

June 2026

The Camels

The image displays two overlapping event posters. The left poster is for 'Church Path Fayre' at St Barnabas Church, featuring a blue sky background with clouds, a yellow flower, and a Ferris wheel. The right poster is for 'West Camel Village Fete', showing a village scene with a church, a duck race, a tractor, and various stalls.

Church Path Fayre
The Friends of St Barnabas Church
Saturday 6th June
12.30 – 3pm
ST BARNABAS CHURCH, QUEEN CAMEL
FREE ENTRY
JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!
• Bouncy assault course •
• Popcorn machine •
• Children's games •
• BBQ •
• Chocolate tombola •
• Raffle •
• Children's toys & books •
• Cakes & biscuits •
• Plant stall •
• Bottle tombola •
and much more!
If you can help or want more information contact harrietchapple

West Camel Village Fete
A FUN AFTERNOON FOR THE COMMUNITY!
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE
1 – 4 PM
ON THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD
PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE DAVIS HALL
EVERYONE WELCOME!
DUCK RACE
Contact Chris Kirkham on 07795 467013 for a £1 duck
MEET OUTSIDE THE PUB FOR THE LAUNCH AT 12.30
BOUNCY CASTLE
TRACTORS
BAR & BBQ
TEA & CAKE
STALLS
COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC CHAIRS OR BLANKET
AND JOIN US FOR A fun afternoon
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Magazine

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WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD

April 2026

Maximum temperature: 23.7 C (74.6 F) on the 25th

Minimum temperature: -1.7 C (29 F) on the 6th.

Grass level minumum: -2.9 C (26.8 F) on the 6th.

Total rainfall: 20.8 mm (0.82 ins.)

Thought for the month . . .

With all your MIND

WELL-KNOWN atheist and biologist Professor Richard Dawkins says he is a “cultural Christian.” He likes cathedrals, carols and sacred music, and doesn’t want Christianity to disappear for fear it may be replaced by Islam. Yet he wrote: “The things that Christians believe are actually nonsense.” He is not alone. On social media, sceptics regularly accuse believers of having a low IQ, or even being insane. They say Christians only believe because they were brought up that way.

A good friend of ours, who recently passed away, proved how wrong these ideas are. Monty White was raised by atheist parents — he later testified that “they failed miserably!” He went to university, and after gaining a BSc. (Hons) and PhD., became a Christian. Monty went on to become a staunch defender of Christianity, the truth of the Bible, and God as the Creator, travelling widely to speak at conferences, and in colleges and churches. Both his parents later became Christians — his father was baptised at 80 years old!

The late Christian writer and apologist C. S. Lewis was raised in a Christian home, but as a teenager influenced by materialism and the horrors of World War I, he embraced atheism. He wrote: “The world seemed so cruel and unjust.” Then he asked himself where he got this idea of just and unjust. “A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” Lewis realised his sense of injustice must have come from God, and became a firm believer, going on to write classics such as *Mere Christianity*, and the famous *Narnia* series, which used fantasy to teach spiritual truths. He wrote: “My faith is based on reason.”

Jesus said: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind**.’ (*Matthew 2: 37*). I became a follower of Jesus 70 years ago, and feel amused and rather insulted when people suggest that I — and the other 2.3 billion Christians in the world — are deluded. Christianity makes perfect sense to me: The love of God for a world gone wrong, sending His Son to make a way back to Himself, Jesus paying the price for our sin on the cross, and rising again to give eternal life and hope to all who believe.

However, intellect is not enough. Jesus said it also involves our *heart*, because Christianity is a relationship with our Creator. That’s what we were created for, and it’s available to all who want it and who take that step of faith. As with many things, “The proof of the pudding is in the eating!”

—Geoff Chapman, West Camel Independent Methodist Church

Queen Camel Cares

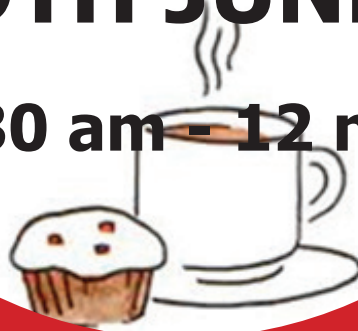
A village-based support network for anyone requiring a bit of extra help at times when life is particularly challenging. Please ring Morwenna Ford (07879 845 445) or Paul Davis (07928 739 418)

THE VILLAGE CAFE

QC Memorial Hall

**TUESDAY
9TH JUNE**

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***

FRIENDS OF ST BARNABAS

Church Path Fayre

Sat 6th June 2026

Donations needed

CAKES, JAMS, BISCUITS
TOYS & GAMES
BOOKS
NEARLY NEW/NEW ITEMS
GOOD QUALITY SOFT TOYS
CHOCOLATE
BOTTLES
PLANTS

Please do see if you
have anything to
donate

Please contact Harriet Chappell to arrange drop off or I am happy to collect
harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk; 07880714559

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH



Meeting at All Saints Church

Affiliated to the Independent Methodist Churches



Reg. Charity No. 1205373

Services in June

June	7th	4pm	"Sunday @ Four" (U.S.)
"	14th	6pm	Ian MacInnes of Yeovil
"	21st	6pm	Ray Ursell (H.C.)
"	28th	6pm	James Cary of Yeovil

U.S.= United Service. H.C. 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
and select 'Sermons'

Prayer in the Parishes during June

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 1 st	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 16 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde	Wed 19 th	9.00am	Yarlington
Tue 2 nd	5.00pm	Sutton Montis		6.00pm	Galhampton
Wed 3 rd	9.00am	Yarlington	Mon 20 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Galhampton		6.00pm	Sparkford
Mon 8 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 21 st	5.00pm	Corton Denham
	6.00pm	Sparkford	Wed 24 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
Tue 9 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham		12.30pm	West Camel
Wed 10 th	9.00am	North Cadbury		5.00pm	South Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel	Mon 29 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury		6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Mon 15 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 30 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde			

Email Delivery of the Camels Magazine:

We continue to establish an email delivery system for the Camels Magazine in Queen Camel and if you would like to receive future copies in this format, please send an email to morwennaford@gmail.com giving your name and street address. The email version of the magazine is, of course, in colour and we will be pleased to forward a copy of the current magazine for you to compare if you wish. GDPR data storage obligations will be followed.

VALE OF CAMELOT CHURCHES

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

Date	Location	Time	Service	Officiant
Sunday 7 th June	Yarlington	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alison Parris
	Queen Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ron Wood
Trinity 1	Corton Denham	11.00am	Morning Worship	Christy Casley
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ron Wood
	West Camel	4.00pm	Tea @ Four	United
Tuesday 9 th June	South Cadbury	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
Sunday 14 th June	Galhampton	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
	Sutton Montis	11.00am	Morning Worship	Ron Wood
Trinity 2	West Camel	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Peter/Caroline
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
Sunday 21 st June	Queen Camel	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
	North Cadbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Alison Parris
Trinity 3	Sparkford	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Michael/Caroline
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Yarlington	6.30pm	Sunday Worship	Lesley Gillingham
Sunday 28 th June	South Cadbury	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Caroline Walker
	Weston Bampfylde	9.30am	Morning Worship	Peter/Julie
Trinity 4	North Cadbury	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Caroline Walker
	West Camel	6.00pm	Methodist Service	Methodists
	Galhampton	6.30pm	Evening Service	Ron Wood

From the Registers:

Date	Service	Name	Venue (Parish)
20 th April	Funeral	Rosemary Bryant	St Barnabas', Queen Camel
28 th April	Wedding	Sarah Cao-Nguyen	St Michael's,
	Blessing	Jake Tenkate	North Cadbury
9 th May	Wedding	Florence Cooke	St Michael's,
		Zach Pinfold	North Cadbury
16 th May	Wedding	Lois Church	St Michael's,
		Christopher Maude	North Cadbury

Vale of Camelot Churches
United Service

**Holy Communion at
Holy Trinity,
Sutton Montis**

celebrating their patronal day.



**10.30am
Sunday 31st May
Trinity Sunday**

**Guest Speaker
Rt Revd Fiona Gibson,
Bishop of Taunton**

Parking will be at Parsonage Farm
opposite the church.

Service followed by coffee in church
and then a bring and share
(finger foods) lunch at the village hall
a short 5 minutes walk from the church.

**Please note we are in the CHURCH
from June and not in the Hall.**



BUMPS, TOTS & TODDLERS

If you have a little one, why
not come along and join us on
Wednesdays during term time

**at St Barnabas Church, Queen Camel
from 10.00 am – 12 noon**

An opportunity for parents to meet and relax
with a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of cake
whilst their babies and toddlers enjoy
exploring and playing in the wonderful open space in the
church and outside in the churchyard, weather permitting.

Refreshments are available. £3 per family

Do come and join us!

Please contact Morwenna Ford : 07879 845 445 for more information.

The Friends of
St Barnabas Church

CHURCH PATH FAYRE



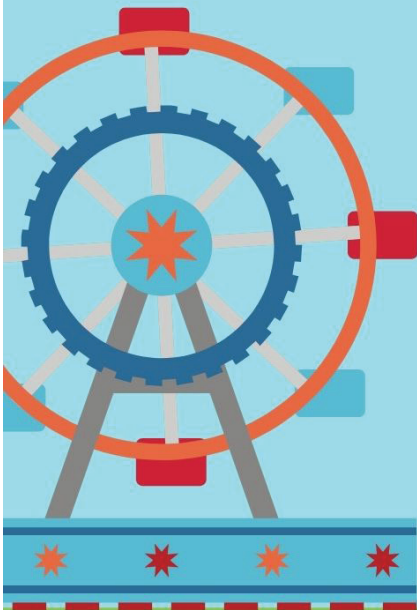
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If you can help or want more information contact harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk; 07880714559



The Friends of St Barnabas has been established to help care for and sustain our much-loved parish church. We have an exciting programme of events planned for the remainder of this year and invite you to join us in helping raise funds for urgent repairs and maintenance for the church as well as helping secure the future of St Barnabas as a village landmark. A separate flyer will be circulated with the magazine to Queen Camel residents

which will explain more of our aims and will also invite you to become a friend.

Please do consider doing so as we need your support, help and encouragement to achieve our aims. Shown below are some of the events planned for 2026:

Event	Date	Notes
Church Path Fayre	Sat 6 th June	The much loved, annual summer Fayre – for all ages; BBQ, cakes, bouncy assault course and so much more!
Dog walk and Brunch	Fri 3 rd July	Join our 4-legged friends and their owners for a walk and brunch
Cream teas	Mon 31 st Aug	Bank holiday afternoon tea in the Church yard - hopefully in the summer sun!
'In like Flynn' gig	Sat 26 th Sept	To be held in the church – more details to follow
Silent Auction	Sat 10 th Oct	Bid for your favourite lots and promises – watch out for details of exciting items
Bridge afternoon	Thurs 12 th Nov	Calling all you bridge lovers for an afternoon of bridge and an excellent tea
Christmas Fayre	Sat 28 th Nov	Come and get your Christmas presents, wreaths and cakes; children's toys and games; raffle and bottle tombola
Charity bowls/ tennis/ cricket day	2027	Watch this space for details!

STOP PRESS!!
 Emma at the Old School Cafe has pledged to give 50p for every meal ordered in the Cafe during June to the Friends of St Barnabas. A HUGE thank you to Emma - and even more of an incentive to support your local Cafe.

Please get in touch with any of the following for more information or if you have particular skills, expertise, contacts or help that you can offer:

Harriet Chappell - 07880 714 559 : Morwenna Ford - 07879 845 445 : Paul Davis - 07928 739 418 : David Lowe - 07971 877 025 : Martin Lilley - 07760 161 195



Report from the Queen Camel Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) met on 7 May 2026. As well as the regular PC meeting this one included the PC's Annual Meeting at which positions for the ensuing year are confirmed. The status quo was maintained with Phil Jones and me remaining as Vice Chair and Chair respectively. The matters to note from these meetings include:

- Henry Warne was co-opted on the the PC to fill a casual vacancy, while, at the same time, another casual vacancy was created by the retirement of Bryan Norman. Bryan has been a long serving member of the PC with special interests in planning and highways. His attention to the issues on the A303 dualling project was considerable and he will continue to participate in the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The PC was most grateful to Bryan for all he has done.
- As mentioned before, the possibility of getting a grant from the Somerset Rivers Authority to improve the drainage at the culvert under the road by the Old School and along the Henshallbrook on the Sutton Montis Road was considered. The PC supported the submission of a grant application and is looking for matched funding by other neighbouring riparian owners. It was also noted generally that riparian owners have a duty to keep their banks along rivers and streams clear.
- It was noted that the resurfacing work on the A359 and the bridge repairs had been completed by Highways. Generally it is thought Highways are being more responsive to issues, so do report pot holes, blocked drains and other issues to Somerset Highways and advise the Clerk (clerk@queencamepc.org.uk) at the same time.
- The PC's year end financial results, subject to the audits which need to be completed and some policy updates, were approved.
- The final arrangements for the Annual Village Meeting on 15 May were approved. The meeting itself went well with many thanks to the organising committee of Phil and Marina Jones along with Bryan Norman.
- 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, 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



Somerset
Wildlife Trust

Somerset Wildlife Trust is launching **The Big Count 2026**, which will run from between **18th – 27th June**.

For the fifth year, the Trust is asking people in Somerset to record their wildlife sightings - either via the iNaturalist app or using the new paper form that can be posted or emailed to SWT - and let us know what they've seen.

To join in, all they need to do is register for a free information pack and spotter's guide (<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/big-count-2026>) and get ready for June.



What's on in Queen Camel Memorial Hall in June

- Mondays:** Pilates 9 -11.15am
- Tuesdays:** Cam Vale Tuesday Group June 2nd 10-12
Village Cafe June 9th 10-12
QC Quilters June 16th 10-4
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:** Tai Chi 10.30-11.30am
Art Class with Alannah 12.30-2.30pm
Gardening Club June 11th 7-9
- Fridays:** Bones for Life 9-11.30am
Table Tennis 7-9pm

For hall booking enquiries please call 07707206250

Queen Camel Memorial Hall 200 Club results :

May 2026

Drawn at the Village Café

First Prize: £30	No 60	Jo Burgess
Second Prize: £25	No 69	Kris & Serena Shore
Third Prize: £20	No 76	Jean Collins
Fourth Prize: £15	No 73	Carole Bazzoni
Fifth Prize: £10	No 138	Terri Plummer

We are hoping to change banks soon due to the charges now incurred. I would be extremely grateful therefore, if you have been lucky enough to win - sorry everyone else - would you please cash your cheques asap.

When everything is completed we hope to pay out cash each month unless this is a problem to the winners. Please let me know.

Contact Liz Jardine 01935 850074 or lizjardine@outlook.com

Many thanks

Cleaveside Close Community Centre – June Activities



Mondays Flexercise: from 11.30 – 1st; 15th; 22nd & 29 (none on 8th June)

Tuesdays throughout the month: from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Craft sessions

Tuesday 16 June visit to Castle Cary Museum & Street Market – leaving at 10.00am by bus from Bus Stop; (Have your Bus Pass to hand!) Museum opens at 10.30am; no admission charges but donations would be gratefully received. Time in Castle Cary to look around the market, have a drink and snack before returning to Queen Camel at 2.30pm. Bus leaves Castle Cary (Horse Pond) at 2.12pm. Phone Mel/Sue with names – 07527779248 or 07737752164

Wednesday 3 June Committee meeting: 10.00am

Wednesday 10 June at 10.30am: Live Well with Pain Café with Tracy Kendall

Thursday 18 June at 2.00pm: Games Afternoon

Thursday 25 June at 2.30pm: Sing-A-Long with Jen Wilson

Friday 5 June: 1.30-3.00pm – Mental Health Support Group with Tracy Kendall

Friday 12 June: 1.30-3.00pm – Carer's Support Group with Tracy Kendall

Friday 19 June at 1.30-3.00pm Mental Health Support Group with Tracy Kendall

Friday 26 June at 1.30-3.00pm: Carer's Support Group with Tracy Kendall

Friday 19 June at 5.00pm: Fish in batter and Chip tea/or alternative with chips, with a film (not compulsory!) Please order your fish and chips etc. with Sue on: 07527779248

Saturday 20 June at 2.00pm: Fun Bingo

Saturday 27 June at 1.00pm: Lunch with quiche, salad, new potatoes, followed by Lemon Cream Ginger Crunch, tea/coffee £10.

CAM VALE TUESDAY GROUP

Our May meeting was well attended and started with a very interesting talk from a member of the Avon & Somerset Police force about the latest scams. We were reminded to beware of phone calls supposedly from HMRC that are currently popular with the scammers. Never give out your personal bank details and if you're not sure "Take Five and Ring Two" (think about it and ask 2 friends if you are still not sure).

This was followed by our Annual General Meeting where all the Committee agreed to stand again and three new members came on board.

The next meeting on 2 June will be a talk and demonstration of Tai Chi by an experienced teacher.

The new look Mildmay Arms and the person behind it!

Those of us living in Queen Camel cannot fail to have noticed that the Mildmay Arms has a new owner who is determined to bring the pub back to life and keep it at the heart of the village. Less than a year ago when the community buy-out proposal came to nothing, we none of us dreamed that by Easter 2026 the Mildmay Arms would have a new proprietor with a steely determination, brimming over with ideas and plans.

Penny Blackburn (for it is she) came in search of King Arthur some eighteen months ago and whilst looking round the area, fell in love with the village – but was put off by the prospect of the village pub closing. A light bulb moment followed – why not buy the pub? - and having returned to her home in Walthamstow, she did her sums, put her property on the market and began negotiations to buy the Mildmay Arms.

Not that Penny has a background in running a pub. She grew up in a small village in Yorkshire and after university joined Harrods as a graduate trainee. In between times she had spent much of her teens and twenties working in hospitality – from Harrogate to London as well as in France and Germany. She then qualified as a train driver on Eurostar and from there worked as an Industrial Relations adviser for ASLEF, the train drivers' union. For the past 20 years, Penny has worked as a corporate and commercial lawyer, deciding during the Covid lock down that she would work as a self-employed Data Protection lawyer which gave her the impetus to move away from London in search of a new life and a chance to discover more about King Arthur.

Penny has gathered around her an amazing team who are fully on board with all that she intends to achieve. Community, Accessibility and Sustainability are at the heart of all that is being planned and having worked wonders in the two weeks leading up to the May Bank Holiday, the Mildmay was operating at full throttle in spite of no kitchen, with take-away Fish & Chips, Thai food and a Hog Roast on offer over the four days. The refurbished bars and dining room were packed and the village flocked to support the pub they were so delighted to call their own once more. Since then, the kitchen has been revamped and a chef appointed so lunches and evening meals are now back on the menu. The skittle alley is set to be open every day for anyone who wants a quiet space to work (Wi-fi and power points are provided) as well as for skittles in the evenings. The garden has been opened up for families and all in all, the pub has come to life and is in full swing. Whilst all of this has been happening, the letting rooms have been fully operational as well.

As you can see, Penny means business and is determined to provide something for all the community. We wish her well as she continues her drive to put The Mildmay Arms back on the map – and imagine that her dream of becoming a creative writer inspired by King Arthur and his knights may just have to wait.

MILDMAY



ARMS



Welcome to The Mildmay Arms

Discover a warm welcome, and a vibrant community atmosphere right in the heart of the village. Whether you're dropping in for a quick drink, sharing a meal with loved ones, or staying the night, we can't wait to see you.

What We Offer:

Food & Drink

Delicious menus paired with an excellent selection of drinks, featuring both quality alcoholic and non-alcoholic choices.

Accommodation

Beautiful, comfortable rooms for a relaxing getaway or an overnight stay.

Venue Hire

Perfect setting for your next celebration, meeting, or community event.

Families Welcome

A friendly, relaxed environment for all generations to enjoy. Four-legged friends are always part of the family.

We are proudly committed to Community, Accessibility for all guests, and Sustainability in everything we do.

Opening Hours:

Sunday – Thursday: 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 12:00 pm – 12:00 am

Call: 01935 850456 Email: info@mildmayarms.co.uk

Visit: www.mildmayarms.co.uk



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

My Favourite CHELSEA Plant

As I have just returned from working for the RHS at the Chelsea Flower Show, I thought you may be interested in something different.

"The Greatest Flower Show on Earth" is held within The Floral Pavilion and it holds some of the finest nurserypersons and exhibitors from around the world.

The Orchid Societies are in abundance including The Eric Young Foundation from Jersey.

Trees, shrubs, herbaceous, grasses, succulents, cactus, bulbs, bonsai, roses, water plants, wild flowers and education - its all here.

The rosarians exhibiting the likes of old-fashioned pink, *Rosa* 'Zepherine Drouhin' (1) and the modern soft-yellow *Rosa* 'Dannahue' (2).

Many exhibits included bulbs such as *Allium* 'Globemaster' (3) plus rarities such as the glorious blue-flowered *Pasithea caerulea* (4).

There are no favourites today but I am highlighting the skill of nurserypersons at Raymond Evison Clematis. The skill in breeding and propagating a favourite garden plant can be seen in the blue Group 2 *Clematis* 'Chevalier' (5). It has both single and semi-double flowers at the same time. Free flowering all summer. Low growing to only 5 feet or 150cm. Perfect for containers or pots.



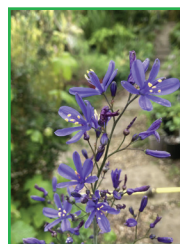
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QUEEN CAMEL GARDENING CLUB



or



Next meeting :- 11 June at 7pm

Talk -: "Gardening in Climate Change" by a Castle Gardens Speaker

Come along to learn how to adapt your garden to the new challenges brought about by changes to our weather

Refreshments and raffle with garden related prizes

Guests welcome £3

If you haven't already joined our Club the annual subscription is
Still only £10

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUBS !!

At Memorial Hall, High St, Queen Camel (free parking)

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QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB



THE SEASON

The outdoor bowls season has started and the Bowls Club full members have already been fielding teams to play matches against: Street, South Petherton, Westlands in Yeovil, Shepton Mallet and Wyrral Park in Glastonbury.

Some we won and some we lost but a good time was had by all and we got to see a lot of the Somerset countryside. Another reason to join!

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.



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Our Open Day on 2nd May 2026 was a wonderful celebration of our village community, bringing together residents, visitors, families and local enterprises for a truly memorable day.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the event such a success. From the moment the gates opened, there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the site, with something for all ages to enjoy.

One of the standout attractions of the day was undoubtedly Malton's Milkshakes, which proved incredibly popular with queues forming all day long. Their delicious treats kept visitors refreshed and smiling throughout the event.

The afternoon's Bugfest was another enormous success, delighting local children — and many brave adults too — as they got hands-on with a fascinating array of creepy crawlies. It certainly created plenty of excitement and laughter.



Special thanks also go to Terri, whose adorable lambs and puppies provided endless cuddles and charm for visitors young and old. They were a real highlight of the day.

Lily from Koala Tree Child Therapy, kept children entertained with slime making activities and demonstrations. Visitors also enjoyed watching demonstrations by our talented silversmith and experiencing the benefits of Halo salt therapy with Halo Breathing Space.



The creative talents within our community were proudly showcased through an inspiring art exhibition by resident artists Andy Palmer and Virginia Mason, alongside beautiful displays of glasswork and photography by M&G.

Guests also had the opportunity to meet herbalist Lucy who specialises in Tibetan herbal medicine, and learn more about her clinic, while Jane's sewing and crafts display showcased a wonderful range of handmade creations.



The day was a fantastic example of what makes our village so special — community spirit, creativity, local talent and people coming together to support one another. Thank you to everyone who attended, exhibited, volunteered and helped behind the scenes. We look forward to seeing you all again at future events.



Queen Camel CC – June 2026

29 Games played so far, 14 wins, 13 Loses & 2 draws

Date	Home Team		Away Team	Result
18/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 B	v	Castle Cary CC - Under 12	Castle Cary CC - Under 12 - Won
17/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 10	v	North Perrott CC - Under 10 B	North Perrott CC - Under 10 B - Won
16/05/2026	Castle Cary CC - 2nd XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI - Won
14/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	v	Yeovil CC - U14 Wildcats	Yeovil CC - U14 Wildcats - Won
14/05/2026	Yeovil CC - U14s Tigers	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	Cancelled
13/05/2026	Taunton Deane CC - Under 13	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 13	Taunton Deane CC - Under 13 - Falcons - Won
12/05/2026	North Perrott CC - Under 16	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 16	North Perrott CC - Under 16 - Conceded
11/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 12	v	West & Middle Chinnock CC - Under 12	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 - Won
11/05/2026	Yeovil CC - U12 Tigers	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 B	Yeovil CC - U12 Tigers - Conceded
10/05/2026	Chard CC - Womens 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Womens 1st XI	Chard CC - Womens 1st XI - Won
10/05/2026	Old Bristolians CC - Girls Under 14	v	Queen Camel CC - Girls U14s	Queen Camel CC - Girls U14s - Conceded
10/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 10	v	Sherborne CC - Under 10	Queen Camel CC - Under 10 - Conceded
10/05/2026	Wriggle Valley CC - 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Wriggle Valley CC - 1st XI - Won
09/05/2026	South Petherton CC - 2nd XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	South Petherton CC - 2nd XI - Won
08/05/2026	Babcary CC - 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Twenty20	Babcary CC - 1st XI - Won
07/05/2026	Broadway & Horton CC - Under 14	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	Broadway & Horton CC - Under 14 - Won
07/05/2026	West & Middle Chinnock CC - U14	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B - Won
05/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 16	v	Yeovil CC - Under 16	Yeovil CC - Under 16 - Won
04/05/2026	West & Middle Chinnock CC - U12	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 12	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 - Won
03/05/2026	North Perrott CC - 2nd XI	v	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI - Awarded game
02/05/2026	Queen Camel CC - 1st XI	v	Milborne Port CC - 1st XI	Draw (Game interrupted by rain after start)
30/04/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	v	West Coker & Hardington CC - U14	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 - Won
30/04/2026	Castle Cary CC - Under 14	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B - Won
27/04/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 12	v	Yeovil CC - U12 Wildcats	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 - Won
27/04/2026	Sherborne CC - Under 12	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 12 B	Sherborne CC - Under 12 - Won
26/04/2026	Long Sutton CC Womens 1st XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Womens 1st XI	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Womens 1st XI - Won
26/04/2026	Queen Camel CC - President's XI	v	Queen Camel CC - Chairman's XI	Queen Camel CC - President's XI - Won
23/04/2026	Beaminster CC - Under 14 B	v	Queen Camel CC - Under 14	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 - Won
23/04/2026	Queen Camel CC - Under 14 B	v	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 14	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 14 - Won

Upcoming Fixtures:

Date	Home Team		Away Team
21/05/2026	Under 14 B	v	South Petherton CC - Under 14
22/05/2026	Sparkford CC - Twenty20	v	Twenty20
23/05/2026	1st XI	v	Yeovil CC - 3rd XI
24/05/2026	Castle Cary CC - Under 10	v	Under 10
24/05/2026	Twenty20	v	Pen Sel Wood
24/05/2026	Girls U14s	v	Taunton CC - Girls U14 Hardball
24/05/2026	Wembdon CC - Under 15 'A'	v	Under 15
25/05/2026	Under 12	v	West Coker & Hardington CC - Under 12
25/05/2026	Buckhorn Weston CC - Under 12	v	Under 12 B
26/05/2026	Sparkford CC - Under 16	v	Under 16
28/05/2026	Under 14	v	Beaminster CC - Under 14 B
28/05/2026	Long Sutton CC, Somerset - Under 14	v	Under 14 B
30/05/2026	Chard CC - 4th XI	v	1st XI
31/05/2026	Street CC - 1st XI	v	1st XI
31/05/2026	Womens 1st XI	v	Bridgwater CC - Womens 2nd XI
31/05/2026	Girls U14s	v	Wembdon CC - GIRLS U14 HARDBALL



Queen Camel Tennis Club

OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th June: 9am – 2pm

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10.30am – 11.15am – Green Ball/Yellow Ball (ages 11+)

11.15am – 2pm open courts for social & family tennis

* Children under 14 years must be accompanied. Rackets are available to borrow.

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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

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

7.30 pm: Scottish Dancing

Fridays

9.00 am – 4.00 pm: Headway

4th: 5.30 pm Davis Hall AGM - all welcome

Saturdays

9 – 12 noon: Model Railway Society

27th 10am - 4 pm Model Railway Exhibition

1st Saturday of month Cool Country

4th Saturday of month Gould Sequence Dancers



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Friday 28th August

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West Camel Book Group

Sashenka by Simon Sebag Montefiore was well received by nearly everybody, and we all agreed that it was engaging. The writing was eloquent, evocative, informed and historically accurate. It was structured in three time zones, spaced generations apart. The drama within the structure kept us engaged although a completely new set of characters in the third section was demanding.

The dramatis personae were a mix of well researched historical figures in Russia, and inventions. All events were true to life at the time and attributed to these fictional characters.

There is brutality and violence but it is not indulgently written - more a part of history and integral to the story - which made it less distasteful. It is a page turner and personally I loved it.

Generally it was well received gaining average marks of 7½ but there were some for whom it was very long and for others it was too gloomy. Certainly the cover would suggest that it is a fluffy romance, which is deceptive. Well worth it for those who are interested in Russian history.

Next month we are discussing The Danger Tree by Olivia Manning. It is the first book of the Levant Trilogy. And on Wednesday July 8th, Stella Rimington - At Risk.





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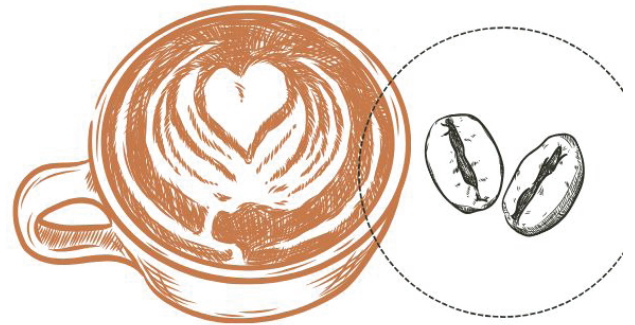
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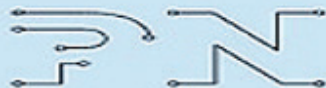
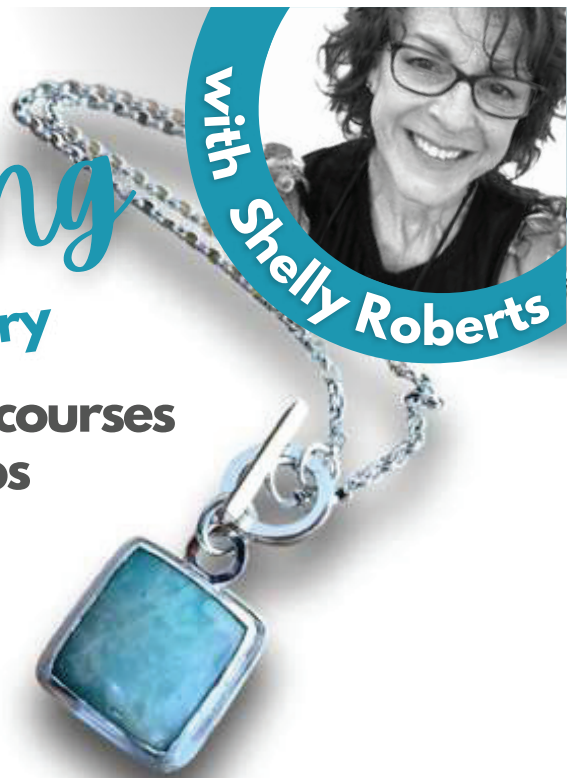
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