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The Camels



Magazine

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WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD

May 2026

Maximum temperature: 34 C (93.2 F) on the 26th*

Minimum temperature: 0 C (32 F) on the 11th

Grass level minimum: -1.5 C (29.3 F) on the 11th

Total rainfall: 34.7 mm (1.37 ins)

*A record maximum for May

Thought for the month . . .

'I was born under a wandering star...

Home is made for comin' from, for dreams of goin' to- which with any luck will never come true.'

If you happen to be of a certain age, you may remember those words from the musical *Paint your Wagon* (1969) sung in gorgeous gravelly tones by the incomparable Lee Marvin.

As this thought hits your in-box many will be looking forward to doing a little wandering. Schools will be breaking up and friends who are no longer tied to term schedules may have managed time away already. The English word for holiday comes from the combination of two words 'Holy day' which may, at first sight, not sound much like Lee Marvin's wandering star or even like a whole load of fun. In France the word holiday becomes 'vacances' from the Latin 'to be at leisure, mind, body and spirit relaxed, literally free as a bird! Now that sounds more like that wandering star and actually more like fun to me! For me, even as kid, holidays meant a hint of adventure, going someplace you'd not been before.

But however we take our holidays they are **really** important times. Opportunities for opening the mind, meeting new people, experiencing new places, making precious family time or simply re-charging our batteries. Whilst some, like Lee Marvin, are happy to follow their star wherever it leads, others prefer to plan meticulously, savour the moment and return with a fresh appreciation of home comforts. However plans play out for you, it is good to see life from a fresh perspective, to experience that sense of wonder as we wander, because as a wise person once said 'You can always make money, but you can't always make memories'.

Of course there will be some who for various reasons, finance, family/health commitments among them, can't manage a long time away. Yet still a break is essential, human beings are not machines and a one-day holiday can at times be better than a one-week vacation as long as you manage totally unplug for that one day. In the Jewish tradition there is the word 'Shabbat/Sabbath,' one day a week from dawn to dusk set aside to pause, re-group and delight in all that God has given us.

I came across some wise words recently from the Revd Mark Ireland...

We neglect the Sabbath at our peril, God knows we need a complete break each week, God has even modelled this for us by resting on the 7th day of creation. Human beings were created on the 6th day and so their first full day of life was a day to play, so that ever after they might work from a place of rest and delight, rather than simply using their rest as a place to recover from work¹

So, whatever you're doing, wherever you're going I hope you have a wonderful time. Follow your star, have an adventure and come back refreshed, renewed and blessed.

With love and prayers

The Revd Rose.

1 Reflection by the Revd Mark Ireland former Archdeacon of Blackburn. Reflections for Daily Prayer Advent 2025-2026©CHP

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 (07879 845 445) or Paul Davis (07928 739 418)

**THE
VILLAGE CAFE**
QC Memorial Hall
TUESDAYS
14TH JULY & 11TH AUGUST
10.30 am - 12 noon



- *Book & Jigsaw exchange
- * Lord's Larder collection box
- * Digital Cafe

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

***Profits from the Village Cafe will be
donated to the Friends of St Barnabas***

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS : JULY-AUGUST 2026

Church Path Fayre – 6th June 2026

The day dawned cold, wet and windy – but that didn't deter the wonderful Queen Camel community.

The wind meant we couldn't have the bouncy castle, but the children had loads of games to try, pygmy goats to pet, the teddy zip wire from the tower and a HUGE toy and book stall to keep them entertained.

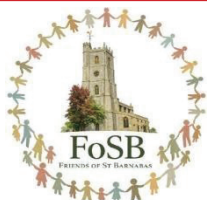
Everyone else took the chance to buy from a wonderful array of cakes, biscuits and jams; have a delicious BBQ lunch followed by strawberries and cream, and then try their luck on the raffle and tombolas or browse the gift stall.

We raised a magnificent £2,200 in aid of the Friends of St Barnabas - towards the church roof fund.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered especially Paul and Marian Davis for masterminding it.

Next year we have ordered sunshine!

Allotments: There are a couple of allotments available if anyone would like to discover the joys of growing your own produce and, hopefully, eating it. Please contact Paul Davis on 07928 739 418 if you could be interested.



Friends of St Barnabas update

We've been delighted with the response to our 'launch' at the Annual Village meeting. Thank you so much to those of you who have become a 'friend' and donated funds. We are very grateful.

The Church Path Fayre raised a wonderful £2,200 - meaning total funds are at nearly £5,000 already. Please do remember to return your membership form if you have yet to do so.

Our plans for a village dog walk in early July have been overtaken by grander ambitions! Instead, we will be inviting teams to take part in the **Leland Trail Challenge** in early April 2027 - a 32 mile walk from King Alfred's Tower to Stoke Sub Hamdon. More information to follow but please put the date in your diaries!

Over the summer if you're having a clear out, save your goodies to sell at The Great **Queen Camel Garage Sale** which will take place on Sunday 13th September. Register as a selling venue at harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk.

Future events to look forward to include -

Bank holiday Cream teas	Mon 31 st Aug Churchyard	Bank holiday afternoon tea in the Church yard - hopefully in the summer sun!
'In like Flynn' gig	Sat 26 th Sept Church	Come and see this fabulous band play a large range of music genres from disco and pop to rock covering many eras
Silent Auction	Sat 10 th Oct Church	Bid for your favourite lots and promises - watch out for details of exciting items
Bridge afternoon	Thurs 12 th Nov, Village Hall	Calling all you bridge lovers for an afternoon of bridge and an excellent tea
Christmas Fayre	Sat 28 th Nov Village Hall	Come and get your Christmas presents, wreaths and cakes; children's toys and games; raffle and bottle tombola

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH



Meeting at All Saints Church

Affiliated to the Independent Methodist Churches



Reg. Charity No. 1205373

July	5th	4pm	"Sunday @ Four" (U.S.)
"	12th	6pm	Chris Hemborough (Project Mozambique+)
"	19th	6pm	Ray Ursell (H.C.)
"	26th	6pm	David Herring of Bridgwater
August	2nd	4pm	"Sunday @ Four" (U.S.)
"	9th	6pm	John Harrison of Yeovil (H.C.)
"	16th	6pm	Stephen Gillham of West Moors
"	23rd	6pm	Andrew Farquhar of Somerton
"	30th	6pm	Ray Ursell & Revd. Caroline Walker (U.S.)

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

All PM services are followed by refreshments

"Sunday @ Four" includes a full tea.

To listen to our Sunday sermons, go to www.westcamelchurches.org.uk

West Camel Churches Together



New vestry cupboards

Some new cupboards (left) have recently been installed in the church vestry. These made-to-measure oak cupboards match the existing church woodwork, and provide a lot of useful storage space. The cost of this was shared between our two churches.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

We are hoping to run a children's Holiday Club towards the end of the school summer holidays. No definite date has yet been decided. However, if you are interested in your children attending, please do let us know.

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Prayer in the Parishes during July

Our Interim Minister, the Revd Caroline Walker, will be praying in and for our parishes on a regular basis and would welcome anyone wishing to join her in our churches at the following times:

Wed 1 st	9.00am	Yarlington	Mon 20 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Galhampton		6.00pm	Sparkford
Mon 6 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 21 st	5.00pm	Corton Denham
	6.00pm	Sparkford	Wed 22 nd	9.00am	North Cadbury
Tue 7 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham		12.30pm	West Camel
Wed 8 th	9.00am	North Cadbury		5.00pm	South Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel	Mon 27 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury		6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Mon 13 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 28 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde	Wed 29 th	9.00am	Yarlington
Tue 14 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis		6.00pm	Galhampton
Wed 15 th	9.00am	Yarlington			
	6.00pm	Galhampton			

Prayer in the Parishes during August

Our Interim Minister, the Revd Caroline Walker, will be praying in and for our parishes on a regular basis and would welcome anyone wishing to join her in our churches at the following times:

Mon 3 rd	9.00am	Queen Camel	Mon 17 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford		6.00pm	Sparkford
Tue 4 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham	Tue 18 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 5 th	9.00am	North Cadbury	Wed 19 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel		12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury		5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 10 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Mon 24 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde		6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Tue 11 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis	Tue 25 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 12 th	9.00am	Yarlington	Wed 26 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton		6.00pm	Galhampton
			Mon 31 st	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	

From the Registers:

Date	Service	Name	Venue (Parish)
22 nd May	Funeral	Robert Arthur Soper	Yeovil Crematorium (Queen Camel)
24 th May	Baptism	Archie Edward Hewlett	St Barnabas', Queen Camel
27 th May	Funeral	James Parkinson	St Mary's, Yarlington
30 th May	Wedding	Lottie Zimmermann-Moles	St Michael's, North Cadbury
4 th June	Burial of Ashes	Christopher Brennan John Day	St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury

VALE OF CAMELOT CHURCHES

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026

Date	Location	Time	Service	Officiant
Sunday 5 th July	Yarlington	9.00am	Breakfast Church	Lesley Gillingham
	Queen Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ron Wood
Trinity 5	Corton Denham	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mark Ellis
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ron Wood
	West Camel	4.00pm	Tea @ Four	United
Sunday 12 th July	Galhampton	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Michael/Caroline
	Sutton Montis	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Michael/Caroline
Trinity 6	West Camel	11.00am	Morning Worship	Ron Wood
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
Tuesday 14 th July	South Cadbury	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
Sunday 19 th July	Queen Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Andy/Caroline
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Ron Wood
Trinity 7	Sparkford	11.00am	Morning Worship	Christy Casley
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Yarlington	6.30pm	Sung Evensong (BCP)	Caroline Walker
Sunday 26 th July	South Cadbury	9.30am	Morning Worship	Ron Wood
	Weston Bampfylde	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alan/Caroline
Trinity 8	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Lesley/ Caroline
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Galhampton	6.30pm	Evening Service	Alison Parris

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VALE OF CAMELOT CHURCHES				
SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026				
Date	Location	Time	Service	Officiant
Sunday 2 nd August	Yarlington	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rose Hoskins
	Queen Camel	9.15am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ron Wood
Trinity 9	Corton Denham	11.00am	Morning Worship	Ron Wood
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Alison Parris
	West Camel	4.00pm	Tea @ Four	United
Sunday 9 th August	Galhampton	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Michael/Caroline
	Sutton Montis	11.00am	Morning Worship	Christy Casley
Trinity 10	West Camel	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Caroline Walker
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
Tuesday 11 th August	South Cadbury	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
Sunday 16 th August	Queen Camel	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Peter/Caroline
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Nerissa/Ron
Trinity 11	Sparkford	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Peter/Caroline
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Yarlington	6.30pm	Sunday Worship	Julie Ebsworth
Sunday 23 rd August	South Cadbury	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rose Hoskins
	Weston Bampfylde	9.15am	Morning Worship	Christy Casley
Trinity 12	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Rose Hoskins
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Galhampton	6.30pm	Evening Service	Lesley/Ron
Sunday 30 th August	Sparkford	10.30am	United Service Holy Communion (CW)	Andy Voysey Caroline Walker
Trinity 13	West Camel	6.00pm	United Methodist Service	Ray/Caroline



30th Anniversary *Open Day*

Saturday 8th August 2026
10:00 AM - 15:00 PM

Join us on our unique nature reserve, based on a capped landfill site, to discover how we have transformed the site over the last 30 years.

TICKETS

£5 ADULT & £3 CHILD OR £15 FOR A FAMILY (2 ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN)
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Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) did not have a regular meeting scheduled in June though a special meeting was held on 22 June formally to approve the PC's financial results for the year ended 31 March 2026 as well as deal with some planning matters.

The matters to note are as follows:

- Somerset Council (SC) is in the process of preparing its Development Plan. This includes a call for sites which might be considered for development. The PC will be considering those recently notified for Queen Camel in the SC interim Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment and how they may or may not complement our own Neighbourhood Plan. As has been mentioned before there is a lot of pressure from central government on local planning authorities to approve sites for development. The PC will do its best to ensure there is only sensible development in the parish; however this is a challenging task and central government is always trying to reduce the say of local communities in such matters.
- The PC has been considering proposals to install new cricket nets on the playing field to encourage the progress of the cricket club. Further consideration will have to be given to these proposals which have hit some snags due to planning and archaeological matters.
- Continue to report pot holes, blocked drains and other issues to Somerset Highways and advise the Clerk (clerk@queencamepc.org.uk) at the same time.
- If you have any matters for the PC to consider please let me or any councillor know. Also if you are interested in filling the casual vacancy following the retirement of Bryan Norman, which the PC can fill by co-option after the required period has passed provided no call for an election has been made, please send your details to the Clerk.

The next PC meeting will be on Monday 20 July in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Left Over Club

I would like to thank Arthur Thring for setting up this group and hosting it for the past five years. He has decided to pass on the baton and so Jenny Brooks, Deborah Spence and I will carry on.

I would also like to thank Hazlegrove School for their invaluable help in the past few years in collecting some of our less mobile members and bringing them to Arthur's home and then returning them later in the afternoon. It was a greatly appreciated service.

If anyone would like to join us on the first Thursday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00 pm for afternoon tea and a chat, please feel free to get in touch. We can talk on most subjects!

Liz Cullis 07970 818 655



What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in July & August

- Mondays:** Pilates 9 -11.15am (not July 27th & Aug 24th)
Parish Council July 20th 7.30pm
Hall Comm July 20th 7.30pm
- Tuesdays:** Cam Vale Tuesday Group July 7th 2-4pm (No August meeting)
Village Cafe July 14th & Aug 11th 10-12
QC Quilters July 21st & Aug 18th 10-4
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:** Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am (not Aug 27th)
Art Class with Alannah July 2nd, 9th & 16th 12.30-2.30pm
Gardening Club July 9th 7-9
- Fridays:** Bones for Life 9-11.30am
Table Tennis 7-9pm
- Saturday:** Gardening Club Annual Show Aug 15th

For hall booking enquiries please call 07707206250

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

June 200 Club Winners Drawn at the Village Café

First Prize:	£30	Bet Wetherhead	No: 48
Second Prize:	£25	Arthur Thring	No: 22
Third Prize:	£20	T & M Whittingham	No: 9
Fourth Prize:	£15	Paula Bennett	No: 112
Fifth Prize:	£10	Tina Young	No: 62

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Cam Vale Tuesday Group

In June we were treated to an experience in Tai Chi by Lyn Dickens which was fun.

On July 7th we are meeting in the afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Queen Camel Memorial Hall for a Cream Tea and Bingo. Cost £5. All are very welcome.

We are NOT meeting in August but will resume on Tuesday 1st September at 10.00am when we will have a talk 'From Chorley to Dachau' and a cuppa! Do come.



HEALTH and WELLBEING WALKS

Queen Camel: Fridays at 10.00am: Open to all

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. We leave the Old School car park at 10.00am (once the church bells have chimed) each Friday, and walk for about an hour and a half.

For more information, please contact Health Walks Co-ordinator Georgina Hainsby on:

Mobile :	07599 654679	Web:	www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks
Email:	walks@sasp.co.uk	Facebook:	SomersetHealthWalks

Cleaveside Close Community Centre – July Activities

Every Monday Flexercise: from 11.30 – 6th; 13th; 20th & 27th - Gentle stretching and toning exercises. £3 for non-residents. Cake and a cuppa included.

Tuesdays throughout the month: from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Craft sessions. Come along and join in with a variety of individual crafts to learn or bring your own! £1 for a cuppa and biscuits (not compulsory).

Wednesday 1 July Committee meeting: 10.00am

Wednesday 8 July at 10.30am: Live Well with Pain Café with Tracy Kendall. Learn different techniques and strategies to help combat persistent pain.

Thursday 16 July at 2.00pm: Games Afternoon (Free) Learn to play a variety of games with a cuppa and a biscuit!

Thursday 23 July at 2.30pm: Sing-A-Long with Jen Wilson. Join in singing your favourite songs from the 60s to the 90s. Song books provided along with words projected onto the TV. Any donations to the National Goldies Charity

Every Friday from 10-12.00: Bereavement Support Group – with Tracy Kendall

Friday 3rd & 24th July at 1.30-3.00pm: Carers' Support Group with Tracy Kendall

Saturday 11 July 10-12.00: Bacon Butty Coffee Morning (raising funds for an electronic attachment for Sing-A-Long sessions). Do come along and support.

Saturday 18 July at 2.00pm: Fun Bingo & Raffle. Refreshments provided (£5)

Saturday 25 July at 1.00pm: Lunch with Beef & Ale Pie, roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy; followed by Chocolate Mousse with Cream; tea/coffee £10.

Welcome to our newest tenant at The Old School, 'The Lucky Shed', a small independent furniture upcycling enterprise run by Claire Lockett.



Claire specialises in transforming tired, unwanted furniture into beautiful pieces that can be loved for years to come.

Each item is carefully prepared, repaired and professionally finished using high-quality paints and products, creating unique furniture that combines character, sustainability and affordability. From rustic farmhouse styles to contemporary collections, every piece is thoughtfully restored with attention to detail and craftsmanship.

Our upcoming PCSO 'Meet Us' sessions will take place on

- 14th July
- 11th August

from 11am to 12pm in The Old School Hall.

Drop in to chat with **Jacob and the local policing team**, hear about the work they're doing in our area, and raise any questions, concerns, or feedback.



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A Little Help to Keep Our Gardens Thriving

We'd really appreciate some extra hands with **weeding the front and side gardens**, and—during hot weather—**helping with watering**. Even a few minutes when you're passing by makes a big impact.

Rooms Available at The Old School, Queen Camel

We currently have **two versatile rooms available for lease** — one ready immediately, and another becoming available from **1st August**. They are well-suited to **office use, therapy sessions, creative workspaces and a range of small business activities**, all within our supportive community of local enterprises.

For further information, to offer help with the garden, or to arrange a viewing of our available rooms, please email admin@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk

QUEEN CAMEL GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting: 9th July at 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Talk: Camilla Mays will talk about 'Off-Grid Organics' in Sparkford.
Here is a little about the business:

"We run a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) scheme. It works a bit like a veg box scheme BUT by committing to a whole season of veg boxes from our farm you offer much greater support to 'us', your local growers, as well as securing a whole season's worth of food for your family. Together we share all the rewards and joy of small-scale ecological farming. Join the real local food revolution!"



There will be the normal refreshments available and a raffle with garden related prizes!

Entrance is free to members or £3 to visitors.

You can also join the Club on the night for just £10 for the whole year and receive discounts at the Castle Garden Group plus more.

Our Annual Show will be held on Saturday, 15th August and the schedule/entry will be available on the night or from the Queen Camel Supply Stores.



QUEEN CAMEL GARDENING CLUB

Annual Village Show
At the Memorial Hall
On Saturday 15th August

Full details in the Show Programme
Which will be available
At the Village Shop

Judging takes place at 11am
Spectators are welcome at 2pm
Coffee/Tea & Cakes available
Entrance fee is £1



My Favourite Plant – Kim



The love of roses never fails to amaze me. I had the opportunity to meet Kim in West Camel. She moved into her present house that had a good plant collection including a wonderful olive tree (*Olea europaea*). Kim enjoys planting various saxifrage and other succulents into her collection of chimney pots including “London Pride” (*Saxifraga x urbium*).

Throughout Kim’s garden are her beloved statues and wire animals that provide the backdrop for her prize rose, *Rosa* ‘Mundi’. According to the great Rosarian Graham Stuart Thomas, ..”this rose and its parent *Rosa gallica variegata*, are one of the most valuable hardy flowering shrubs for brilliant effect.”

Kim’s wonderful specimen comes from a cutting taken from her parents’ garden which is still going strong.

The plant that Kim would like to pass on, are hellebores and particularly *Helleborus niger*. It was the collection of hellebore she saw and inspired her at the famous Jekyll/Lutyens at Hestercome.

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Queen Camel Cricket Club – June 2026

Recent Results

Date	Home Team		Away Team	Result
18/06/2026	Yeovil CC - U14 Wildcats	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 - Won
18/06/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	v	Yeovil CC - U14s Tigers	Yeovil CC - U14s Tigers - Won
17/06/2026	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	v	Wriggle Valley CC - 1st XI	Wriggle Valley CC - 1st XI - Won
16/06/2026	Hazlegrove Prep School - Friendly XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	Hazlegrove Prep School - Friendly XI - Won
15/06/2026	West & Middle Chinnock CC - Under 12	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 12	Tied
14/06/2026	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	v	Martock CC - Friendly XI	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20 - Won
13/06/2026	Kilminster and Stourton CC - 2nd XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI - Won
11/06/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	v	Broadway & Horton CC - Under 14	Broadway & Horton CC - Under 14 - Won
09/06/2026	Yeovil CC - Under 16	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 16	Yeovil CC - Under 16 - Won
08/06/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 12	v	Yeovil CC - U12 Wildcats	Yeovil CC - U12 Wildcats - Won
05/06/2026	Ditchat CC - 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	Ditchat CC - 1st XI - Won
04/06/2026	West Coker & Hardington CC - U14	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 - Won
31/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Girls U14s	v	Wembdon CC - GIRLS U14	Queen Camel CC - Girls U14s - Won
30/05/2026	Chard CC - 4th XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Chard CC - 4th XI - Won
28/05/2026	Street CC - 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Street CC - 1st XI - Won
28/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	v	Beaminster CC - Under 14 B	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 - Won
28/05/2026	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 14	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 14 - Won
26/05/2026	Sparkford CC - Under 16	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 16	Sparkford CC - Under 16 - Won
25/05/2026	Buckhorn Weston CC - Under 12	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 B	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 B - Won
24/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Girls U14s	v	Taunton CC - Girls U14 Hardball	Taunton CC - Girls U14 Hardball - Won
24/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	v	Pen Sel Wood	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20 - Won
23/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	v	Yeovil CC - 3rd XI	Yeovil CC - 3rd XI - Won
22/05/2026	Sparkford CC - Twenty20	v	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	Sparkford CC - Twenty20 - Won
21/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	v	South Petherton CC - Under 14	South Petherton CC - Under 14 - Won

Upcoming fixtures

27/06/2026	Yeovil Royal Blasters CC - 2nd XI	v	1st XI	League
28/06/2026	Kingsdon CC - 1st XI	v	Twenty20	League
28/06/2026	Womens 1st XI	v	Chard CC - Womens 1st XI	League
28/06/2026	Girls U14s	v	Keynsham CC - Keynsham Storm	League
29/06/2026	West Coker & Hardington CC - U12	v	Under 12	League
29/06/2026	Under 12 B	v	Buckhorn Weston CC - Under 12	League
02/07/2026	Glastonbury CC - Under 14	v	Under 14	League
02/07/2026	Under 14 B	v	West Coker & Hardington CC - Under 14	League
04/07/2026	Milborne Port CC - 1st XI	v	1st XI	League
05/07/2026	Thornford CC - Twenty20	v	Twenty20	Friendly
05/07/2026	Taunton CC - Women's 1st XI	v	Womens 1st XI	League
06/07/2026	Wells and Horrington CC - Under 12	v	Under 12	League
06/07/2026	Under 12 B	v	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 12	League
07/07/2026	Under 16	v	North Curry CC - Under 16	League
09/07/2026	Wells and Horrington CC - Under 14	v	Under 14	League
09/07/2026	Under 14 B	v	North Perrott CC - Under 14	League
11/07/2026	1st XI	v	South Petherton CC - 2nd XI	League
12/07/2026	Pen Sel Wood	v	Twenty20	Friendly
12/07/2026	Womens 1st XI	v	Long Sutton CC Womens 1st XI	League
12/07/2026	Keynsham CC - Keynsham Storm	v	Girls U14s	League



QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB



MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

- The outdoor bowls season is well under way and the Club's full members have already been fielding teams to play matches against other bowls clubs. Also our own club's competitions have started.
- Playing against other Somerset Bowls Clubs involves visiting different locations around the county. If you enjoy seeing new places and meeting new faces this could be another reason to join our club.
- Free trials can still be arranged on Tuesday evenings at 6.00 p.m. at our clubhouse at the end of Englands Lane in Queen Camel when we hold our social evenings until 8.00 pm.
- We currently have vacancies for both associate members and for full members. So please contact Simon Stapely our Club Secretary for further details on 01935 850563 or email him at the club at: QueenCamelBowlsClub@Gmail.com
- Please visit our website: QueenCamelBowlsClub.co.uk for various details of the club's activities.



QUEEN CAMEL TENNIS CLUB

Queen Camel Tennis Club is a friendly and sociable two-court Club with floodlights.

We enjoy competitive & social play and have a great coaching programme including Saturday mornings for children from 5 upwards and for adults Wednesday evenings.

In addition to our regular Club Night on Tuesday evenings, we also have Club morning sessions on the first and third Sunday of every month at 10am until noon. All members welcome.



Queen Camel Tennis Club, The Playing Fields, Green Lane, Queen Camel BA22 7NW
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/QueenCamelTennisClub

St Margarets Hospice Open Garden (Little Tarrat Ln, Yeovil BA20 2HU)

Saturday 18th July



Step into summer at the beautiful gardens of St Margaret's Hospice Care on Saturday 18th July, between 11am-3.00pm. Admission is by donation, and four-legged friends are also welcome, but please keep them on lead. There's plenty for families to enjoy, too! Children can take part in an exciting scavenger hunt, searching for natural treasures hidden throughout the gardens, and say hello to St Margaret's friendly mascot, Busy Bee. Enjoy garden games including the Nerf wall, Spin to Win, a tombola, and the ever-popular Glorious Gardens raffle.

Enjoy the winding paths, lined with vibrant displays of blooming shrubs and dahlias. Wander at your own pace, breathe in the fresh air, and marvel at the thoughtfully designed planting that makes this garden a sanctuary for patients and their loved one, St Margaret's staff and volunteers, will be on hand to answer your questions and guide you through the garden, revealing peaceful wildlife habitats and sharing the inspiration behind this special space.

Afterwards, treat yourself to a relaxing cup of tea and a delicious slice of homemade cake, lovingly prepared by the hospice kitchen team - you're also warmly invited to bring a picnic and enjoy a laid-back lunch on the lawn surrounded by nature and soak up the joyful atmosphere with live performances from local bands and choirs in the Round House — the perfect soundtrack to a wonderful day of colour and community.



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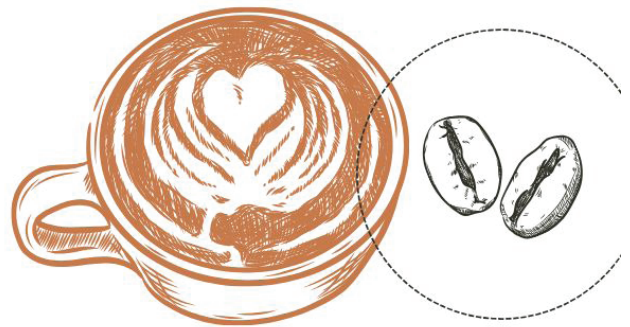
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Davis Hall Bookings JUNE 2026

Mondays

7.30 pm: Ballet Class

(Short Mat Bowls resumes in September)

Tuesdays

10.00 am: Soulful Dove Line Dancing

5.00 pm: Pilates

5.30 pm: Yeovil Cycling Club

Wednesdays

10.00 am: Service Dogs

1.00 pm: Model Railway Society

7.30 pm: Ballet Class

Thursdays

9.30 am: Post Office and Café/Bakery

4.00 pm: Ashdell Dancers

5.30 pm: (1st Thursday only) Davis Hall Committee

Fridays

9.00 am – 4.00 pm: Headway

Saturdays

9 – 12 noon: Model Railway Society

1st Saturday of month Cool Country

4th Saturday of month Gould Sequence Dancers

1st August West Camel Flower Show



Please go to the website **davishall.co.uk** and click on 'availability' for detailed information including one off bookings/private hires.

The Davis Hall West Camel **main hall** will be unavailable from August 3rd to 11th for decorating and floor resurfacing. The Committee Room remains open. Please check with your organisation what arrangements have been made for that week.

Films at

The Davis Hall, West Camel

Friday 24th July Rental Family

Friday 28th August Song Sung Blue



Please note some are not the last Friday of the month owing to other events in the hall.

Trailers on the Davis Hall website www.davishall.co.uk - What's On & scroll down

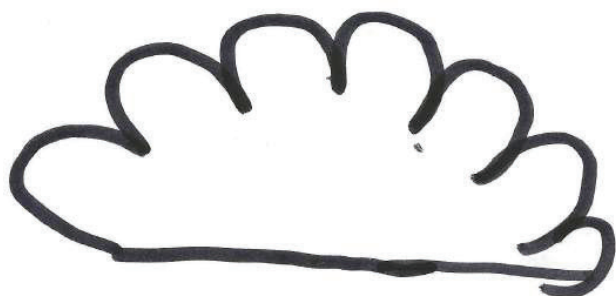
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West Camel Flower Show

1 August 2026



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enter



Programmes available from the
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Ann Gant (Secretary)
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Artist:
Annabel Clothier



9.00 a.m.

Village Hall open to exhibitors

11.00 a.m.

Entries close & exhibitors to leave the Hall

11.15 a.m.

Judging of all entries begins

2.30 p.m.

Village Hall open to all

3.30 p.m.

Presentation of prizes for Show and raffle

West Camel Book Group

Elizabeth Manning drew on her experience of life during the second world war in Egypt in her novel, *The Danger Tree*, which brilliantly captures the arid chaos of life at the front and the vagaries of the stranded ex-pats. The writing is of its time, densely descriptive and rather emotionless, which did not endear the book to some. For others it re-awoke memories of their own experience of Egypt. We follow the fortunes of Simon, a new arrival to the front, and Harriet, newly married and on the edge of the community of dispossessed Brits. This first of three books sets up the many characters who, one feels, must have been based on real life, and who will play out the bigger story over the trilogy. Marks averaged at 7/10 with a full-blown 10 and a 3. Definitely worth reading.

There were many suggestions for our next meetings. I have chosen a cross-section of styles and subjects and will list some of the others as recommendations below.

July 8 th	At Risk by Stella Rimington
August 12 th	The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins-Reid
September 9 th	Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton
October 14 th	Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
November 11 th	Killing Floor by Lee Child
December 9 th	Murder under the Mistletoe by Rev. Richard Coles
January 13 th 2027	The Names by Florence Knapp

Other recommendations:

The Curious charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick*

No, I don't want to join a Book Group by Virginia Ironside

There are Rivers in the Sky by Elif Shafak

Olivers Travels by Alan Plater *

The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Possession, or Still Life by A S Byatt*

Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell by Susanna Clarke

*These may appear in the reading list in 2027

Neopolitan Songs & Cello - see advert opposite

The repertoire for this concert is as follows:

Vaga luna che inargenti - Bellini
A Vuchella - Tosti

Core 'ngrato - Cardillo
Preghiera - Tosti

Ave Maria - Schubert
Ideale - Tosti

Cello Suit in D Minor - Johann Sebastian Bach:

I. Prelude II. Allemande III. Courante IV. Sarabande V. Menuets



Neapolitan Songs & Cello

*Alexander Hutton - Tenor
Penka Petkova - Cello
Chavdar Mazgalov - Piano*

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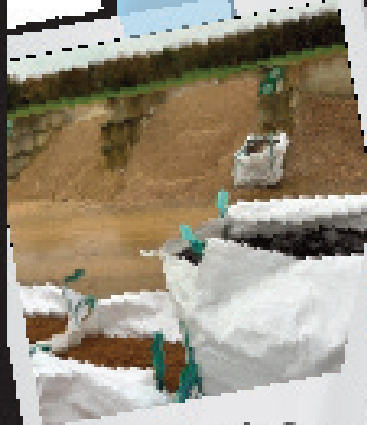


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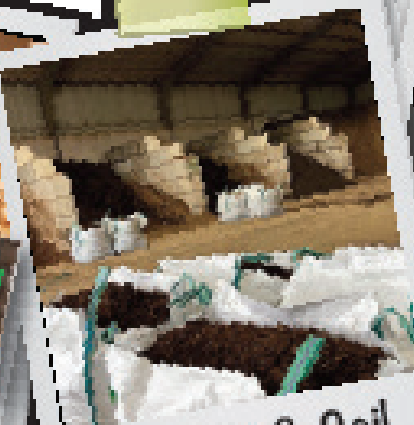
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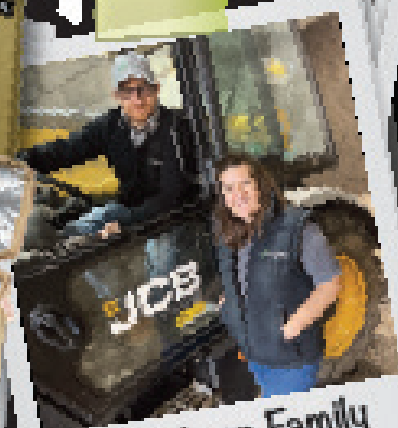
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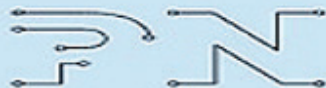
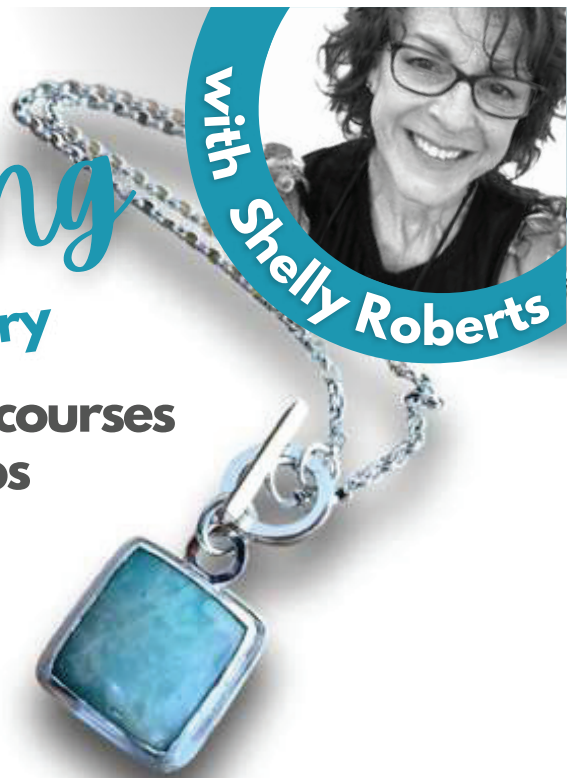
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