



CAM PARISH COUNCIL

December Newsletter

Christmas Light Switch on

The lights around the small car park outside the Parish Council Offices will be switched on to compliment the Christmas Fair being organised by Cam Woodfields PTA on Saturday 27th November.

Cam's trees set to sparkle!

New celebration lights will be permanently installed in seven trees in the centre of Cam in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The trees will sparkle with 2,000 warm white, energy efficient LED lights in each one. They'll be wrapped into the trees in the springtime and then used for community celebrations for years to come, starting with the Queen's anniversary next year.

The majority of the funding for the new lights has been provided by Gloucestershire Council Council's Build Back Better scheme with the remaining balance picked up by Cam Parish Council. The lights will be put into seven of the hawthorn beech trees around the carpark outside Froffy Coffee café.

The lights which currently go into the trees each Christmas are too heavy to be left in place all year round so have to be removed each January ready for putting back up each November. The new lights can be left permanently in place but will have to be adjusted each year to ensure they're not too tight on the branches and harming the trees.

A spokesperson for Cam Parish Council said it was hoped the new lights would be enjoyed by countless people for many years to come.



Christmas Fair

Saturday 27 November

Fun for all the family:
Christmas cards & decorations,
fabric, wooden & ceramic gifts
for everyone - even your dog!
Teddy tombola, games, Candles,
cake decorating for children,
Body Shop, Usborne books,
Hot Chocolate and MORE!

Cam Memorial Hall
2.30 - 5.00pm

Proceeds to Cam Woodfield PTA

Notice of vacancies - Cam needs you!

Following recent resignations, there are now 3 vacant seats on the Parish Council.

Could you help shape what Cam is like now and in the future?
Are there services you think Cam should have?
Are there things you feel should change?

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Jenny Walkley
clerk@camparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01453 548884

Allotments for hire!

There are 5 allotment sites in the Cam Parish - Woodfields, Westend, Upthorpe, Ashmead 1, and Ashmead 2. They've proven to be a haven over the last 18 months with many tenants finding solace as well as benefiting from the produce.

If you would like to join the allotment waiting list, please email the Deputy Clerk, Lucy on admin@camparishcouncil.gov.uk

Photo credit: T Mills



150 meters of new hedgerow to be planted at Woodfields

A native hedgerow is going to be planted at Woodfield Play Area in Hadley Road in place of the crumbling wooden fence which currently goes around the site.

A mixed hedge of hazel, hornbeam, field maple and dog wood will be planted along the 140-metre perimeter of the play area. This hedging is non-poisonous, disease resistant and good for pollination. The old wooden fence, which is rotting at the base of the posts, will be left in place to protect the young hedging plants as they get established.

Funding to buy the hedging plants and compost has been granted by the Tree Council's Community Hedge Fund with Cam Parish Council paying for the planting and maintenance of the hedge. It will be kept to a height of approximately one metre to allow clear sight of the play area.

Cam Parish Council's Recreation and Leisure Committee was aware the old fence needed replacing but recognised the ecological value of hedging so decided to replace it with a hedge. The new hedge is due to be planted by 30 January 2022 and it's hoped that as well as looking good and creating a natural perimeter barrier between the play park and the road it will also be a massive benefit to wildlife.

A spokesman for the Tree Council said they wished the project success and added: "We hope the new hedgerow enjoys a long, healthy life to be cherished by future generations."



FREE dog poo bags available at Jubilee Playing Fields

In response to complaints regarding the amount of dog fouling at the Jubilee Playing Fields, Cam Parish Council has invested in a number of bag dispensers with free bags to encourage responsible dog ownership. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse and you can be fined up to £1,000 if the matter goes to court - THERE ARE NO EXCUSES. The free bags and dispensers which will be located in several key places around the perimeter path make it even easier to clean up after your dog.

The Jubilee Playing Field is the home of Cam Everside Youth football team with training taking place throughout the week and matches on the weekend. The aim is that through this campaign, we can reduce the amount of dog waste left behind and have already installed larger capacity bins. Cam Parish Council implores dog owners to be respectful of the shared space so that all users can make the most of the fields.

DOG POO DOESN'T DISAPPEAR



Take a bag and pick it up

How to contact us

Please see our website - camparishcouncil.gov.uk for regular news updates as well as information from committee meetings. You can also find us on social media through our Facebook page at Cam Parish Council.

Telephone 01453 548884 to leave a message or if your query is urgent, use the mobile number 07842 104438.

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Many thanks

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