

Castle Cary & Ansford Community

WINTER 2023

NEWSLETTER



Artwork by Lottie,
Former Castle Cary Primary School Pupil

Castle Cary Town Council

As the nights draw in and the countdown to Christmas is starting we reflect back on a lovely sunny summer of community activities and celebrations. Particularly our success in the Cary in Bloom entry which included notable projects at the Station and the EatCary project which won a prestigious award for their extraordinary community garden. EatCary celebrated their success with their annual feast which included bread made with the wheat they had grown this year, soup, drinks, and delicious cakes. At the feast the EatCary members received the Gordon Ford Trophy nominated by the Cary in Bloom judges along with 500 other entries from the South West.

By the time this is published we will have marked the solemn day of 11th November and in the Armistice service on Sunday 12th when young and older people come together to mark those lost in our community and our world. Cary was decorated with poppies, a festoon of them around the Market House and the Horsepond looked beautiful with the flags and wreaths in the late autumn sun. This is a superb opportunity for reflection in our seemingly troubled world. We thank all the poppy sellers and the British Legion for organising the events each year.

There are many complaints, all of which are reported to the Police, about antisocial driving. If you wish to complain the link is on our website under FAQs or go directly to the following link www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/anti-social-driving

The Speedwatch campaign has started in conjunction with Ansford Parish Council and we are pleased to have recruited volunteers who trained with the Police and are out there in the high volume traffic times during the day gaining valuable data particularly on Station Road. Please also see the further report from the Traffic Working Group in the newsletter.

Our website is continually being updated and the next one will be promoting volunteering opportunities in our many community groups. At the last Community Conversation we were asked for a Community Events diary. We would like to thank Laura Tilling who has developed a prototype to put on the website and to have a printed copy to stay with the Information Desk volunteers. She has populated it with the events she knows of, but the information relies on organisers to get the information to the information desk using the form which she has developed (see the inside back page). Take a look at the website for planning developments, local activities, information about businesses, minutes of meetings and much more. www.castle-cary.co.uk There's a lovely short film on the website that was made by South Somerset District Council before the amalgamation with Somerset Council last April. Do please remember that our council meetings are public, and any resident is welcome to attend the meeting to observe and if you want to ask questions or speak then you have three minutes to speak before the meeting starts.

Last year several Warm Spaces popped up for the Winter and we hope that there will be opportunities again this Winter. What we do know is that Singing for Fun is open to everyone on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons of the month, Memory Café on the other Wednesday mornings, Taking Café every Friday afternoon, coffee mornings every Saturday morning, Tuesdays at the Scout Hall starting in December, events at the Methodist Church and much more. See the website for all the information.

We started with Christmas and will end with your invitation to the newly named Cary's Christmas Cracker on Thursday 7th December from 5.15pm at the Horsepond for the parade to the Market Place. The group works very hard every year on the paperwork, the legalities and the organisation of stalls and liaising with shops. Our focus is to promote the town's shops, provide entertainment especially for the younger members of our community and generally celebrate the time of

the year with festive food and drink and fun. Do please join us for some new events and remember Father Christmas will be there again with gifts for the younger children.

Best wishes

Judi Morison
Chair Town Council



CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

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	Robert Worth

Council meetings are open to the public and take place in The Shambles on Monday evenings at 7.00pm.

Email the Town Clerk if you would like to take part. Full details of meetings are on the noticeboard & website.

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

Somerset Councillors:

Mr Henry Hobhouse
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SPRING NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for Castle Cary and Ansford invites reports on events and activities from local groups and organisations.

Please keep below 250 words.
If you include notice of future events do give full dates and times.

Deadline for copy for next newsletter:
**9.00am on WEDNESDAY
7th February 2024**

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Email your copy to
markethouse.bookings@castle-cary.co.uk
or post to 'Newsletter', The Market House,
The Market Place, Castle Cary, BA7 7AH

Ansford Parish Council

Ansford in Bloom

This year, with Ansford & Castle Cary entering a South West Britain in Bloom – It's Your Neighbourhood competition for the first time, you will no doubt have already heard that a number of awards were won, thanks to a really enthusiastic group of volunteers in both parishes. Ansford's colourful plant & flower trough displays at the railway station, plus the inscribed Garden Seat that our Council provided to mark the King's Coronation in May were much appreciated by the visiting judges, who were also impressed with our community's involvement in the current expansion of our principal transport hub. It was felt that with the imminent opening of The Creamery visitor centre at this site, it would undoubtedly create a thriving destination in its own right, with the prospect of boosting tourism and increased awareness of locally produced food products in this region.

Beyond the station, and although not part of the Britain in Bloom event, we have continued to tend small pockets of off-street land around the neighbourhood, with imaginative planting and a reduction of invasive overgrowth from various sites, and always trying to work in harmony within our natural surroundings.

Caryford Community Hall

A momentous event took place at the end of October, when building contractors began to clear the ground and dig footings in preparation for construction of the Phase 2 extension. Fortunately, the work program will not directly impact the operation of the main hall for several months, until such time when the final "connection" is made to link the two buildings together.

Railway Station car park

Despite lengthy and repeated delays to provide extra parking spaces, it appears that the new car park is set to reopen in the first week of November, following the laying of new underground sewer pipes and other utility services

in this particularly congested area. The relatively short (temporary) footway linking the car park to the station entrance & platform 1 should provide a step-free access route for the time being, and in the New Year, a fully tarmacked roadway will be completed, allowing the Public Right of Way/ Bridleway (WN2/36) to be reopened (at long last!) The closure of this previously well used path/ bridleway had to be closed by Somerset County Council, due to Health & Safety regulations, during the construction & fitting-out phases.

Roads and traffic issues

Although there has been a slight reduction of inconsiderate and unsafe parking on public roads near the station, it is expected that the situation will significantly improve once the new car park is once again operational. The Traffic Working Group have been busy dealing with several issues afflicting our community, and particularly so regarding safety considerations for pedestrians, where they are encouraged to walk rather than travel by car, thus easing road congestion etc.

Speed Indicator Device

The SID has been fitted with some new/improved technology and is to be moved around six locations on a rotational basis in Ansford and Castle Cary. Traffic data will be made available to the Councils and Highways, where the information will be used to manage speed reduction initiatives far more effectively.

Fun on the Field

This annual event (2nd occasion) was again kindly organised/sponsored by Toy Box committee members, especially Henry Hobhouse, together with many other local volunteers and organisations, including The Newt. Our thanks and appreciation for all the hard work goes to everyone involved with this well supported summer outdoor event, where significant funds were raised, with various contributions providing local charities with much needed financial support.

Parish Council Meetings are held at Caryford Hall on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings, and we are certainly looking forward to using the new facilities when the new Conference Room has been completed. A list of future dates can be found on the parish noticeboards and on the website. Should you wish to bring a matter to the Council's attention, please notify the Clerk by the first day of each month.

With best wishes

Ansford Parish Council

ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Mr P. Clark, Mr C. Edwards, Mrs D. Pinnions,
Mrs B. Williams, Mr R. Leary,
Mrs D. Henderson, Mrs F. Houlton

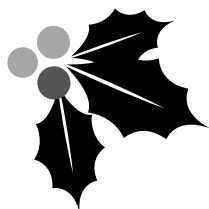
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Monthly Parish Council Meetings are held at Caryford Hall on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm. Agendas can be seen on the website or on the Parish Notice Boards.

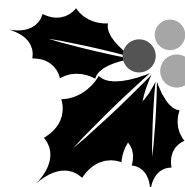
Website: www.ansford-pc.gov.uk

Enjoying Family Time Out in Cary

Below you will see a Billboard of Town Events offered to all this winter, plus interesting seasonal highlights. For listings from individual clubs please see the relevant article.



WINTER EVENTS



2ND DEC

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET
CARYFORD HALL**

7TH DEC

**CARY'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER
CASTLE CARY HIGH STREET**

7TH - 10TH DEC

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

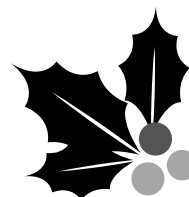
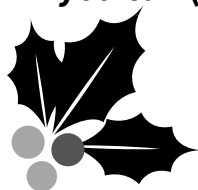
1ST MARCH

**RACE NIGHT
THE MARKET HOUSE**

For a full list of events happening in the town, please look out for dates throughout the newsletter and visit our website www.castle-cary.co.uk/events/. Please do post your event on the town website, simply register an account and create your event. Please also complete and submit the new event listing form, to add to our community events calendar - see the inside back page for more information. Please email [Catrin markethouse.bookings@castle-cary.co.uk](mailto:catrin.markethouse.bookings@castle-cary.co.uk) if you have any queries.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings are held at The Market House every Saturday morning from 9.30am - 12noon run by a variety of local charities and community groups. Please show your support if you can (they do make delicious cakes!)





Arts Society Mid Somerset Programme December 2023 & January 2024

*We meet at Caryford Community Hall.
Maggs Lane, Ansford, Castle Cary. BA7 7JJ*

Tuesday December 12th 2023

E.H. Shepard. Shepard's Christmas:

By James Campbell

This lecture describes E.H. Shepard's love of the magic and joy of Christmas. We will see artistic styles, full colour images, pen-and-ink Christmas cards, cartoons, drawings and watercolours, plus iconic images from the Wind in the Willows. James Campbell has an MA in the History of Art, and a particular interest in the work of the artist, illustrator and cartoonist E H Shepard (1879-1976). He has lectured for over twenty years to various societies. His books Shepard's War and The Art of Winnie-the-Pooh were published in 2015 and 2017.

Tuesday January 16th 2024

Dale Chihuly and the American Glass Movement: By Scott Anderson

19th century American pioneers in glass technology inspired the Studio Glass Movement in the 1960s. Glass manufacturers developed new blown shapes and technologies creating the appearance of movement in glass later used by Dale Chihuly who became one of the foremost glass artists, popularising the medium worldwide. He is still the first name in studio glass making. This talk considers his individual work and on a larger scale eg Kew Gardens, 2005.

Scott Anderson was a professional archaeologist for ten years before turning to the world of art, antiques and auctioneering. In 1994 he went to Southampton Solent University lecturing on the only BA (Hons) degree course to look at the commercial art world. Now, a Senior Lecturer, he teaches courses on the history and theory of interior design and visual culture and has lectured to a variety of University Extra-mural

departments. For many years he has worked as a consultant valuer for the BBC's Flog It.

*Why not try a lecture as a visitor for £6.00 per lecture, then consider annual membership?
Lectures at 11.00 a.m. preceded by coffee 10.30 a.m.*

The Arts Society Mid Somerset
midsomerset@theartsociety.org



Writers' Circle

Meets on most Wednesday evenings in the Shambles, 7pm - 9pm. We listen to extracts from each other's work and then spend the rest of the time quietly writing. Some of us are beginners, others have more experience. We have a couple of spaces so if you're interested contact Laura on tillinglaura@gmail.com, and we'll invite you along to one of the sessions to see if it suits you.



CARY CARES - CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

With your support, last year we distributed over 100 Christmas gift parcels to local residents living on their own, and 55 festive 'food & essentials' bags to local families.

If you would like to contribute to help brighten someone's Christmas this year, items from the list below would be much appreciated:

Festive jams & pickles
Toiletries for men and women
Biscuits & nibbles
Small Christmas cakes & puddings
Chocolates & sweets
Please NO alcohol, toys or clothing.

COOPER & TANNER, Fore St. have once again kindly offered to be the collecting point. Drop off your donated goods between 27th November and 15th December.

You can also donate at the Cary Cares Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th December at the Market House 9.30 - 12. Come and share in drinks and cakes as we raise money to support our ongoing work.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, you may transfer money directly to our donations account: **'Cary Cares' Sort Code: 55-70-31, Acc no: 79685846**
Alternatively, you can give online via our website or send a cheque payable to 'Cary Cares', Cavendish House, Fore St. Castle Cary, BA7 7BQ

With MANY THANKS from everyone on the CARY CARES team Reg. Charity:
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CARY'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Thursday 7th December

From 5.30pm

Castle Cary Town Centre will bustle with late night shopping, festive food and drink, community and craft stalls, music and majorettes and will even include a visit from Father Christmas.

Don't miss this fabulous, festive event!



Christian Aid

It was wonderful to see the quilts which Catherine and Tim Millar were recently displaying and selling at the Market House, and to know that all the proceeds were going to Save the Children. That was very generous of them.

Save the Children does brilliant work worldwide and, like Christian Aid, collaborates with other organisations particularly in emergency relief work. We have similar aims but different ways of working. And we don't compete with each other. There is too much to do without wasting precious resources competing.

One of Save the Children's specialisms is linking up children and families in places where people have been displaced, whether it is by war or natural disaster. They have systems and skills for this which have been honed over many years. One of Christian Aid's strengths is working with grassroots groups. When it is safe to do so Christian Aid will be helping bring relief in Gaza and it will do that through its local partner organisations which will probably involve



Christians, Muslims and Jews.

We also fundraise in different ways. In this town there is the Save the Children shop which not only raises money but also provides a channel for clothes, books and other things to be reused. Here we in Christian Aid raise money through our annual collection week and in other fundraising events.

There is a lot that needs doing. Help through whichever organisation you can. You can find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work and www.savethechildren.org.uk/about-us/faq.

David Osborne



Millbrook Hub, Community Larder and Food Bank

The larder is very grateful to all local residents who contributed their excess produce to the community larder over the summer. We remain very appreciative of the donations from Eat Cary, Lidl, Morrisons and other local organisations. Much of the produce donated might otherwise have gone to waste, so we are very pleased to assist with reducing such waste, which, along with giving those who need it a helping hand with food staples, is why we exist. Whenever we have an excess of donated food, we will let you know via the Cary Cares Facebook page.

Have you heard - Cary Cares is now one of the local charities who benefit from belonging to the CoOp Community Fund? If you nominate Cary Cares, all purchases made with your CoOp Card will benefit Cary Cares over the coming year!

With winter approaching, we expect to continue to open during our usual hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30 - 10am and 3 - 4pm, Saturdays 9.30 - 11am, apart from 26th December.

If you find yourself in need of the support of the larder, then please come and register. Our form is simple and can be completed with the assistance of our volunteers. This ensures that we continue

to serve the needs of the community in Castle Cary and Ansford.

Do you have a spare hour or two? Would you like to volunteer to support your community? Contact Cary Cares on www.carycares.org.uk or leave a message on 01963 602013 and we will be in touch!



Macmillan Cancer Support

We had a brilliant summer fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support and would like to thank everyone for donating their time to make cakes, help at the events and for supporting us on the day.

We did a tombola at Castle Cary Rugby Club Fun Day, tea and cake at the Fun on the Field event and of course our Big Coffee morning at The Market House. The three events raised almost £2000 which will be used to help people across the region. This is an amazing total so thank you for the support you all give us. Some of the newer residents in Castle Cary and Ansford might not be aware that Douglas Macmillan was born and raised here so do look out for the Blue Plaques on his houses when walking around town.

Our final event of the year is Cary's Christmas Cracker on December 7th. We will be selling cakes, and you can also take part in the annual 'Guess the Name' competition for our younger supporters. It won't be Errol the Elf this year so come along and see what you can win!

We will hold our AGM during January where we can formally thank everyone and give a breakdown of our fundraising and have a chance to discuss future ideas. Look out for the date on Facebook and on our mailing list.

We are a very small committee so if you would like to help, please email castlecarymacmillan@gmail.com or call Janet Loe on 01963 351112.



From the Anglican Church

Please see the website (castlecaryallsaints.org.uk) for information on our regular Sunday services, as well as our special Advent and Christmas services; all are welcome!

If you haven't tried Messy Church yet, do give it a go. It takes place at All Saints', starting at 3:30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month. It is designed primarily, but not exclusively, for young children and includes fun craft activity, short worship, delicious food, and singing. Everyone is welcome.

We also have another concert coming up on Sunday 10 December at 4pm in All Saints', a flute recital to be given by Adelaide Brown and Clare Sydenham. Tickets (£10) available from Bailey Hill Bookshop, The Market House, and on the door.

Destructive and antisocial behaviour - including setting fires - has continued in both porches at All Saints', so the Church Council has resolved to install gates. This will cost around £12,000. We have no alternative but to withhold our monthly 'Parish Share' payment to the Diocese for a few months to mitigate this cost, something we would prefer not to do. If you would like to contribute towards protecting one of our community's most beautiful buildings, your donation would be very welcome; please contact me by phone or email. We continue to email a weekly newsletter and service; please contact us if you would like to join the mailing list, receive a visit or for further information about weddings, baptisms, or other services.

Rev'd Elisabeth Isted

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Cemetery Chapel

On your next visit to the cemetery, try and make the visit at the weekend between 10.00am and 4.00pm when the chapel is open. Inside the chapel we now have a beautiful watercolour painting by Will Vaughan of the chapel. He's a very talented local artist, who has painted many local buildings and views. He has kindly donated the painting to the chapel for which we are very grateful. It is now hanging on the north facing wall inside the chapel near the Four Seasons Tapestries. Don't forget that at all times of the year the views from the cemetery towards Glastonbury Tor are spectacular. There's an ample supply of benches to sit, reflect and admire that view.



Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Coffee Morning at the Market House, on Saturday 21st October, to assist the replacement of the Walk of Witness Crosses. £360.00 was raised to help fund this project.

Please enjoy a mince pie with us, at Cary's Christmas Cracker, on Thursday 7th December, from 5:30p.m.

The United Carol Service will be at All Saints' Church, 4:00p.m. on Sunday 17th December, and on Saturday 23rd. December, at the Market House, there will be, Carols at The Crib, for everyone to share.

Churches Together includes, The Anglican Churches, and The Methodist Church in Castle Cary and Ansford, together with The Roman Catholic Church and The Quaker Meeting House at Wincanton.



Castle Cary Methodist Church

We meet to worship at 10:30am on Sunday mornings both in our building and on Zoom. We would love to welcome you. Evening Services are held at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. In October five of our young people were confirmed into membership in a moving service filled with joy and celebration.

Our Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Thurs 7th December to Sunday 10th December. Come along and see the trees and vote for your favourite. We will conclude the festival with a service of Carols round the trees on Sunday afternoon.

We will hold a morning on Christmas Holiday Club for primary age children on Weds 20th December from 9am-12pm. There will be stories, songs, craft and refreshments.

On Thursday 21st December, join us in The George for 'Cider and Carols' to celebrate the Christmas season.

Join us for our Nativity service at 10:30 on

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Communion at 11:30pm on Sunday 24th December and Christmas Family worship on Monday 25th December at 10:30am.

Every Wednesday mornings between 10-12 you are welcome to come along to our downstairs schoolroom for Coffee for All.

Toddlers@theMethodist continue meet regularly on Tuesdays 10-12 in term time. Do come along with your pre-school children.

Lunch Club continues to meet on the second Monday of the month – please contact Judith Cole to book (350570) for a low-cost meal and fellowship.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/castlecarymethodist>

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To hire our schoolroom contact

Patricia Fuller: 01963 351635

CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford

Sunday 17 th December	4:00pm	Town Carol Service at All Saints' Church
Saturday 23 rd December	11.00am	Carols at the Crib in the Market House

The Church of England in Castle Cary and Ansford

Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Crib Service at All Saints', Castle Cary
	9.00pm	Midnight in Bethlehem Communion with Carols at All Saints', Castle Cary
Christmas Day	10:00am	Christmas Communion at St Andrew's, Ansford

The Methodist Church in Castle Cary

Sunday 10 th December	4.30pm	Carols Round the Christmas Trees
Christmas Eve	10.30am	Nativity Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion with carols
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Morning Family Service

Christmas Tree Festival 7th to 10th December

The Catholic Church of St Luke and St Teresa in Wincanton

Christmas Eve	5.30pm	Children's Mass for Christmas
	10.00pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass at 10.30pm
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Mass

Quaker Meeting at 30/32 High St, Wincanton

Sunday 17 th December	10.30am	Programmed meeting with readings and mince pies
Christmas Eve	10.30am	Meeting for Worship



CHURCH CONTACTS IN CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD

	Tel No.
Catholic Church: St Luke and Teresa, South Street, Wincanton, BA9 9DH	
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Churchwarden: Hilary Dunford	359346
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Churchwarden: Sarah Stringer	351080
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Steward: Geoff Woolston	350965
Steward & Local Preacher: Rob Haskins	350950
Steward & Local Preacher: Patricia Fuller	351635
Local Preacher: Steve Derby	01749 860571
Local Preacher: Anna Schiffer	ex directory
Safeguarding Person: Christine Davidson	548016
Church Secretary: Hannah Knight	359663
Church Treasurer: Steve Baker	351659
Music: David Knight	359663
Worship coordinator: Judith Cole	350570
Sunday school and holiday club: Anna Baker	351659

Quaker Meeting: 30/32 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF	
Local Contact numbers	370908 and 359652
Email: patcoleman888@gmail.com	

Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford	
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Secretary: David Osborne	351275
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Churches in Castle Cary and Ansford CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

December 2023 to February 2024

	Church of England All Saints', Castle Cary & St Andrew's, Ansford		Methodist Church Upper High Street, Castle Cary	
Sunday 3rd December	8.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's Parish Communion: All Saints' Candle-lit Advent service: All Sts'	10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Service: Susie Simmons Memorial Service, for all grieving at Christmas: Revd Collin Moore
Sunday 10th December	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: All Saints Parish Communion: St. Andrew's	10.30am 4.30pm	Contemplative Service Carols Round the Christmas Trees
Sunday 17th December	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's Parish Communion: All Saints'	10.30am	Holy Communion: Revd Collin Moore
	4.00pm Town Carol Service at All Saints' Church			
Thursday 21st			7.00pm	Cider & Carols at The George Hotel
Saturday 23rd	11.00am Carols at the Crib in the Market House, with coffee			
Sunday 24th December	10.00am 3:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Communion: St Andrew's Crib Service: All Saints' "Midnight in Bethlehem" Parish Communion: All Saints'	10.30am 11.30pm	Nativity Service Midnight Communion
Monday 25th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Parish Communion: St Andrew's	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday 31st December	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: St Andrew's Morning Service: All Saints'	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 7th January	8.30am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's		
	10.00am Epiphany Parish Communion at All Saints' Church			
Sunday 14th January	8.30am	Holy Communion: All Saints		
	10.30am Covenant Service at The Methodist Church			
			6.30pm	Evening Service: Revd Andrew Prout
Thursday 18th	7.00pm Prayers for Christian Unity at St Andrew's Church			
Sunday 21st January	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's Parish Communion: All Saints	10.30am	All Age Service: Barry Speddings
Sunday 28th January	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: All Saints Parish Communion: St. Andrew's	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Service: Revd Andrew Prout
Sunday 4th February	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's Parish Communion: All Saints	10.30am	Holy Communion and All Age Worship: Revd Collin Moore
Sunday 11th February	8.30am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's		
	10.30am Service to Launch Lent Appeal, at the Methodist Church			
			6.30pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 14th	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service: St. A's		
Sunday 18th February	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: All Saints Parish Communion: St. Andrew's	10.30am	Morning Worship: Anna Schiffer
Sunday 25th February	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion: St. Andrew's Parish Communion: All Saints	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship: Patricia Fuller Evening Service: Collin Moore
Catholic Church of St Luke & St Teresa, South Street, Wincanton, BA9 9DH: Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm Sunday Mass: 10.30am each Sunday except Christmas Eve, 10:30pm, Midnight Mass Weekday Mass: Mon & Tues 9.00am, Friday 11.30am; First Saturday of Month Mass 10.00am followed by 10.30am Exposition and Reconciliation Confessions: Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am				
Quaker Meeting: 10.30am each Sunday at Friends' Meeting House, 30/32 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF				
To check on possible changes please see relevant the Church website : details on the Church Contacts page				



Castle Cary Bridge Club

We are a very friendly club now playing face-to-face bridge at Hadspen Village Hall at 7pm on a Thursday evening at which we run a host system so having a partner is not necessary. Members also join Sherborne Bridge Club on Wednesday evening to play online bridge using the Real Bridge platform which is brilliantly interactive. To access please go to www.bridgewebs.com/castle Cary/ then follow the link via the Bridge Webs site or contact Barry Blight on 01963 440351.



Brue Valley Rotary – Working in the Community

To promote the World International Polio Day on October 24th, a small group of club members spent several weeks organising presentations to 7 local Primary Schools.

A power point presentation was complimented by the speakers which prompted some pertinent questions from the pupils. They were told how children in third world countries receiving vaccinations have their little fingers dipped in purple dye to make sure no one has more than one dose. All the pupils attending the talks were given the choice to have their fingers dipped in purple food dye. This caused great excitement! Finally, each school was given crocus corms to plant, with the hope that each year when they flower, the pupils will be reminded how fortunate we are in the UK and to continue to raise awareness and funds for vaccinations abroad, so that Polio can be eradicated in the near future. Other activities and help given in the community included

- Helping with bucket collections at Wincanton Carnival, Cary Children's Carnival and Cary Carnival
- A bucket collection at Morrison's Wincanton which raised over £400 for international relief
- A Charity Golf Day at Wheathill Golf Club

achieved £3,700 for Childrens Hospice South West

- A Race Night held for Parkinson's Wincanton Branch raised over £1500.

The Club is a fun welcoming environment with a variety of stimulating activities making a difference to the local community.

Why not come and see for yourself? For more information contact Liz Stokes on 01963 351906



Camelot Area u3a

Some readers might be unfamiliar with what u3a is - hopefully this helps! The u3a acronym represents The University of the Third Age; it's a self-help learning organisation for anyone who has completed their career or finished raising a family. Unlike other learning groups who pay people to teach, u3a encourages members to share their knowledge and talents with other members. There are 26 interest groups operating including art, digital photography, literature, recorder, advanced French, jazz appreciation, wine appreciation, walking, writing for pleasure and many more.

One of the pleasures of u3a membership are the monthly speaker meetings normally held at Caryford Hall (with free tea and biscuits!). October's speaker from Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance provided a fascinating insight into the critical care work the charity provides. Our next monthly meeting at Caryford Hall is Friday 26th January 2024 – "Falling with Style" - Covers an in-depth & often amusing overview of Lottie's Skydiving Day which began at the age of 31. Come along – non-members simply pay a bargain price of £2! Alternatively, membership applications can be processed on the day. Membership information can be found at www.u3asites.org.uk/camelot-area/home At our AGM held on 29th September Robert Reeves announced that after serving four years as Chair he would not be seeking reelection. We are immensely grateful to Robert for his hard work and commitment to Camelot Area u3a. He



hands over a u3a in good heart; thankfully he remains a committee member so we will continue to have the benefit of his experience.

Roger Weldhen



Cary Cares

Your local charity: funded by the community for the community.

Cary Cares continues to support the Castle Cary and Ansford Community through the running of the Millbrook Hub Community Larder and Food Bank. It costs around £800 a month to keep the Community Larder running and number of people requesting food support is growing so donations of food or financial donations are always welcome. We are also hugely grateful to all of our community partners for their continued support of the larder.

Additionally, Cary Cares offers individual and organisation grants in cases of hardship or emergency. Applications can be submitted via our website.

Examples of help we have given in recent times include:

- Supporting a local nursery to replace window glass damaged by vandalism
- Providing funding to support a breakfast club at a local primary school
- Assisting with seed funding to allow a local repair cafe to begin reducing goods going to waste by repairing them for free
- Assisting a local majorette troupe with uniform costs, allowing full participation regardless of financial means

We are here to help and if you, or your group, are in need we would love to hear from you. For full details on how to apply, please visit our website above or alternatively, give us a ring on 01963 602013 and we will get back to you.

The Cary Cares Team Reg Charity 1196363
www.carycares.org.uk *** carycares1@gmail.com

Caryford Hall

Recent visitors to the hall will have seen that work is well underway on the extension. Foundations are laid and the steel frame may have been erected by the time you are reading this.

Construction will continue until mid-May 2024 at the earliest. We will then arrange an Open Day for the town. Visitors will see how the hall has been extended and improved and can have their say on how this more versatile facility can benefit us all in the future. The Hall will remain open for hire while the extension is being built and most regular activities are continuing.

The Trustee's Committee has organised a varied and exciting programme of live performances and other events at the Hall for the autumn and winter months. Any profits will go to the third phase of our improvement scheme. On 2 December the ever-popular Christmas Craft Market will be held from 10am-2pm (Free Entry). Claude Bourbon plays acoustic guitar at a concert on the evening of 16 December and we will be screening a children's film on 18 December at 2pm. Campbell Jensen perform at the hall on Saturday 17 February 2024. Visit www.caryfordhall.co.uk/latest-news-events for full details, including ticket information.

Four times a year a team of volunteers delivers this newsletter to every house in Castle Cary and Ansford. What we earn helps towards the Hall's expenses. We need more help and if you can offer to take a round please contact judith@caryfordhall.co.uk.

Ian Bynoe
ian@caryfordhall.co.uk
 01963 350655

CASTLE CARY CARERS GROUP

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

10.30AM TO 12 NOON



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www.somersetcarers.org**



For information about the group contact:

**Florence Mills 01963 359081 /
fliss1938@icloud.com**

Ruth Metherell 01963 359329



Cary's Christmas Cracker

Only 12 more sleeps to go by the time you read this until Cary's wonderful Christmas event.

Join in the fun at Cary's Christmas Cracker on

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER FROM 5.30PM.

Enjoy late night shopping in our high street shops, buy wonderful gifts at the craft stalls at The White Hart, support our local charities and organisations on their street stalls, sample mulled wine, mulled cider, beers, soft drinks and eat burgers, bacon baps, hog roasts, pizzas, mince pies and more. Watch the Primary School parade with Drum Majors, see the majorettes perform, listen to the Wincanton Silver Band, dance with the Morris Men, sing with Chapel Cross choir and of course visit Father Christmas at The Market House. So much for everyone, so do not miss this wonderful annual town event.

Please note various roads in town will be closed from 4.00pm to 9.30pm.

For more information pop into the Market House any morning between 9.30am and 12.00 midday.

Penny Steiner,

Chair of Cary's Christmas Cracker working group



CARY CRIER

For information about important Town issues and events, please contact carytowncrier@castle-cary.co.uk and ask to be put on the mailing list.

You will only be sent the occasional brief message, nothing commercial and we promise not to bombard you with rubbish!

EatCary

Our annual feast day on 21 October was very special as we were presented with our 'It's Your Neighbourhood' award which we won as part of Southwest in Bloom. Katie Armstrong, Deputy Town Clerk, presented the trophy to Oscar, one of our youngest members, on our behalf. We all shared food inspired by the fruit and veg we've grown (see recipes below), with lots of conversation and smiles.

Pop along to EatCary any Saturday at 3pm-ish or Wednesday 11.30-ish. You'll receive a warm welcome and more often than not a delicious slice of cake.

BAKED BEANS Soak ½lb dried beans (runner, borlotti, French etc) overnight. Drain. Boil rapidly in fresh water for 10 mins. Simmer gently until soft (about 1½hrs). Drain. Cook a finely chopped red onion in 1tbsp olive oil until softened. Add 4 crushed garlic cloves, 1½lbs skinned tomatoes (use up your squidgy ones or buy a tin!), sage, thyme and other fresh herbs and ¼pt stock. Cook until reduced to a thick sauce. Add the drained beans plus 2 more tbsp olive oil, 2tsp honey and 1tbsp vinegar. Cook for another 10mins.

LENTIL AND VEGETABLE SOUP Fry 1 chopped onion or leek in oil until soft, adding any diced root vegetables available (e.g., carrots, parsnips, swede) for five more minutes. Add 200g red lentils and 1½litres of stock plus dried herbs. Simmer for 30-40 minutes until everything is soft. Greens such as spinach, chard leaves and even leftover salad leaves can be added and cooked through for 3-5 minutes.

See more on EatCary's Facebook page.



Castle Cary Fire Station

Our new Fire Engine has arrived at Castle Cary and our upskilling on all the new equipment has begun. This week we've been carrying out drills with our high-pressure airbags to lift vehicles & structures and also practicing with our new V-Struts, which are used for stabilising vehicles that have been involved in a collision.

We were again please to host Silver Control for the Carnival at Castle Cary Fire Station and again led the procession with our fire engine, but unfortunately got called away to an incident 10 minutes into the main event. Many thanks to the band and the marshals for clearing a path for us to make our way out of the town.

Our incidents are now up to 160 at Mid-October and we're already seeing the start of the Chimney Fire season and would like to remind anyone with an open fire or log burner to have their chimney swept at least once a year. If you experience a chimney fire, please don't hesitate to call 999, we're never far away.

We're expecting to get around 200 calls in total by the end of 2023 and are also expecting more local flooding. Please don't be tempted to drive through flood water, as we saw many vehicles submerged back in spring 2023 during the floods that took place in North Cadbury, Queen Camel & many other local villages.

All the best

Watch Manager John Wenglorz



Fun on the Field

Thank you to all those that came and supported the Fun on the Field event this year, sadly the weather on the day was grey with showers, but this didn't spoil the fun! We tried a new format this year, which people seemed to enjoy. As attendance was good and the Bouncy Castle company takings were up, their system of paying once for the day per child was very popular. We raised £12,000 for the Castle Cary charities, which

is fantastic. The attendance into the evening for the bands was good, despite the rain.

It was unfortunate that Koos Becker was unable to open the event as he was out of the country on business.

I would like to thank the Toy box Pre-school trustees and staff for their help in organising the event. I would also like to thank Zoe Mitchell and the Scouts for providing first aid cover. Additional thanks to The Newt, Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council for sponsoring the event and The Newt for the loan of their generator. We look forward to next year's event, and if anyone would like to be involved or has any ideas for next year please get in touch.

Henry Hobhouse



INFORMATION POINT

NEW LIFE, NEW INTERESTS,
NEW FRIENDS

Just moved to Castle Cary or Ansford?

Pop into The Market House any weekday or Saturday morning from 9.30 to mid-day to pick up a new resident's **WELCOME PACK** and to chat to the volunteer on duty at the Information Desk, about opportunities to follow your own particular interests and hobbies.

Or if it is easier, ring the Information Desk on 01963 351763 (leave a message if we are not there) or email tourism@castle-cary.co.uk and we will respond as soon as we can to tell you all about our friendly little town and give you the contacts you need to get involved.



LAPTOPS 4 LEARNERS

Wondering what to do with redundant laptops languishing in the cupboard? The pandemic has exposed a shocking 'digital divide' for many people across the country.

The Brue Valley Rotary Club, together with the Parish Charity, has joined the Laptops4Learners campaign to help redistribute 'redundant' computers where there is need in Castle Cary & Ansford.

You can drop off redundant laptops, PCs, tablets & phones so that they may be cleaned (data removed) & redistributed to families with schoolchildren who may have had to share one device for their homework, sometimes just a telephone, between several children! Members of the older generation have also found themselves on the wrong side of the 'digital divide' and we want to help them too.

Equipment not suitable for re-use is broken down and the parts sold to raise money for more equipment.

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

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

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

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

Castle Cary Community Library

Your community library may be small but it has a lot to offer! Membership is free and you can access a vast array of books from the regional Libraries West service as well as a range of online materials.

The library is run by the charity **Friends of Castle Cary Community Library** and is staffed entirely by volunteers. If you would like to support the charity and become a friend of the library please drop in and talk to us, we would love to see you! The Friends of Castle Cary Community Library are running a **short story competition for young writers** aged 11 – 18 attending any secondary school in Somerset. There are cash prizes for the winners and runners-up in each of the three age categories: year 7 – 9, year 10 – 11 and year 12 – 13. The deadline for submission is 31 December 2023 and there will be an award ceremony in early 2024. Renowned local writer, Emma Craigie, will be judging the competition. Full details are on the library website (see below).

Opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4.30pm plus Saturday 10am – 12.30pm. If you are not already a member, do pop in to see just how much is available through the library. You can call the library on 07579 049109.

We also have a **photocopying** service.

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

www.castlecarylibrary.org.uk



Castle Cary Litterati - Your Monthly Community Litter Pickers

This monthly litter picking group has been out and about in Castle Cary and Ansford for the last 18 months trying to keep our environment litter free and tidy. We are a small band >>



(22 likeminded individuals) that meet at The Market House, Castle Cary on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00 a.m.

If you would be interested in joining us, I have litter pick sticks and hoops available to borrow. Why not come and make a difference and meet some lovely people at the same time.

Upcoming dates: -

Sunday 3rd December 2023

Sunday 7th January 2024

Sunday 4th February 2024

Meeting Point: The Market House, Castle Cary at 11.00 a.m.



LOST PROPERTY

Lost items are very often handed in to the Information Office at The Market House.

Generally, items are kept for up to 6 months and then, where relevant (particularly items of clothing), sent to the charity shop. We currently have several pairs of glasses, some odd keys and a couple of rings, some lost over 6 months ago that we would like to see claimed.

Please pop into The Market House during our opening hours if you have lost anything to see if we might have the item, as we are unable to keep items indefinitely. Thank you.

**Castle Cary Tourist and Community
Information Desk**

Living With Pain Is A Pain!

Do you live with a long-term persistent pain condition? Does it affect your emotional wellbeing and get you down? Does it stop you sleeping well? Does it restrict your daily activities and stop you doing the things you want to do?

The Rural Practice Network (a group of 5 local GP surgeries covering Castle Cary, Bruton, Wincanton, Queen Camel & Milborne Port), has a new, non-medical pain management programme called Live Well with Pain – the Ten Footsteps – which is available to people registered with any of these 5 surgeries.

The programme covers understanding pain & the brain, acceptance, pacing, goal setting, relaxation & mindfulness, sleep, communication, managing moods, medication and nutrition and managing setbacks.

- There's a monthly online Live Well with Pain café on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.00-8.00pm on Microsoft Teams
- A monthly in-person Live Well with Pain café meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Catherine Close communal lounge, Castle Cary (BA7 7HP) from 11.00-12 noon. Drop in for a free cuppa and a chat with others in the same situation! (Please note that in December the café will meet on Thursday 21 December, then resume on 25 January).
- In 2024 there will be a new 12-week Ten Footsteps group.

For more information, email sue.crisfield1@nhs.net or call 07749418850 or send a message through the Rural Practice Network Facebook page. Read more about the Ten Footsteps here – www.livewellwithpain.co.uk

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The Moat Garden – a walk up Paddock Drain by the side of The George Hotel

Thank you for your support of the “Mulled cider for The Moat Garden” cry, at previous Big Christmas events. We have been able to buy some much needed equipment to help with regular maintenance; light and battery powered, they have ease of use for all volunteers – can you join us for an hour, once a week? Now the big stuff can be managed, more time to enjoy the pretty – your choice.

With only 2 regular volunteers the garden is not reaching its full potential at present – still a wildlife nook but not a haven. Parents do remember it for a child pottering place, to look for bugs etc. always birds to chatter to. Bring them to help garden and dig.

This is the first year for a while that the raised beds are not being fully used – small plots (2.5x1.5m) but good growing, easy to keep full with food, not weeds and close to town. Great for children / teens to test their green fingers and be outdoors in a nature laden environment.

We have Sweet Williams for sale, and a few small shrubs/ herbaceous plants that can move any time soil workable or use in winter pots - and please visit this year’s Mulled Cider stall!

Contact us: -

Ida West: 01963 350899 / 07919 803610

Anne Jelliffe: annejelliffe@gmail.com



Castle Cary Primary School

We are thrilled to share with the wider community that the school will be joining The Academies for Character and Excellence (ACE) this term. ACE currently has primary schools in Devon and is growing by expanding into Somerset. It is a charitable trust with a mission of achieving

excellence through cultivating character, sharing talents and pursuing innovation. The trust believes, as we do, that every child fulfils their academic potential whilst flourishing in and at life; putting learners in the heart of all they do. ACE has a focus on primary education. It encourages schools to develop whilst retaining their identity, sharing best practice, and working in support of one another.

Whilst this is a historic time for us and a big change in many ways, there are many things that will stay the same. In practical terms, academy status would change some things behind the scenes. The day-to-day running of the school will be very similar to how it is now. Our name, our uniform, our buildings, our class structure and the Headteacher will all remain as they are now – our identity will not change. There will be no negative impact on our curriculum offer. All this ensures that the current ethos and values of our school are protected and enhanced by working closely with the ACE.

We believe joining ACE will provide a greater level of stability and support in meeting the ongoing challenge of an ever-changing education system. It will allow the school to continue to improve the opportunities provided for our children and will support the school in its future development. We know that we have a truly wonderful school here and are committed to ensuring we provide the very best for our pupils and their families. The priority of the Governing Board and school leaders must be to enable the school to continue to provide excellent education for our children, retaining our unique qualities and strengths whilst protecting the school’s role at the heart of the community.

We feel that the exciting opportunities afforded through partnership with ACE will be a positive move and will offer many benefits and ensure the values of our school are protected and allow our pupils to excel in all that they do and achieve excellent outcomes.



PUDDINGS GALORE!

Do you love Puddings?

Then this could be for you!

You start your evening with a pudding themed mocktail, then have a small 'main' course followed by a selection of puddings, some sharing some individual and tuck in.

We will have tables for eight sharing. You don't have to fill a table but if you do your party will get a discount.

Booking is essential so please call or text 07710265509, you can leave a message.

Or email sarcook1969@gmail.com to book your place.

Cut off for final bookings 25th November.

There will be one sitting with food served at 7.45pm, doors open at 7pm

Friday December 1st

The Methodist Chapel

Castle Cary

Places £25 per head, £23.50 per head for a booking of 8.

Please advise about any food allergies or intolerances when you book.

Open to anyone, happy to field any questions. caryrepaircafe@googlemail.com

We will repair bicycles, toasters, mowers, cameras to name a few, you name it, we will try and fix it.

Please ensure any garden items are clean as we operate indoors!

More volunteers are always needed for fixing and hospitality and cake baking! contact via the above e-mail.



Somerscience Festival 2024

After the hugely successful first festival held in May this year, we are busy planning the next event which will be on 6th May 2024. This FREE festival of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) sets out to inspire the residents of Somerset with the amazing science and technology that goes on in the county and underpins all our daily lives. In particular we aim to engage with young people from 4 -19 to show just how many different futures are possible with STEM as a base. Next year's festival will have 67 different organisations contributing and there will be 91 activities in all including exciting shows and hands-on workshops, talks, displays and a giant interactive science fair. We've listened to feedback and have concentrated the activities into fewer venues so that it is easier to get around everything, and there will be plenty of catering and other facilities to make the day as enjoyable as possible.

Would you like to get involved? We will again need dozens of volunteers on the day to help visitors get the most out of the programme and we are always seeking people with organisational skills to help our small voluntary team with the pre-festival tasks. You don't need to know anything about Science! Contact Colleen Bower on 07375 890751 if you have an interest or time to give for this local event putting South Somerset on the STEM map!



Cary Repair Cafe

Cary Repair Cafe meets every 4th Saturday. Next meeting November 25th then Jan 27th, Feb 24th all at the Methodist Chapel School Rooms. To date we have fixed 74 items and only 7 unfixable. Bring any household items needing repair and a team of volunteers will fix or offer advice. There is no charge (donations welcome) and we pride ourselves on the coffee and the homemade cakes.

Tools for Self-Reliance

Tools for Self-Reliance is a charity sponsoring self-help projects in African countries. During term time the Castle Cary supporters' group meets in the D & T workshop at Ansford Academy on Tuesday evenings (6 to 8 pm), in order to sort, clean and repair a wide variety of useful tools and equipment. Some volunteers also take items away to refurbish at home. If you're interested in joining us, even if you have no prior experience of such work, why not pay us a visit on a Tuesday evening to see what we do?

We rely on donations and welcome hand sewing-machines as well as carpentry, metalworking, blacksmithing, bicycle and mechanical repair tools, all of which can be refurbished where necessary. We can also redistribute or sell miscellaneous items, DIY and garden tools etc. So when clearing out, do set aside any suitable items and let us decide how they can best be put to good use. However, we are NOT a house or shed clearance service, so will only take tools which we think are definitely worth renovating. Amon on 07968 054731 can arrange to collect.

This year we held three of our occasional tool sales at The Market House, and these were very successful. We also had a large presence at the annual Oak Fair at Stock Gaylard. In this way we helped to raise several thousand pounds for the charity, funds which pay for shipping the tools and other equipment to Africa, and training their users once they arrive. Look out for our next sales early in 2024.



Toy box Pre-school

The new term started in September, and we had a good intake of children. In October we had our OFSTED inspection which we passed with a good grade. My congratulations to the manager and staff for their incredible efforts and hard work in achieving this great result. It will be about 5 to 6

years before our next OFSTED inspection.

We are in the middle of negotiating a 25-year lease with the unitary council. We are now awaiting final paperwork from the council for our legal team (Battens) to agree that it is in a state ready for us to sign. I want to thank Laura Tilling for her hard work in getting this close to allow us to take over the building. We have to build a new outdoor play area for our future OFSTED inspections. This play area must be connected to the building to enable the children to freely move from indoor to outdoor. We are also looking to cut our running costs by installing solar panels and a battery. To this end we have been raising money for two years to enable us to match fund grants to accomplish these two tasks.

We are incredibly lucky to have an organisation like The Newt to sponsor this preschool and the town. We ran a grand raffle with prizes donated by The Newt which was extremely successful, raising about £1200. Many thanks to all those who bought tickets and hopefully we will be able to run another raffle next year.



Castle Cary and Ansford Twinning Association

I am pleased to report that our friends from France have invited us to join them in Remalard next year to celebrate 40 years of twinning. We plan to travel by coach sailing on the overnight ferry from Portsmouth on Friday 24th May arriving in Caen on Saturday morning before making our way to Remalard to meet up with our hosts. After an enjoyable weekend we will return home on the Monday arriving in Portsmouth at about 22.00 hours and getting home just after midnight. Working on 30 people travelling the approximate cost will be £200 per person. Please do get in touch if you are interested in joining us. On Thursday 7th December we will have a stall selling 'bric a brac' and cakes at Cary's Christmas Cracker. If you are half considering joining us in



France and would like to know more pop along for a chat to discuss more about our Association and what to expect when we visit Remalard.

In January we will be having our Members' Annual Dinner where we get together and meet friends old and new. An informal gathering that we all look forward to where we can discuss past and future twinning events.

If you are interested in joining us on our trip to France or would like more information on becoming a member of The Twinning Association please get in touch with me 01963 351025 or any committee member.

Meilleurs vœux

Roy Higgins

Chair Castle Cary and Ansford Twinning Association



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you like meeting and helping people? The Tourist and Community Information Desk at the Market House is looking for volunteers to join the team.

We advise tourists about the attractions in Castle Cary and the surrounding area, whilst also providing information on town matters for local people. If you would like to join the team, you would shadow existing members, before taking on a regular time slot of your own. New residents, as well as established residents, are welcome to apply.

If you are interested in finding out more, drop in and see us. We are at The Market House from 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday and 9.30 to 12 on Saturday. Or email tourism@castle-cary.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you.

Castle Cary Tuesday Market

It's always good to see our regular customers and, of course, our loyal Traders, who provide a great variety of products and turn-up without fail every Tuesday. We are excited to announce we will be offering deliveries of goods from the market from the 9th January 2024 within Castle Cary & Ansford. So there's no need to struggle to carry your shopping anymore. Market delivery service coming soon!

Our Market will be 10 years old next year, please show your support and shop locally on a Tuesday to ensure it continues for another 10 years!

**Shop local and support
small businesses at
Castle Cary's Tuesday Market!**



The Market House, Market Place
Castle Cary, BA7 7AH



CATS

This has been a very busy three months for CATS. We had a fantastic response at our auditions for The Wizard of OZ and can now boast many new Munchkin members - with their parents in tow!! Rehearsals have been great fun, with lots of progress being made on both the songs and the script.

Work will have begun on the scenery by the time you read this, along with other aspects of production. A reminder that tickets will be available both online – at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cats/ - and at our good friends John and Ali at Needful Things, from December, with the price held at £11.

We will have seen some of you at our Murder Mystery evening at North Cadbury on the 18th of the month – I hope we all had a good time!!

As you probably already know, CATS is active all year round, not just during show week. The committee is always busy behind the scenes, making sure all aspects of the society function smoothly. Please do support us in any way possible, most of all of course by coming to see the show! Our Munchkins are working really hard, so let's show them how much they mean to us and fill the hall every night.

For further information on any of the above, please contact us on castlecarycats@gmail.com.

Mark Tromans

Chair, CATS



Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

The crowds were encouraged by great weather again this year for our Children's and Illuminated carnivals!

The streets were filled in the afternoon with the amazingly creative and colourful entrants of our

Children's Carnival. They really did a sensational job with our Disney theme again this year. The talent of all the children, teachers, club leaders, family and friends was exceptional. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved, you made a gorgeous day even more special.

The week after an enthusiastic crowd of revellers gathered in Castle Cary to celebrate the tradition and joy of Carnival. The big carts lit up the narrow streets with incredibly creative walkers, top twirling majorettes and tip - top bands completing the procession.

"The biggest cheers of the night went to the local entries, especially the primary schools, families and youth groups", said new Carnival Committee Chair, Simon Duck. "The numbers of children and the creativity of the entries was great to see!"

THANK YOU! The Carnival Society would like to thank everyone who make our Carnivals happen.

Without our wonderful sponsors and the work of our marshals, collectors and the 100's of other people behind the scenes, we would not be able to bring you two beautiful days to remember.

Carnival spirit is still well and truly alive in Castle Cary and Ansford!

DONATIONS – thanks to your generosity on the streets, we are able to give donations from the collection to local charitable organisations. To apply please see our website.



Castle Cary Choir

The autumn term of our choir is a very busy one. Having started back after our summer break we worked hard towards our Concert in Wincanton on 6th October. This was a great evening and raised £400 split between MHA Communities South Somerset (formerly Wincanton Live at Home Scheme) and St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Wincanton.

We are always looking for good causes to support by putting on a concert. If we can help you give us a call.



We are now concentrating on Christmas music. We have three Christmas concerts planned featuring Christmas readings and carols. Our first is on Friday 8th December at Ditchheat Church. This is followed by a second concert on Friday 15th December at St. Barnabus Church, Queen Camel and concluded by our final concert at our "home" Castle Cary Methodist Church on Friday 22nd December. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity to feel the magic of Christmas. We then take a break for a couple of weeks refreshed to learn new music in January. We are planning a new venture in the spring/summer so keep your eyes peeled for details in the next newsletter.

We welcome new members... especially those with lower voices. No auditions... just come along and give us a go. We rehearse on Monday evenings at Castle Cary Methodist Church 19.30 - 21.30. Contact Susie Higgins 01963 351025 or any choir member.



Cary Comedians Carnival Club

Why did our club not come out with our usual comic feature cart this year?

Well, sadly our dressed tractor needed a new water pump. It took over 9 months to get one, towards the end of October in fact and too late for Cary carnival.

The Club was the first many years ago to go to low energy bulbs. In fact, the club no longer needs its 250kVA generator and is buying a 130kVA one which will be cheaper to run.

The club was also one of the earliest clubs to reduce size in order to use only two tractors (A dressed tractor and a tractor to pull the generator cart to and from carnivals). With red diesel no longer permitted, this not only reduces costs but is also a positive greener action for the future of the club. The negative fell on the clubs' performers who were unable this year to show their talent in carnivals with our club. Hopefully, they will stay

as we do need at least 20 performers for the club to be competitive. A positive occurred with the club entering a topical walking entry and taking their collection trailer round to help raise funds for those carnivals entered. This showed the clubs carnival spirit and with more luck, membership and financial support, the future looks bright for future Cary & Ansford carnivalites.

Gordon Stockman



Sing For Fun

Fed up with the grey days? Want somewhere to go to meet others? Feeling low and need a boost, then look no further!

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoon every month from 2.30pm - 4pm we have the heating and the kettle (and cake) on in The Shambles at the Market House ready to sing at 3pm.

This is great for exercising the lungs, dusting off the 'grey matter' and taking you down memory lane for an hour. Its not unusual to laugh and cry in this hour but you will certainly go out smiling. Don't worry if you don't think you can sing, we all think that, but you will be amazed how good you sound in a group. It doesn't matter if you come with a friend or on your own as we are there to welcome you at the doors. For any further information call Philippa on 07889311445 or just come along and give it a try!



Carymarsh Nature Reserve

As we move out of autumn, much of the Carymarsh Nature Reserve is already putting on its winter cloak. The sunflowers, barley and kale seeds will soon be feeding flocks of chaffinches, reed buntings and the winter thrushes. Other birds are overwintering in the wetland areas; snipe, gadwall, mallard, teal, and maybe a few tufted ducks, and there's always the possibility of seeing some really unusual winter visitor.

Much of the annual management is done while the trees and hedges are dormant; hedges are laid, trees are pollarded or coppiced, overgrown meadow areas are cut, and some of the reedbeds are cut back. So it's a busy time for the volunteers that help us look after the reserve.

This small nature reserve is just 2 miles from the centre of Cary between Cockhill and Dimmer. The reserve is grazed by Exmoor ponies and is home to various mammals like deer and foxes, as well as numerous birds. Dogs must always be kept under very close control and should never be allowed near the ponds or reedbeds. We ask that people stay on the footpaths and in particular avoid walking on the banks of the drove leading to the reserve. This is where spring flowers will soon develop and trampling now will destroy them. The lanes and footpaths are wet and muddy at this time of year, remember to wear suitable footwear.

Call Dave or Helen Boyer (07903 276315) for more information.

Castle Cary Gardening Association

We meet at Caryford Hall each first Wednesday of the month for 7.30pm where we hear a talk on the theme of gardening. Members have a wide variety of skill and enthusiasms for the pastime, so don't imagine we are all intimidating experts, we welcome all. If you don't want to commit to membership, you can come to any of the meetings for only £2 on the night. Posters detailing the talk each month are on the library noticeboard, the bookshop window, pinned up in Dave Marsh and in the Florists. Membership for 2024, still only £10, will go on sale at our December meeting and again at each meeting during the year and at our fantastic Plant Sale in May. Membership also provides discretionary discounts at Dave Marsh and Julian Shave as well as a Castle Gardens in Sherborne.

December 6th - 'Smoke that Thunders' (Killerton, Castle Drogo, Hestercombe & Achamore, a Head Gardeners Tale' by Micky Little from Avon Bulbs. New membership on sale as well as more chances to 'Seed Share'. Check the library for more seeds.

January – members New Year Lunch

February 7th – 'Snowdrops – the fair maid of February'. By happenstance, also by Micky Little. He will bring potted bulbs for sale from Avon Bulbs before they close down.

March 6th - Somerset's Butterflies & Day Flying Moths – and their food plants.' A talk by Les Cloutman who will bring some of these plants to sell. See our wonderful website

www.castlecarygardening.com



CAT Bus



We are pleased to report that the last three months have been the busiest that we have seen at CATBus. passenger numbers are up by 17% on the last quarter and our social car demand continues to grow. Our weekly shopping trips continue to explore the local towns, last week they travelled to Weymouth and today they are off to Burnham on Sea.

We are delighted to welcome two new drivers to CATbus, although we still need volunteer drivers to help with the Social Car journeys, so if you have any free time please contact us. It is a really rewarding role.

As we get busier, we are looking to replace some of our buses and also add to our fleet towards the end of the year or into next year, due to supply shortages. We are working with Castle Cary Town Council to look to provide a bus to take Cary residents to the market each week and also to put on a bus on a Saturday to take residents to Wincanton Sports Centre. Once we are in a position to do this the Town Council will advise residents.

We look forward to welcoming new passengers on our buses this winter, we do shopping trips, outings and medical appointments. Simply call us on 01963 33864, its only £15 to join and then fares to your destination and don't forget we provide a door to door service.

The CATBus team
01963 33864

CCA28 Traffic Working Group

We are very lucky to live in such a charming town, yet the increasing traffic and associated speeds is becoming problematic, especially in the narrow streets of the historic centre. In a recent survey many of you, the residents of Castle Cary, voiced your concerns about this. Some residents are now even scared to leave their homes due to the aggressive driving on our roads. We've listened, and in response we're proposing some changes to help address the problem.

Somerset Council Highways have proposed a 20mph limit zone covering the centre of the town and some of the surrounding residential areas. We will be publishing details of this online and inviting residents to submit their own comments.

There are many people who believe that 20mph limits don't work or are unnecessary. It is true that simply having a reduced speed limit on its own is not the best solution, so we are actively investigating additional measures to slow traffic such as digital speed warning installations, better road design, and improved signage and road markings.

Data from areas that have introduced 20mph limits show that average traffic speed is reduced by quite a degree, and any improvement we can make is a good thing. Accidents and near misses do occur in our town, and a pedestrian that is hit at 30mph has a one in five chance of being killed, but only a 2.5% chance if hit at 20mph. It's not worth the risk to the safety for the sake of a few seconds on the journey time through Castle Cary. We hope people will agree that this is a necessary step and welcome any feedback or suggestions to solutions to the problem of speeding traffic.



Castle Cary Bowls Club

That's it for another season. Finals were played on 11th and 12th September; winners and runners up will receive their trophies on 4th November at our Annual Presentation Evening. The green was put to bed in mid-September with the annual top dressing. Regular cutting of the green and maintenance of the surrounds will continue over the winter. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 20th November when the new Committee will be elected for the coming year. Over the closed season there are some indoor games to look forward to and a Quiz Night on 9th December organised by Tim and Lesley.

Further information can be found on our website or by contacting the secretary, Dave Lee, at castle Cary bowls club@outlook.com

Carol Lowe

www.hugofox.com/community/castle-cary-bowls-club-19890/home/
and Facebook

Castle Cary Cricket Club

We did it!

What a fantastic season we have had. Both our teams have won their respective divisions. Next year our 1st team will play in the Somerset Premiersip division and the 2nd team will progress to division 5 in the same competition. Great credit goes to our teams' captains Jamie Elsworth and Steve Wadman. There were also outstanding performances by our players. 1st Team batting, and player of the year Matt Holland. Bowling goes to Rich Atkinson. 2nd team Batting and player of the year Even Lathan. Bowling awards to Gary Clulee and Jason Castle.

One other outstanding feat this year was to reach the final of the Somerset Intermediate Cup. Which was held at the County Ground in Taunton. Rich Atkinson, captained the team throughout the tournament, and did an excellent job in getting the team to the final. Unfortunately for us, we lost. Clubman of the year went to Paul Collings for his hard work and dedication to the club's playing field, square and facilities. Many thanks again to all our volunteers and helpers.

We are really looking forward to next season, training will start in late March/April with indoor training and friendly matches before the league starts in May. Details of the training will be published on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, early next year.

If any of you budding cricketers would like to join us next year, just contact the captains through our Facebook page or contact myself and I will pass on your details.

Is anyone interested in being a Youth Cricket coach or volunteer? Feel free to contact me.

Tony Wilcox

tonywilcox51@gmail.com



Health Walks Postponed Over The Winter Months

The fortnightly health walks from the Market House will be suspended over the winter months and will resume in the Spring. Watch this space for further information and re-start date.

We would like to develop a small team of walk leaders to lead this gentle slow pace walk of under 1 mile that would be suitable for people who are new to walking or living with pain or health conditions that impact fitness or mobility or recovering from recent surgery and want to get more mobile and active. If you feel this is something you would be interested in, please contact Laura Tilling (01963 351461) or Sue Crisfield (07749 418850).

Full walk leader training is available with the Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership and walks are insured and supported. www.sasp.co.uk/become-a-walk-leader-volunteer

Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes

It's surprising how quickly this season has gone already! The girls have just enjoyed a really successful carnival season, which is always their favourite. The weather was kind on both the Cary children's and evening processions, and a fantastic time was had by all.

The girls participated in a SWBTA competition in November, this included newer members that have been twirling with the Cygnets for less than a year. They not only danced and marched extremely well on the floor but won awards too! Big achievements both on an individual and team level, as they were up against some big troupes. If you missed the Cygnets perform recently, there is more to come, as they are currently preparing for their Christmas shows. These shows start with Christmas light switch-ons from 25th Nov, and end with Cary's Christmas Cracker on 7th December, followed by the Christmas coffee evening on 8th Dec at Caryford Hall, 7.30pm. All are welcome to join the festive fun. Thank you for all your support throughout the year, it's much appreciated.

There is currently just a few spaces left if any girls aged 6-18yrs would like to join and become a Cygnet majorette, and event bookings are already filling up for next year, please email cccygnets@gmail.com or www.castlecarymajorettes.org.uk

***SEASONS GREETINGS from the
Cygnets Majorettes***



Castle Cary Rambling Group

Our informal group meet every alternate Wednesdays at the Millbrook car park where we set off to pre-destined starting points (sharing cars whenever possible and mileage paid to our designated drivers). Unfortunately, due to bad weather, we did have to cancel a few walks this year, but safety comes first. Dates to remember will be our Christmas walk which is likely be a lovely walk ending with mince pies and a good ending to the year. We had a lovely summer picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and I am sure we are looking forward to next year. Other walks will follow throughout the year on alternate Wednesday's weather permitting. We normally stop for a coffee break and again for our picnic lunch before returning to our cars, having taken in the beautiful countryside and the great outdoors. What a lovely way to meet up with friends, make friends and enjoy all the new routes that we explore around the countryside.

Castle Cary Rugby Football Club

The new season is well underway, and we are enjoying success in all sections of the club, with both our Senior & junior sections playing some excellent rugby, and most importantly enjoying themselves.

The Rugby World Cup has just concluded, with South Africa being victorious, and we are seeing an increase in interest in the game as a result, which is brilliant.

New members are always welcome, with children able to start once they are 4 years old, training on a Sunday morning (sessions start at 9.30am) and our Senior Men (18 years and over) train on a Thursday evening from 6.45pm. Social members are also welcome, join us on a Saturday afternoon to watch a game & enjoy a drink.

The clubhouse is available for hire, ideal for parties, wedding receptions, bingo nights etc., please get in touch for more details.

Keep an eye on our social media for all the latest information and details of what is going on.

Contact us at castlecaryrfc1888@gmail.com for further information from playing to club hire.



Cary Runners

If you want to start running, get back into running or just become a bit fitter, then Cary Runners might be the group for you. We are a small group of local runners who enjoy each other's company while jogging around our local country lanes. Speed or level of fitness does not matter, as long as you can manage about 5 km.

We meet every Monday at 18h30, outside The George Hotel during the winter, to jog between 5 and 8 km (3 to 5 miles) along country roads or around the streets of Cary and Ansford. Torches and something hi-viz is obligatory for all our winter runs. Our Monday "sessions" are relaxed social jogs, but some of us also meet on other days for longer sessions.

Whether you are a seasoned runner or a beginner, and regardless of your level of fitness, you'll find running much easier when you have others to encourage you.

If you would like to join us, either turn up at 18h30 on a Monday evening or call Dave Boyer (07903 276315) or Amelia Ware (07733 101554) for more information. You can also find out about the group on Facebook - www.facebook.com/groups/caryrunners



Cary and Camelot Table Tennis Club

Cary and Camelot Table Tennis Club is a friendly club for those wishing to play social table tennis.

We play on Tuesday evenings at North Cadbury Village Hall, 6:30pm until 8:30pm. We have 3 tournament grade tables and can supply bats if you do not have your own. New members and visitors are welcome. We cater for all ages from 16 upwards. Fees are £3 per session. Contact Carol Turner (07955 346637) or Andy Bentley (07890 441763) if you require any further information.

Tai Chi

No pain, big gains

Although tai chi is slow and gentle and doesn't leave you breathless, it addresses the key components of fitness — muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and, to a lesser degree, aerobic conditioning. Here's some of the evidence:

Muscle strength. Tai chi can improve both lower-body strength and upper-body strength. When practiced regularly, tai chi can be comparable to resistance training and brisk walking.

Although you aren't working with weights or resistance bands, the unsupported arm exercise involved in tai chi strengthens your upper body.

Tai chi strengthens both the lower and upper extremities and also the core muscles of the back and abdomen.

Flexibility. Tai chi can boost upper- and lower-body flexibility as well as strength.

Balance. Tai chi improves balance and, according to some studies, reduces falls. Proprioception — the ability to sense the position of one's body in space — declines with age. Tai chi helps train this sense, which is a function of sensory neurons in the inner ear and stretch receptors in the muscles and ligaments. Tai chi also improves muscle strength and flexibility, which makes it easier to recover from a stumble. Fear of falling can make you more likely to fall; some studies have found that tai chi training helps reduce that fear.

Classes £5 Wednesday 2-3pm Caryford Hall

Friday Scout hut 10-11am Caryford Hall 11.30-

12.30 Contact Jo Webb jo.webb@mbzonline.net

07730397396



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Planning a new event? Looking for new things to do? OUR NEW TOWN EVENTS LISTING WILL HELP

Look at - www.castle-cary.co.uk/events to find the very straightforward list of events coming up at all venues in Castle Cary and Ansford.

To be useful the list needs to include as much as possible. Use the form below to tell us about events you have planned, and we will add them in.

Include all one-off events open to the general public (concerts, talks, quizzes, children’s events, bingo, open AGMs, etc.) Please don’t include private parties, weddings, regular church services etc. If in doubt about a particular item please include it and we will make a decision! We cannot include weekly meetings and classes – but do tell us about them and we can add them to the information we hold at the Market House.

Include NEW bookings for ANY future date including 2024 etc. If still provisional please write PROVISIONAL after other info in the “What” column but let us know when confirmed. And obviously do tell us if you cancel something.

The final column is just for us in case we need to ask for additional information. It won’t get included on the website. The “Contact for enquiries” WILL appear on the website and you must be sure that the contact is happy about the information you give. Ideally it will be a web address that leads directly to more information about the event, plus a phone number or email address for those that don’t do web searches.

THE FIRST LINE GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF THE FORMAT TO USE PLEASE – this makes it easy for us to add the info to the Listing

YOUR NAME: EMAIL: Date sent in:

ORGANISATION ON BEHALF OF WHICH YOU ARE SENDING THIS:

Day	Date	Month	Year	Start time	End time	Where	What	Contact for enquiries from the public	Additional non-public info - won't be included in the Events Listing spreadsheet. Leave blank if nothing to say!
Sat	29	02	2027	1900	2130	Name of place it will be held	Concert etc – nrief details - not more than two lines here	Weblink or phone number public can use to find details	Not for general use – won't be given to others.

You'll find a typable version of the table at www.castle-cary.co.uk/events/. Please use Arial 10pt if possible, to make it easy for us to copy and paste. Please return to the Information Desk in the Market House or email to tourism@castle-cary.co.uk



Castle Cary & Ansford LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



- Alcoholics Anonymous** – 0800 917 7650
All Saints' & St Andrew's Churches – 07483 866400
Alzheimer's Society – 01458 251541
Ansford Parish Council – 07891 161756
Ansford Academy – 01963 350895
Arts Society Mid Somerset – midsomerset@theartssociety.org
Bellringing – 01963 350002
Brue Valley Rotary – 01963 351906
Café Scientifique Somerset – 07375 890751
Camelot Rounders – 07969 233760
Care4Cary – 07803 855208
Cary Carers – 01963 359081
Cary Cares – 01963 602013 / carycares1@gmail.com
Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) – 07715 510359
Cary Comedians Carnival Club – 07983 716016
Cary History Society – caryhistsoc@gmail.com
Cary Runners – 01963 350418
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 548016
Caryford Short Mat Bowls – 01963 359069
Carymoor Environmental Centre – 01963 350143
Castle Cary Allotment Association – 01963 350618
Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society – 07711 266969
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 07977 754109
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 07985 435412
Castle Cary Choir – 01963 351025
Castle Cary Community Library – 07579 049109
Castle Cary Craft Chat and Cake – wistmansoak@icloud.com
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 07527 628956
Castle Cary Senior Football Club – 01963 350587
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 240837 /
www.castlecarygardening.com
Castle Cary Majorettes (Cygnets) – 01963 350603
Castle Cary Memory Café – 07889 311445
Castle Cary Out of School Club (The Hive) – 07496 348233
Castle Cary Primary School – 01963 350520
Castle Cary Rainbows and Brownies – 07985 246833
Castle Cary Ramblers – 07866 173511
Castle Cary Town Museum – castlecarymuseum@hotmail.co.uk
Castle Cary Twinning Association – 01963 351025
Christian Aid – 01963 351275
Churches Together in Castle Cary and Ansford –
01963 351275
Cinema in Caryford – 01963 359000
EatCary – 01963 351461
Fair Trade Group – 01963 350629
Friends of Cary 2000 – 07803 855208
Friends of Cemetery Chapel – 01963 350276
Friends of Castle Cary Library –
www.castlecarylibrary.org.uk
Macmillan Cancer Support – 07714 030813
Martial Arts – 07738 599670
Methodist Church – 01963 351598
Methodist Church lettings – 01963 351635
Mid-Somerset Flower Club – 01963 351811
Moat Garden Project – 01963 350899
Netball – 07903 244213
Parson Woodforde Society – www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk
Red Cross – 01963 350830
Rotary Club (Brue Valley) – 07767 488719
Royal British Legion – 07587 180639
Saturday Stitch – 01749 860304 / 07929 097374
Save the Children Shop – 01963 351681
St Margaret's Hospice – 0845 070 8910
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers – 07773 515511
Singing for Fun – 07889 311445
Somerset Beekeepers Association – 07894 039933
Somerset Sight – 01823 333818
South Somerset Community Accessible Transport –
01963 33864
Sustainable Cary – On Facebook @sustainablecary
Table Tennis Club – 07955 346637
Tiddlywinks – 07817 629004
Tools for Self Reliance – 01749 813239
Tourist Information Group – 01963 351763
Toybox Pre-school – 01963 359600
U3A Camelot Area – 01963 351269
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461
Walking for Fun – 01963 351461
Walking in England – john@walkinginengland.co.uk
Zambia Links (CMCPT) – 01963 351461

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