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The Camels



Magazine

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Weather records from Mead Farm, Downhead. January 2025

Maximum temperature: 13.5C (56.3 F) on the 5th.
Minimum temperature: -5.6 C (21.9 F) on the 3rd.
Grass level minimum: -6.2 C (20.8 F) on the 10th.
Average daily mean temperature: 4.45 C (40 F).
Total rainfall: 146.2 mm (5.76 ins).

Cover: *Our two churches, St Barnabas, Queen Camel & All Saints, West Camel*

Editorial

For the last few days I have been disappointed to find that our chickens seemed to have stopped laying.

If you have ever kept chickens you will know what a delight it is to have your own fresh free-range eggs but you will also be aware of some of the pitfalls.

One of these is predators. The hens themselves have one obvious predator, the fox, but there are also predators who, given the chance, will feast on freshly-laid eggs. Magpies and rats have given us the biggest problems and once they find the place where eggs are being laid, they are hard to stop.

So, my assumption was that something was stealing and eating the eggs. My suspicions were further aroused by the sight of a freshly dug rat tunnel under the chicken house. Having decided that I knew what the problem was I set about laying poison and blocking off any obvious rat holes.

And then this morning, having left the chickens in a bit longer to see if they would perform in the safety of their shed, the cupboard was once again bare. Muttering to my myself I redoubled my rat defences but then out of the corner of my eye I noticed one of our chickens had settled underneath an old bench and to one side of her there was an egg. Assuming she had just laid it I picked her up to discover a nest underneath containing nine eggs, all intact.

It seems that not a single egg had been eaten by a predator; the chickens had just got bored laying in the same old nesting box every day and had ventured somewhere new.

This experience made me realise how easily I jump to the wrong, and often negative, conclusions. Sometimes we have to think outside the (nesting) box and look beyond the obvious. Five minutes of standing still and watching where the chickens went to lay would have led me to discover what was happening.

As we approach the season of Lent I have been thinking about what I might do differently during those six weeks. Over the years I have tended to move away from giving things up and instead have looked for positive actions.

Spring is a season of renewal, a time when nature awakens from its winter slumber and bursts into life and it can be a time of gentle renewal for us as well.

There is a famous poem by W.H. Davies which opens with the line “what is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?” and my hope this Lent is to give myself more time just to be and to appreciate the splendours of God’s creation that abound in this wonderful season.

It might mean that I *do* actually have to give some things up; at the moment social media is top of my list, but my aim is to become more connected to the natural world around me and less connected to my phone and laptop.

Whatever plans you have between now and Easter I hope that you find a chance to enjoy the vibrant tapestry of colours, scents, and sounds that signal the first signs of spring and that they bring you a sense of hope and rejuvenation.

Peter Ebsworth

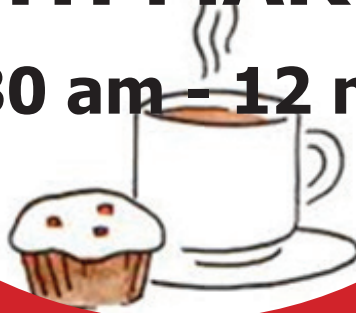
THE VILLAGE CAFE

QC Memorial Hall

TUESDAY

11TH MARCH

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***

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS : MARCH 2025

HAPPENINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS . . .

We were extremely grateful to all the people who turned out on a cold Saturday in February to help spring clean the church and the churchyard. With one particularly tall helper, some of the high church windows received attention they hadn't had for years. By the end, both the inside of the church and outside in the churchyard looked very much cleaner and tidier than before. A big thank you to Marian for providing delicious refreshments which helped keep everyone going.

COMING UP . . .

Caroline takes a short service of Morning Prayer at 9.00 am in the church each Monday.

Mothering Sunday: A united service for all the churches within the newly enlarged Vale of Camelot Benefice will take place on Sunday 30th March at 10.30 am at St Michael's Church, North Cadbury. Please see separate notice elsewhere in the magazine.

Church Path Fayre on Saturday 8th June: We are looking for fresh ideas as well as helpers as this year's event will kick start our push to raise funds for our leaking church roof. We need to raise a very large amount of money to fund the repairs and so we would greatly appreciate your input. Please let Paul or Morwenna know if you can help on the day or beforehand and if you have some bright ideas for new stalls. We really do need a big communal push and lots of new blood!

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? . . .

THE LORD'S LARDER: In January, the Lord's Larder in Yeovil helped a total of 733 people, made up of 469 adults and 264 children, and a total of 161 families who received one of 346 Lord's Larder Food Parcels sent out last month. At present they are particularly requesting tins of Hotdogs, tins of Macaroni Cheese, Instant Noodles, packets of Pasta n Sauce, Easter Eggs, Shower Gel and Toilet Paper. Cheques, cash and bank transfers to the Lords Larder are always welcome. Other non-perishable items welcome as well. **Please think when you are shopping - can I give a little?**

If you would like to donate some items to the Lord's Larder, we have a box on the right, inside the glass doors as you enter the church. It is available each week day and when services are held on Sundays. In addition, the box is placed in the entrance of the Memorial Hall when the Village Café is held (Tuesday 11th March) once a month. If you would like items to be collected from your home, please call Paul or Marian Davis (01935 850 139/ 07513 1007 916) who will arrange a convenient time to call. **THANK YOU!**

AND FINALLY . . .

Allotments: If anybody would like to have an allotment in the area adjoining the churchyard, please contact Paul Davis.

The crocuses and daffodils are beginning to show their heads in the Churchyard with more appearing each day. A most welcome sight on gloomy days!

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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.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Parish of St Barnabas, Queen Camel

Notice is given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll* is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 22nd March 2025.

The new Roll will take effect on 5th April 2025.

The new Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the roll, if the person –

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, you must return the Application Form for enrolment by the earlier of the dates given above.

Any error discovered in the roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this 23rd day of February 20 25

Church Electoral Roll Officer Morwenna Ford

Address “Woodpeckers” Green Lane, Queen Camel, BA22 7NP

In this Notice, ‘parish’ means an ecclesiastical parish.

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH



Meeting at All Saints Church

Affiliated to the Independent Methodist Churches



Minister: Ray Ursell (07770 238588)

Local contacts: Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)

March	2nd	4pm	“Sunday @ Four” (U.S)
“	9th	4pm	Steve Roles of Yeovil
“	16th	4pm	Brian Parker of Somerton (H.C.)*
“	23rd	4pm	David Herring of Bridgwater
“	30th	<u>6pm</u>	Revd. Caroline Walker and Ray Ursell (U.S.)

All PM services are followed by refreshments
(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

Taize evenings are being held monthly at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel BA22 7NU, the home of Christy Casley. You are warmly invited to attend at 7pm on both February and March 6th. If you cannot come and would like the opportunity to attend on zoom or hear a recording, please let Christy know on 07564 935555.

West Camel Churches Together

First Sunday of the month at 4pm.
“Sunday @ Four”

An informal united service followed by a full tea.

Sunday 30th March 6pm

United Service followed by light refreshments



Our "Winning Team" Holiday Club on 19th February was attended by 12 children. They had lots of fun singing songs, taking part in quizzes, and listening to Bible stories about David and Goliath, and Jesus calling his team of disciples. They also played games, and did related crafts, including David's sling and the resurrection.



WaterAid is once again running it's "Jars of Change" Lent Appeal. Jars with labels will be available at the church. If you can help by saving your small change to help provide clean water to those who lack it, please take a jar, and return it by Easter Sunday.

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(01935 850838) Email: Geoff.mead@yahoo.com

THE TEN CHURCHES OF THE CADBURYS AND CAMELS

Services for the month of March 2025

Sunday 2nd March	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	4.00 pm	Tea @ Three
Wednesday 5th March	Sutton Montis	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday service
Sunday 9th March	Galhampton	9.30am	Holy Communion
	West Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sutton Montis	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Weston Bampfylde	11.00am	Informal
	West Camel	4.00pm	Methodists' service
Tuesday 11th March	South Cadbury	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th March	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 March	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
	Galhampton	6.30pm	Informal
Sunday 30th March	North Cadbury parishes	10.30am	Mother's Day United service for all
	West Camel	6pm	Methodists' service

Update and Dates for your diary

On Thursday 13th February a service of Endings and New Beginnings was held at St Michael's, Blackford. Over 20 people from across Camelot attended and we gave thanks for Camelot and all that had been achieved over the last 50 years and prayed for one another as we move to working in our new benefices.

I am delighted to announce that after a meeting of all the church wardens for our new benefice it was unanimously agreed that we would call ourselves

Vale of Camelot Churches

This new group covers the parishes of Corton Denham, Galhampton, North & South Cadbury, Sutton Montis, Sparkford, West Camel, Weston Bampfylde, Queen Camel and Yarlington

Services and events in March and into April

Leading up to Easter on Sunday April the 20th there are several events planned and here they are summarised with Dates and Times - please save the dates...

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis 7pm

Starting Tuesday 11th March, through Lent until Holy Week - there will be Lent Lunches held every Tuesday at St Andrew's, Corton Denham village hall 12.30pm - 2.30pm Soup and rolls and cake will be provided and we will be thinking about 'The Things Jesus carried'. Please do contact Caroline carolinehwalker@btinternet.com 07765 126355, Rose revroseanne@gmail.com or Ron four.posts@btinternet.com if you are interested in coming along and if you need a lift (that will help with catering and resources that will be provided)

Sunday 16th March after the morning service in St Michael's, North Cadbury there will be a Lent Lunch in St Michael's. A light lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese will be served from 12:30 -2pm. further information from Caroline Joneleit- Hope. northcadburychurchwardens@gmail.com or tel: 01963 440683

There is no charge for these lunches but donations can be made towards the work of Open Doors charity - they provide practical, medical and spiritual support to the many Christians around the world who are persecuted for their Christian faith.

Sunday 30th March 10.30am - United Mothering Sunday service for Vale of Camelot Churches St Michael's North Cadbury. Informal, posies, children's choir and activities and commissioning of Christy Casely as an Anna Chaplain.

Sunday 13th April a special service for Palm Sunday with blessing of palms. Donkey procession featuring our 2 resident donkeys (Eddie and Smokey) beginning at Holy Cross, Weston Bampfylde Village Hall at 10.45 followed by service in church and refreshments back at the hall afterwards.

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Thursday 17th April - there will be a Maundy Thursday service 7pm in Galhampton chapel celebration of The Last Supper and foot washing (come prepared!)

Good Friday 18th April - There will be a walk of witness as we carry a cross through a large extent of the benefice. Starting in North Cadbury at 9.00am and ending in Queen Camel, pausing for lunch in Weston Bampfylde - details to follow

Thank you

Caroline

Revd Caroline Walker

*Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis.
'Coming together in the name of God'*

*A benefice Service of Reflection & Prayer
with Holy Communion
for
Ash Wednesday*



*Beginning the Lenten Season
led by The Revd Rose Hoskins and The Revd Caroline Walker*

*Wednesday, 5th March, 2025
at 7.00 pm*

St Michael's
North Cadbury



United service
Vale of Camelot Churches

30th March
10.30 am
Mothering Sunday



Report of the Queen Camel Parish Council

There was no scheduled meeting of the Parish Council (PC) in February 2025, though the PC has conducted some urgent planning business with an Extraordinary meeting. The main issues arising in the month are familiar ones:

- HGVs and Hopkins' lorries. A enthusiastic and lively working group has been monitoring the movements of HGVs through the village, compiling information to support the complaints to the authorities about the unreasonable and anti social behaviour of the very significant HGV activity. In order to make these surveys valid and useful they will continue to be done on a random basis. Cllr Nicola Clark, whose Somerset Council (SC) division includes Sutton Montis, has followed up on the 4 Parish Councils chairmen's letter. SC Highways have also been provided with more information. This remains a difficult and frustrating issue on which pressure will have to be maintained on all parties who can take action to stop the unreasonable HGV movements.
- A number of Highways issues including potholes and blocked drains remain high on the complaints list Any parishioner making a complaint to SC also advise the PC so that a comprehensive follow up list can be maintained. Some repairs have been carried out such as on the A359 bridge and work on Wales Bridge to strengthen and then resurface it is scheduled to start soon.
- In spite of some very wet weather the village just escaped flooding, though the A359 was closed briefly at the bridge, at the end of January. SC published its S19 report on the May 2023 flood which did not add significantly to our knowledge. Currently all the river gauges can be viewed via RiverApp and they will shortly be available on Pegel which has an alarm function which triggers at given river levels.
- Dialogue continues with the SC planners and the developers on the S106 agreement for the development of the land off West Camel Road behind South View..
- Cherry Toop has resigned as Parish Clerk to allow her more time for family commitments. David Lowe also resigned as a Councillor on account of personal commitments. My thanks go to both of them for their contributions to the PC. Anyone wishing to be considered for either position should go to the PC website or contact me or any councillor for more details.
- 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: 07976691895



Queen Camel Parish Council

Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Applications are invited for the position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for Queen Camel Parish Council.

The Clerk is responsible for organising meetings of the Council and assisting the Chairman.

Responsibilities include: administration of Council's paperwork and governance (including policies), advice on procedure and implementing instructions of Council. As RFO, the Clerk is responsible for financial management of Council using SCRIBE online software and ensuring full transparency and accountability.

Attendance would be required at the Council meetings, which are usually held on the third Monday of the month in approximately 6 months of the year in Queen Camel Memorial Hall at 19.30.

The Clerk works from home and office expenses are paid, with a laptop and printer supplied. The hours average 12 per week. Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience currently based on the upper LC 1 and lower LC2 pay scales ranging from £14.60 to £16.65 per hour. There is a home working allowance of £26.00 a month.

The Clerk is responsible for updating the Queen Camel Parish Council website. Experience of website management will be an advantage. The Council wishes to expand its use of online newsletters and experience of creating these (or a willingness to learn) will also be useful.

For more information about the village and Queen Camel Parish Council visit <https://queencamelpc.org.uk/>

Please send a letter of application and C.V. to the Chair of the Finance, Personnel and Risk Committee, John Brendon. Email: john.brendon@queencamelpc.org.uk | Tel: 07976691895

Applications should be submitted by 14 March 2025. Interviews are planned to take place soon thereafter.

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

February 200 Club Results

Drawn at the Village Café

First Prize:-	£30	Jenny & Anne Down	Number:-6
Second Prize:-	£25	Keith Burch	Number:-138
Third Prize:-	£20	P.M. Rylance	Number:-77
Fourth Prize:-	£15	Jean Collins	Number:-89
Fifth Prize:-	£10	Pauline Lewis (QC Hall)	Number:-59

**Join now with a chance to win!!! Just £10 until September 2025.
Contact Liz Jardine 01935 850074 or lizjardine@outlook.com.**

What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in March

Mondays:	Pilates 9 -11.15am Parish Council Mar 24th 7.30pm
Tuesdays:	Cam Vale Tuesday Group Mar 4th 10-12 Brownies 6-7pm Guides 7-9pm Village Cafe Mar 11th 10-12 QC Quilters Mar 18th 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 Mar 13th 7.30pm
Fridays:	Table Tennis 7-9pm
Sunday:	Craft Fayre Mar 23rd 10-4pm

Come and Join us for ...



Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Saturday 5th April

Doors open 6:45 pm

Eyes Down 7:30 pm

Refreshments, Raffle & Prizes Galore!

Proceeds to Q C Memorial Hall

Cleaveside Close Community Centre – March Activities



Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March **Flexercise** at 11.30am with refreshments. Non-residents £3

Monday 17 March **Committee meeting** at 10.15am

Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March **Walking Group** leaving the Centre at 2.15pm. Free

Wednesday 12 March **Live Well with Pain Café** 10.30am. cost 50p

Wednesday 12 March **Relaxation Techniques** 2.30-3.30pm with Jenny. Free

Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March **Tai Chi in the Memorial Hall** at 10.30-11.30am. Cost £6

Thursday 13 March **Sing-A-Long** with Jaine at 2.00pm. Donation of £3 to Goldies

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March **Coffee Mornings** from 10.45am Drop in for a friendly chat over a cuppa. Cost 50p.

Thursday 20 March **Games Afternoon** with refreshments at 2.00pm. Free

Friday 21 March **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** 2.00pm. Please come along to support your Social Club. Join in with ideas and suggestions for developing social activities and events. Refreshments. Free

Saturday 15 March **Fun Bingo** at 2.00pm, plus raffle and refreshments. Cost £5 inclusive.

Saturday 29 March **Lunch and Film** at 1.00pm. Please book early with Sue (07527779248) to reserve your seat! Even if you don't want to see the film come along to the lunch. Cost £7.

Queen Camel Medical Centre Newsletter

February 2025



Queen Camel Medical Centre
West Camel Road
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Inside This Issue:

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Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter.

Staff Update:

Please see message below from both Dr Helen Huins and Dr Simon Huins who will be retiring at the end of March 2025.

“Dear Patients

After 40 years between us of being GPs at Queen Camel Medical Centre, we have decided to retire from 31st March 2025.

It has been a pleasure being part of such a great community and working at QCMC.

Over these years, we have moved to the current purpose build medical centre, become a training practice for the future generation of GPs and got to know many of you in the consulting room. The list size has grown from 4500 ish in 1994 to 6500 now.

We leave the practice in excellent hands with amazing staff and want to wish you all well for the future

Best wishes

Dr Simon and Dr Helen Huins”

If you would like to write a message for Simon or Helen to go in their retirement book please ask for a card at reception.

We will also be saying goodbye and good luck to our Practice Nurse Karen who is moving to a job closer to home. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

QUEEN CAMEL MEDICAL CENTRE

Main Telephone Number

01935 850225

Dispensary Telephone Number

01935 850225—Option 2

Between 09:30—11:00

Vaccinations:

- ◆ **COVID Spring boosters** will be for patients 75 and over will be starting in April.
- ◆ **RSV** (Respiratory syncytial virus) vaccinations are being offered to patients between 75—79 you will be invited shortly.



Better wellbeing is just
a step away



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.

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

The Davis Hall West Camel is about to celebrate its 25th Birthday!

We intend to hold a celebratory party following a very brief Annual General Meeting and among other entertainments we would like to have a display of photos of events and happenings relating to the Hall over the last 25 years. If you have any photos or videos and would be happy to lend them to us for a short time please get in touch with any of the Trustees listed below.

Lena Morgan
Alison Stevens
Mary Gordon
Angela Suter
Tony Burgess

Jenny Down
Jean Cowan
Carol Mellish
Keith Turk
Elspeth Wright

Judy Dillon
Denise Gould
John Saunders
Janet McLellan

Date and Time to be announced

Any questions: marygordon2901@gmail.com

*Harmony
Spring Craft Fair
Sunday 23rd March*

11am - 3pm

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

BA22 7NF

A Camps International fundraiser

Please come and support us

Lovely Handmade Crafts/Produce/Cafe

CAMEL CLUB

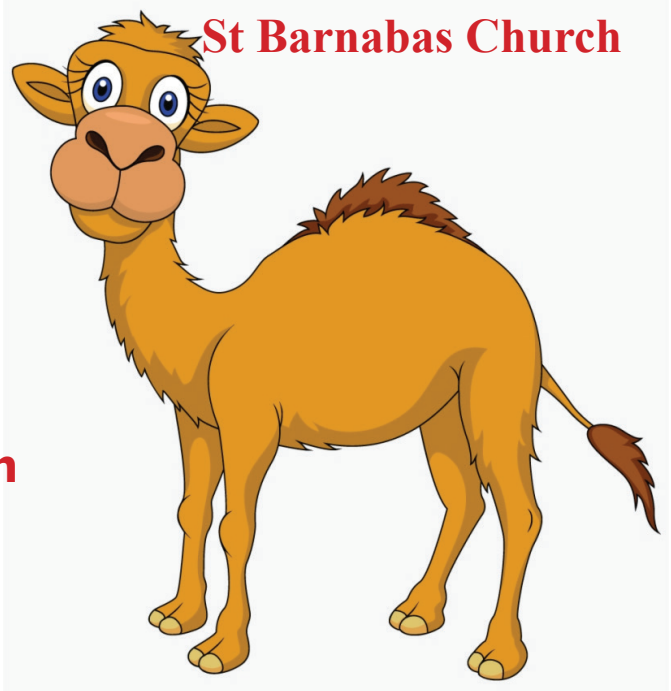
Crafts, Music, Games,
Bible Stories for all children
of primary school age

**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



**Happy new year from the staff and board at the Old School,
we hope you all had a wonderful festive period.**

The start of 2025 has been reasonably quiet for the Old School so far but we continue to work hard behind the scenes. Great progress has been made with repairs to the floor in the temporary building which was severely damaged during the great flood of 2023. The repairs to these floors represent the final stage in bringing the site back to full operating capacity as was before the flood and, we will soon be offering these larger rooms for rent so watch this space for updates and availability.

We are disappointed to report that an individual recently using the launderette, forced open the electric gate to gain out of hours access causing significant damage to the mechanism, which will cost us a large amount of money to repair. If you are using the launderette outside of our open hours, please park in the external car park and access the machines via the pedestrian gate.

As we head into spring, Joe Knights will be starting to think about the Yeovil in Bloom competition. The competition is open to all residents and we would love to involve as much of the local community as possible; if you are a keen gardener, or just want to be involved, please contact Joe for further information via email, jk@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk.

Able2achieve will be leaving the café at the end of March and from mid-April, the Café will be opening under new management - we are delighted to welcome Queen Camel resident Emma Silk back to the Old School. There will be a small period from 21st March when the café will be closed for Emma to move in and set up but we hope to keep this to a minimum.

SPACE AVAILABLE!

One room in the 1920's building, approximately 110 sq. ft, would make an ideal office space or therapy room.

For further information regarding this space and/or any other questions regarding the Old School, please email admin@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk or telephone 01935 850567. Visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates.

Art sessions now available....

Art Creations is a follow-on art group for people wishing to expand their art skills. 6-week courses. The next course begins on Monday 10th March, 10am until 1pm. Contact Verity on 07311104447 email, verityneptune@yahoo.com

- **Camelicious Cafe**, your local cafe run by Able2Achieve, supporting people with learning difficulties through work. please view the [Camelicious Facebook page](#) for more information
- **Lisa Hinks at The Old School Salon**. With a wealth of experience, Lisa is ready to take your bookings, please call Lisa on, 07875 010838
- **Lucy's Beauties**. Beauty Salon offering a range of vegan, cruelty free treatments. To make an appointment call 07801976138 or click [here](#).
- **Birdie's Boutique** offers bridal, vintage & occasion wear and accessories plus, fitting and alterations. Take a look at [Instagram](#) for updates.
- **HomeFirst Plus** helping elderly and vulnerable people live independently. office@homefirstplus.co.uk
- **Koala Tree Child Therapy**. Please get in touch with Lily by phone 07597 055235 or www.koalatreecology.co.uk.
- **Bay Tree Play and Creative Arts Therapies** offers support to local children and their families. For more information, please visit Emma's [website](#)
- **Health Learning and Our Birth Journey** are online learning platforms aimed at educating therapists and anyone working with Mums and babies. For further information, visit www.therapy-training.com
- **Halo Breathing Space**, visit www.halobreathingspace.co.uk or get in touch with Rachel via hello@halobreathingspace.co.uk, or connect via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) **WhatsApp, text, or phone: 07368 986972.**
- **A F Palmer Art** check out his website www.afpalmer.co.uk, **contact: mail@afpalmer.co.uk**
- **Shelly Roberts**, silversmith courses, visit the website, [Handmade Silver Jewellery | Jouelle](#)

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West Camel Book Club January 2025

My son, my son, by Howard Spring, published in the 1930s, was a challenging read, mainly because of the density of the prose, which was written in a formal narrative style. Spring wrote the novel using the first person voice of a rather remote and tragic character. It was a slow boiler of a novel weaving in the threads of tragedy from the start. However, it is notable that everyone in the Book Group had finished reading it. Once you acclimatize to the style it is a very satisfying read... For most of us. For some the unremitting sense of doom throughout marred the experience. Looking at it with our twenty first century literary tastes, it needed editing to give more impetus to the story, but it was nonetheless highly thought of averaging 8-/10. The historical insights and the quality of the writing were the main strengths.

Wednesday 12 th March	Odyssey by Melanie Smallwood.
Wednesday 9 th April	On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
Wednesday 14 th May	Trustee from the toolroom by Nevil Shute
Wednesday 11 th June	Ruskin Park by Rory Cellan-Jones

Recommendations:

From Stephen D: Two good "whodunit" authors who write in a historical context. The first is well-known, C. J. Sansom - the last one I read of his was called "Dissolution" and it relates to the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, part of the Shardlake series, 475 pages.

The other is Abir Mukherjee. I really enjoyed "A Rising Man", 402 pages

From Val: Darling by India Knight, an update on Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford. A Scandalous Life, the story of Jane Digby by Mary Lovell.

Contact Melanie on 07967991519 if you would like further details



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Thursdays

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

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

● Tuesday Group : Tuesday 4th February

- 36 members and 2 visitors enjoyed a whistlestop tour of “Animals in Art” from 1515 to the present day. Richard Kay from Lawrences Auctioneers was our speaker. And we were all enthralled.
- I expect you have all seen Durer’s woodcut of a Rhino? What you may not realise is that Durer had never seen a Rhinoceros. He had only been given a description and brief sketch of an Indian Rhino brought to Lisbon in 1515 as a gift to the Portuguese King Manuel. The King didn’t want it and shipped it off to Pope Leo X, but it died in a shipwreck before reaching Italy.
- Marmaduke Craddock was born in 1660, and always lived in Somerset. He was distinguished for his oil paintings of groups of British birds. Oils was a far more difficult media then, than it is now.
- We have all appreciated George Stubbs {1724 to 1806} depictions of horses. But we learnt that Stubbs would collect dead horses, drag them into his home and cut them up on the kitchen table so he could study the anatomy more closely. Sometimes the carcass would remain on the table for weeks!...Needless to say, Stubbs never married.
- John Constable, again known to all of us, needed a regular income so would do portraits. He painted William, Mary and George Lambert. Their Grandfather was supposed to be in the painting as he was to keep the children amused. This didn’t work, so Constable replaced Grandfather with a donkey which saved the day.
- Landseer painted the “Monarch of the Glen” in 1851, and he sculpted the lions at the base of Nelson’s Column. He also taught Queen Victoria. However he had serious mental problems, was declared insane in 1872 and died soon after.
- We learnt about so many painters, but I will end with Sir Peter Scott, the naturalist.
- He was asked to paint the Loch Ness Monster. He did a wonderful painting of two long necked large bodied amphibians in 1975. From then on, many people believed that the Loch Ness monster was real. Do you?
- Our group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall in Queen Camel at 10am. Visitors and new members are always welcome.
- For further information, please contact Marion Chapman. Tel 01963 220741

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March 2025

Welcome to Queen Camel CC as we start our preparation for the 2025 season.

We have now over 25 senior and 45 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.



News – Fixture card goes to print 31st March

We are looking for sponsors, place an advert in our 2025 fixture card and on our website for £25?

Or if you would like to become a Vice President and make a donation, please contact us via our email below.

Indoor nets

Indoor nets have now started at Sherborne Boys' School every Tuesday 1800 to 1900, All Welcome

Weather permitting outdoor nets will run on Thursday evenings from mid-April

Youth Cricket – Only a few places left

U8's, U10s, U12s & U14s- starting outdoors in April 2025

Coaching Sessions for U8s & U10s - 1700 to 1800

Coaching Sessions for U12s & U14s - 1815 to 1915

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U14s Thursday evenings, U13 Girls to be confirmed.

We are now looking to recruit a total of 60 children (12 in each team group) from academic years 2 & 3 for the U8s, 4 & 5 for our U10s years 6 & 7 for the U12s and years 8 & 9 for the U14s.

Both boys and girls are welcome to join. Years 8 & 9 girls also welcome as they can play in U12 & U13 games.

A waiting list will be operated if oversubscribed.

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

Club Email: queencamelcc@hotmail.com

Queen Camel Gardening Club

Next meeting: **13th March 2025**

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

The talk will start promptly at **7.30pm**

Speaker: Andy Day

(who works for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
(CWGC), as a public speaker.)

The talk is entitled: **“Gardening the World”**.
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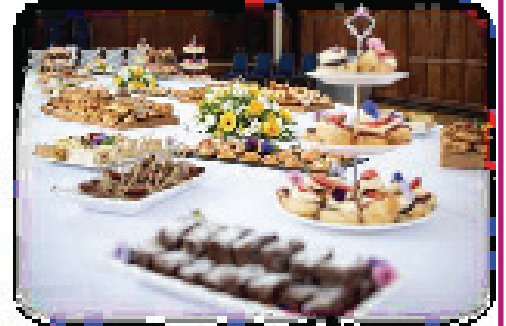
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