

WEST CAMEL CHRONICLE

FILM NIGHT

28 August

The Davis Hall
Doors open 7pm
'Song Sung Blue'

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

03 September

7.30pm at the Davis Hall
All Welcome

DAVIS HALL 25TH ANNIVERSARY

11 October

The Davis Hall
2.30pm-4.30pm
An afternoon tea celebration

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The Annual Flower Show was held on Saturday 1st August at the Davis Hall.

This year, as always, the Gardening Club and many others in our community, put on a lovely display at the Davis Hall for our annual show.

We were a little apprehensive as to what we might expect this year as weather conditions played havoc in our gardens!

This said we were pleased with the effort that was made by everyone who participated, whether they were growing, baking, making, or coming along to support us.

We really appreciated your company and hope you had an enjoyable time.

We are seeking new volunteer committee members so if you have a little time available and would like to join us please let Ann Gant know.



The competition results of the show are as follows:-

The Denise Trask Cup for Vegetables awarded to Clarence Dowding

The Grannies Cup for Flowers awarded to Ann Gant

The Bert Jones Challenge Bowl for Fruit awarded to Peter Hemingway

The Pam Case Trophy for Floral Art awarded to Jane Bennett

The Pauline Carnell Cup for Preserves awarded to Maisie Liley

The Garrett Cup for Childrens Entries awarded to Dillon Warner

The Agland Trophy for Members Only awarded to Carol Mellish



DAVIS HALL - 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, October 11th this year, the Davis Hall will be celebrating it's 25th Anniversary.

The Trustees are organising an afternoon tea between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

We would be delighted to see as many of you there as can make it, but please can you advise either Alison Stevens or Mary Gordon of your attendance for catering purposes.

We would also like to hear from anyone who may have some 'memorabilia' in the way of photographs of events, or other happenings, relating to the hall during the last 25 years.

If you would be happy to loan them for the event we can make a display. There will also be displays from some of our regular hirers, including a layout from the West Camel Railway Club, memorabilia from the Theatre Group, and short dances from the Scottish Dancers and ballet groups.

The points of contact for the above are:-

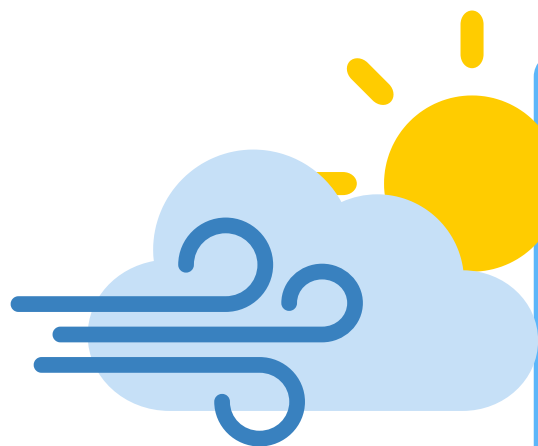
Alison Stevens (alison6ostevens@outlook.com)

or

Mary Gordon (marygordon2901@gmail.com).



WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM



May 2026

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

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

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

Total rainfall: 34.7 mm (1.37 ins.)

*A record maximum for May.

June 2026

Maximum temperature: 37.1 C (98.7 F) on the 25th*

Minimum temperature: 5.5 C (41.9 F) on the 10th

Lowest grass minimum: 3 C (37.4 F) on the 10th.

Total rainfall: 74.4 mm (2.93 ins.)

*The highest temperature in 62 years of records.

CLUBS, SOCIETIES & REGULAR EVENT NEWS

Film Night @ the Davis Hall

Friday 28th August Song Sung Blue

Doors open 7 p.m. for 7.30 start

Tickets £5 on the door

Licenced Bar, Tea and Coffee available



Please spread the news to anyone not online.

The Autumn list of films to be shown at The Davis Hall may be delayed owing to the unexpected death of one of the team who supply our films. We will circulate the list as soon as it is available.

Mary and Rob

WEST CAMEL BOOK GROUP

Most people found Stella Rimington's novel, *At Risk*, an easy read, a real page turner, with an ok plot. A few thought it was a bit dull with too many unnecessary descriptions and found the radicalisation and subsequent turnaround by Jean hard to believe - would a couple of drinks in a pub be enough to undo years of absolute belief? The twist at the end regarding Mansoor was popular.

The author was the first female head of MI5, and many wondered if it would have been as popular if written by someone else. There was clearly a culture of misogyny within MI5 and MI6 during the seventies, when the story was set, but the compelling narrative was a little skewed in the other direction, - all Liz's hunches and insights were right where those of others (notably the men) were misguided, and this stretched credibility.

The final consensus was that it may not be the best thriller / detective novel, but neither was it the worst the group had read.

At our next meeting on August 12th we will be discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins-Reid

West Camel Book Group future meeting dates:

September 9th	Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton
October 14th	Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
November 11th	Killing Floor by Lee Child
December 9th	Murder under the Mistletoe by Rev. Richard Coles
January 13th 2027	The Names by Florence Knapp

West Camel Cafe

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 soon!

MENU

WEST CAMEL CAFE

All proceeds go to the hall



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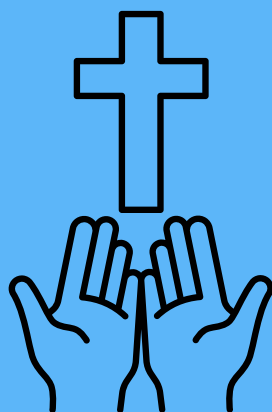
Espresso	£ 1.00
Hot Chocolate	£ 1.00
Tea	£ 1.00
Latte	£ 1.50
Americano	£ 1.50
Mocha	£ 1.50
Flat White	£ 1.50
Cappuccino	£ 1.50



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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
Cooked breakfast		Bacon	Egg
Any four items	£ 4.50	Sausage	Tomato
Add any item	£ 1.00	Black Pudding	Mushrooms
		Baked Beans	Toast/Fried Bread

WEST CAMEL CHURCHES TOGETHER



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WEST CAMEL

HOLIDAY CLUB

For children aged 4 to 12
ALL SAINTS CHURCH
 Tuesday-Thursday 25th-27th August
 Daily 10am-12.30pm
 Wednesday is 'Lego Day'

Lots of fun, including songs, crafts, videos, quizzes, Bible stories and refreshments.

IMPORTANT: Admission is free, but children must be registered no later than Sunday 23rd August. Contact 01935 850838.

Safeguarding: All our Club leaders have been DBS checked

PARISH COUNCIL CHATTER

Tennis Court Upgrade

We have upgraded the tennis court fencing to allow more airflow which will hopefully prevent moss growth over the Winter.

2 new benches were also purchased to replace the broken ones that had been in situ for many years.

Cllr Roberts then spent a morning sweeping all the moss off with a stiff brush - a considerable effort in the heat!



Frog Lane Bench

Jeff then made a new bench out of the 2 old ones removed from the tennis court and the old bench style seat will be removed over the coming weeks.

It looks very smart and I have seen several residents and those visiting West Camel perched on it over the last few months.



Playground Fencing

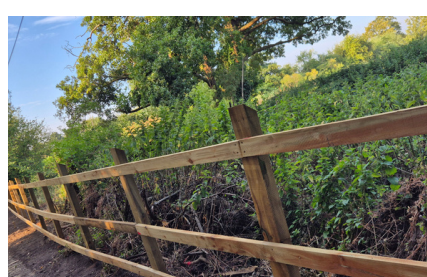
On a hot sunny Sunday volunteer residents Mark, Andy and Jeff plus a little help from a younger resident Dillon removed the old broken chainlink fencing at the playground entrance.

This has now been replaced replaced with a smart new post and rail fence to match what is already there.

Thanks as always to the volunteers who give up their time for free to help with these projects around our village - it would be good to see some new faces!



Chantry Lane



Finally, after nearly 2 years the bank collapse at Chantry Lane has been repaired and the barriers removed and replaced with a nice new fence.

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October 2026

If you have anything you would like added to the next Chronicle please email it by 25th September to clerk@westcamel.org.uk

Village Fete

It seems so long ago now since the revived village fete which was held on 20th June and I hope you would all agree what a roaring success it was. It was trult great to see so many residents and visitors turn out for a beautiful sunny afternoon on the playing field, complete with the fair organ!

It all kicked off with the duck race and what an amazing array of decorated ducks, they were so colourful and some took this element of the race very seriously.

The History and All Saints Church stalls were very well visited with so many interesting artefacts and photos to look at.

There was the ever popular Tombola with some great prizes to be won, splat the rat, plant stall, water or wine and a bouncy castle and the amazing simulator in the car park.

On the food front the hot dogs and burgers flew off the bbq at quite a rate so much so they ran out after 120+ although I think the bbq team were quite pleased at that point as they were very hot.

The pimms bar was also very well supported not to mention the tea & cakes in the hall and the ice cream van.

It was so good to see people turn out and mineet up with friends happy to sit in the sunshine and just enjoy the atmosphere.

This was truly a whole community effort and I think it's fair to say it was a roaring success! It was so lovely to see everyone mixing and enjoying our beautiful village.

This was initially planned as a non-profit, small neighbourly thing that got a bit out of hand (thanks to the merry band of helpers!) and we ended up raising a staggering £1,060!

This money will go to the Parish Council to support initiatives in and around the Playpark and other community schemes.

