

**An entry for your diary** – our annual Open Day will be on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**. It will be a time to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Old School, and what a tumultuous time it has proved to be with Covid and lockdowns after just nine months and a catastrophic flood in May 2023. We hope you will be able to visit and see the restoration we have achieved.

**Camelicious Café** is gradually increasing its menu. It has delayed its opening start to 9.30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, still finishing at 3.30 p.m. The days and times may be extended when more staff is available so if any reader is interested, please contact Caroline Packer, a2a Trust, on 01935 713140.



**Flood Restoration Actions:** we have met with a specialist flood prevention company and are awaiting proposals that will include flood prevention doors rather than barriers. These will be very expensive but we hope will give the protection and the confidence we need. We are also embarking on the restoration of the river bank and its fencing and hope that at least the urgent task of restoring the riverside boundary across the external car park will be started in March.

**The Old School Community Garden:** some 70 indigenous trees/shrubs (whips) were planted on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>, and there are more yet to be planted. These are part of a hedging programme that will also be using willow and hazel. The spring bulbs and wildflower seeds planted a few months ago are now starting to show life. We reiterate that if anyone would like to help in any way please contact Joe Knights at [Joeknights@able2achieve.org.uk](mailto:Joeknights@able2achieve.org.uk) or, in respect of all matters aquatic, Karis Hockey at [karis.hockey@yrct.org.uk](mailto:karis.hockey@yrct.org.uk)

**Silversmith lessons** with Shelly – demand has been so great that she is holding further classes. Enquiries through e-mail: [jouellejewellery@btinternet.com](mailto:jouellejewellery@btinternet.com)

## SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

One room (some 152 sq. ft. with washbasin) in the Victorian Schoolhouse; one room (some 77 sq. ft.) in the 1920s building; and the whole of the Old School Hall.

If any reader wishes to know more about these spaces or the Old School generally, please contact Rebecca, our Administrator, e-mail: [admin@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk](mailto:admin@oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk) or to postal address: Queen Camel Community Land Trust, High Street, Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7NH

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