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Welcome

to the launch issue of *The Spark Magazine* May/June 2024 Issue 1



This is an exciting project and our aim is to inform our residents of as much information as we can to support the village of Sparkford and to encourage people to get involved locally. It is so important to keep connected and any participation will be very welcome.

There are many events happening in 2024 in and around the village and we would really like to hear from you if you have organised a special event so that we can publish it in the July/August issue – Deadline 14 June 2024.

Summer is a special time and there are several new businesses in the area including an off-grid organic farm! This is a wonderful addition to the village and they offer organic fresh vegetables which can be ordered and delivered.

If you are thinking of a new easy recipe for supper, we have a lovely, tasty chicken dish which can be cooked in just half an hour (or when it has browned)! See Page 24. There is also a Sudoku Competition for you to enter to win a delicious dinner for 2 at The White Post, Rimpton.

We would really like to thank all our advertisers for supporting The Spark Magazine without whom this publication would not have been



possible. Also many thanks to Victoria Osborne (Graphic Designer) who has kindly helped produce this magazine Also to Bishop's Printers Ltd., Portsmouth.

GET IN TOUCH

We would be delighted to receive your feedback and If you would like to contribute or advertise in The Spark, please get in touch with Jackie Bristow at **jbbristowbristow@gmail.com** by the 14th of June 2024 for inclusion in the July/August issue.

T: 01963 361753 – Many thanks!

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What's on

at the Sparkford Village Hall



Mondays 9am-12pm

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Would welcome new members!

Contact: Bob Harris

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Parish Council Meetings:

1st Monday of every month

Monday & Tuesday Evenings (Term time)

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts

Wednesdays

Art 2pm – 4.30pm

Contact: George Lawson

01963 440551

Yoga 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Contact: jayajacks21@gmail.com

Thursdays

Explorers

Somerset Mobile Library

Village Hall Carpark

Thursday 9th May &

Thursday 6th June



Fridays

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Every 2nd Friday of the month

Various days

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Please contact: Gemma Ruegg

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If you would like to book the hall (£4 per Hour) or need further information, please contact **Victoria Rogers, Bookings Secretary** on **01963 440475**



New sign for Sparkford

Unfortunately, the upright stone sign for Sparkford was damaged last year.

However, the Parish Council have confirmed that this sign is going to be replaced by another stone sign manufactured by Hadspen Quarry, Castle Cary, Somerset in the near future!



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SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01598/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the creation of commercial buildings under Use Class B2 and B8. Land South Of High Street Sparkford

22/01331/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of the brownfield site, Dairy House Yard, adjacent to the Haynes Motor Museum to create commercial employment space (Use Classes E (a,b,c,d and g), B2 and B8) to support and enhance the activities of the adjoining Haynes Motor Museum. Land At Dairy House Yard Cary Road Sparkford

22/00991/COL Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of building as a residential dwelling. Sparkford Hall Equestrian Centre Rear Of Sparkford Hall Sparkford Road Sparkford

22/00259/OUT Outline planning application for the development of up to 45 residential units, a 60 bed care home, open space, play space, associated infrastructure (including works to the public highway, swales and a surface water pond), access, parking, servicing and landscaping. All matters reserved except for access. Land Opposite Hazelgrove Lodge High Street Sparkford

22/00243/OUT Outline application for demolition of existing structures and development of three Drive Thru units associated parking, servicing, landscaping and infrastructure. All matters reserved except access. Land Opposite Hazelgrove Lodge High Street Sparkford

21/01615/REM Reserved matters application of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following outline approval 17/04916/OUT for the erection of 4 No. dwellings and construction of vehicular access thereto. Land Adjacent Fletcher Moss Sparkford Hill Lane Sparkford

21/01617/REM Reserved matters application of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following outline approval 18/03536/OUT for the erection of 2 No. dwellings and construction of vehicular access thereto. Land Adjacent Fletcher Moss Sparkford Hill Lane Sparkford

21/00899/FUL Change of use from office use (Use Class E (B1) to residential (Use Class C3), the formation of a driveway off of existing access, landscaping between the industrial car park and new driveway. Erection of a double garage & formation of new boundary fencing between Home Farm and existing industrial buildings. Internal and external alterations to include fenestration alterations on the south-west elevation and re-introduction of the first floor which is currently a double level vaulted ceiling. Woodbine Cottage High Street Sparkford

21/00901/FUL Change of use from office use (Use Class E (B1) to residential (Use Class C3) with associated demolition of existing outbuilding, first-floor extension and single-storey flat roof extension, and part boundary treatments (walls and fences) to allow for the re-arrangement of external amenity areas and manoeuvrability of vehicles and alterations to existing access. Home Farmhouse High Street Sparkford

21/00496/AGN Notification of intent to construct 2 no. ponds. Sparkford Hall Sparkford Road Sparkford

19/02373/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of 6 No. dwellings. Land At Long Hazel Farm High Street Sparkford

19/01123/FUL Erection of seven dwellings and conversion of barn to dwelling. Land Rear Of Sparkford Inn High Street Sparkford

19/01100/LBC Internal and external alterations to barn to convert to dwelling. Sparkford Inn High Street Sparkford

HOW TO COMMENT ON A PLANNING APPLICATION

Search for: www.somerset.gov.uk and scroll down to and click on 'Planning, buildings and land' then scroll down and click on 'View and Comment on a Planning Application'.

Scroll down and click on 'South Somerset' and search for planning applications. Leave status as 'All' and enter reference no. ie. 22/01598/OUT.

Scroll down and click on comments and click on 'make a comment'. Now add your name and address details and all starred boxes and make your comment in the box below.

Then click 'submit' or 'submit and register' if you want to be kept informed on the progress of this planning application.

PUBLIC NOTICES - SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Watch – we are looking to re-instate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Speedwatch – we are looking for volunteers to get involved with Speedwatch in the Parish. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Dog fouling – please help keep our village clean, tidy and safe by clearing up after your dogs.

Warm Hubs – Do you have a few hours to spare each week or month? Would you like to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis? Do you like to meet new people? If you answer yes to all these questions then please contact the Parish Clerk to learn more about how you could help with a Village Café/Warm Hub.

Community events – are you holding an event in Sparkford? Please send the details to the Parish Clerk so that it can be promoted on the parish website and Community Facebook page.

Daisy Woods – please note that in the interests of safety and to protect the habitat Daisy Woods has been closed temporarily to allow the area to recover following recent bad weather.

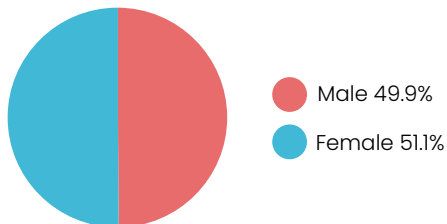
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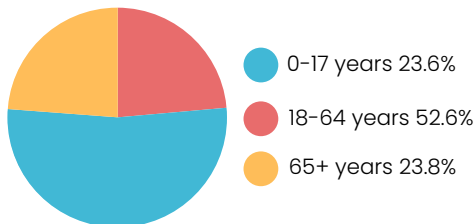
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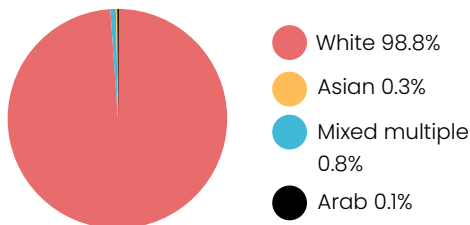
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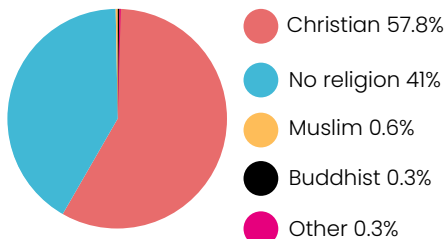
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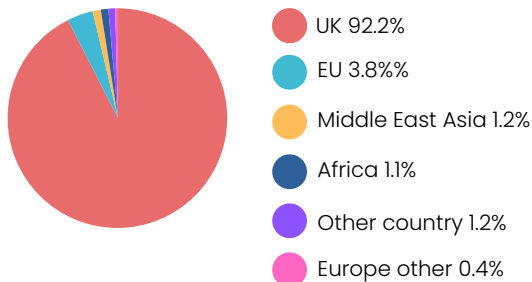
Ethnic group



Religion



Country of birth



729 Population

6.598 km² Area

110.5/km² Population Density

1.7% Annual Population Change
[2011 - 2021]

Sparkford: village and civil parish in
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Local dialing code: 0196

Properties in Sparkford in 2024 – 396 (County Council)

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Cam Vale Tuesday Group

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

John Burgess was our speaker at our April 2024 Meeting. He had been a freelance journalist for BBC Radio for 20 years. The BBC wanted recordings of people who had experiences that the public would want to hear about, so as he had his own recording equipment, he got the job!

Today John is often called upon by individuals wanting to record their lives for the benefit of their children and grandchildren.

Our June meeting will be on **Tuesday, 4th beginning at 10.00am.**

New members and visitors are welcome.

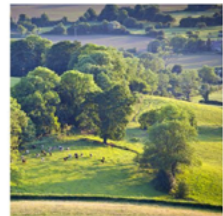
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Off-Grid Organics

Knowing exactly how and where the food we eat and choose to feed to our families is grown, is a rare and valuable thing today. Off-Grid Organics is Sparkford's very own new Organic market garden and Camilla, the ambitious young lady behind it, offers our community this very special opportunity.

Since moving to Sparkford last Spring, Camilla has worked tirelessly to revive this plot of previous pasture into productive growing spaces that are teeming with life.

Already supplying some local favourites such as the Old Parlour farm

shop and café with a weekly helping of fresh, seasonal goodies, this Month see's the launch of her CSA Community Shared Agriculture veg box scheme.

Community Shared Agriculture is a direct exchange between your local farm and you. Each subscription essentially buying a share of the entire season's harvest and this commitment at the start of the year offers much greater support to a small-scale grower.

As the farm's name suggests. Off-Grid Organics is powered entirely by the sun and the soil (and perhaps the odd coffee!) We don't use any



pesticides or fertilizers. We refuse any plastic packaging. Always picked and delivered within 24 hours, direct from the farm to you, we keep our food miles extremely low, so your seasonal veg box can remain virtually carbon free!

To find out more or to join our CSA please visit www.offgridorgancs.co.uk Or to come and get your hands dirty and join in on our community volunteer days please get in touch. You will of course be thanked in Veg!



SOUTH WEST COACHES



MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)							FROM 15TH APRIL 2024		
SERVICE NO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Notes							X	X	X
Yeovil Bus Station	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30	7:30	11:30	15:30
Clarence Street, Tesco	7:33	9:33	11:33	13:33	15:33	17:33	7:33	11:33	15:33
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35	17:35	7:35	11:35	15:35
Yeovil College	7:36	9:36	11:36	13:36	15:36	17:36	7:36	11:36	15:36
Mudford, Half Moon	7:43	9:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43	7:43	11:43	15:43
Marston Magna	7:48	9:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48	7:48	11:48	15:48
Queen Camel	7:52	9:52	11:52	13:52	15:52	17:52	7:52	11:52	15:52
Sparkford Inn	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	17:56	7:56	11:56	15:56
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	7:58	9:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58	7:58	11:58	15:58
Chapel Cross	8:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00	8:00	12:00	16:00
North Cadbury	8:03	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	18:03	8:03	12:03	16:03
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:08	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:08	18:08	8:08	12:08	16:08
Castle Cary, Horse Pond	8:12c	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12	18:12	8:12	12:12	16:12
Ansford, Churchfields	8:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16	8:16	12:16	16:16
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	8:19	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19	8:19	12:19	16:19
Alhampton	8:21	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:21	18:21	8:21	12:21	16:21
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	8:24	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24	8:24	12:24	16:24
Southwood	8:28	10:28	12:28	14:28	16:28	18:28	8:28	12:28	16:28
Evercreech, Village Hall	8:33	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:33	18:33	8:33	12:33	16:33
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	8:37	10:37	12:37	14:37	16:37	18:37	8:37	12:37	16:37
Cannard's Grave	8:40	10:40	12:40	14:40	16:40	18:40	8:40	12:40	16:40
Whitstone Road	8:42	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42	8:42	12:42	16:42
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	8:47	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47	8:47	12:47	16:47
Cannard's Grave Road	-	10:50	12:50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Gdn Centre	-	10:57	12:57	-	-	-	-	-	-

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FROM 15TH APRIL 2024

SERVICE NO	1	1	1	1	1	667/1	1	1	1	1
Notes								X	X	X
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Garden Centre	-	-	11:20	13:20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cannard's Grave Road	-	-	11:27	13:27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	7:30	9:30	11:30	13:30	15:30		17:30	9:30	13:30	17:30
Whitstone Road	7:35	9:35	11:35	13:35	15:35		17:35	9:35	13:35	17:35
Cannard's Grave	7:37	9:37	11:37	13:37	15:37		17:37	9:37	13:37	17:37
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	7:39	9:39	11:39	13:39	15:39		17:39	9:39	13:39	17:39
Evercreech, Village Hall	7:42	9:42	11:42	13:42	15:42		17:42	9:42	13:42	17:42
Southwood	7:47	9:47	11:47	13:47	15:47		17:47	9:47	13:47	17:47
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	7:51	9:51	11:51	13:51	15:51		17:51	9:51	13:51	17:51
Alhampton	7:54	9:54	11:54	13:54	15:54		17:54	9:54	13:54	17:54
Castle Cary, Rail Station	7:56	9:56	11:56	13:56	15:56		17:56	9:56	13:56	17:56
Ansford, Churchfields	7:59	9:59	11:59	13:59	15:59		17:59	9:59	13:59	17:59
Castle Cary Horsepond	8:05c	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:05	17:35c	18:05	10:05	14:05	18:05
Galhampton, The Old Pub	8:10	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:10	17:40	18:10	10:10	14:10	18:10
North Cadbury	8:15	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:15	17:45	18:15	10:15	14:15	18:15
Chapel Cross	8:18	10:18	12:18	14:18	16:18	17:48	18:18	10:18	14:18	18:18
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	8:20	10:20	12:20	14:20	16:20	17:50	18:20	10:20	14:20	18:20
Sparkford Inn	8:22	10:22	12:22	14:22	16:22	17:52	18:22	10:22	14:22	18:22
Queen Camel	8:26	10:26	12:26	14:26	16:26	17:55	18:26	10:26	14:26	18:26
Marston Magna	8:30	10:30	12:30	14:30	16:30	18:00	18:30	10:30	14:30	18:30
Mudford, Half Moon	8:35	10:35	12:35	14:35	16:35	18:05	18:35	10:35	14:35	18:35
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	8:43	10:43	12:43	14:43	16:43	18:13S	18:43S	10:43	14:43	18:43S
Yeovil Borough	8:46	10:46	12:46	14:46	16:46	18:16S	18:46S	10:46	14:46	18:46S
Yeovil Bus Station	8:48	10:48	12:48	14:48	16:48	18:18S	18:48S	10:48	14:48	18:48S

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Flooding: *After the rain cometh... a row with insurers?*



Alex Thoemmes, Concept Claim Solutions (Bristol)

It has been a challenging time for residents of Sparkford, Queen Camel and other areas across Somerset, with spells of heavy rainfall causing severe flooding this year and last. I saw in the local news in April that victims will have to wait until at least Christmas for Somerset Council Section 19 reports which may propose ways to prevent future flooding. It's too long!

Sadly, when flooding strikes, dealing with the initial emergency is just the first of many hurdles you face when trying to return to normality. Obtaining a decent settlement from the insurance may be even more trying than the flood water, whilst dealing with contractors is invariably arduous.

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Sadly, when flooding strikes, dealing with the initial emergency is just the first of many hurdles you face when trying to return to normality.”

management firm which take on the administrative burden of dealing with both the insurers and contractors.

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Unsurprisingly, insurance companies will almost always try to limit their exposure – and often they go too far. Claimants are either too intimidated, or don't know any better, to challenge them. We stand up for a fair payout on your behalf; and if you use our expert builders to perform the repairs (saving you the job of sourcing them yourself), the insurance payout will cover all our costs.

We can get involved at any point during a claim, so please tell me about your situation on **0117 463 3265** or by emailing **bristol@concept-solutions.co.uk** – my advice is free. Ask me also about Build Back Better, a special policy feature which may unlock £10,000 for flood defence measures for your property.





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Lawn Care for an Unusual Spring

With the unpredictable weather, including massively increased rainfall and fewer frosts, most people's lawns are in a bit of a state now that spring has finally arrived. But lawns are incredibly hardy – and with the right attention are most likely to bounce back.

So, what do you need to do?

1. Start by mowing your lawn, being careful not to cut it too short so as not to stress the grass.
2. Next, aerate. After the huge amount of rain we've had, a lot of lawns may be struggling with drainage issues. You can aerate with a tubular aerator, or simply with a garden fork.
3. If you are having issues with undesirable grasses, aeration will help, or you can verticut the lawn with either an electric scarifier or by hand with a pen knife or Hori Hori.
4. Next, scarify your lawn (or simply giving it a good rake). This will remove any thatch and unwanted debris from the base of the grass and will create space for fertiliser and seed to get through.
5. Spread a spring feed fertiliser such as Sherborne Turf's Stripy Green Fertiliser at a rate of 35g per m², and Overseed at a rate of 25g per m². Once applied, allow the rain to water in. If there is no rain, water in by hand.
6. You could then add a layer of top dressing (a mixture of sand and compost) at a depth of 3mm. This helps even out the surface and aids drainage whilst also giving the new seeds an element of protection from birds etc.



7. Then, leave it be. You should start to see new growth within a few weeks, and the new grass will gradually establish over the summer and autumn.

Please contact us on **01935 850388**, or message us online through our website or social media, if you would like any advice on your lawn – we are always happy to help.



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call@sparkfordscouts.org.uk

BEAVERS

(6-8 Years)

Tues. 6pm-/pm

Anne Tuck

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(14-18 Years)

Alternative Thurs.

Kevin Davis

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At 3rd Sparkford Scout Group, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

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By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation guide everything we do.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact **Anne Tuck** on **07538 502812**
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BAPTISMS 2024

03/03/2024 - Annabel Fox at St Andrews, Corton Denham

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16/02/2024 - Barbara Elizabeth Cotter at St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford

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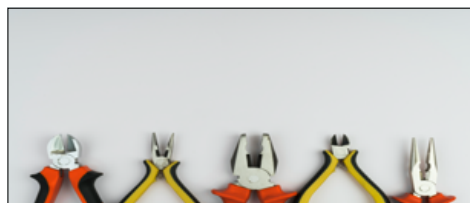
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	West Camel	4.00 pm	Tea @ Four with Methodists
Thursday 9 May	Milborne Port	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Deanery Service
Sunday 12 May	West Camel	9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Weston Bampfylde	10.00 am	Rogation
	Sutton Montis	10.00 am	Rogation
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodists
Sunday 19 May	Queen Camel	9.30 am	CW Holy Communion
	Sparkford	9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion
	West Camel	6.00 pm	Methodists
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With thanks to Suzie Coulsey, Sparkford

Method:

Place thighs in roasting dish (with skin) sprinkle with salt, add sliced red onions, small par-boiled new potatoes.

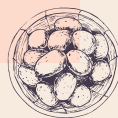
Toss all in olive oil and roast @ 180° for 30 minutes until chicken and potatoes are browned.

Serve with fresh local vegetables and gravy... SO easy but delicious!!

You will need:

4 chicken thighs
1 red onion
8 new potatoes
Olive oil
Salt

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Duck Race

Saturday 22 June

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Project Newsletter
*April 2024***

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Zebra in Sparkford !

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Has anyone else seen this amazing animal recently?

**If so, do you have any information about it? Please email: Jackie
jpbristowbristow@gmail.com**



Race Horses Arrive at The Sparkford Inn

A Race Night was held in the Sparkford Inn's function room in October 2023. Annie Price of Ridgeview Riding, Queen Camel, very kindly brought along two of her magnificent race horses to begin the event which was presented by Funtasia Entertainment, Yeovil. Ridgeview Riding offer fun sessions, hacking, picnic rides and home education sessions.

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Scroll down to 'Download Your Service Guide' tab and scroll to 'Search for your property using your postcode' then type in your postcode.



Sparkford Cricket Club

At Sparkford Cricket Club we look forward to the 2024 season. We are a long-established Club, founded in 1891. We are very much a family-friendly Club with a thriving Junior section with boys and girls of all abilities with u10s and u14s teams playing Mid-Wessex League cricket. Junior Training is on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm – 7pm and u10s play matches on Sunday mornings and u14s play matches on Thursday evenings.

We have more Juniors than we can field teams and as a volunteer-run Club are always looking for help especially with coaching, running teams or just lending a hand. If anybody would like to become a Coach, the Club would fund them on the relevant ECB course to become qualified. Junior cricket has been enormously successful at Sparkford and

we are thrilled that one of our lads, Alfie Ogbourne is now playing professional cricket for Somerset County Cricket Club!

We have one of the most picturesque grounds in Somerset, superbly maintained by our Head Groundsman, Will Reeves. This Summer, we are hosting Yeovil CC to play some of their Senior Saturday League cricket home games at Sparkford.

Over the last few years we have successfully fund raised and this season will instal two lanes of artificial nets which will enhance our practice facilities for training whatever the weather!

Our Ground is available for hire for cricket, rounders etc. For any enquiries, please contact me.

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Just complete this Sudoku Puzzle and email your answers to jpbristowbristow@gmail.com by **Friday, 7th June 2024**, together with your name, address and telephone number. The winner will be announced in the July/August edition of The Spark Magazine

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