Row, row, row your boat . . .

The parish council have now taken delivery of a small rowing boat as the first step to start clearing the river of rubbish still present from the flood and also the substantial vegetation growth that is now impeding the flow of water.

This will enable the river to flow more freely and is all part of flood mitigation plans within West Camel.

There has been much activity going on behind the scenes to enable us to carry out work on the upper part of the river from the bridge at the Old Mill downstream.

We have applied for and secured a grant from the SRA to enable work to begin in clearing silt and vegetation from the river, with work due to start soon.

The river clearance work will be carried out by a small group of volunteers who don't mind getting their feet wet! Be sure to wave if you see them in the river over the next few months.

The boat will need a name so send your suggestions to clerk@westcamel.org.uk

Village Volunteers – a new initiative

Find your community. Lean on your community. Create community.

Pay attention, stepping in where you can, and trusting that when you need your village, it will be there for you, too. That's how community works—not as a transaction, but as a give and take. A web of small acts that, together, create something sturdy and strong.

So, what do you ask for? Well, what do you **need**?

Jo Roberts is looking to set up a group of village volunteers who might have a spare half hour or even a spare few hours to help with things that may need doing in and around the village. This could be anything from helping with playground equipment maintenance, painting the railings at Frog Lane bridge, helping with village ditch/hedge maintenance, keeping our village tidy to letter writing or computer help for village residents to name only a few things.

You do not need to be available all the time but if you would like to help in our village she would love to hear from you.

Drop Jo an email to register your interest in being involved. jotwroberts@gmail.com

Weather Records from Mead Farm

WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD

July 2025
Maximum temperature: 35.1 C (95 F) on the 12th.
Minimum temperature: 6.3 C (43 F) on the 4th
Grass level minimum: 1.6 C (35 F) on the 3rd.
Total rainfall: 41.3 mm (1.63 ins)

AUGUST 2024
Maximum temperature: 34.3 C (93 F) on the 12th.
Minimum temperature: 5.5 C (42 F) on the 22nd.
Grass level minimum: 1.8 C (35 F) on the 22nd.
Total Rainfall: 37 mm (1.46 ins)

Regular Events, Clubs & Societies

West Camel Book Group

It was a timely decision to read Orbital, by Samantha Harvey, this month as the large installation, Gaia, was concurrently exhibited in Sherborne Abbey.

Samantha gave a reading of parts of her novel with a question-and-answer session just a few days before our meeting.

The novel is short and dense and met with some criticism from our members in spite of being the Booker prize-winner last year. The effect of there being no plot and of following the sixteen orbits of the earth made by a space station in twenty-four hours was that the rhythms and monotony of life were effectively conveyed but rather too weightily experienced.

I personally enjoyed the philosophical moments, but others found them ponderous. We all agreed, however that her descriptions were absorbing and vivid. The problem was more that they were repetitious. This will be a work studied by school children in years to come, and the benefit of its shortish length will be welcome. The average score from our members was just above 5.

Our next book will be 'The Silent Patient' by Alex Michaelides on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 at The Walnut Tree.

Future Dates:

Wednesday 12th November	The Gift of Rain, by Tan Twang Eng
Wednesday 3rd December	The Robe by Lloyd C Douglas

Film Night at The Davis Hall

Doors open 7 p.m. for 7.30 start - Tickets £5 on the door (16 and under £3.50) Licenced Bar, Tea and Coffee available

Friday 31st October	**Mr Burton**
Friday 28th November	**The Salt Path**
Friday 19th December	**The Ballad of Wallis Island**

Please spread the information to anyone who is not on the internet, Thank you.

Trailers can be watched on the Davis Hall website - www.davishall.co.uk - click on the icon for the film you are interested in.

West Camel Parish Council News

Now that Autumn is here it is time to start getting on top of those pesky little jobs such as keeping drains clear of leaves, silt and debris to help prevent flooding on our roads around the village.

We can all play a part by keeping any drains outside our own properties free from vegetation, fallen leaves and silt. This helps our lengthsman to get better access to see that drains are clear and able to take water away when they need to, or if indeed, he needs to clear the drains out.

Ditch maintenance is also very important at this time of the year and the parish council are making a start on clearing vegetation and debris from the ditches we are responsible for.

BEFORE

AFTER

The next parish council meeting will be held at the Davis Hall 7.30pm start on 6th November. All welcome.

West Camel Gardening Club

October

Monday 13th October 7.30pm at the Davis Hall.
Mrs Laura Batt to give a talk on Hedgehog Awareness followed by with Q&A's with her husband John.

November

Gardening Club AGM date and time to be confirmed shortly.

West Camel Churches Together

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST CAMEL

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 12th October

11am. ALL-AGE SERVICE

Followed by a Harvest Lunch*

There is no charge, but donations appreciated.

4pm. HARVEST PRAISE SERVICE

You are invited to bring gifts of tinned and packeted food, which will be donated to *The Lord's Larder*, Food Bank, Yeovil. Also fruit and veg.

Collections and all proceeds will be shared between the *Farming Community Network* and *Tearfund* relief agency.

*Please let us know if you would like to stay for the Harvest Lunch by phoning Jenny Clothier on 01935 850281 or emailing Geoff.mead@yahoo.com by 8th October, and please bring your own plates, and cutlery

Sunday November 9th. Remembrance Service

10.55am at the War Memorial, followed by a service in the church.

Details of all regular church services are displayed on various notice boards. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Local contacts:

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Jenny Clothier (01935 850281)
Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)
www.westcamelchurches.org.uk
www.facebook.com/westcamelchurches

Your West Camel Events Diary

Mon pm	Short Mat Bowls @ The Davis Hall
Tue pm	Pilates 17:00
Wed pm	Model Railway Group
Wed Eve	Adult Ballet Class 19:30
Thu am	Coffee Morning & Post Office 09:15
Thu Eve	Scottish Dancing
Sat am	Model Railway Group
8th October	West Camel Book Club
12th October	Harvest Festival at All Saints
13th October	West Camel Garden Club Members evening
31st October	Film Night – Mr Burton
6th November	West Camel Parish Council Meeting
9th November	Remembrance Service 10.55am at the War Memorial
12th November	West Camel Book Club
28th November	Film Night – The Salt Path

Event notifications by email: Register at westcamel.org.uk/communications

Next edition of 'The Chronicle' is scheduled to hit the 'news-stands' in early December 2025. If you have any news item or event you wish to publicise, please provide your draft to 'the editor' by 24th November - OTC.

MENU

WEST CAMEL CAFE

All proceeds go to the hall

DRINKS

Espresso	£ 1.00
Hot Chocolate	£ 1.00
Tea	£ 1.00
Latte	£ 1.50
Americano	£ 1.50
Mocha	£ 1.50
Flat White	£ 1.50
Cappuccino	£ 1.50

FOOD

Cake du jour	£ 1.00	Eggs on toast	£ 3.50
Bacon sandwich	£ 3.50	Poached	
Double egg sandwich	£ 3.50	Scrambled	
Add an egg	£ 1.00	Fried	

COFFEE MORNING

At the Davis Hall from 9:15 every Thursday morning.

Tea and cake, bakery and post office, collect your meds delivered from the Health Centre.

Pop in for a cosy chat and catch up on what's happening locally.

Now with Barista style choice of coffees and full fried breakfast!