

June 2024

The Camels



Magazine

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Weather records from Mead Farm, Downhead April 2024

Maximum temperatures: 19.3 C (67 F) on the 12th and 13th.

Minimum temperatures: 0 C (32 F) on the 20th and 21st

Grass level minimum: -4 C (25 F) on the 20th.

Total rainfall: 54.9 mm (2.16 ins)

Cover: A well appointed & highly desirable Bug Hotel in a Queen Camel field.

Editorial

There is no doubt that, for most of us, the months and years seem to be going past quicker and quicker. Already we are half-way through 2024 and it only seems to have just begun.

What does the half-way mark signify for Christians? Well, the Church year celebrates the start of the Trinity season from the end of May - which then stretches as far as Advent. The whole of the middle of the year! And the lectionary which suggests bible readings for each day mainly focuses on not the beginning of Jesus' life or the end but the teachings and miracles which he performed – his mission.

So, it could be a time for us to review where we are in our spiritual lives and think about how much more of Jesus' teachings and miracles could affect our daily lives going forward. If we already know the stories, we could reread them slowly and prayerfully to gain more from them. We could enter into the story in our minds and think about how we would have reacted had we been present. Suppose the characters were our close friends or a family member. Can we feel what it would be like to have been alive and around Jesus during his lifetime? Does it make the message more real?

Then we could bring the reading into the present time. If Jesus were here in his physical body, how would we receive him and his teachings. What would we think about the miracles he performed? Maybe we would try to explain them away. But what if we had been present and witnessed the changes in people who Jesus ministered to. Could we explain that away? Would we be inspired instead to tell others so that they could also know about the stories and learn from the teachings? Perhaps we would be able to embrace Jesus, his love, and his message more so that the inner radiance of God's love shining through us would attract more and more people to live Jesus' teachings in their lives.

Then there is the controversial point that Jesus said that we would be able to do as much and more than he did: "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father" (John 14:12).

So, we need to note **"anyone who believes in me"**. May this Trinity Sunday and beyond be a time when we go deeper: deeper into the Trinity first so that we gain a deeper belief and faith, then deeper into Jesus' teachings so that they become not just a story but a stronger part of our lives.

Then perhaps we will miss fewer miracles and see them all around us.

And in the words of Graham Kendrick, a favourite song of mine and apparently Princess Charlotte:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Christy Casley

VILLAGE CAFÉ

TUESDAY 11th JUNE

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

10.30am - 12 noon

*Book & Jigsaw exchange

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

* Lord's Larder collection box

*** Digital Cafe**

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

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



ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS : JUNE 2024

COMING UP . . .

Church Path Fayre: Please remember the Church Path Fayre which takes place on Saturday 8th June from 12.30 – 3.30 pm. See the full-page advert in this magazine. The proceeds from the Fayre will go towards the fabric of the church. There will be plenty of stalls, games and activities for all the family – including the hugely popular Teddy Bear Zip Wire for the bravest of teddy bears. Don't forget to bring them along!

If you have any books, plants, new but unwanted gifts, toys in good order (with working batteries!), bottles or would like to make a cake, buns, biscuits or something savoury, the stallholders would love to receive your contributions in church from 9.00 am on the morning of the Fayre. We would also appreciate any raffle prizes or bars/boxes of chocolate for the tombola. Please leave any items inside the church or get in touch with Paul Davis (850 139) or Morwenna Ford (850 300) if you have items that need collecting prior to the Fayre.

HAPPENINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS . . .

The Rogation Service at the beginning of May included breakfast being served beforehand. The Rev'd Mark Ellis conducted the service, in the middle of which, with our regular organist Martin Emslie on guitar, we visited the allotments to appreciate all that was growing and everyone's hard work in preparing the ground. We were also accompanied by some very vocal songbirds which served to enhance the service.

We were visited by Tom Thacher, his wife and two friends from the States, as he is a descendant of the Rev'd Peter Thatcher who was the vicar at St Barnabas from 1574 to 1624. The chapel on the south side of the church is referred to as the Thacher Chapel because descendants of his donated a considerable sum of money to the church in the mid to late 20th century. The family are very proud of their links with St Barnabas and several members of the PCC joined the visitors for a cream tea in the Thacher Chapel. Apparently the 't' in the name was dropped at the time their ancestors emigrated to the United States.

Two or three areas of the Churchyard are, once again, not being mown and we are starting to see many wildflowers appearing that are beneficial to insects.

All the allotments are now occupied with a great deal of activity taking place as a wide variety of vegetables are planted out.

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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.

THE SIX CHURCHES OF CAM VALE

Services for the month of June 2024

Sunday 2th June	Queen Camel	9.30 am	All Age Service
	Sparkford	9.30 am	Matins / Morning Prayer
	Corton Denham	10.00 am	Common Worship Holy Communion
	West Camel	4.00 pm	Tea @ Four United Service
Sunday 9th June	West Camel	9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Weston Bampfylde	10.00 am	Common Worship Holy Communion
	Sutton Montis	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodist Service
Sunday 16th June	Queen Camel	9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodist Service
Sunday 23rd June	West Camel	10.00 am	Together @ 10
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodist Service
Sunday 30th June	Weston Bampfylde	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodist Service

From the Registers:

Funerals / Memorial Services

30th April – Kathleen Betteridge, St Barnabas Queen Camel

Baptisms

5th May – Clementine Lancaster, St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford

All Saints Church, West Camel.
Sunday 30th June 6pm.
United Service led by
Chris Hemborough, who will speak about
'Project Mozambique Plus.'
Refreshments to follow
All warmly welcome.

Email Delivery of the Camels Magazine:

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

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

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH



Meeting at All Saints Church

Affiliated to the Independent Methodist Churches



Registered Charity
No. 1205373

Minister: Ray Ursell (07770 238588)

Local contacts: Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)

SERVICES IN JUNE

June 2nd	4pm	"Sunday @ Four" (U.S.) "
" 9th	6pm	Brian Parker of Somerton
" 16th	6pm	Ray Ursell (H.C.)
" 23rd	6pm	Barrie Bryer of Bere Aller
" 30th	6pm	Chris Hemborough of Project Mozambique+ (U.S.)

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

All PM services are followed by light refreshments.

"Sunday @ Four" includes a full tea.

A very warm welcome to all!

"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

West Camel Churches Together



On Sunday 28th April there was United Service, led by Dorothy Kendrick, President of the Independent Methodist Churches. The sermon was preached by Shaun Newton, the IMC Education Director. (Photo left).

Our Coffee morning, Raffle and Cake Stall on Bank Holiday Monday raised £208 for *Christian Aid* - the relief and development charity.

Go to our Facebook page for news and photos about past and forthcoming events:

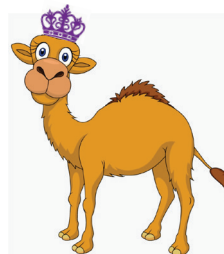
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Website: www.westcamelchurches.org.uk

ST BARNABAS CHURCH PATH FAYRE

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

12.30 PM START



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

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

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

... AND NOT FORGETTING ...

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

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



Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council:

May has seen two meetings, the Annual Village Meeting (AVM) on Friday 17 May and the Parish Council (PC) meeting on Monday 20 May. **The AVM** was very well attended and opened with some songs from the choir of Countess Gytha School. The villagers enjoyed this entertainment to get the meeting going and send their thanks to the school and choir. The meeting progressed with reports from both schools based in the parish, the doctors' surgery, our representative on the Somerset Council and our MP; these were followed by reports from many village organisations and clubs. The theme from many of the speakers was of improving communications and finding more volunteers to help in all the many activities in the village. These are not new themes but they were well made again.

The approved plans for the new Play Area were unveiled at the AVM. It is expected that construction will begin in July for about a month. More details on this timing will be given when they are firmed up. The approach by Green Lane to the playing field, the state of parking and the surrounds of the Play Area were raised as needing improvement. The PC is fully aware of these matters and plans to deal with them once the Play Area is completed. *(Subsequent to the PC meeting I was delighted to see on Tuesday 21 May morning that Green Lane has been largely resurfaced — clearly the pressure that the PC, with the support of Cllr Henry Hobhouse, has put on Somerset Highways has paid off.)*

The PC meeting was also its annual meeting. John Brendon and Phil Jones were elected as chairman and vice chairman respectively. Many other responsibilities as well as committee and working group roles were confirmed. These will be set out on the PC website.

In the main business of the meeting the PC considered again the state of our roads and of Blackwell Road and Sutton Montis Road specifically. The causes of the problems are different for both, but the PC agreed to keep up regular pressure on the agencies that have responsibility to try and achieve solutions. Similar pressure will be maintained on the related issues ranging from drains and gullies to the speed of traffic through the village to the volume of HGVs. It was also noted that new planters have been bought for the triangle by the church, but will not be put in position until the resurfacing required there is adequate.

The PC approved its annual governance statement and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. These will be available for public scrutiny from 3 June to 12 July.

Please contact me or any councillor if you have matters to raise. If you want to join the WhatsApp groups please contact Phil Jones.

John Brendon, Chairman of the Parish Council

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

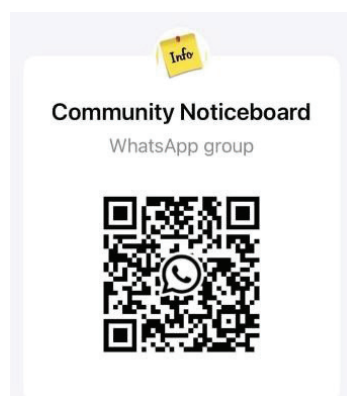
Live Well with Pain Café



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

What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in June

Mondays:	Pilates 9.00- 11.15am Youth Group 5.30-7.30pm
Tuesdays:	Cam Vale Tuesday Group June 4th 10-12 Brownies 6-7pm Guides 7-9pm Village Cafe June 11th 10-12 QC Quilters June 18th 10-4pm
Thursdays:	Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am Camel Club 4.00-5.30pm Gardening Club June 13th 7-9pm
Fridays:	Table Tennis 7-9pm



Queen Camel Community Whatsapp

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

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

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/.K01zczafoPCDX8OTz45n5R> or email community@queencamelpc.org.uk to keep yourself informed.



HEALTH and WELLBEING WALKS

Queen Camel: Fridays at 10.00am

(note earlier time): Open to all

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

West Camel: Thursdays at 10.00am

The walks run fortnightly - June 13th & 27th

Meeting point: Davis Hall

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

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

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

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



SHEPTON MALLET - CASTLE CARY - YEOVIL SERVICE 1

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

FROM 15TH APRIL 2024

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

S = SET DOWN ONLY

c = CONNECTS WITH SERVICE 646 @ 08.16 TO STREET (STRODE COLLEGE) IN THE MORNING & 1 TO YEOVIL IN THE AFTERNOON.

CONNECTION IS NOT GUARANTEED.



X = THE ONLY SERVICES RUNNING ON A SATURDAY

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

Queen Camel Memorial Hall 200 Club Results for May 2024 Drawn at the Village Cafe

First Prize:- £30 Dr. Jim Gotto	Number:-139
Second Prize:- £25 Suzanne Smith	Number:- 121
Third Prize:- £20 John Brendon	Number:- 134
Fourth Prize:- £15 Nicki & Peter Crinks	Number:- 117
Fifth Prize:- £10 Alan Wright	Number:-65

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

											
		1 YEOVIL - CASTLE CARY - SHEPTON SERVICE									
MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)							FROM 15TH APRIL 2024				
SERVICE NO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Notes							X	X	X		
Yeovil Bus Station	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30	7:30	11:30	15:30		
Clarence Street, Tesco	7:33	9:33	11:33	13:33	15:33	17:33	7:33	11:33	15:33		
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:35	7:35	11:35	15:35		
Yeovil College	7:36	9:36	11:36	13:36	15:36	17:36	7:36	11:36	15:36		
Mudford, Half Moon	7:43	9:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43	7:43	11:43	15:43		
Marston Magna	7:48	9:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48	7:48	11:48	15:48		
Queen Camel	7:52	9:52	11:52	13:52	15:52	17:52	7:52	11:52	15:52		
Sparkford Inn	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	17:56	7:56	11:56	15:56		
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	7:58	9:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58	7:58	11:58	15:58		
Chapel Cross	8:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00	8:00	12:00	16:00		
North Cadbury	8:03	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	18:03	8:03	12:03	16:03		
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:08	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:08	18:08	8:08	12:08	16:08		
Castle Cary, Horse Pond	8:12c	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12	18:12	8:12	12:12	16:12		
Ansford, Churchfields	8:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16	8:16	12:16	16:16		
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	8:19	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19	8:19	12:19	16:19		
Alhampton	8:21	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:21	18:21	8:21	12:21	16:21		
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	8:24	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24	8:24	12:24	16:24		
Southwood	8:28	10:28	12:28	14:28	16:28	18:28	8:28	12:28	16:28		
Evercreech, Village Hall	8:33	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:33	18:33	8:33	12:33	16:33		
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	8:37	10:37	12:37	14:37	16:37	18:37	8:37	12:37	16:37		
Cannard's Grave	8:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	16:40	18:40	8:40	12:40	16:40		
Whitstone Road	8:42	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42	8:42	12:42	16:42		
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	8:47	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47	8:47	12:47	16:47		
Cannard's Grave Road	-	10:50	12:50	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Gdn Centre	-	10:57	12:57	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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Scottish Country Dancing

Every Thursday,

St Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club,

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

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

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

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



Cleaveside Close Social Club Activities for JUNE 2024



Saturday Fun Bingo –1st June eyes down at 2.15pm – prizes, raffle & refreshments

An afternoon of fun and surprises. Buy your Bingo tickets for £3; raffle £1

Mondays Flexercise - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 11.00-12.00. Sitting down and some standing exercises to tone up your muscles. £2 to non-residents. Refreshments included.

Wednesdays Relaxation Techniques - 12th, 19th, 26th June 3.00-4.00pm. Learn simple techniques that help you to unwind, reduce stress levels and also to sleep better. An hour of total relaxation.

Thursdays Tai Chi in the Memorial Hall – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June - 10.30-11.30am
Pay as you go £5.

Monday Committee meeting- 10th June -12.15pm

Wednesday Live Well with Pain Café – 12th June – 11.30-12.30pm. Learn how to deal with pain. Come along and meet others in the same situation. Get guidance and help from a Health Coach and a Social Prescribing Co-ordinator. Free refreshments and a warm welcome awaits you.

Thursday Sing-A-Long – 13th June – 2.00-3.00pm. Come along and join in singing songs and having fun. Refreshments included. £3 donation in support of Golden Oldies.

Saturday BBQ Lunch – 22nd June – 1.00pm onwards. Bring and share salads and desserts. We can BBQ your meats, fish and/or vegetables. Soft drinks at a low cost!

Tuesday Visit to Otter Garden Centre, Ottery St Mary – 25th June – depart 10.15am. The mini-bus will depart from the Community Centre at 10.15 and return at 5.00pm allowing everyone time to browse and buy a variety of goods for sale, not just plants! Cost £10. Book your seat with Sue on 01935 850008. This trip is being partially subsidised.

Thursday Supper and Film – 27th June – 6.00pm. Enjoy a home-cooked supper with dessert and refreshments for £7. Afterwards sit back, relax and enjoy watching a film.

Cam Vale Tuesday Group : May Meeting

- Dr Frances Burroughs gave an interesting insight into life during WW2 for his mother Edith Booth who had trained as a florist in Manchester but, as war loomed, learned First Aid in chemical warfare and for treating air raid casualties. She joined the Voluntary Aid detachment in 1934 alongside 38,000 others.
- She was called up as an army nurse in 1939 and was posted all over the country, keeping a daily diary that her son treasures today.
- Edith spoke German, albeit with a Yorkshire accent, and in 1945 was sent to Bavaria with an American attachment to treat survivors in Dachau. It was a gruelling time but she never spoke of those experiences.
- After returning home she and her husband ran a nursery in Yeovil, she became a florist once more, and bred Cavalier spaniels. An enjoyable but poignant talk.
- In June we have a talk on '50 years in the NHS. '
- Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in Queen Camel Memorial Hall at 10am. New members and visitors are very welcome.
- For further information please contact Marion 01963 220741.



CAM VALE TUESDAY GROUP

LADIES IF YOU ARE FREE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH THEN WHY NOT COME AND JOIN OUR FRIENDLY GROUP

WE START AT 10AM TIL NOON AND ENJOY COFFEE / TEA AND BISCUITS AND THEN AT 10.30 WE HAVE AN INTERESTING TALK FROM A VARIETY OF SPEAKERS

Upcoming Speakers and Meetings to include :- Montacute Tapestries; Ice, Fire & Fjord; Ploughmans lunch in August; Christmas festivities; animals in art

Membership for 2024-25 costs £20

Enjoy your first visit as a Guest for £2

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At Queen Camel Memorial Hall – car parking

Next Meeting on 4 June - talk by Donna Smith on 54 years of being a nurse



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The Davis Hall, West Camel



Friday 21st June **The Holdovers**
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West Camel Book Group

A Cake for the Gestapo is a novel written by a local author, Jacqueline King. On Wednesday 8th May we enjoyed discussing the novel and for most it was an enjoyable read, that opened our eyes to the reality of the Occupation of Jersey during WW2. The perspective was very much from the children's point of view and their naivety in being obstructive without realizing the likely repercussions was gripping and alarming. Characterization was charming, if at times narrow. The ending challenges the boundaries of reality, but much of it is based on well researched information. Generally we thought it was aimed more at a teenage audience and as such would be a tremendous tool to give an awareness of the history of the Occupation. This is well worth reading.

Forthcoming books:

Wednesday 12th June	The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell
Wednesday 17th July	Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and/or The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
Wednesday 14th August	Philip: The Final Portrait by Gyles Brandreth
Wednesday 11th September	Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

We meet at The Walnut Tree in West Camel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome.



West Camel Village Cafe

9:15 - 12 Every Thurs

At the Davis Hall

Cake£1.00

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Community Speedwatch/HGVwatch

Following a recent village survey on the Community WhatsApp and Facebook, the two significant issues for the village are the speed of traffic and the number of HGV's (contrary to restrictions) on the High Street. A recurring issue that the PC will once again liaise with the Police about in order to look at setting up a Community Speedwatch and HGVwatch. What is needed are volunteers for both watches and importantly a volunteer to coordinate them.



If interested in assisting the village try to address these issues, please contact the Parish Council Clerk (clerk@queencamelpc.org.uk) for more information, stating as a volunteer and/or as a coordinator. Thank you.



We are now a year on from the devastating flood that hit Queen Camel and the Old School leaving us not only with a major clean-up operation, but several restoration projects too. One of these projects was to restore the fencing along the perimeter of both the internal and external car parks. Aldo of 'AG Fenced it' has been undertaking this task and with works commencing mid-May, we are well on the way to having this completed. Thank you for your patience and consideration when parking on the site during this period.



Some of you may have noticed that we have been having some roofing work done too, the flat roof above the Victorian Schoolhouse has also been restored.

Given the increased risk of flooding we seem to have experienced this year, we have commissioned a company to work on flood resilience to the Victorian building which will begin soon. Our plan is to implement similar measures to the rest of the site.

The Old School Community Garden – work is continuing by the a2a gardening team and Yeovil Rivers Community Trust to develop a rear garden that is open and accessible to all.

Volunteers to help in our gardens are welcomed and encouraged; please contact either Joe Knights at JoeKnights@able2achieve.org.uk or, for all things aquatic, Karis Hockey at karis.hockey@yrct.org.uk



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Camelicious are now open at an earlier time of 9am, Tuesday to Friday, serving a full menu including breakfasts which are available all day, paninis, jacket potatoes, cakes and drinks.

Opportunities are available for adults with learning disabilities who are looking for day provision and work preparation skills. If you know of anyone who may be interested, pop in and chat it through with Caroline, or email on CarolinePacker@able2achieve.org.uk



SPACE AVAILABLE

The Old School Hall is available for short term rental either as a whole or, we have individual workspaces/pods. Each pod is an enclosed, secure space with the use of a communal kitchenette; suitable for use as a studio or for those looking for office space and/or small meeting rooms.

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

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Queen Camel Gardening Club news.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 13 June**

with a Speaker from **Castle Gardens** who will be

talking about ***Growing fruit and vegetables on the patio.***

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm and there will be refreshments and a raffle.

Meetings are free for members and £2 to visitors.

You can join or renew your membership on the day,
and collect a copy of the show schedule.





Trust

Camelicious Café

The newest of our Cafés opened its doors for the second time after recovering from the floods in 2023, in late January 2024. Camelicious is located at the Old School at Queen Camel and provides adults with learning disabilities a chance to experience what it is like to work in a café environment. We support people to prepare food safely, develop customer service skills and maintain front of house and back-of-house tasks within a supportive workplace.

Tel: 01935 713150



able2achieve Trust was established after able2achieve LTD and provides work preparation areas that offer a safe place to build work skills, gain confidence and be a part of a team and their communities.

able2achieve Trust has three cafes, The Winking Frog in Yeovil, Camelicious in Queen Camel and The Silver Otter in Ottery St Mary Devon. We have a Bakery which provides baked goods to our cafes and the community. We also have a shop for those who want to focus on retail skills called able2antiquities. Our supportive and experienced staff teach the expectations and standards of employment within a real work setting.

able2achieve LTD was founded in 2010 and provides a dynamic support service to adults with learning disabilities, associated disorders, and people with poor mental health. Our mission statement is to “enable personal achievement and progression by developing essential skills and self-confidence through learning, living and work. Our values are opportunity, choice and respect.

We fulfil our mission statement by offering supported living services, enabling services, day services and work-based learning opportunities.

If anyone with a learning disability would be interested in services where they can learn work & catering skills - and if they receive direct payments to help with their day support - and would be interested in a placement, please contact:

Caroline on 01935 713 150 or email carolinepacker@able2achieveorg.uk

Open Pathway to Peace

Charity 800412 ~ findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org

Christy & Daniel Francis, Laurel Lane, QC BA22 7NU Tel: 01935 850266

We would love to hear from you and welcome you here.



Come to Yoga classes, Fridays 9.30-11am, enjoy the gardens or book a relaxing, quiet, and private swim, in our pool.

Volunteers much needed for painting, and gardening -please help!

Courses & Events

Meditation classes (or 1 to 1) July 2nd, 16th, 30th 7-8pm - for health, focus, peace & space

Sound Bath 4th June 6.45-8pm, 9th July and monthly from then - good for rest, relaxation, and toning

Labyrinth Retreat, 'within and without' find your inner answers in sacred space **led by Julie and Christy – 6/7 July**

A Weekend exploring the Invisible Dimension with Matt Arnold from CFPSS on 17th and 18th August

Coming – register your interest: 'EFT' (Tapping) for self-help, friends, and family; 'Followers of the Way,' the early Christians (weekends); AquaMove and Monday evening Yoga 7pm

Accommodation: B/B, Half Board or Full Board, & Personal Retreats. Rooms for Meetings, Christenings, Funeral or Wedding Receptions, small groups, or venue hire

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July 1st-7th is a 'Week of Prayer for Children and Young People'

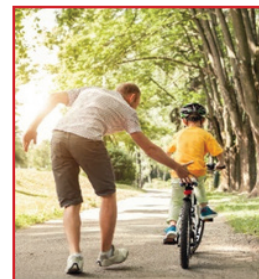
Join us at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel (Christy's home) at 7pm for prayer on July 2nd and/or July 4th. All welcome.

Round table - Jesus style lunches with discussion afterwards on July 17th and August 21st at Maymorn. All welcome for free, open and broad conversation. Please contact Christy to book a place:

07564 935555 or christylmy@icloud.com



**Want to be part of an
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Route1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors service supports children and young people who are in care or have a social worker. They do this by matching volunteers with young people as either short term Advocates, or longer term Independent Visitors.

The service recently had an independent internal review and was graded as Outstanding; and was shortlisted to the final 3 in the Frontline National Award 2024 'Team of the Year'

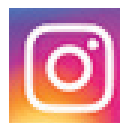
Route1 helps children have happy childhood memories, and ensures their views are listened to and acted upon.

- **Independent Visitors:** These volunteers make a long term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to a the child or young person – and their Independent Visitor!
- **Advocates:** volunteers work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are taken into account when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long term commitment to any particular child.

A recent trainee volunteer said "I started out thinking 'what on earth can require 5 days of training?' I now know why and think you have it just right."

Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills. Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability.

For more information about Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors, you can contact us by emailing: route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk, calling 01749 822801 and our website is www.routeadvocacy.co.uk



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QUEEN CAMEL TENNIS CLUB SUMMER COACHING PROGRAMME

The new coaching programme with Rich for both Juniors & Adults can now be booked online at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/QueenCamelTennisClub/Coaching>

Dates and times for a couple of Summer Camps will be announced very soon - please check on the Club's website.

Adult coaching for both Improvers and Cardio continues. Club Night every Tuesday.

Can anyone help, please?

The Playing Field Committee needs help in managing and running the Playing Field and its facilities. The current Committee is very small in number and needs to attract younger people with creative ideas and enthusiasm to help develop this particular community asset.

Over the past two - three years people have been very generous in financially supporting the need for a complete refurbishment of the Play Area. This project is nearing completion and later this year the villagers and community should be celebrating in the fact that teenagers, children and grandchildren have a wonderful play area full of exciting new and colourful equipment to experiment with!

Our Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Clubs are doing well with increased numbers and Ilchester Football Club has hinted that their youth team would like to use our ground and facilities in the forthcoming football season.

We have a group of volunteers who manage the ground maintenance and must be applauded for keeping the grass cut, rolled and tidy. The field always looks good!

One doesn't have to be a sporty person to join in – perhaps, a parent with a passion to ensure that their child/children receive the best possible attention to the ground, the equipment and/or the facilities; or someone with the enthusiasm and some practical know how who would like to give it a try!

Come along to our Annual General Meeting being held on Monday 3 June at 7.30pm in the Marples Room at the Memorial Hall. Learn all about what it involves. Being committed doesn't take up much time! Meetings are quarterly!

Your Playing Field needs YOU!

QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

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

Life at the Bowls Club has been busier this last months with both league and friendly matches, although the weather hasn't been the greatest, mostly cold rather than wet, we have won several.

The matches arranged for this month are against Castle Cary, Westlands, Chard, Crewkerne and Mere to name a few. We are certainly looking forward to catching up with our fellow bowlers and having a good game at the same time.

Should you wish to know more about this fun and gentle sport, please do get in touch by emailing queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com or calling Sally on 07514 485 809.

Tuesday Evenings are for Lawn Bowls at Queen Camel Bowls Club.

A Coach is available to help both those wishing to try for the first time, and those who would like some guidance on how to improve their game.

The evenings start at 5:45pm so why not come along to say hello and meet some new

May 2024

Welcome to Queen Camel CC with the 2024 season now underway.

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

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



Senior Cricket

The weather hasn't been great but we have managed to play our first league fixture, sadly ending in defeat to the Yeovil Royal Blasters, one performance of note was from veteran Camel player R. Barker with bowling figures of 5-31.

Youth Cricket

Again the weather has caused the cancellation of several fixtures, but all our sides have been in action with wins for our U10s and U12 Phoenix sides, both are currently top of their respective leagues. Hopefully our U12 Invincibles and U14s side will chalk up their first wins soon.

Presidents XI v Chairmans XI – Fundraiser

On Sunday 12th May we played an inter club friendly. We also raised funds for one of our junior members who is going on a Camps International trip to Kenya. A delicious selection of cakes were on sale which were eagerly purchased by the players and by the many visitors to the game. Believe £215 was raised. It was a fantastic afternoon of village cricket which saw many of our youth players getting their go at Senior cricket.

June Home Fixtures

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Type
01/06/2024	1st XI	v Kilmington and Stourton CC - 2nd XI	League
02/06/2024	1st XI	v Yeovil Panthers - Twenty20	Friendly
03/06/2024	Under 12	v Compton House CC - Under 12	League
06/06/2024	Under 14	v Compton House CC - Under 14	League
10/06/2024	Under 12 B	v South Petherton CC - Under 12	League
12/06/2024	Twenty20	v Hadspen CC - 1st XI	Friendly
15/06/2024	1st XI	v Huish & Langport CC - 1st XI	League
16/06/2024	Under 10	v Sparkford CC - Under 10	League
17/06/2024	Under 12	v Sherborne CC - Under 12	League
20/06/2024	Under 14	v Sparkford CC - Under 14	League
23/06/2024	Under 12	v Compton Dundon CC - Under 12	Friendly
23/06/2024	Twenty20	v Pen Selwood CC - Friendly XI	Friendly
24/06/2024	Under 12 B	v North Perrott CC - Under 12 B	League
25/06/2024	Twenty20	v Sherborne CC - Twenty20	Friendly
29/06/2024	1st XI	v Chard CC - 3rd XI	League
30/06/2024	Twenty20	v Compton House CC - Twenty20	League

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