



## CPR Awareness Training

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> March WCPC held a free CPR and defibrillator awareness training course with the help of Ashley, a volunteer instructor for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and a former cardiology unit nurse.

With over 35 villagers of all ages in attendance, the event was very informative with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and hear some very interesting statistics.



We have 2 defibrillators within the village one located at The Davis Hall and another in the centre of the village located on the wall of the Walnut Tree pub facing the car park.

In the event of an emergency always ring 999 first, they will then send you to the nearest defibrillator and give you the code to access it, this will also mean help can be despatched if required as the operator will stay on the phone with you.

We will be automatically notified that the defibrillator has been used so that we can then replace the pads as these are one use only. If you could also, please let the clerk know by emailing [clerk@westcamel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westcamel.org.uk) we can arrange to collect the defibrillator from you.



## Village Litter Pick

Another very successful volunteer village litter pick was carried out on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, a HUGE thank you to the 20 residents who gave up their Saturday morning to help. Tyres, cardboard, plastic and around 20 black bin bags of rubbish were collected!



# WEST CAMEL EASTER CHRONICLE APRIL 2026



## Footpath Repairs



Les Stevens our footpath warden and Jeff Stamp our village lengthsman have recently carried out a repair of the gate in the field between Keep Street and Chantry Lane.

Some clever thinking in reversing the gate meant no digging was required and luckily someone came along to try it at just the right time!

There will be further work carried out to stone the gateway along with the one leading off Southmead/South Street in the coming weeks.



## Weather Records from Mead Farm

### January 2026

Maximum temperature: 12.5 C (54 F) on the 12th

Minimum temperature: -7.7 C (18 F) on the 6th

Grass level minimum: -10 C (14 F) on the 6th.

Total rainfall: 177.2 mm (6.98 ins.)

### February 2026

Maximum temperature: 16.2 C (61.1 F) on the 21st

Minimum temperature: -0.4 C (31.3 F) on the 14th

Grass level minimum: -2.8 C (27 F) on the 17th.

Total rainfall: 98.7 mm (3.89 ins.)

**Friday 8th May 7pm**  
**The Davis Hall, West Camel**

‘WEATHER  
LORE’

***Sixty-two years of West Camel weather***

An illustrated talk by Geoff Chapman  
Admission £5 (Children free)  
Refreshments (donations appreciated) : Raffle  
Proceeds for All Saints Church



## Regular Events, Clubs & Societies

### Film Night at The Davis Hall

April film (24<sup>th</sup>) at The Davis Hall, West Camel - The Choral

1916. As war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) – driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together. Directed by: Nicholas Hytner Written by: Alan Bennett Starring: Ralph Fiennes

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.

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](http://www.davishall.co.uk) - click on the icon for the film you are interested in.

### West Camel Book Group

Book Club Review March 2026 - We solve murders by Richard Osman

If you liked the first Richard Osman 'Thursday Murder Club' novel, then you would enjoy this offering. It had a plethora of characters and a readable style that was not too demanding. The storyline – a detective yarn – was a little predictable for some, who guessed the ending fairly early on. But the humour was enlivening and for others this was enough to engage them in a bit of escapism without too much criticism. The handling of grief was very realistic - we could all imagine sitting on a bench having conversations with a lost loved one. Generally, scores ranged from 3 to 9, some wanting a more sophisticated writing style.



Our next meetings at The Walnut Tree at 7.30pm are:

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Stonehenge by Bernard Cornwell

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Sashenko by Simon Sebag Montefiore

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

(The Levant Trilogy) The danger tree by Olivia Manning

Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>

At Risk by Stella Rimington

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## West Camel Garden Club

**Saturday 16th May 10am - 4pm**

West Camel Gardening Club Plant Sale to be held at the West Camel bus stop.

The charity of choice for proceeds will be the RNLI in honour of Sue Agland the Gardening Club Secretary for many years.

Please bring any plant donations from 8.30am on the day and of course come and buy from 10am.

**Sunday 14th June**

West Camel Gardening Club Host a garden event.  
Venues and times to be confirmed nearer the date.



**West Camel Gardening Outing in July**

This is in the process of being organised and full details of our event will be sent out in due course.

Anyone is welcome to join our club all you need is a love of flora and fauna!

Single Membership £7 joint membership £12

Please contact [anngant698@gmail.com](mailto:anngant698@gmail.com)

## Coffee Mornings in West Camel

Everyone welcome, our village café is open 9:15 to 12:00 every Thursday morning at the Davis Hall West Camel.

We serve a range of cakes, breakfasts, coffees and other hot drinks at pre-covid prices!  
(All proceeds to the village hall.)

Collect prescriptions, access the mobile post office or get your goodies from the A303 bakery who bring fresh produce every week and kindly donate bread for all our bacon sandwiches.

Other local traders also bring provisions for you to purchase, and books and jigsaws are available to borrow or swap in the foyer of the hall.

Wifi, heating and a sense of humour all provided FOC

We look forward to seeing you!

Any questions or suggestions feel free to call  
Kate on 07866 465415





## West Camel Parish Council News

### A word from our Flood Warden

The best way of getting information to all villagers is the Chronicle. Either sent out by email or posted through the letter box. This one will start with advice regarding possible floods and monitoring the river level.

I hope by now you are aware of the RiverApp? This enables you to keep an eye on the River Cam levels from the monitor opposite the Walnut Tree Pub. I must admit I expect that most of you who have the river at the bottom of the garden know your flood level already.

When you hear of a storm heading our way, and the Met Office starts to issue Yellow Alerts, then you need to consider your flood defences. If you need help, then contact the flood wardens or the Parish Council.

From experience we know if the river rises to 1.2 meters, then there is a reasonable possibility of Fore Street flooding. We know when it reaches 1.5 meters then that is the time for defences to go up and to start moving your cars to higher ground. The Davis Hall car park will be opened when the river approaches 1.2 - 1.3 meters. You can also take vehicles to Plowage Lane. Don't leave it too late to move your cars!

Don't do what I did, the storm at the end of January this year, I forgot to remove the do not disturb on my phone. When I woke the river was rising and everyone was busy knocking on doors. I was not aware of the alarm going off!

If you have any further queries or require any more information, please do not hesitate to ring me, Jane Lawrence 07342 291432

## Village Volunteers

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

Register your interest to help in your community with Cllr Jo Roberts [jotwroberts@gmail.com](mailto:jotwroberts@gmail.com)

***The next parish council meeting will be held at the Davis Hall with a 7.30pm start on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. All welcome.***

### **FOR SALE – Community Housing**

**Only available for sale to people with a provable connection to West Camel (Broadly current residents, recent residents or people with a family connection) until 31 April 2026**

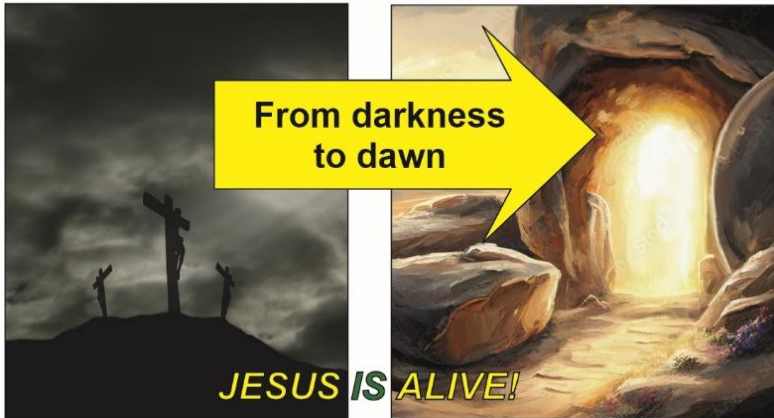
- Plot 1, South Street - Building Plot with Planning Consent
- Building Plot and paddock extending to approximately 1.3 acres
- Full planning approval for a modern 4-bedroom house with internal area of circa 350 m<sup>2</sup>





## West Camel Churches Together

### GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER



**'Death has been swallowed up in victory'**  
*(The Bible, 1 Corinthians 15, verse 54)*

### CELEBRATE WITH US!

#### GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd

10.30am. **United Service** on the Green near the village pond  
(in church if weather is bad).

Followed by Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee.

11.15am **Children's Easter Egg Hunt**  
(in and around the Church)

6pm. **Reflective Service**



#### EASTER DAY, April 5th

9.30am. **Easter Holy Communion Service**

6pm. **Easter Praise Service**  
followed by refreshments



### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**All Saints Church, West Camel**  
**at 7pm on Thursday 9th April**

**All are very welcome.**

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

#### Local contacts:

#### Church contacts:

Revd. Caroline Walker (07765 126355)  
Email: [carolinehwalker@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinehwalker@btinternet.com)

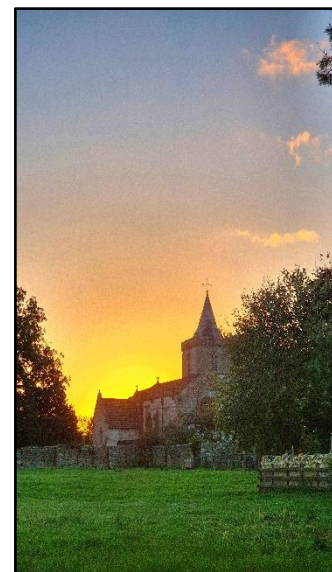
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## Your West Camel Events Diary

<b>Monday</b>	Bridge, Short Mat Bowls, Ballet Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bridge, Pilates
<b>Wednesday</b>	Model Railway Group, Ballet Class
<b>Thursday AM</b>	Coffee Morning & Post Office 09:15 – 11.30am
<b>Thursday PM</b>	Scottish Dancing
<b>Saturday</b>	Model Railway
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	West Camel Book Club, The Walnut Tree
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, All Saints Church
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Film Night – The Choral
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	West Camel Parish Council Meeting
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Classical Music Concert, All Saints Church
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	All you can eat curry night at The Walnut Tree West Camel
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	West Camel Book Club, The Walnut Tree
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	WC Gardening Club Plant Sale at the bus stop
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Film Night - TBA
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Annual Parish Meeting

### Save the Date

*Neopolitan Songs & Arias - A Classical Music concert*

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19.30pm  
All Saints Church West Camel

A concert in three parts - Alex Hutton returns to share a short song recital in his new identity as a Tenor with the wonderful Chadvar at the piano.

Many will remember the concert that they gave soon after Covid when Alex was a Countertenor. Now he returns to share a program of Italian songs with his friend, another Tenor, Tom.

The third part of the concert will be a cello sonata by Beethoven (No.1 Op.5) played by the very gifted cellist Penka.



**Next edition of 'The Chronicle'** is scheduled to hit the 'news-stands' in early June 2026.

If you have any news item or event you wish to publicise, please provide your draft to 'the editor' [clerk@westcamel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westcamel.org.uk) by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - OTC.



## MENU

### WEST CAMEL CAFE

All proceeds go to the hall



### D R I N K S

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



### F O O D

Cake du jour	£ 1.00	Eggs on toast	£ 3.50
Bacon sandwich	£ 3.50	Poached or scrambled	
Sausage sandwich	£ 3.50	Eggs Benedict	£ 6.00
<b>Cooked breakfast</b>			
Any four items	£ 4.50	Bacon	Egg
Add any item	£ 1.00	Sausage	Tomato
		Black Pudding	Mushrooms
		Baked Beans	Toast/Fried Bread

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