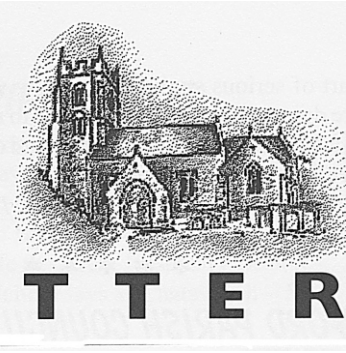


# Castle Cary & Ansford



## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

The quarterly newsletter for Castle Cary and Ansford which invites reports on local events and activities.

We welcome articles from Castle Cary and Ansford groups and organisations. Please keep below 250 words.

If you include notice of local future events do give full and accurate dates and times.

Deadline for copy for next newsletter: Thursday 29 April

Email to [cctcnewsletter@btconnect.com](mailto:cctcnewsletter@btconnect.com) or send to "Newsletter", The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH

We prefer copy by email, but don't worry if this is not possible for you.

### CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

We would like to congratulate **PCSO Beth Edwards** on receiving her Community Policing Award – PCSO of the Year for Outstanding Customer Service. She will now go forward to the next stage of the award programme for the overall winner. **Ann Emery** who was the Neighbour Watch Coordinator on Ancastle Avenue was nominated by Beth for a Crime Fighters Exceptional Person Award. Ann was one of six award winners to meet Gordon Brown and Alan Johnson (Home Office) at a ceremony at No. 10 Downing Street.

We have another vacancy on the town council. **Suzanne Lawler** has had to stand down after several years' service and we thank her for her time. If you are interested in becoming a town councillor, please contact the town clerk Alan Jeffs on 01963 359631. We also say goodbye and thank you to **Richard Ashwood** for the many hours he volunteered at the community office alongside Allan Best on a Tuesday morning. He also volunteered in the museum. We wish him and his wife a happy retirement in Gillingham.

The District Council's **Conservation Area Appraisal** has been redrafted and members of the public have been asked to make comments. A copy of the appraisal is available in the Market House. If you have any views on this document, please forward them to the Town Council as soon as possible.

The Town Council had worked hard to secure the **footpath from Station Road to Millbrook Gardens** as a public right of way. However, it came to light that its application for this adoption was putting at risk the building of the new surgery and the future redevelopment of the old surgery into a Children's Centre. The Town Council voted to withdraw its application only because the developers committed to providing a "dedicated" footpath in perpetuity in a very

slightly different position which suited their needs better. Since then there have been further complications. A further planning application by the developer on behalf of Somerset County Council includes this lit footpath but removes a zebra crossing on Station Road which formed part of their original application as a community benefit. The reason given is that the installation of the zebra crossing would be disproportionately expensive to the cost of the whole project. In order not to jeopardise the new surgery or the Children's Centre, the Town Council has voted to support this application, but has stressed that the crossing is important and has asked the Highways Agency to continue to seek funding for a pedestrian crossing on Station Road.

At a special meeting held on Wednesday 27th January the Town Council resolved to recommend to South Somerset District Council that Castle Cary and Ansford should be included as a category "C" settlement in the **Local Development Framework**. This decision was reached after a lengthy discussion about whether our town would be best suited to category "B" (which would identify significant additional land for housing development in Ansford and Cary) or category "C" (much more limited housing development). Councillors were concerned that insufficient resources would be available to provide the necessary infrastructure and services (such as car parking and sewerage) to support category "B" level of development. Councillors will make their representations at the District Council's next "cluster meeting" on 4th March.

The Cary **Tourism** and **Museum** groups held a very successful open morning on Saturday 30th January. Paul Hansford, Chair of the Tourism Group, writes: "The aim was to tell people what we are doing, to hear their thoughts on promoting tourism to Cary and Ansford – and to encourage local people to get involved with the Tourism Information Centre and Museum in the Market House. Many thanks to everyone who visited us. Ideas and thoughts were collected on post-it notes and in conversations we had. Did you know that it is reckoned that you can see 32 churches and four castles (including Alfred's Tower) from Lodge Hill? We'll be checking that out! There is no doubt that Cary has a lot to offer and that tourism can add significantly to our economy. The tourism and museum groups will be looking to work more closely with local businesses, accommodation providers and interest groups. If you'd like to know more, contact me (01963 359276 / [paul.hansford@](mailto:paul.hansford@)

## CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk: Alan Jeffs; Deputy Clerk: Clare Ratcliffe  
01963 359631; castlecary.town@btconnect.com

### Councillors:

Nick Weeks (*Chair*)

Barry Moorhouse (*Vice Chair*)

David Dilnot

Karl Hobson

Jim Hood

Jacky King

Neville Morley

Nell McMorland-Hunter

Terry Philpott

Andrew Oxley

Laura Tilling

**Full Council meetings:** monthly on Mondays

7.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

Next four meetings: 15 March, 19 April, 17 May,  
21 June. Public welcome to attend.

**Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled for  
the 1st Monday of each month when there are  
planning applications to be considered.

### District Councillors:

John Crossley, tel: 01749 860245

Henry Hobhouse, tel: 01963 350115

### County Councillor:

Bob Little, tel: 01963 220288

### Member of Parliament:

David Heath, tel: 01373 473618

Minutes of the Full Council meetings can be  
viewed on [www.castle-cary.co.uk](http://www.castle-cary.co.uk) or at the  
Market House.

cary.co.uk. Better use of this facility will help the many organisations in the town to plan their activities and helps to prevent similar events happening on the same day.

The success of this **newsletter** has meant that we now have to reduce the number of words per article to 250, and regretfully we must be strict about not including articles from outside Cary and Ansford, unless they refer specifically to events in the town. The **next issue** will be out in June and the **copy deadline** for this is **Thursday 29 April**. Please note that we have revised the copy deadline for the summer edition to Thursday, 22 July. Reminders will only be sent by email. Wherever possible please submit typed copy and email to [cctnewsletter@btconnect.com](mailto:cctnewsletter@btconnect.com). Thank you.



## ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

I feel 2010 is going to be another busy year for the Parish, with lots of projects already in the pipeline. But first I thought I would update you on any progress from items mentioned during 2009.

We are still receiving the **Speed Indicator Device** at Cary Hill. Unfortunately, as I've mentioned before, the speed of traffic is not slowing down. The programme is scheduled to finish at the end of the year, and at this stage I am not sure what the next step will be.

The **Station Road railings** have received some repair work, and to make them more compatible, we are hoping more work will be done during the next financial year. However, due to the County Council cut-backs I have a suspicion nothing will get done, particularly, as we have been made aware that Highways have no renewal work scheduled for the road. Along with the Town Council we feel this is not good, particularly as Wessex Water plan to renew their main water pipe along the road.

Meetings are still taking place between **Bronzeoak** and other interested parties. We are making them very aware of our concerns over their plans, and how the community is feeling regarding the proposed plant. The Environment Agency is also being kept well informed and following progress very closely.

Sorry, very little I can say about **Hillcrest**. At one point last year we felt we were making progress with District, now it has all gone quiet again!

### TOWN COUNCIL "ISSUES" BOARD

An eye-catching notice board will appear from time to time at the front of the Market House headed "Issues Board". We will put it out when there is a difficult issue in the town that we need your reactions about. It will tell you who to contact if you want to enquire, complain or comment.

Recent "Issues Board" topics have been the sudden removal of our recycling skips and our decision about the town's designation in the Local Development Framework.

[btinternet.com](http://btinternet.com)) for the Tourism Group or Ann Brittain (01963 350696 / [ann.brittain@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.brittain@btinternet.com)) for the Museum Group. The Tourism Group is currently looking for funding to improve signposting to and in the town."

Town Councillors were disappointed at the sudden withdrawal of the **recycling skips** at Millbrook Car Park and made representations to Somerset Waste Partnerships on behalf of the local community. The Town Council has been told that the District Council will be making arrangements for kerbside recycling collections later in the year, and is pressing that this happens sooner rather than later.

At the beginning of February the Town Council was faced with emergency repairs to the **sports pavilion** following a partial collapse of the ceiling in one of the changing rooms and the discovery of a serious leak in the roof. Work will be put in hand as soon as possible to repair the damage.

Please continue to support the **Castle Cary Farmers' Market** which takes place on the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9am until 1.30pm. Locally produced bread, cakes, meat, cheeses and dairy products are available. For further details visit [www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk).

Please do enter your events on the **Town Diary** by contacting the Town Council. The diary is displayed in the Market House and on our website [2](http://www.castle-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Lots more **bulbs** were planted last year around the Parish – I hope we will soon be able to enjoy their colour.

### Things on the agenda for this year.

Our grave concern at the moment is the **lack of barriers at Station Bridge**. We fear a serious accident could occur, and think it is a disgrace no action has been taken in spite of all our attempts. We have spoken to the County Council Bridges Team, but despite their efforts and offers of help, Network Rail have not been coming forward with the necessary agreement for the work to be carried out. Our County Councillor, Bob Little has been battling for us, and I am pleased to say in the last couple of days some repairs have commenced. We just hope *all* the barriers are replaced very soon.

Thank you to Crown Pet Foods for supplying us with **two new dog waste bins**. These have been sited at the footpath leading from Ansford church entrance, and in Maggs Lane. The smaller ones they have replaced will be located elsewhere around the Parish. We are also aware that the bin at Jubilee Gardens has been vandalised, and needs to be replaced. We plan to do an audit of all the bins within the parish this year. If you have any comments or views about this, please do let me know.

The Council has been discussing for some time the need for **Grit Bins**. As we have had such a cold start to the year, we feel it has become a necessity. We will be purchasing three grit bins for Churchfield Drive, Wyke Road and Tuckers Lane (to be sited on the corner of Ashlea). They should be with us shortly.

We have also been looking at the possibility of providing a **bus shelter** at the stop along Churchfield Drive/Priory View. However, after initial costing we feel the project needs more planning before we commit ourselves to this expensive project.

One more job to be done this year will be the maintenance/pruning of **the trees at Ashlea**. There is also a tree growing within the hedge along the footpath from Ashlea to Parsons Gate, which will also need looking at. We have already had the trees on Woodforde Green pruned, and for safety reasons, the sycamore tree on the footpath behind Parsons Gate has had to be felled.

We still have one **vacancy for Councillor**, should you be interested, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either myself or our Chairman.

#### ANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs J Cronie – *Chairman* Tel: 01963 350708

Mr G Clothier – *Vice-Chairman*

Mr C Edwards

Mr S Edwards

Mrs H Merrifield

Mrs D Pinnions

The Parish Council meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Betty Churchouse Room, Caryford Hall. Dates for the next three meetings are: 14th April; 12th May; 9th June. Members of the public are welcome.

Just a reminder, if I can be of any help on any parish issues please let me know. I can be contacted by email: [Alisongoodman@fsmail.net](mailto:Alisongoodman@fsmail.net) or tel: 01747 841091, during office hours.

\* \* \* \* \*

## POLICE MATTERS

Castle Cary Neighbourhood Team and our partners continues to work hard in the Castle Cary area to drive down crime and anti social behaviour. With this in mind, we are keen to introduce a **“No Cold Calling”** Zone throughout Ansford and Castle Cary because it is apparent that doorstep crime is an issue of real community concern.

Doorstep crime results from high pressure sales people, bogus officials and rogue traders calling at your door under the guise of legitimate business when in fact their intention is to steal from you. Around 33% of the population in Ansford and Castle Cary are retired. Research shows that it is this age group and particularly those who are vulnerable or living alone who are most at risk and it is well established that rogue trading and distraction burglary are interlinked.

A national survey of 9,000 randomly selected households by the Trading Standards Institute showed that 96% of people simply did not want doorstep cold-callers and nobody actually welcomed them. As such, the introduction of a “No Cold Calling” zone throughout Ansford and Castle Cary would give local residents the confidence to say “NO” to uninvited salespeople and would warn rogue traders and cold callers they are not welcome in your community.

However, to introduce a successful “No Cold Calling” zone we need your support and the consent of the majority. I will then apply for funding for a residents pack, including window stickers, for each household and also street signs. I am keen to hear your comments before 30th April 2010. Please

*either* return the reply form overleaf to Wincanton Police Station or Castle Cary Police Post;

*or* write to PCSO 9593 Beth Edwards, Wincanton Police Station, Churchfields, Wincanton BA9 9AG;

*or* telephone 0845 456 7000 (call charged at local rate);

*or* email: [beth.edwards@avonandsomerset.police.co.uk](mailto:beth.edwards@avonandsomerset.police.co.uk);

*or* visit our website: <http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/LocalPages>

There will also be a free Community Speed Dating event at the Caryford Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2010, where you can find out more about different crime reduction initiatives. I will be talking about the proposed “No Cold Calling” zone.

*PCSO Beth Edwards*

\* \* \* \* \*

## “NO COLD CALLING” ZONE ANSFORD AND CASTLE CARY

- Yes, I support this initiative  
 No, I don't support this initiative

Comments:

Address: .....  
.....  
..... Postcode.....

Please return by 30th April 2010 to:  
Wincanton Police Station, Churchfields, Wincanton BA9 9AG  
OR  
Police Post, Town Clerk's Office, Market House, Castle Cary

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Alcoholics Anonymous** is a world-wide fellowship that started in America in the 1930's with one alcoholic, Bill W, talking to another, Dr Bob. Groups grew around the USA and overseas very quickly. They had discovered a 12 Step Programme of Recovery that worked and since its early days it has helped millions of alcoholics to get well, stop drinking and lead perfectly happy and fulfilled lives.

The little group in Castle Cary started on 16th February 2008 and has grown from strength to strength. The Castle Cary meetings are all 'Open' meetings which means that all can attend. Occasionally we have someone come along who is not an alcoholic but who is affected by an alcoholic within their family and needs to know what help there is for them and to learn a little more about the illness of alcoholism.

AA is 'Anonymous' for a reason! It is imperative that anyone who attends observes the 'Yellow Card' which reads: "**Who you see here, What you hear here, When you leave here... Let it stay here**".

If you feel that you have a problem with alcohol please come along to one of our meetings where you will find a hot cuppa and a very warm welcome. Try not to be nervous as we have all been to our *first* meeting and we all know how hard it is to walk through that door and ask for help.

You can also obtain help and information from the AA Helpline 0117 926 5520 or by ringing me on 01963 359298 when we will be delighted to tell you more about AA and how it works.

Castle Cary meetings are held at the Methodist Church every Saturday evening starting at 7.30pm.

Thank you to the Methodist Church for all of your support throughout another year!

*Mark J*



## ALL SAINTS' & ST ANDREW'S CHURCHES

It's business as usual at **All Saints' and St Andrew's Churches** while we wait for the appointment of a new vicar. That probably won't happen until the Autumn. Meanwhile we are fortunate that our lay-reader and four retired clergy are willing to take all services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The Parochial Church Councils and members of the congregations are making sure that the day-to-day running of the churches continues as smoothly as possible. Thank you all.

The vicarage has been let but a message on the usual 'phone number (01963 351615) will give you contact numbers for each church.

Notice boards at the churches and on The Pitching will provide information about services and forthcoming events. "Together" magazine provides information about all the churches in Castle Cary and can be purchased at the churches and the Community Office in the Market House.



## AMATEUR THEATRICALS

Very sadly I have to report that **Cary Amateur Theatrical Association (CATS)** had to cancel this year's production. We can't say it was due to any one thing, just a combination of events, brought finally to a conclusion by the snow and our missing vital rehearsals. We felt it was better to cancel than give you a poor production. However we are still very much alive and well, and planning our next production (not sure what it is yet) and various fund raising events. I would like to say however a very big thank you for the support and commiseration we received from people in the town and surrounding villages. And we are so very sorry to have to disappoint you in this way. Please keep supporting us either by joining us or just being there for us.

For further details please ring Audrey Rice (Acting Chair) on 01963 350510.



## ARMY CADETS

**Castle Cary Platoon, Somerset Army Cadet Force** meets at the Cadet Centre, The Park, Castle Cary (just up from the Scout Hall) every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. We are open to both boys and girls who are at least 12 years old *and* in year 8 or above at school. Army Cadets is a national uniformed voluntary youth organisation, enabling youngsters to experience activities that they may not normally do. Though we are funded and supported by the MOD, it is not a recruiting machine and no one is pushed towards the Services as a career, but their support does enable us to keep our costs to parents to a minimum.

Activities that we undertake include Drill and Turnout, Fieldcraft, Shooting, Map and Compass, Cadet

in the Community, Physical Activity, First Aid and Skill at Arms to name but a few. In addition to these we participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Expeditions and the BTEC in Public Services (equivalent to 4 GCSEs). Apart from attending weekly, cadets have the opportunity of attending at least five weekends away, based on shooting, fieldcraft, expedition and APC training and testing, in addition to this there is usually a two-week Annual Camp, which can be anywhere in the country. This year, we are planning to take part in the usual Remembrance Day Parade and local Carnival, as well as visits to Bovington Tank Museum, Blandford Signals Museum and the Imperial War Museum.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about what we do and the likely costs involved, please come and pay us a visit on a Tuesday evening, both child and parent are more than welcome to attend. Alternatively give me a call and I will be more than happy to discuss anything with you. Last year was very successful, in that our numbers have increased three-fold. This is mainly due to the cadets enjoying parading every week and the activities that we do. Annual Camp was a blinding success for Castle Cary cadets, in that they managed to take part in activities that they would not have done elsewhere, with the Christmas weekend being memorable for its dinner and firework display. New recruits are always most welcome.

*Martyn Day (07894 389891)*

\* \* \* \* \*

## BOWLS CLUB

Here we go again! Two weeks ago when I was contemplating what to put in this **Castle Cary Bowls Club** article, the green and surrounds were covered in a blanket of pristine whiteness with that wonderful 'sound of silence' that snowfall creates. Now, as you read this, we are but a few weeks away from our opening day in mid-April with a buzz of expectation and hopes of a successful and enjoyable season for all.

Once again we have been offered the chance to host several county events – a men's county match against the Isle of Wight, a ladies' county match against Surrey and a ladies' Under 31 Team game against ourselves, to give the potential young county players some practice. The phrase "lambs to the slaughter" (for us) comes to mind but we can dream of beating them can't we?

Meanwhile at club level we will be entering more county competitions than ever and will strive to achieve better positions in all our three leagues. We also have to defend our right to retain the Wessex Friendly League Knock-out Cup which we won in 2009.

So a busy season to look forward to, with sun-filled days of bowling, good company and much laughter. A vibrant club, competitive and friendly with lovely people – what more could one ask for?

Y.C.

\* \* \* \* \*

## NETWORKING COFFEE MORNING

Last year the Town Council hosted a coffee morning where local organisations were invited to run stalls. It turned out to be a great networking opportunity – we all found out about the activities of each others' groups and about the Town Council's current concerns and projects, as well as raising significant funds for our groups and for the Market House Regeneration Project.

**The Town Council is planning a similar coffee morning on 31 July 2010.**

Do put the date in your diary.

## CARE4CARY

Care4Cary is a group concerned about the nature of some developments proposed for the Castle Cary area. The current MEGA-WHAT? campaign is examining a proposal, by Bronzeoak Thermal to build a massive power station just outside the town. In March 2009 over 100 residents unanimously voted to set up this group to protect local interests.

C4C understands the need for, and supports, developments that benefit the area without damaging its special character, the environment or existing local industries.

Care4Cary with local parish councils has now had two meetings with Bronzeoak.

We now know that the planning application is likely to be in early autumn 2010, but the details are still vague. Bronzeoak has admitted that only 25% of the energy created will be used. Such a wasteful system would be economically unviable were it not for Government subsidies.

We do not know what type of biomass is to be burned.

Bronzeoak anticipate there will be lorry movements in the region of 70 per day. They appear to have no concern for the implications of this as they claim there is currently 'little traffic' on the roads around Cary!

Care4Cary organized two fundraising concerts – one by local flautist Adelaide Brown in November, and Madrigals at Cockhill in January. Both events were full. Further funds are urgently needed in order to commission specialist scientific reports, pay for posters and so on. We welcome more members and volunteers to help with the campaign.

For further information: [www.care4cary.com](http://www.care4cary.com)

\* \* \* \* \*

## CARYFORD COMMUNITY HALL

As I write this, **Caryford Community Hall** has just held its fifth Annual Caryford Lecture on 16th January, and despite the inclement weather earlier in the week, we had a very good turn out to listen to Annie Maw, former High Sheriff of Somerset give an inspirational talk on *Shrievalty: the oldest secular office in the realm*. The Hall committee worked very hard to produce canapés worthy of the occasion, and in all it was a very pleasant evening.

On Wednesday February 17th we are very fortunate have valuers from Bonhams who will be at the Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm to cast their expert eyes over your objets d'art and treasures. For a donation of £5 towards Hall funds, they will value and advise on three items per person, so this is your chance to dig out that vase you bought at a car boot sale and discover whether it really is a Lalique and worth a fortune.

Our major fund raising event of 2010, however, is The Castle Cary Open Gardens with Music being held on Sunday 13th June. This promises to be a very exciting afternoon, with specialist plant stalls, cream teas, music and some spectacular gardens on show which have never before been open to the public. We shall also have a Caryford plant stall, so if you have any spare plants or seedlings which you can donate to help us raise money, we shall gladly take them off your hands. Please contact me or anyone on the committee and we can collect them. As in previous years, all money raised from this event will be shared equally between Caryford Community Hall and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

And of course, if you have a few hours per month to spare, we always need new members on our committee.

*Annie Morley, Minutes Secretary to  
Caryford Community Hall Association  
01963 359649*



## CARYFORD FITNESS & LEISURE

We would like to invite you to come and try our facilities at **Caryford Fitness & Leisure**.

Save money and travel time; with plenty of bicycle/free car parking and only a short walking distance from Castle Cary town centre and train station - we're your local fitness and sports centre, providing a huge range of fitness and sporting activities for all ages and abilities.

It's always hard to keep to your new year's resolution. To make it fun and interesting to reach your goals in 2010 we have launched our NEW programme of Junior and Adult classes and courses ranging from Salsa, Trampolining, Badminton to Boxercise, Circuits and Yoga.

Looking for a fitness suite? – our state of the art gym equipment keeps track of your progress. Gone is the need for pen and paper as our touch screen technology lets you know where you are in your programme and records each rep, calorie and kilometre performed – allowing instant access to monitor your achievements in the gym or online. You shouldn't have a problem learning how to use the equipment as we offer a friendly three stage and in-depth induction – Direct Debit and Annual members also get frequent free reviews to help keep your training fresh and fun.

When it comes to fitness we haven't left out the kids, introducing FIT & ACTIVE, our exclusive membership

for 12-16 years, allowing unlimited access to the fitness suite (after an induction), badminton/table tennis and selected exercise classes for only £15 a month by Direct Debit, or £150 for 12 months (an ideal birthday present!).

Still need more convincing that we have what you need on your very doorstep? – then please get in touch or pop in for more details on what we have to offer you.

Caryford Fitness & Leisure is next to Ansford School, Maggs Lane, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 01963 350 600.



## CARY COMEDIANS CARNIVAL CLUB

Our Club has for a third decade been a prizewinner for Comic Feature class both in the Wessex Carnival Grand Prix circuit and the Somerset County Guy Fawkes circuit. Overall the club was second in the Wessex GP and third in the County circuit which includes Bridgwater carnival. We understand that once again we are the Mid-Somerset Gangs & Features Comic Features champions. We are most pleased that so many applauded and voted for our "Life's a Drag" entry: we are *Cary* comedians!

The winner of Lee Drury's Recycling Trophy was Steven Higgins, a popular and dedicated member of the club. Eddie Gage is not only the construction manager but also devotes much of his time and multi-tasking skills in construction and design. He also proved an outstanding hit as *Marilyn Manroe* – a true show-stopper on a float designed by Aaron Moulder.

This year we had a new Dressed Tractor constructed fantastically by our member Trevor Bartlett. Many of you may not appreciate the extent of the talents and skills our members have between them to produce a carnival float of the highest standard in its class. Seven new members have joined us in January and we are always looking for more – no age barrier in carnival, just good people wishing to keep the tradition of carnival alive and representing our wonderful town and community. Come on, make this a year to get involved and celebrate with us the 25th year of the Wessex Carnival GP in all the carnival towns in the circuit.

*Gordon Stockman*



## CASTLE CARY & ANSFORD CARNIVAL SOCIETY

By the time you read this, we will have held our Presentations Evening on 5 February at the Consti Club. Donations totalling £3000 were given to Ansford School, Caryford Hall, Cemetery Chapel Friends Group, Castle Cary Out Of School Club, St. Margarets Hospice, Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorders Association, Toybox Preschool, Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance, Avalon Round Table, the Britannia and Cary

Comedians Carnival Clubs, South Western Ambulance Services, Dorset & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and Avon & Somerset Police.

2010 is a big year for us, as we are one of the co-founders of the Wessex Grand Prix carnival circuit which celebrates its 25th anniversary. In 1986, Gordon Stockman, with Keith Berry of Frome Carnival, persuaded Shaftsbury, Gillingham and Wincanton carnivals to join Castle Cary and Frome to create the Wessex circuit. Though Wincanton's carnival has sadly now disappeared, the circuit now includes Trowbridge, Mere, Warminster and Sturminster Newton. And the circuit continues to grow: Salisbury Carnival is being resurrected in 2010 and has applied to join the Wessex Circuit in 2011.

So we're looking for lots of support to make this year a special one for all the Wessex circuit carnivals. The Carnival Committee is already gearing up for fundraising; here are some advance dates for your diary: our AGM takes place at the Horsepond Inn on 9 March. We will be holding a cake sale at the Market House on 13 March and a Plant Sale on 10 April.

We will also be holding a dinner at the Scout Hall on Saturday March 20th: tickets are £10, available from Sue Stockman (01963 440472). Our after-dinner speaker will be John Dando of Glastonbury Carnival committee, who has a very entertaining repertoire of carnival stories to tell.

You will find details of these on our new web site, kindly provided by Darren Lee of Oates & Musson. The address is: [www.castlecary-carnival.org.uk](http://www.castlecary-carnival.org.uk). On it, you will find carnival and fundraising event dates, a history of the carnival, details about how you can get involved, downloads and links to other carnival web sites. We're developing the web site, and we welcome any comments you have to make it really good and useful.

*Paul Hansford*  
[paul.hansford@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.hansford@btinternet.com)



## CEMETERY CHAPEL FRIENDS GROUP

**Outside Seating:** Those of you who are regular visitors to Castle Cary Cemetery will know that we removed the seats on the far side of the building as they were beyond repair and needed replacing. As the far side is the sunny side and the best place to sit, we are looking for sponsors/donations to replace them and if possible would like to have these in place in time for the warmer weather. If you are able to help please let me know (01963 351220).

**Composting Toilet:** We are also in the initial stages of researching the provision of a toilet in the Cemetery to make life more comfortable for those visiting. Our thoughts at the moment are for a wooden structure that will blend in with the surroundings and for a composting toilet which will be environmentally friendly. Our grateful thanks to the Carnival Society for their generous support of £100 towards the toilet.

**Coffee Morning & Afternoon Tea:** We will be holding a Coffee Morning at the Market House on Saturday 24th April, 10 am to 12 noon, and Afternoon Tea at the Cemetery Chapel on Sunday 2nd May from 2 to 4 pm. For those of you who have yet to see inside the Chapel this would be a good opportunity to do so.

**Keys:** Finally, if you would like regular access to the Chapel, keys are available on 'permanent' loan for a deposit of £11. Further details are available from the Market House.

*Liz Middleton,*  
*Chair, Cemetery Chapel Friends Group*



## CERAMICS GROUP

In December the **Castle Cary Ceramics Group** enjoyed an interesting and scholarly talk by Rodney Dowling on William Cookworthy, originator of English hard-paste porcelain at Plymouth and Bristol. The Group's 2010 programme begins in February with a talk by Letizia and Peter Pegliasco-Fisher on *Porcelaine de Tournay*, followed in March by Rosie Cooke on the Staffordshire Dudson factory. In April members will bring in and discuss their favourite cups. Talks resume on 11 May with Philip Miller on Mason, Lucock & Wolfe; and in June Karin Walton, ceramics specialist at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, on its ceramic collection.

Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday in the month (except after bank holidays) in the Methodist Church Room, Upper High Street at 2.30 pm. The visitor's fee is £4, which will also include tea and biscuits, but it is hoped those interested will take out a yearly subscription (currently £20) to join our friendly group. You do not need to know about ceramics – just have an interest.

For more information telephone the Secretary, Duncan Chalmers on 01460 54117.



### **Can You Help ?**

*There is a shortfall in the number of foster carers in the area. It does not matter if you are married or single, provided you are over 21 and in good health. We like to be able to place a child in a foster home near to their families. If you become a foster carer for Somerset County Council we will offer good support, training and payments to cover expenses.*

*For more information dial freephone  
**0800 587 9900.***

## CHOIR

At the start of a new year and new decade, **Castle Cary Choir** has a new Musical Director, Martin Emslie, and a new accompanist, Emma Clark. We are very delighted to welcome both Martin and Emma to the Choir and feel very privileged and honored that they both wish to work with us.

Martin will be well known to many in Castle Cary as he has been Director of Music at Castle Cary Church since November 2003. He is a full-time musician and is in demand for teaching, conducting and performing music throughout Somerset. Martin also works as a freelance musical director for various operatic societies and drama groups in the area. He is an Associate of Music with the London College of Music and teaches at a number of schools in both choral and instrumental work.

The Choir meets in the Methodist Church in North Street to rehearse on Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.15pm, mostly during school term times. New members are always welcome and although we do not hold auditions, some singing experience or knowledge of music helps. So, if you are an alto, tenor or bass and have been considering joining a choir, come along to a rehearsal. We would love to meet you.

The Choir is available to perform for concerts to help charities raise much needed funds. We raised £411 at our last concert in December in aid of the Samantha Dixon Brain Tumour Trust. Most years our singing helps to raise about £3000 per annum for local charities.

For details about joining the Choir, or for details of how we could assist you in fund-raising efforts, please contact our Secretary, Amy Trott on 01963 351 042.



## CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

**Castle Cary Christian Aid Group** is a group of supporters who raise money to help with Christian Aid's work with the world's poorest communities. Christian Aid works with local partner organisations to give people the chance of a better future by working with them to provide clean water, food, healthcare, education and ways to earn a living.

They also respond quickly when countries such as Haiti are struck by natural disasters.

We are delighted to reported that we raised almost £400 in December 2009 (£58.72 from our coffee morning and £313.22 from the collection taken at the carol service organised by *Churches Together*).

Fundraising this year will begin with a series of lunches during Lent Week at the home of Pam Gollidge in Priory Close.

Christian Aid week runs from May 9th-15th and we shall again be organising door-to-door collections in Castle Cary and Ansford, plus a street collection in the town on Saturday 15th May, in conjunction with a coffee morning at the Market House. There will be a service for

Christian Aid week organised by *Churches Together* on Sunday May 9th at 11 am, to be followed by a soup lunch.

If you would like to help by collecting from your friends and neighbours, or find out more about us, we would be very happy to hear from you.

*Marilyn Simcox, 01963 351751*



## CHURCHES TOGETHER

Why not get together?

Those new to the area (and possibly those who have lived here for some time) are pretty sure to find the Parish Magazine, "Together", a must. Well over a hundred entries in the Trade Directory provide the newcomer with a handy reference giving the butcher, the baker, and where to eat tonight. The centre pages provide an easy guide to all church services. There is also a spread of articles from the Pastoral Letter to the goings-on at the rectory of St James-the-Least-of-All; Children's pages; What's happening, when and where – coffee mornings – concerts – plays and musicals. And time for a laugh with a smattering of jokes and cartoons. All this for just 40p a month when you contact Jim Greathead on 01963 351251.



## GARDENING ASSOCIATION

In January we had our annual New Year lunch, which was enjoyed by 54 members at the Horse pond Inn, a good turn out considering the cold and icy conditions.

A reminder to people who may wish to join, having heard from their friends/neighbours what a pleasant, friendly club **Castle Cary Gardening Association** is: it's subscription time again. You can either pay your £7 at the next meeting, or contact Janet Hutchfield our membership secretary on 01963 351489. I know I say it every year and this one is no exception, it's great value!! We have interesting talks, discounted deals with Wincanton Garden Centre, Castle Gardens and Dave Marsh, not to mention really good visits, organized by Jill Larbalestier. (There is the possibility of a Highgrove garden visit this year.) I hope the variety of our talks listed below might encourage you to join.

*Wednesday 31st March*

The gardens of New Zealand

*Thursday 22nd April*

Discount trip to Castle Gardens (6.15pm)

*Saturday 1st May*

Coffee morning and Plant sale

*Thursday 6th May*

Roman market gardening

*Thursday 3rd June*

Irises and Peonies with a propagation demonstration

*Thursday 1st July*

Building a border – Herbaceous border cabaret

Finally, a little tip: cleaned used soup packets are great for storing collected seeds, as they are waterproof.

*Anna Hales, Hon. Sec.*

## GUIDES

**Castle Cary Guides** are looking for a person to help them with their meetings. If no-one comes forward the unit will be unable to continue.

For more information contact Joy Cross 01963 350936.

### A note for your Diary:

A church service will be held to celebrate 100 years of Guiding on Sunday 6th June at 3.00 pm at All Saints' church, Castle Cary.

All those who have been involved in Guiding, Brownies, Rainbows or Trefoil Guild, and everyone who has had connections with the Guide movement, e.g. Scouts who have been camping with the Guides, are welcome.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children at **Castle Cary Community Primary School** have been thinking of and helping other people in many ways since September.

In September our Year 6 held a very successful coffee morning baking cakes. Tea and coffee were also served to raise money for Macmillan Cancer charity. Our families also supported the Poppy Appeal with our Year 6 children joining the service at the War Memorial.

Later in the term the school concentrated on helping children in other parts of the world. They did this through the charity Oxfam Unwrapped. They chose the following gifts for those children: a pair of goats, chicken, safe water for ten people, a mosquito net and sports equipment to help keep the children active and healthy.

Thanks to the initiative, determination and superb cooking skills of children in years 5 and 6, £89.62 was raised for Children In Need.

Before Christmas, families from our school sent an amazing forty-five shoe boxes between them for Operation Christmas Child to help brighten the lives of children who have very little. Our generous families have also donated money for the Children's Society and for the disaster in Haiti.

Our children like to help others in our school have a happy play time by volunteering to be Friend Finders, helping children who are feeling lonely find a friend. Some of our junior children have volunteered to train to be Peer Mediators, to help other children sort out problems.

Some of our older children also run clubs for the younger children at lunchtime. This term we have a Funky Fit Club, Board Games Club, Art Club, Wildlife Club, Skill Crazy and Football Club. Not only do the younger children thoroughly enjoy the clubs but the children running them learn a lot of leadership skills.



## VICTORIAN EVENING

Our 2009 Victorian Evening was very busy, with lots of fun activities for all ages and quantity Christmas shopping. Over £1,000 was raised in the Grand Draw for the Market House Regeneration Project. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

The 2010 Victorian Evening will be held on

**Thursday 9th December –**

please book the date in your diary now !

## QUIZ EVENINGS

We are still going strong with our very loyal quizzers, and if you would like to join us we would love to see you. We meet usually on the first Sunday of the month, in the Methodist schoolroom, and have 10 sets of questions on 10 different subjects, with a break midway for refreshments. We would like more tables of four people so see what you can come up with.

Our next dates are: 7th March; 11th April (the 4th is Easter Sunday); 2nd May; 6th June; and 4th July. We then take a break in August. All evenings start at 8.00 pm. and have usually finished by 10.00 pm.

For more details ring Audrey Rice on 01963 350510.



## TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

The **Cary branch of Tools For Self Reliance**, the charity which refurbishes hand tools and sends them to communities in Africa, has had an incredibly busy few months. Since June 2009, we have delivered 24 fully overhauled Singer sewing machines to our national headquarters near Southampton for shipment to countries like Ghana and Tanzania. We have also sent out 79 fully refurbished planes, 18 brass blow-lamps and numerous other items such as screw-jacks, saw sets, chisels and vices.

We reckon the total commercial value amounts to £7,500, but that only tells half the story. Let's say a good-quality wood plane costs £40. For a carpenter in the UK, that might represent half a day's wages. In Ghana, it would amount to a carpenter's wages for an entire month, leaving nothing to feed his children or send them to school.

In addition to all the above, we have also sent off two Transit van-loads of unrefurbished tools – so please keep the donations of tools and sewing machines coming. Items we are particularly looking for at the moment, in addition to sewing machines (Singer only), include anvils and blacksmithing tools, arc welders, dress-making scissors/tailor's shears and most good-quality craftsmen's tools. It doesn't matter if they are a bit rusty. But please: no gardening tools.

As always, you are also welcome to join our busy

group of refurbishers at Ansford School on Tuesday evenings (7-9pm). Anyone who likes using their hands is welcome. To donate tools or find out more about volunteering, please call Amon Cohen on 01963 351219.



## TRAIDCRAFT GROUP

Castle Cary is a *Fair Trade Town*, along with many other small towns and major cities. But what does that mean? Briefly, according to the population of Castle Cary and Ansford, it means there are sufficient shops selling *Fair Trade* goods, and catering outlets, businesses and schools which support *Fair Trade* in various ways. For example, **Ansford and Cary Traidcraft Group** runs a very popular fortnightly 'tuck shop' at Ansford School and provides all the tea and coffee used in the staff room. This satisfies the requirements of *Fair Trade* status. Our places of worship also have *Fair Trade Church* status. The *Fair Trade* Foundation was impressed by the number of *Fair Trade* outlets for a town the size of Castle Cary. However, we can't rest on our laurels and the local Traidcraft group seeks to promote *Fair Trade* goods when and wherever possible.

*Fair Trade Fortnight* (22nd February – 2nd March) will be an opportunity to find out more. Do look for the *Fair Trade* logo in the local shops (and also in large stores such as Marks and Spencer and the Co-op; consider buying good quality fairly-traded goods or, if you are already a 'fair-trader' increase the variety of goods you buy. We will be holding a coffee morning at the Market House on Saturday 27th February to celebrate *Fair Trade Fortnight* or you can find us at the Farmers' Market on the third Tuesday of the month. You can also look at the website: [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk).

For local purchases, or to look at our catalogue, please ring Marilyn Simcox on 01963 351751 or Gill Bagnall on 01963 350629.

We can organise a stall to visit your workplace or organisation and by ordering through our group you will save the postage and packaging charge.



## TWINNING

**Castle Cary & Ansford Twinning Association** is still going strong I am pleased to report, finishing the year with a quiz evening, which was well supported, and included a hot supper which was welcomed by all. It made a very enjoyable start to all the various Christmas activities. Now we have 2010 to look forward to with its various arranged activities. Booked so far is the AGM at Caryford Hall on the 23rd March. Following this our French friends will be visiting us, complete with enthusiastic tennis players, for Easter (2nd to 4th April). The society would be very grateful if we could have volunteers to entertain these tennis players, for these three days. You don't have to actually play tennis, just feed and water them. If you are able to do this perhaps you would let Lesley know.

Following this we will make a return visit in the Spring Bank Holiday (28th-31st May) when hopefully the Cary Choir, with its new Musical Director Martin Emslie, will be joining them to meet up with the French choir for a concert etc. Any avid singers out there who would like to join them don't hesitate to let the choir know. On 26th June there will be a coffee morning at the Market House, so if you support this you just might get a bowl of that delicious soup which they made last year.

As usual we could always do with new individual members and also any groups who would like to twin with Rémalard ... just let us know. Further details from the Secretary Mrs Lesley Collick on 01963 350303.



## U3A (UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)

The membership of the **Camelot U3A** now stands at 351 and covers a wide area of South Somerset. Members take part in a variety of leisure and learning groups organised by a group leader who is not necessarily a teacher or a lecturer, but has an abiding interest and expertise in a specialised subject. and is willing to give time and enthusiasm voluntarily. Nobody has to take examinations or work for qualifications, but members enjoy learning new skills, joining in leisure activities and making new friends.

There is a Members Meeting on the last Thursday of each month at 2.30pm at the Constitutional Club, Castle Cary, with an interesting speaker a free cup of tea and a biscuit (Members can bring guests for £1.00).

### Future Meetings

*Thursday 25 March*

Mr Deane, the surgeon who pioneered knee operations in 1974.

*Thursday 21 April*

Mr Peter Harrison – An introduction to clay masonry

*Thursday 27 May*

Mr Richard Grundy – The islands of Tristan da Cunha

*Thursday 3 June*

**OPEN DAY** at the Caryford Hall, Castle Cary from 2.00pm to 4.30pm (Please note change of venue)

Everyone is invited to find out more about the work of the U3A and see what members have accomplished during the year.

For further details contact Margaret Dickinson – 01963 350626



## WILDLIFE TRUST

The **South East area group of the Somerset Wildlife Trust**, based in Castle Cary, organises illustrated talks on the first Tuesday of every month during the winter. They take place in Caryford Community Hall (Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ – ST643330) and topics cover broad aspects of nature and so are of appeal to a large audience, not just naturalists. Admission costs just £2

and is free for children. All talks start at 8pm, but tea/coffee is served from 7.30pm.

*Tuesday 2nd March 2010: **Hidden Dorset.*** Natural history photographer Colin Varndell

*Tuesday 6th April 2010: **Bees & Beekeepers.*** Gerald Fisher, president of the Somerset Bee keepers Association

*Tuesday 4th May 2010: **Where does our water come from?*** Luke de Vial, Head of Water resources for Wessex Water

For more information phone Libby Nye on 01749 850456 or email [seswt@btinternet.com](mailto:seswt@btinternet.com) or look at [www.somersetwildlife.org/events.php](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/events.php).



## WOMENS' FRIENDLY HOUR

We finished last year's programme with a lovely Christmas lunch and a visit to Othery Garden Centre. Now we have a break until we start again on 8th March. Here we shall be preparing for Mothering Sunday when we have been asked to lead the service at the Methodist Church on 14th March. Then on 22nd March we have our minister Ken Chalmers to speak to us so let's hope all goes well on the 14th!

Following this on 12th April we have Ruth Lodge talking about Cary, and on 26th April Marybeth Millican will speak on her years in USA. On 10th May Shirley Knapman will give a talk, followed by Louise Chalmers on 24th May. Then comes the end of another season (doesn't time fly?) with our Summer Outing on 14th June. As you can see an interesting programme is planned.

We will always welcome new members and I can promise you a relaxed, interesting but fun afternoon. With a bring and buy stall, book stall, and a welcome cuppa and chat with friends, what could be better to start your week? For further details contact Audrey Rice on 350510.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well, **Castle Cary and Ansford WI** has made another year and roll on 2010 with a full and varied programme.

My thanks for the continued support of my committee and a warm welcome back to Jackie Huggins, with sincere apologies to her husband, as once again we invade his privacy for our committee meetings.

### International Women's day (8th March)

On 8th March Hutu and Tutsi women will join together on the bridge that connects the Congo and Rwanda. Shia and Shi'ite women will join together in Baghdad. Bosnian, Serb and Croat women will join together in Sarajevo.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes are involved in planning a big event on the Millennium Bridge across the Thames in London – WI members are doing what they do best: bringing a marginalized issue to the forefront of national concern. The main aim is to get

people together to learn about how women are particularly affected by global poverty and to help reverse this trend by promoting gender equality.

Somerset County Federation is holding a meeting that day at Burrowbridge Village Hall, hearing about various customs, costumes and food of Poland, Norway and Ethiopia, and rounding the day off walking up to Burrowbridge – a very ancient crossing place over the River Parrett – to show solidarity with women all over the world.

The Somerset institutes have been challenged to visit over the winter months as many as we can of the bridges depicted on the Federations 2010 calendar.

*Christine Stone*



## ZAMBIA LINKS

On 28 January the **Cary-Mufulira Community Partnership Trust** held its AGM at Ansford School. Catharine Jessiman (who continues as Chair) explained that the Mufulira High School – Ansford School Exchange had taken a year off for a thorough review. After extensive consultation in both countries, a Review Team of four Zambians and four from the UK had paid reciprocal fact-finding visits in autumn 2009. The conclusion was resoundingly in favour of continuing exchanges but with some modifications: involving the students more in planning, and giving a more equal leadership role to the Zambian teachers.

Catharine also detailed the extensive network of community and primary school links the Trust 'umbrellas', stressing how this strengthens individual links.

Treasurer Chris Chapman explained that the Zambian group's visit to UK would be largely funded by a generous donation from the Minor Metals Trade Association (MMTA). The Zambian students would not feel so beholden to their UK friends, and the fundraising burden on the UK team would be lessened.

Ansford's Headteacher Rob Benzie expressed delight at the enthusiasm of his staff Exchange Team, led by Sarah Moon. So far 24 UK students are interested in joining the exchange. Both legs will take place in 2011. The two-week visit to Zambia will be at Easter, and instead of a trip to Livingstone will include a stay at Ndubaluba outdoor activities centre. Part of the funding from MMTA will be used to employ a part-time co-ordinator in UK to support the teaching staff with Exchange organisation.



### REPORTING POTHoles IN THE ROAD

Somerset County Council will be carrying out its regular road inspection by calling upon members of the public to report new potholes.

This can be done online by logging on to [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) or by phoning 0845 345 9155.

---

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

---

- ACF, Castle Cary Platoon – 07894 389891  
Action for Children – 01963 350126  
Alcoholics Anonymous – 01963 359298  
All Saints' & St Andrew's Churches – 01963 351615  
Alzheimer's Society – 01935 473597  
Ansford & Cary Community Bus – 01963 350895  
Ansford & Cary Traidcraft Sales – 01963 351751  
Ansford Parish Council – 01747 841091  
Ansford School – 01963 350895  
Ansford School PTA – 01963 351629  
Ansford Youth Centre – 01935 433008  
ATC 2277 (Cary & District) Squadron – 07717 683404  
Bible Study Group – 01749 860571  
Britannia Club – 01963 351459  
British Heart Foundation – 01963 350022  
British Red Cross – 01963 350830  
Camelot Area U3A – 01963 350626  
Camelot Rounders – 01963 350576  
Camelot Scout Fellowship – 01963 350369  
Care4Cary – 01963 351288  
Cary & Camelot Table Tennis Club – 01963 440172  
Cary Allotments – caryallotments@live.co.uk  
Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) – 01963 350510  
Cary Comedians Carnival Club – 01963 440472  
Cary Conservative Association – 01963 350977  
Cary Guides – 01963 350936  
Cary Reels – 01963 350276  
Cary Runners – 01963 350418  
Cary Wives Group – 01963 351473  
Caryford Community Hall – 01963 359649  
Caryford Fitness & Leisure – 01963 350600  
Caryford Short Mat Bowls – 01963 351560  
CaryLive – 01963 350276  
Carymarsh Nature Reserve – 01963 350418  
Carymoor Environmental Centre – 01963 350143  
Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society – 01963 440472  
Castle Cary & Ansford Women's Institute –  
01963 350921  
Castle Cary Bowls Club – 01963 351908  
Castle Cary Bridge Club – 01963 351689  
Castle Cary Ceramics Group – 01460 54117  
Castle Cary Choir – 01749 830293  
Castle Cary Cricket Club – 01963 350841  
Castle Cary Football Club – 01963 240485  
Castle Cary Gardening Association – 01963 350618  
Castle Cary Majorettes (Cygnetts) – 01963 350603  
Castle Cary Out Of School Club (CCOOSC) –  
07506 406887  
Castle Cary Primary School – 01963 350520  
Castle Cary Railway Club – 01749 860571  
Castle Cary Ramblers – 01963 350686  
Castle Cary Rounders – 01963 350728  
Castle Cary Rugby Club – 01963 370642  
Castle Cary Town Council – 01963 359631  
Castle Cary Town Museum – 01963 351324  
Castle Cary Twinning Association – 01963 350369  
Cavalcade of Motoring – 01963 350182  
Christian Aid – 01963 351751  
Churches Together – 01963 359027  
Ditcheat Moviola – 01749 860542  
Friends of Cary 2000 – 01963 351707  
Friends of Cemetery Chapel Group – 01963 351751  
Guide Dogs for the Blind – 01963 350182  
Judo Club – 01749 890308  
Ju-jitsu and Ninjitsu – 07854 127439  
Liberal Democrats – 01963 350541  
Linx Project & React Bus – 07737 283722  
Living History Group – 01963 350168  
Macmillan Cancer Support – 01963 350398  
Market House Dance Studio – 01963 351503  
Methodist Church – 01963 351598  
Mid-Somerset Flower Club – 01963 351811  
Moat Garden Project – 01963 359418  
Monday Club – 01963 350931  
Mothers' Union – 01963 350621  
National Blood Transfusion – 01963 350279  
North Cadbury Tennis Club – 01963 350832  
Quiz Evenings – 01963 350510  
RoadPeace – 01963 359044  
Royal British Legion – 01963 350461  
St Margaret's Hospice – 0845 345 9671  
Saturday Cinema Club – 01963 351554  
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers – 01963 359411  
Silver Street Writing Group – 01747 840840  
Somerset Association for the Blind – 01460 54995  
South Somerset Community Accessible Transport –  
01963 34594  
Speedwatch – 01963 359631  
Taekwon-Do Club – 01749 830976  
Tiddlywinks – 01963 350341  
Tools for Self Reliance – 01963 350248  
Toybox Playgroup – 01963 351523  
Traditional Market & French Market – 01963 350461  
Use Less Share More Group – 01963 351461  
Women's Friendly Hour – 01963 350510  
Zambia Links (CMCPT) – 01963 351461