broken. When Aslan returns to Narnia the Witch's magic begins to weaken. Winter in Narnia slowly comes to an end. But the wonderful thing about the transformation from winter into spring in Narnia is that it happens simultaneously with Edmund's own transformation from a selfish and proud person into a humble one.

I wonder perhaps this Spring if each of us too might need transforming, ready to be part of the new beginning that we are being offered. I am excited about this - I hope you are too. If you would like to know more about all of this, or for me to visit to talk things through, please do contact me and I am more than happy to visit.

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:...
God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.' Ecclesiastes 3 vv 1 & 11

yours prayerfully

Caroline

07765 126355
carolinehwalker@btinternet.com
Revd Caroline Walker
Interim Minister Cam Vale

THE VILLAGE CAFE

QC Memorial Hall

TUESDAY

11TH FEBRUARY

10.30 am - 12 noon



- *Book & Jigsaw exchange
- * 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***

CHURCH NEWS : FEBRUARY 2025

HAPPENINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS . . .

Once again, we are most grateful to Hannah Crinks and her family for giving us the wonderful Christmas tree that greeted everyone as they came into church during December and early January. Thank you, too, to those who decorated the church so beautifully.

The Christmas Fayre was well supported and raised something over £2200. Our most sincere thanks to Harriet Chappell who took over the organisation of the Fayre this year and worked incredibly hard to bring in new stalls and source attractive items to sell and to raffle. The switch to the afternoon proved popular and attracted many families from the village and beyond. As always, the stallholders created lovely displays with Sheila Reeves deserving a special thank you for holding wreath making sessions in the mornings leading up to the Fayre. None of this would have worked without the generous support of so many in the village with gifts, cakes, bottles etc and to everyone who came to support the event and help achieve such a great result. The kitchen team worked tirelessly to offer home-made mince pies and cups of tea or coffee throughout the afternoon. A very big thank you to everyone involved.

A Christingle Service for the children from Countess Gytha Primary School was held and it was lovely to see the church full of children. Julie Ebsworth provided a thoughtful service which the children will doubtless remember for a long time.

The Carol Service drew a large congregation with mulled wine and mince pies at its conclusion. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the service so enjoyable.

The Countess Gytha Key Stage 2 Concert was held in the church on the 20th December with all the children taking part, watched by their parents and siblings. As with the Christingle Service earlier in the month, it was a most happy celebration and we are grateful to the school for bringing the children down to the church for these special services.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was, as ever, the highlight for our Christmas services, especially for the very young. Departing from our usual format, this was an impromptu service taken by Caroline, with any children (and teenagers – thank you Henry & Evie particularly) who wanted to take part finding costumes that fitted at the back of the church before taking gifts, at appropriate moments, to the stable that was set up on the dais. Members of the congregation were asked to read selected passages and with carols as well, it made for a most enjoyable, informal and meaningful start to Christmas.

The Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion was taken by Caroline and was well attended, in spite of a 9.00 am start!

Camel Club has resumed after the Christmas holidays and a variety of activities are planned. Any primary school-age children are most welcome to come along during term time on a Thursday between 4.00 and 5.30 pm – please see the advert elsewhere in the magazine. The children can be collected from school.

Bumps, Tots & Toddlers has also restarted after the Christmas break and continues to provide great support to both parents and children. The group meets every Wednesday morning between 10.00 am and noon in the Memorial Hall.

Allotments: There are one or two allotments available if anyone would be interested in taking them over. For further information please contact Paul Davis on 07928 739 418

FINALLY . . .

Church and churchyard clean up: Saturday 8th February from 10.00 am – 12 noon. Please do join us, armed with appropriate gloves, tools, cloths etc. Refreshments will be on hand to encourage everyone.

AND LOOKING AHEAD . . .

The Church Path Fayre will be held on Saturday 7th June and . . .

The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December - please do make a note of these dates in your diaries.

THE TEN CHURCHES OF THE CADBURYS AND CAMELS

Services for the month of February 2025

Sunday 2nd February	Yarlington	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	Queen Camel	9.30am	All Age Service
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Corton Denham	11.00am	Holy Communion
	West Camel	3.00 pm	Tea @ Three
Sunday 9th February	Galhampton	9.30am	Holy Communion
	West Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sutton Montis	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Weston Bampfylde	11.00am	Informal
	West Camel	3.00pm	Methodists' service
Tuesday 11th February	South Cadbury	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th February	Queen Camel	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Informal
	Sparkford	11.00am	Holy Communion
	West Camel	4.00pm	Methodists' service
	Yarlington	4.00pm	Evening prayer
Sunday 23rd February	South Cadbury	9.30am	Holy Communion
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Yarlington	11.00 am	Informal
	Weston Bampfylde	11.00am	Holy Communion
	West Camel	4.00pm	Methodists' service

Registers:

5 Dec 24	Funeral	Anna Louise Wooley	Corton Denham
12 Dec 24	Ashes burial	George Saxton	Weston Bampfylde
2 Jan 25	Burial	Richard Barrie Longman	Sparkford

Prayer Times for February

Mondays Morning Prayer 9.00am - St Barnabas Queen Camel

Monday 6.00pm alternating between Sparkford (3rd, 17th) & Weston Bampfylde (10th, 24th)

Tuesday 5.00pm alternating between Corton Denham (4th, 18th) & Sutton Montis (11th, 25th)

Wednesday 9.00 am alternating between North Cadbury (5th, 19th) & Yarlington (12th, 26th)

Wednesday 12.30 pm West Camel on alternate weeks (5th, 19th)


Wednesday 6.00 pm alternating between South Cadbury (5th, 19th) & Galhampton (12th, 26th)

WEST CAMEL CHURCHES TOGETHER

Due to bad weather, "Carols on the Green" on 18th December, became "Carols in the Church" Ray Ursell introduced the carols, which, once again, were led by friends from St Paul's Church, Sherborne. The Revd. Caroline Walker gave a short talk.

Our United Carol Service on 22nd December was led by Revd. Rose Hoskins. Both events were very well-attended, and included seasonal refreshments. Collections at both events amounted to £393, which was shared between *The Children's Society* and *Action for Children*.

All Saints Church, West Camel
Wednesday 19th February
ONE DAY ONLY
10am–12.30pm

The

WINNING
TEAM

HOLIDAY CLUB
for children aged 4–11
Crafts, games, quizzes, Bible Stories, songs,
videos and refreshments.
Lots of fun for everyone!
Free – but children must be registered – preferably
in advance to help with catering.
For more information, or to register, please contact
Geoff.mead@yahoo.com or phone 01935 850838.

SAFE-GUARDING: Our Club leaders have been DBS checked

All Saints, West Camel

We are having a Church Yard Tidy Up on Saturday 22nd February 10am - 12 noon. Do come along as many hands will make light work. Please bring any gardening tools which may include :- strimmer, rake, spade, secateurs. Refreshments will be provided.

Taize evenings are being held at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel, the home of Christy Casley, at 7pm on the following dates: Thursday 6th February; 6th March and 3rd April. All are very welcome to come and join in or listen to readings and prayers.

If anyone cannot come but is interested in joining on zoom, please let Christy know on 07564 935555

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 February (Please note change in times)

Feb. 2nd	3pm	"Tea @ Three" (U.S.)
" 9th	3pm	Ian MacInnes of Yeovil
" 16th	4pm	Ray Ursell (H.C.)
" 23rd	4pm	Simon Evans of Enmore

U.S. = United Service
H.C. = Holy Communion

All services are followed by light refreshments.

"Tea @ Three" includes a full tea.

"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

CAMEL CLUB

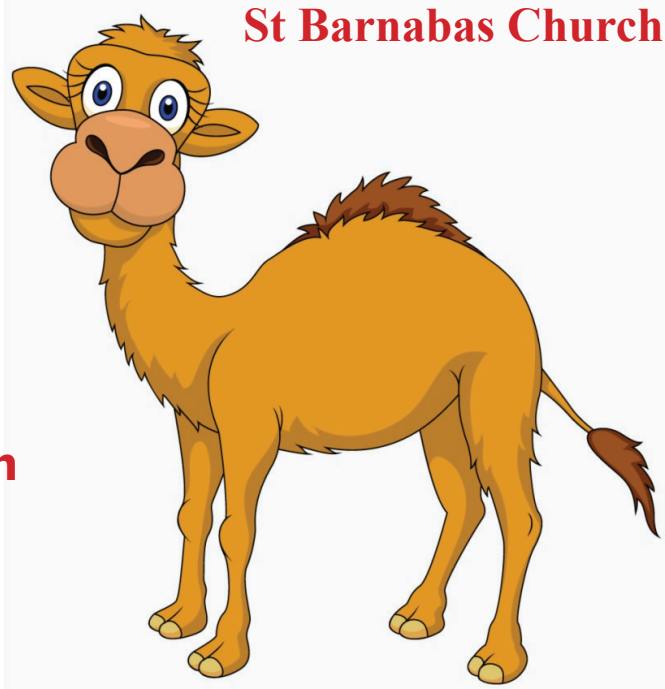
**Crafts, Music, Games,
Bible Stories** for all children
of primary school age

**Thursdays during term time in
the Queen Camel Memorial Hall
from 4.00 - 5.45 pm. (Collection
from school can be arranged)**

Great refreshments!

Cost: £20 per term

For further information please call Marian Davis on 01935 850 139





PICKUPS FOR PEACE (Charity No SCO 52484)

This charity has already delivered some 500 4 x 4 pick ups to Ukraine in the past year and the 18th convoy will be leaving in February 2025.

Please help if you can - see below.

The following are urgently required:

- *good quality warm clothing & boots;
- *electronic items incl. old phones;
- *spades *first aid kits *drones
- *night vision equipment *jump leads
- *chargers & many more items.

Bryan Norman (01935 851 384) at Fern Cottage, Church Path is co-ordinating the collection within Queen Camel and any items can be left in his garage up until Sunday 2nd February.

Cash donations can be made via www.just-giving.com/team/rory-mark



BUMPS, TOTS & TODDLERS

If you have a little one, come along and join us during term time. A great opportunity for your children to play, meet and socialise with others of their age - and for parents to relax and chat

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

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

For more information please contact Morwenna Ford : 01935 850 300



Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council:

The Parish Council (PC) met on 20 January 2025. There was a lively debate on a number of issues:

HGVS & Hopkins' lorries: The failure of Somerset Council (SC) or the Police to take action was again documented. SC's inability to take remedial action on the likely planning issues at Sutton Farm and the Police's lack of interest in checking for breaches on vehicle weight restrictions were forcibly made. Further submissions will be made to SC and Henry Hobhouse, our SC councillor, undertook to get the SC leader and its lead councillor on planning to come and see the issues for themselves. Keeping up political pressure and invoking social media seem the best we can do whilst this most unsatisfactory situation persists. Reporting HGVs to the Police for anti-social behaviour was also another option. Do make your own views known publicly.

A number of Highways issues, **with potholes and blocked drains** being high on the complaints list, were raised. Frustration with SC was again high. The PC raises these problems regularly with SC. Nevertheless, we need an even more focused approach with SC to get matters resolved. Can any parishioners making a complaint to the SC also advise the PC so that a comprehensive follow up can be maintained.

The two potential development sites on the West Camel Road were again discussed. Given the current attitude of the Government to getting houses built, it is going to be a challenge to control developments on these sites even in the context of our Neighbourhood Plan. Nevertheless, the PC is working with the planners to get as good a result for the village as it can. This includes getting suitable affordable housing which could be managed by our Community Land Trust (CLT).

The CLT is about to survey a sample of local residents and businesses on housing and start up business needs, and on health and well being, to enable it to meet local needs better. If you get a survey to complete online, please do so. The findings will not only be useful to the CLT in planning its offering but also to the PC in wider community planning.

The budget was approved with a proposed **5% increased precept** for 2025/26 being agreed. The budget is likely to be very tight and little allowance has been made for any services devolved by SC. The PC did approve a grant of £300 to **Citizens Advice Somerset** as it had lost SC funding and supports those with problems locally.

The next PC meeting is on **24 March 2025**, a week later than usual. The Annual Village Meeting has been set for **Friday 16 May**.

Please let me or any councillor have any comments on the matters mentioned or those you wish to raise.

John Brendon, Chairman of the Parish Council

Email: john.brendon@queencamelpc.org.uk Tel: 07976 691 895

Queen Camel Memorial Hall 200 Club Results
December Bonanza Draw 2024 : Drawn at the Hall Bingo

First Prize:- £100 John Marshall Number:-21
Second Prize:-£75 John Brendon Number:-112
Third Prize:- £50 A & W Beveridge Number:-133
Fourth Prize:-£25 Jennifer Brooks Number:-100

January 220 Club Results : Drawn at the Village Café

First Prize:- £30 Graham White Number:-149
Second Prize:- £25 Anonymous Number:-113
Third Prize:- £20 Tony Haynes Number:-110
Fourth Prize:- £15 Paul Price Number:-130
Fifth Prize:- £10 Joanna & Robert Pearse Number:-59

Join now with a chance to win!!! Just £10 until September 2025.

What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in February

Mondays: Pilates 9 -11.15am

Tuesdays: Cam Vale Tuesday Group Feb 4th 10-12
Brownies 6-7pm
Guides 7-9pm
Village Cafe Feb 11th 10-12
QC Quilters Feb18th 10-4pm

Wednesdays: Bumps, Tots & Toddlers 10-12
Youth Group 6-8pm

Thursdays: Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am
Camel Club 4-5.30pm
Gardening Club Feb 13th 7.30pm

Fridays: Table Tennis 7-9pm

For hall booking enquiries please call 07707206250

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

A very big “thank you” to all of you who supported fund-raising events in the hall during 2024 and to those many clubs, organisations and individuals who hired the hall during the year. The hall continues to be a valuable asset for so many people. Reluctantly, in the light of increased expenses and to ensure that we can continue to maintain an ageing building, the Hall Trustees have agreed to increase slightly the hire fees from January 2025 as follows:

Queen Camel residents: Hall £7.00/h Marples Room £5.00/h

Non-residents: Hall £8.50/h Marples Room £6.00/h

In comparison with similar venues in neighbouring villages I hope you will agree that the hire charges offer very good value.

Rachel Scully - Hall Committee Chair



Better wellbeing is just
a step away



sasp
Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership



FREE Queen Camel Health Walk

Meet: *The Old School external car park BA22 7NH*

When: *Fridays at 10am*

Level 2 Walk *2 - 2.5 miles, tracks and some hills or moderate pace. Ideal for those looking to develop their walking fitness and able to complete 45-60 mins with minimal stops*

Contact: *Georgina walks@sasp.co.uk 07599 654679*

www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks

Cleaveside Close Community Centre

February Activities



Mondays at 11.30-12.30 Flexercise on 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th. Cost £3 for non-residents

Monday 17th at 10.15am Committee Meeting

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00am Coffee Mornings. Cost 20p per mug

Tuesdays at 2.15pm Walking Group - any ability – meet at the Centre. Free

Wednesday 12th at 10.30am Live Well with Pain Café Cost 50p

Thursdays at 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi in the Memorial Hall Cost £6

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm Sing-A-Long with Jaine. £3 donation to Goldies

Thursday 20th at 2.00pm Games Afternoon with refreshments. Free

Saturday 15th at 2.00pm Fun Bingo and Raffle. Cost £5, including Raffle and refreshments

Saturday 22nd at 12.00am-2.30pm a Soup and Bacon Butty Lunch in the Memorial Hall; plus, a Table-Top Sale. Proceeds in aid of a Combi Microwave

Please come along and join in – you will be most welcome!

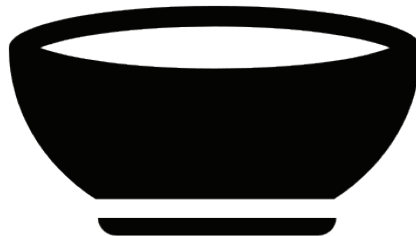
Interested? Then further information on any activity can be obtained from Sue Gettings on: 07527779248

The Committee will be holding their AGM on 21st March at 2.00pm. This is an open invitation to come along, join in and to assist in the continued development of the Cleaveside Social Club.

Cleaveside Social Club invite you to a



SOUP & BACON BUTTY LUNCH



In the Memorial Hall
on Saturday 22 February
from 12.00 noon- 2.30pm
Table-top sale stall & Refreshments

Proceeds towards the purchase of a Combi Microwave Oven



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

From Seed to Fork

The story of how plants evolved and Humans adapted them with Greg Morter

This is a day school in two halves. In the morning, we explore the extraordinary 450 million-year evolution of plants and the inventive ways they solved the many problems arising from the move on to dry land – gravity, nutrition, desiccation and the particularly intractable and surprising issue of reproduction.

In the afternoon the focus shifts to how humans have adapted this bountiful heritage. We discover why, where and how agriculture was invented, and why this step has been described as “the worst mistake in history “. This is followed by an overview of the key discoveries and different approaches to food growing in places as diverse as China, the Americas, the Islamic World and Britain. We conclude with a look at the revolutionary changes of the twentieth century and the challenges and possibilities of the future.

The day should provide a fascinating new perspective on the plants that grow in your garden.

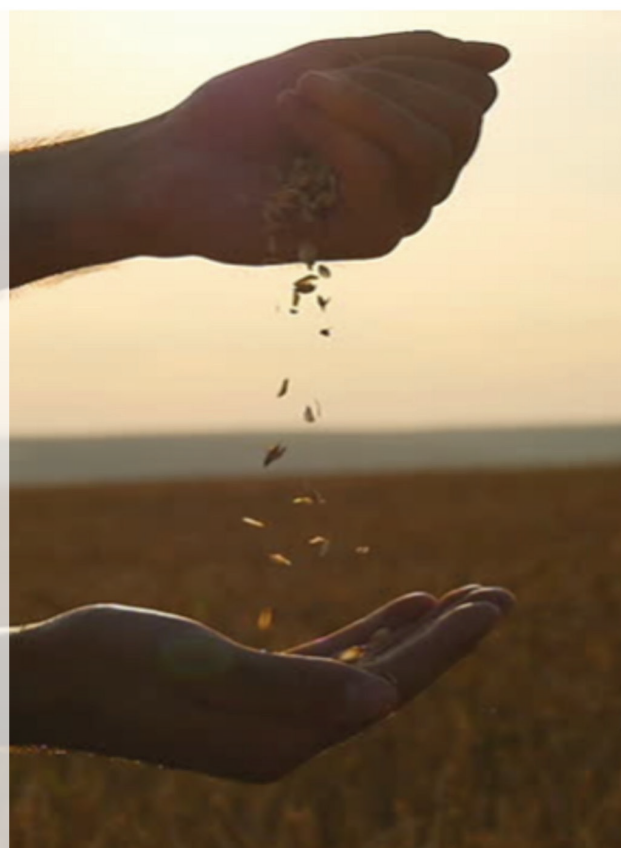
The Davis Hall

Howell Hill
West Camel
BA22 7QX

Sunday, 23rd February 2025
10.00 – 16.00

Course fee £25
to include tea and coffee

Advance booking is essential –
Contact Kim:
kimbailey.mail@gmail.com



Films at

The Davis Hall, West Camel



Friday 31st January	The Critic
Friday 28th February	Thelma
Friday 28th March	Conclave
Friday 25th April	Paddington in Peru

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.

West Camel Book Club January 2025

On Wednesday 8th January 2025, we met at The Walnut Tree to discuss Bob Mortimer's novel, 'The Satsuma Complex' This was a quirky, easy read, that had the author's humour in pockets within it, although it is not purely a comedy. There was a mystery at its core and some crazy moments that made us all smile. The imagined conversations with a squirrel allowed the main character to observe the twists and turns of the story in a delightful way. You knew that nothing really bad was going to happen. However there was violence, and some swearing that was not appreciated by some of our group. It is a complicated plot that was tied up at speed towards the end. Our marks ranged from 5 to 10 with a healthy average of 7 ½ .

The Walnut Tree is continuing to open for us on the second Wednesday of every month when we will be discussing the following books:

Wednesday 12th February My son, my son by Howard Spring

Wednesday 12th March Odyssey by Melanie Smallwood.

(Please get in touch if you would like to borrow a copy of the final draft.)

Wednesday 9th April On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

Wednesday 14th May Trustee from the toolroom by Nevil Shute

Wednesday 11th June Ruskin Park by Rory Cellan-Jones

Other recommendations:

Blue Sisters by Coco Mellors

Cam Vale Tuesday Group. January 7th 2025

A cold January morning for a cold subject. 'Ice, Fire and Fiords'.

Our speaker Mike Spenser, took us on a whirlwind journey around Iceland. Iceland was formed through volcanic activity and apart from some coastal areas is pretty inhospitable.

It is 4/5th the size of England, with a population of 363,396 in 2024, which is comparable to Norwich. Any settlement with over 1,000 people is called a city!

Mike only saw one major road which goes around the whole island. Various maps show other 'roads' but an unwary driver may well find himself in deep mud or in a river. His advice is 'Stay on the tarmac'.

Coastal areas can look green and attractive, but there is little grazing for sheep and cattle. The only native animal is the arctic fox.

Inland is mountainous; volcanic rock, snow, ice, glaciers, and of course geysers. These can erupt every 3 minutes and shoot over 250 feet into the air. It is said that it takes only 3 seconds to boil a human in a geyser!

Geothermal activity gives free electricity to the capital, Reykjavik, and to many other towns. And also provides under pavement heating to the capitol. Much industry depends on the free power as well as the many greenhouses which provide much of Icelands food.

Whaling is still one of the main industries but the whale meat is generally only eaten by tourists. A strict quota is granted to whalers each year. 209 Fin whales, and 217 Minke whales per season to be caught.

Whale watching is a huge tourist attraction with half a million tourists arriving to see these wonderful creatures as well as enjoying the warm healing waters of the Blue Lagoon and the rather unearthly interior of the country.

The 2010 Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption blew 35,000 feet into the air catching the Gulf stream which affected many countries. The outpouring changed the landscape. The cooled lava can create weird shapes. One tourist declared he would never return to Iceland as one of the black shapes so reminded him of his Mother-in-Law!

The CVTG meets each month at 10am at the Memorial Hall in Queen Camel. Our next meeting is on February 4th when Richard Kay from Lawrence Auctioneers in Crewkerne will talk about Animals in Art at 10.30 am, with coffee served from 10.00 am. Entry £2.00. Visitors and new members are most welcome.



Fun and friendly
ADULT BALLET CLASSES

The Davis Hall
West Camel
Wednesdays
19:30
£8

Contact Natalie
07541398925

Whether you have danced before and want to get back into it, or just want to try something completely new, come and join us on Wednesday evenings for a fun and friendly ballet class.



Scottish Country Dancing

Thursdays

9th January – 26th June 2025 (except 23rd Jan)

St Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club, 7.30 – 9.30pm at the **Davis Hall, West Camel BA22 7QX.**
Always a fun evening– a warm welcome assured! First two visits free, then £2.00 per session, £1.50 for members. **Bring soft flat shoes.....no partner needed**

See website www.stmichaelsccdclub.org or contact elspeth_a_wright@hotmail.com **07972125617**

Queen Camel Gardening Club presents

'Let's Talk Gardening!'

Come along to our next meeting on

Thursday Feb 13th 2025 at 7.30pm in
the **Memorial hall**, for the chance to

have a chat about gardening problems, talk about
what you could be doing in the garden to prepare

for spring, and share tips – for
example, is there a connection
between mothballs and broad
beans? You'll have to be there to
find out!



This will be very informal, and
refreshments will be served, so come
along for a cuppa and a chat.

See you then! Everyone welcome.

Contact Richard White (Chair) for further information: 01963
441086/rosnrch@gmail.com



QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

Off Englands Lane, Queen Camel, BA22 7NN



Are you looking for a new form of gentle exercise?
Would you like to play a competitive but enjoyable game?
Why not try Lawn Bowls and make some friends at the same time?

We hold a number of social events throughout the year and have a subsidised bar.
All are welcome, even if you do not wish to play Bowls.

Get in touch to find out more today.

howard.davies121@yahoo.com
07957 834717

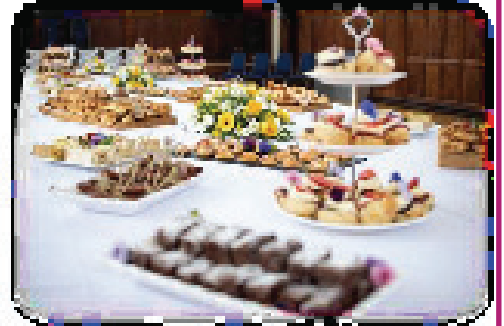
Dorset Delights Catering

Family run since 2010, based in North Cadbury, Somerset

Event Catering for all Occasions



Funeral Teas,
Anniversary
Celebrations,
Drinks Parties,
Garden Parties



Buffets dropped off and served
www.dorsetdelightscatering.co.uk

Contact Alice 07783 928532 or Louise 07743 780609

New Classes
for 2025

Learn Silversmithing With Shelly Roberts

At The Old School
Queen Camel
BA22 7NH

Learn traditional silversmithing skills and techniques to design and make your own jewellery.

See full course and booking details at www.jouelle.co.uk

5 week courses are just £165pp including use of all tools in my fully equipped classroom, expert instruction and practise metals.

Precious metals and gemstones are additional to the course fee and available to purchase during class.

Available now...

- Beginners Class
- Level 2/Improvers Workshop

New for 2025

- Stacking rings workshop - £68
- Bangle making workshop - £70



BOOK ONLINE
www.jouelle.co.uk

OR CONTACT ME
jouellejewellery@btinternet.com
07772 011456



Stewart Baldwin
Your Local
OvenGleamer

BBQing this Summer? We clean those too :-)

Need your Dirty Oven, AGA Or Range Gleaming Again?

A Professional Deep Cleaning Service Which Will
Have Your Cooker Looking 'Like New'
We Don't Just Clean Ovens...We GLEAM Them!

COVID-19 SAFE CLEANING AT ALL TIMES



Camels Special
FREE Oven Liner* (valued at £12)
*With all cleans Quote: Camels Magazine

"Hi I just wanted to say a big thanks for doing such a great job on my Range Cooker - I never thought it would look as good as new ever again! Thanks again" Judith Young

Call and Book Today On 01935 351007

Check out our 3100+ reviews at www.ovengleamers.com
Ovens | Ranges | AGAs | Hobs | Extractors | Microwaves | BBQs








HAPPY CATS AT HOME, CARE SERVICES

Going on holiday or maybe into
hospital?

Let me look after your cats in their
familiar surroundings.

I have 47 yrs experience of looking after cats

-  Bookings flexible, tailored & guaranteed.
-  Medications given.
-  Enhanced DBS.
-  Text updates while you are away.
-  Your property will be secure.

Looked after professionally with love & care for your cats, as though they are mine.

Tel: 07748775657 for all information



W.SMITH & SONS

24 Hour Callout for Fallen / Dangerous Trees

Our Services

- ✓ Hedge Cutting
- ✓ Hedge Trimming
- ✓ Grass Cutting
- ✓ Removal of Trees
- ✓ Garden Waste Removal
- ✓ Height Pruning
- ✓ Fence Erecting



Call us now for a free quote

07526 521014



Chimney sweep and vacuum



Clean and friendly service
covering all local and
surrounding areas

For more details please call Daren on 01935 850 913

B P Plumbing **Tel: 07811 441 073**

Ben Perkins
Milestone, Queen Camel

Fully qualified
No job too small

All domestic work undertaken
Complete Bathroom and Shower Installations
Kitchens * Washing Machines and Dishwashers
Installations Radiators added or moved



PHIL NICHOLLS

Electrical Contracting Services

**For all your electrical
needs from an extra socket
to a complete rewire**

18th Edition Qualified

Mobile:

07767 863625

philnicholls539@yahoo.co.uk

WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD

November 2024

Maximum temperature: 17C (63 F) on the 10th.
Minimum temperature: -2.7 C (27 F) on the 20th.
Grass level minimum: -6.4 C (22 F) on the 20th.
Total Rainfall: 92.7 mm (3.65 ins.)

December 2024

Maximum temperature: 15.4C (60 F) on the 1st.
Minimum temperature: 0.2 C (32.5 F) on the 4th.
Grass level minimum: -2.6 C (27 F) on the 4th.
Total Rainfall: 32.5 mm (1.28 ins.)

Summary of 2024 weather

Highest maximum temperature: 31.9 C (89.4 F) on 31st July.
Lowest minimum temperature: -8.3 C (17 F) on 19th January.
Lowest grass level minimum: -10.4 (13.3 F) on 18th January.
Wettest month: September, with 160.1 mm (6.30 ins.).
Driest month: June, with 12.7 mm (0.51 ins.).
Wettest day: September 29th with 28.5 mm. (1.14 ins.).
Total rainfall: 898.5 mm. (35.37 ins.) – a little above average.
Warmest month: August – average daily mean temperature: 19.15 C (66.5 F).
Coldest month: January – average daily mean temperature 5.5 C (41.9 F).
Average daily mean temperature for the year: 11.8 C (53.2).*

*The warmest year in 61 years of records, narrowly beating 2023 by 0.02 C



1

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)



1

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
Cannard's Grave	8:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	16:40	18:40		8:40	12:40	16:40
Whitstone Road	8:42	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42		8:42	12:42	16:42
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	8:47	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47		8:47	12:47	16:47
Cannard's Grave Road	-	10:50	12:50	-	-	-		-	-	-
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Gdn Centre	-	10:57	12:57	-	-	-		-	-	-

c = CONNECTS WITH SERVICE 646 @ 08:16 TO STREET (STRODE COLLEGE)

X = THE ONLY SERVICES RUNNING ON A SATURDAY

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

Email Delivery of the Camels Magazine:

We continue to establish an email delivery system for the Camels Magazine in Queen Camel and if you would like to receive future copies in this format, please send an email to morwennaford@gmail.com giving your 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.

Magazine Editor: Morwenna Ford, Woodpeckers, Green Lane, Queen Camel BA22 7NP
Tel: 01935 850 300; Email: morwennaford@gmail.com

Please supply copy not later than the 20th of the previous month

Distribution: Rachel & David Scully Tel: 01935 851642; Email: rachelscully475@btinternet.com