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Somerton Town Council, May 2017

CONTACT: Town Clerk on 272236 or town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Access and Highways	16th May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	9th May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	2nd & 16th May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website with application details displayed on the

notice board outside the Parish Rooms and on the STC website. All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website: www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk



Somerton Town Council has a vacancy for a Town Councillor. Interested residents should contact

Terry Philpott. Town Clerk for more information.

THE PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 25TH MAY 2017

at 7pm at Edgar Hall. Refreshments: Tea and Biscuits will be supplied.

TOPICS:

Community Awards • Emergency Plan Update Community Plan Update • Youth Organisations in Somerton

- County Council Elections will take place on 4th May 2017.
- Recreation Ground changing rooms are now in place and awaiting sign off of the project.
- Viridor representatives who provided grant funding have visited the site and were very impressed.
- Electric Car Charging Bays: One charging point is fully operational. The other is to be made operational following Western Power introducing 3 phase supply in the Public Toilet block in the near future.
- Planting scheme for the building of reflection at the Cemetery is progressing
- UK Parliament week takes place between 13th and 19th November, interested parties can register for more information.
- New Car Park planting scheme work to commence soon.
- The recommendations from STC for the development known as Wessex Mews is Court House Close.
- Highways weight restrictions around Somerton has been proposed.
- TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: (B3151) Littleton Hill, Compton Dundon and Somerton. This road will be closed from 15th May 2017 and is expected to last for 1 night.
- TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: Northfield. The works are expected to commence on the 15th May 2017 and last for 2 weeks.
- CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW: Following widespread consultation the Town Council have approved the report to be sent to the District Council.

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• Grants have been made to Somerton Recreation Ground towards grounds maintenance costs (£6250), and St Margaret's Hospice for general running costs (£499).

• A review of the new car park operation will take place as part of the Access and Highways meeting on 16th May at Edgar Hall. The meeting will start at approximately 7.30pm following the Planning meeting. Members of the public will be invited to provide feedback in person or in writing to Terry Philpott, Town Clerk at town.clerk@somertontowncouncil. gov.uk

News

SPECIAL AWARD FOR WILLIAMS

We are delighted to inform you that Williams has recently been awarded a Gold award in the Taste of the West Retail Awards 2017. Here is an extract from Taste of the West Hospitality & Retail Awards 2017 judges' feedback:

They almost do not need to hi-light as it is in most sections.

Local is very much a part of Williams!

The range of products from the SW is a high proportion not just a token shelf. It is well presented.

It oozes quality yet with products to match all requirements.

The service was excellent with a friendly, professional, caring team.

Spotless and easy to navigate.

With free parking and easy access, this is a destination retail outlet with something for all tastes and pockets.

A YEAR ABOVE GROUND!

Come along the first Bank Holiday weekend and celebrate a year above ground at Mrs McGregor's Magical Craft Emporium in the Brunel Precinct. From 10am till 2pm on Sat 29 April there will be a papercraft demonstration at the shop showing how to make your own professional looking cards.

On Monday 1st May, the shop will be open 11am to 3pm as part of the Love Somerton treasure hunt where there will be free craft activities to make and take. We would love to see you there!

BIN REMINDER FOR MAY'S BANK HOLIDAYS

Two bank holidays in May mean changes to collections for every home in Somerset.

The Early May Bank Holiday on Monday 1 May means all collections during that week will be one day later, including Friday 5 May pick-ups on Saturday 6 May.

The Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 29 May sees one-day-later pick-ups during that week, including collections for Friday 2 June taking place on Saturday 3 June.

Recycling sites remain on their usual schedules throughout both weeks, including all 16 opening at 8am on Saturdays, Sundays and both Bank Holiday Mondays.

For more information on collections, see www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

SOUTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (FORMERLY LINKS)

SSCT is alive and well, contrary to popular belief!

Although the office in Langport is closed, we can still organise affordable transport for a hospital visit, a trip to the supermarket or just a visit to see Aunt Ethel. Telephone 01935 477399 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) at least 24 hours in advance and we'll try to help. PS Volunteer drivers are always needed. Contact the office for details.

SATURDAYS	Yeovil Parkrun Wessex Market	9am 9.30am–12 noon	Montacute House Unicorn Skittle Alley
SUNDAYS	The Rock Children's Fun Church (term time Life Church) 10.30am–12noon 10.30am	Reading Rooms, Ch.M. Edgar Community Hall
APRIL Sat. 29th	10am–2pm, Papercraft Demo., Craft	Emporium, Brunel Pr	ecinct
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Mon 1 st	11am–3 pm May Fayre Town Square) wa alia at
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Wed 3 rd	Charity Theatre Trip Joseph		
Thurs 4 th	11.30 am Health Walk Som Lib		
	12 noon, National Fire Fighters Mem		
- + -	7 pm for 7.30 pm Arthritis Care It sho		/et. PRs
Sat 6 th	7.30 pm HMS Heron Band St michae		
Sun 7 th Mon 8 th	3pm RNLI Concert: Crispian Steele-P		Huish Episcopi
	11am Somerton Sings for Fun West S 7pm, Somerton Gardeners Discount		
	7.30pm, Lang & Dist Hist Soc Brunel'		arv
Tues 9 th	10 am – 12 noon Citizens' Advice Bu		ary
	2pm, Rummikub, PRs	,	
	6.30 pm, Ladies Tennis Course starts		
	7.30 pm Heart of the Levels Peter Br		
Thurs 11 th	10 am – 3 pm Etatu Made in Somers	et Day at the White H	lart
Es: 1 Oth	10.30 am Friendship Club SSC	itian Dran In Wast St	Church
Fri 12 th	10am–12 noon, Somerton Opportun 7.30 pm Castle Cary Choir Concert, S		
Sat 13 th	10am, Somerton Gardeners Plant Sa		INDERICI
Thurs 18 th	11.15 am Health Walk at Som Lib for		
	11.45 am meet at Langport Lib		
Fri 19 th	3pm, LDRC Cream Tea and Singalong	with Ray	
Sat 20 th	9.30 – 11.30 am, Dean Ruddle's Surgery, White Hart		
	2pm Jumble Sale at Charlton's Community Hall		
	2 – 3 pm, Tennis Open Day, Juniors		
	3 – 4 pm, Adults	irada an tha Uudcan'	/ DBc
Sun 21 st	7.30 pm, Moviola Cinema "Sully – M 7.30 pm Bingo SSC (Over 18s only)		, FNS
Mon 22 nd	11 am Somerton Sings for Fun West	St Ch	
Tues 23 rd	10 am – 12 noon CAB West St Ch		
	10 am, LDRC Coach Trip to Poole		
Wed 24 th	LDRC Hall Flower Planting		
Thurs 25 th	11.30 am Short Health Walk, Somert 7 for 7.30 pm Som Hist Soc Hist of Jo 8.30 pm Quiz SSC (Teams of up to 6)		
Fri 26 th	10am–12 noon, Somerton Opportun	ities Drop-In. West St	. Church
	10.30 am U3A AGM and Musical Ente		
	2pm Stapling and Folding for Viaduct		
Sat 27 th	11 am – 12 noon DC Surgery for Step	hen Page, Full of Bea	ns Café
Tues 30 th	9am – 12 noon Pardoes Legal Clinic F 10 am – 12 noon CAB West St Ch	PRs	

Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors ± 1.50 each.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SAT. 27 MAY

Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery from 11am to 12 noon in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk mailto:stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739 137.

What's on in Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS	Age UK Movement to Music	11am–12noon	Parish Rooms
	Bridge Club (Chicago)	2–5pm	West St. Church Hall
	Slimming World	5.30pm and 7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall
	Rainbows	4.30pm–5.30pm	St. Cleers Chapel
	Brownies	5.30pm–7pm	St. Cleers Chapel
	Girl Guides	7pm	St. Cleers Chapel
TUESDAYS	Slimming World	9.30am	Edgar Community Hall
	Tai Chi (Beginners)	9.30–10.30am	Parish Rooms
	Citizens' Advice	10am–12 noon	West Street Church
	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Laburnum Drive
	Fitness League Exercise Class	11.30am–12.30pm	Parish Rooms
	Rainbows	5.15–6.15pm	Keinton Vilage Hall
	Brownies	6.15–7.45pm	Keinton Vilage Hall
	Lin e Dancing (Beginners)	6.30–7.30pm	King Ina Junior Academy
	Scouts	7–9pm	Scout Hut
	Mid Wessex Singers (Autumn & Spring)	7.30pm	West Street Church
	Lin e Dancing (Improvers)	7.30–9pm	King Ina Junior Academy
WEDNESDAYS	Line Dancing (Intermediate)	10am–12noon	Edgar Community Hall
	Life Drawing	10am–12noon	Pinney Room
	Yarlington Lunch (pre-order)	12.30pm	Laburnum Drive
	Knitting afternoon	2pm	Laburnum Drive
	Foodbank	2.30–4.30pm	The Angel, Langport
	Beavers	5–6.15pm	Scout Hut
	Cubs	6.30–8pm	Scout Hut
THURSDAYS	Weight Watchers	9–10.30am	Parish Rooms
	Rainbow Rascals	9am–11.30am	West Street. Ch Hall
	Tai Chi (Advanced)	9.30–10.30	Parish Rooms
	Line Dancing (Improvers)	11am–12noon	Parish Rooms
	Fun Bingo	2pm	Laburnum Drive
	Junior Youth Club	6–7.30pm	Wessex Rooms
	Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge)	7–10pm	West Street Church Hall
	ArchiesXtra (11–18 years)	7.30–9pm	Recreation Ground
	Scottish Country Dancing	7.30–9.30pm (term t	ime) West St. Church Hall
FRIDAYS	St. Cleers Toddlers Flexercise ReZound Youth St. Cleers Youth	9.30–11.30am (term 10.45am 7.30–9pm (in term ti 7.30–9pm	, Laburnum Drive

Vote for STEPHEN PAGE on Thursday 4th May 2017 Somerset County Council for Somerton and the surrounding villages



Stephen Page's top six policies

• Economic Management - The Conservatives are continuing with their slash and burn approach to vital public services. They have indicated they will cut another £18 million from vital services. Liberal Democrats will invest in services and use Council assets to generate income and help the economic recovery in Somerset.

• Education & Culture - we need to promote and improve education, training and skills for everyone in Somerset. We need to protect and invest in our libraries and museums. We need to build an university hub for Somerset to provide the higher education and skills needed for the 21st century.

• Children's Services – we need to invest in the recruitment, retention and training of a permanent team of social workers and dramatically improve this key service for the most at risk young people in Somerset. Under the Conservatives this vital service has been rated by Ofsted as being inadequate since 2013.

 Adult Social Care – Somerset has an aging population. We need to find better ways to deliver care to some of our most vulnerable residents. We need to invest in critical home care services and Day Centres.

 \cdot Transport - the Conservatives have failed to invest in highways and transport. Our country roads have suffered years of neglect and under funding. We need to invest in our local bus service and develop the railway network with new stations and access points

 \cdot Environment – Somerset should lead the way in being a green county. We need to invest in green energy, transport, recycling, homes and flood protection.

Vote Liberal Democrat on May 4th

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SOMERTON U3A

There is a mistaken impression that Somerton U3A is 'a lot of old women' who do very intellectual things! Not so! Firstly it is an organisation for both men and women and Somerton U3A is educational, informative, sociable and above all, fun. Obviously given the demographics of Somerton and the fact that the U3A is for retired and semi-retired people there will be a lot of silver haired members. However, the home page of the national organisation states that the movement "is a unique and exciting organisation which provides, through its U3As, life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities." This is so true in Somerton – we have around 500 members and over 50 interest groups ranging from Art to Walking. Every month we have a social coffee morning with speakers who have covered subjects as diverse as a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the history of West Coker Rope Works taking in the Great Crane Project and Japan in Winter on the way! If you would like to sample what we have to offer, come along to the Edgar Hall at 10am on the fourth Friday of each month – you will be made very welcome. Alternatively you can look at our website – just put Somerton U3A into your search engine – you may be surprised! If you would rather speak to someone, the membership secretary can be contacted on 01458 272803.

SOMERTON WEATHER REPORT AS RECORDED BY A LOCAL RESIDENT

Rainfall for month 66.5 mm – just over 2 ½ inches. We had some rain on 19/31 days.

NEW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH PAGE

If any youngster or family wish to enter a poem, article, photo, puzzle for this page, please send it in good time for the June issue.

SOMERTON OPPORTUNITIES

Somerton Opportunities will be open at West Street Church for a drop-in session on Friday, 12th May, the first of a series on second and fourth Fridays each month. From 10 until 12 there will be various social activities including table games, crafts, coffee, free internet access and help if you need to get online to check something. It's an opportunity to meet your friends, or make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere. We are happy to welcome any-one with disabilities and their carers, there is level access and a disabled toilet.

If you have a skill you are prepared to share, or would like to help the group grow and flourish, we need additional volunteers. For more information, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

LOCAL INFORMATION OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Local Information Office reopened on Wednesday, 1st March, 2017. Would you like to join the volunteers who do a very important service for tourists and local people?

We have twenty five volunteers who do a three hour shift at a time convenient to them. You do not have to commit to a weekly or monthly slot you choose the amount of time you can give to the Local Information Office.

If this kind of volunteering is what you are looking for please contact Anne Yates, telephone 01458 274865 or email anne.yates@btinternet.com for further infomation.

SOMERTON FIRE STATION COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

To commemorate Somerton Fire Station's 120 Years of service, a volunteer group including Mo Fletcher, George and Pat Turner, Phil Flowers, Brian Tiffin, Nancy Schooling, Anthony Best of the Printery and Somerton Fire Fighters past and present are writing a book which will use the station archive and memories of Service personnel and their families.

The book will be A4 size and come in hardback (± 20) and soft back (± 15) versions. It is hoped to release the book in July when The Somerton Music and Arts Festival is on.

Trust Heart of the Levels Group. Cost: £3.00/members £2.50.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14-20 MAY: EVERYONE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE

The focus of Christian Aid Week this year is Refugees; can you imagine having to run for your life and leave everything behind you? As usual this year a lovely team of volunteers will be walking round with big red envelopes. Please give what you can. And please, **only give to someone carrying a red Christian Aid bag and wearing a certificate of authority and Christian Aid volunteer badge**. Sadly, last year an unauthorised person collected some envelopes. Thank you. *Rowena Wallace, Churches Together in Somerton*

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION: MON. 15 MAY

ACEarts, Town Hall, Market Place, from 10–11am. All welcome to share in this interactive 60mins session that will increase your awareness of dementia and its implications for daily living. This is an early event towards forming a Somerton Dementia Action Alliance that seeks to make the town dementia friendly.

DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SAT. 20 MAY

In the White Hart from 9.30 until 11.30. If you would like to make an appointment with Dean to discuss any problems or concerns please contact Anne Yates@btinternet.com or telephone 01458 274865.

JUMBLE SALE: SAT. 20 MAY

2pm, Charlton's Community Hall. Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books, shoes, bags, raffle and refreshments. 50p entrance.

All items donated will be most gratefully received at the Hall on Friday 19 May from 6-7pm or on Saturday morning from 10-11am.

It should be possible to collect any items donated in Somerton – call Zoe on 07884 411870. All proceeds for Friends of Charlton Mackrell School.

SOMERTON MOVIOLA: SAT. 20 MAY

7.30pm, Parish Rms. Friends of the Parish Rooms presents 'Sully: Miracle on the Hudson' (December 2016) starring Tom Hanks and directed by Clint Eastwood. The story of Chesley Sullenberger, the American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River, saving the passengers and crew. Run time 96 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

NEW HEALTH WALK: THURS. 25 MAY

Starting on the fourth Thursday of each month we are holding a short health walk mainly on the flat for anyone but especially suitable for those recovering from illness or surgery.

Starting at 11.30am from the Somerton Sports Club, the walk will last for approx. 30–40 minutes, returning to the SSC where tea/coffee at a low cost will be available..

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURS. 25 MAY

Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7pm for coffee. This will be followed at 7.30 pm with a talk given by one of our members, Graham Deane, entitled 'The History of Joint Replacement'.

Members come for free but guests are always welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SOMERTON U3A: FRI. 26 MAY

This will be the AGM, after which there will be some entertainment by Laurie Phillips on various musical instruments. Please come if you can as without a quorum we cannot hold the AGM. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar

the organisers, who aim to introduce exciting new makers each year to represent the continuing growth of talent within the county.

This year, 'Made in Somerset' has teamed up with ACEarts, whose gallery is opposite The White Hart. ACEarts provides a platform for local and national artists alongside a programme of inspiring exhibitions, creative events and workshops. The gallery exhibits over 100 artists alongside their current exhibition 'Where Sea meets Land" by local artist, Terri Hogan. The White Hart is generously hosting the event again and will provide tea and coffee all day, along with lunch from 12.00pm.

THE CHARITY:

Etatu literally translated from Swahili, means 'Three E's', in this case 'Education, Enterprise, Empowerment'. Founded by Jacquie Lindgren, who grew up in Kenya and now lives in Street, the charity aims to build a resourceful community through education.

Etatu is focusing on supporting girls into secondary education. This leads to more optimistic futures, away from teenage pregnancy, early marriage and abusive relationships. Education enhances their life opportunities and potential for achievement, increases their prospects for employment and encourages self sufficiency.

For more information on 'Made in Somerset', please contact Jacquie Lindgren on 07775 997227 or jacquie@etatu.org.uk.

For more information on ACEarts Gallery, please contact Nina on 01458 273008. **Contact Details:** Organisers: Jacquie Lindgren – jacquie@etatu.org.uk 07775 997227 Frances Bayliss – info@tea-green.co.uk

Virginia Banks - virginiabanks@woodlanehouse.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THUR. 11 MAY

Come along and join us at Somerton Sports Club on the second Thursday of each month.

 11^{th} May is our first Anniversary – candle and cake! We meet at 10.30 am – tea 20p, coffee 30p, free draw ticket and biscuits.

We are a friendly bunch and look forward to welcoming you.

Mo Fletcher 01458 274631.

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WALK TO COMPTON DUNDON RESERVE: THURS. 11 MAY

A 2 mile cross-country footpath walk from the centre of Compton Dundon to the top of Compton Beacon SWT reserve. Meet at 19.00 and finish about 21.00. Start and finish from the Castlebrook Inn car park Compton Dundon TA11 6PR . Cost: £3.00/members £2.50.

Contact details Roger Dickey, Somerset Wildlife Trust Heart of the Levels Group, 01458 273753, roger@dickey4444.freeserve.co.uk .

SOMERTON OPPORTUNITIES' COMMUNITY DROP-IN: FRI. 12 & 26 MAY

Drop in at West Street Church anytime, 10 to 12. Meet friends and make new ones, share a skill or hobby or just have a coffee and chat. Free internet access and help getting online.

CASTLE CARY CHOIR: FRI. 12 MAY

You are warmly invited to a concert to be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bonfire Lane, Charlton Mackrell TA11 6BN at 7.30pm **Tickets £8.00**, available from Charlton Adam Shop or by ringing 01458 223785 or 01458 223227 or at the door. There will be a bar and soft drinks will be available.

WALK THROUGH BABCARY MEADOWS: SAT. MAY 13

Meet at the Red Lion Babcary car park at 11.00 am to walk through the flower rich Babcary Meadows. We plan to be back at the Red Lion for lunch.

Please book via william@hurcottmurrays.co.uk Mob: 07919 817 510, Somerset Wildlife

Profits will go to The Fire Fighters' Charity. For a Sponsorship/Advert form please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or <u>fletcher080@btinternet.com</u>

WELFARE ADVICE

There are still a number of people not receiving the Welfare Advice they are entiled to and subsequently are missing out on various benefits. The South Somerset District Council Welfare Advice Team can provide valuable advice and assistance. So, if you are unsure and want further advice then please call 01935 462462. Somerset Citizen's Advice, Age UK and Yarlington Housing Group can also provide advice to local residents on a range of financial and welfare issues.

BATH-KNIGHT BATHING AID FOR SALE

(donation to Bev Squires and Co charity Great Wall of China walk)

Fully functioning bathing aid. Sold complete with all electric parts. 4 years old according to Bath Lift Ltd. They are happy to fit it but will charge. We inherited this when we moved but we don't need it. We will dismantle prior to sale. Contact Anita Redman 272925.

SOMERSINGERS

Somer Singers, local a cappella group are looking for a singer to join them in the alto part of the group. Please contact us for more information by emailing on <u>info@somersingers.</u> <u>org.uk</u> or calling on 07849 335 961.

NEW SERVICE AT BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE#

As part of Symphony Healthcare Services, Buttercross Surgery has been one of the first GP practices in South Somerset to offer the services of musculoskeletal practitioners (MSK) to support existing GPs.

Musculoskeletal practitioners are physiotherapists who have additional experience and training in the management of a variety of soft tissue, joint and nerve related problems. They also work closely with orthopaedic consultants. These links are hugely beneficial in ensuring best practice.

The service offered at Buttercross is an assessment service to advise on the management of musculoskeletal conditions, without needing to see, or be referred by your GP first. If appropriate, the practitioners can organise further actions such as X-rays, scans, injections and courses of rehabilitation through referral to local physiotherapy departments.

If you feel you have a musculoskeletal problem, please discuss this with the Buttercross reception staff when booking your appointment and where possible they will book you in to see someone from the MSK team. Don't forget, you will be able to see them as a first contact without needing to book an initial appointment with your GP.

For more information on this service, or any questions about the other healthcare services at Buttercross, please can you call 01458 272473.

SOMERTON'S GREEN GARDENERS

Green Gardeners start their summer programme in May with a series of monthly visits. Please see our website, <u>www.greengardeners.org.uk</u> for further details of trips and contact numbers.

SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Sally Snaddon, Division Commissioner and Mo Fletcher, Honorary Division President have announced that both units are running on Mondays at St Cleers Chapel:

Rainbows 4.30 – 5.30 pm; Brownies 5.30 – 7.00 pm; Guides as usual 7.00 – 8.30 pm. They hope that some mums will join them as helpers on a regular basis. Come and join the fun! Contact Sally on 01458 250879 or Mo on 01458 274631 for more details.

WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Thursday evenings 6.00-7.30 pm in the Wessex Rooms. The youth club is open to all children from 7 years upwards in Somerton and the surrounding area. First night is free, £1 after that. There are many activities the children can get involved in or they can just come and socialise and meet new friends.

For more information phone Clive or Sara on 01458 273655.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE (CHRIS/CHRISSIE) PLOWMAN

Steph, Phil and Josh would like to thank everyone who were able to attend Chris's funeral and for the cards and flowers. The sum of £279.27 has been donated to Cancer Research and £279.26 to the RSPCA (East Somerset branch) and the family would like to thank every-one for their kindness and generosity in giving to such worthy causes.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL ART SHOW

Do you enjoy painting or drawing? Perhaps you are a sculptor? Do you make your own cards? Would you like to show off your needlework? Or maybe you're a photographer? If so, we would like you to exhibit in our Art and Photography Exhibition as part of Somerton Music and Arts Festival 2017.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more by contacting Jade Farmer on 07807 484 083 or e-mailing x.jdx@hotmail.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

SOMERSET GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN

WHAT'S UP NEXT AND WHAT'S COMING UP!

Collaborations, our next event in the shop in Wells. Showcasing some of the work that evolves when makers work together – often occurring after a "what if ..." comment in passing, that turns into much thought and discussion – eventually (after the long hours of designing, tooling and finishing) materialising into unique pieces that "sing" once captured on display.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

Twelve popular trips in the first three months of this year have kept us pretty busy, but we have plenty more on offer.

We are now taking bookings for four very different new productions. English National Ballet are performing the Nureyev production of Prokofiev's ballet **Romeo & Juliet**. We are going on the evening of 23rd November.

Take That – The Band. a new musical follow-on from the TV programme *Let It Shine* starring the winners, has already nearly sold out in April 2018. We have been allocated a few tickets for Thursday 26th April. The **Dreamboats and Petticoats** musical features the greatest hit songs of the Rock'n'Roll era – pure nostalgia, for some of us anyway. We hope to go on Tuesday 25th July evening. Finally **Shrek the Musical** returns in August **2018** – we plan to go to the matinee on Thursday 16th August.

Last chance in May to be certain of a seat for Alexandra Burke in **Sister Act** on Thurs. 10 August and the Welsh National opera production of **Die Fledermaus** on Sat. 18th November.

Although some trips seem a long way ahead to book, you will get the best seats by booking early, and you can cancel without charge until the payment date, which is shown in the table if printed here, or on line at <u>www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk</u>

Book on the website, or e-mail <u>coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com</u>, or phone 01458 273085.

Full Listing. Where two prices are shown these are for Band A and Band B tickets.

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN SOMERTON

The new season started at Somerton Tennis Club (Gassons Lane) on Saturday 1st April. If you or any family members are keen to get involved in some tennis in a friendly, social environment &/or in competitive league matches, please visit our website <u>www.somertontennisclub.co.uk</u> or contact Wendy Driver on 01458 270131.

COACHING FOR ADULTS: STARTING TUES. 9 MAY

We are running a coaching course for ladies of any age and any standard, including beginners, called 'In It Together'; this will be part of the 'This Girl Can' national campaign. The course of six sessions will be on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm, starting on Tuesday 9th May. The cost for the course will be £3 per session. If you're interested, please contact Neil Driver at <u>neilrdriver@gmail.com</u> or on 01458 270131.

Another coaching course for both men & women will be run in the coming months, so if you're interested in tennis coaching please contact Neil.

COACHING FOR JUNIORS

The new term of junior coaching began on Tuesday 18th April. Children new to the Club can come along to their first group coaching session for free to see if it's for them. The sessions are with our coach in charge of juniors, Luke Andrews, and take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm. Please contact Luke at Latennis@hotmail.com or on 07437 404 242.

There will be a <u>FREE 'Tennis for Kids' course</u> – 6 sessions over 6 weeks – which starts on Tuesday 6th June 4pm-4.45pm. Please contact Luke or look online at <u>www.clubspark.lta.</u> <u>org.uk/tennisforkids</u> for the exciting details.

TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY FOR ADULTS AND KIDS: SAT. 20 MAY

We will be holding an OPEN DAY as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, starting at 2pm. There'll be a junior session from 2–3pm and an adult session from 3–4pm, followed by free play and the chance to find out about more opportunities at the Club between 4pm and 4.30. If you're interested please contact Bridget Hodsman on 01458 272986 or just turn up on the day!

PUBLIC HIRE OF THE COURTS is also available (£6 per court per hour) via Wendy Driver on 01458 270131 or 07788 451 098.

RUMMIKUB: TUES. 9 MAY

2.00pm. Friends of the Parish Rooms present Rummikub. £3 on the door to include tea and Pam's cookies. More info: 272408.

HEART OF THE LEVELS GROUP: TUES. 9 MAY

7.30 pm, Parish Rooms. Peter Bright about Glow Worms. Tea/coffee. Members £2.50/non-members £3.

MADE IN SOMERSET: THURS. 11 MAY

10am – 3pm at The White Hart Inn, Somerton TA11 7LX.

ARTISAN SHOPPING EVENT

Contemporary Crafts and Gifts, Local Food and Produce, joined by ACEarts Gallery. In support of Etatu, a charity which aims to build a resourceful community in Kenya, through the power of education.

In its third year, 'Made in Somerset' brings together some of the best designer makers and artisan producers in Somerset. Over twenty stalls, including great gift ideas, jewellery, textiles, stationery, delicious food and much more. All participants are hand-selected by

HEALTH WALKS: THURS. 4 AND 18 MAY

They are organised by Macmillan, the Ramblers Assoc and SSDC.

Thursday 4th: 11.30 am leaving from Somerton Library. We walk for about an hour and then if wished go to White Hart for refreshments.

On Thursday May 18th we will walk from Langport Library leaving there at 11.45 am. Either make your own way there or meet at Somerton Library at 11.15 am to get a lift there. We walk and talk and enjoy each others company. Please wear shoes/clothing for whatever the weather throws at us.

NATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY: THURS. 4 MAY

At 12 noon, at every Fire Station, there will be a Memorial Parade. Somerton residents are invited to come and support the parade.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURS. 4 MAY

Michael Malaghan: It Shouldn't Happen To A Writer. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

COMPTON DUNDON CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR COACHING: FROM 5 MAY

This year the junior cricket sessions will be on **Friday** evenings, from 6–7pm at the ground in Hayes Road, Compton Dundon TA11 6PR. May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16, 30, July 7. Each session costs £1 per person, payable on the night. Under 8s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Nets are on Friday evenings for juniors and adults, from 7pm.

Contact Greg Jones: greg@mor-cott.co.uk; 07976 539907.

HMS HERON CONCERT: SAT. 6 MAY

Somerton Music and Arts Festival invites you to come and see the amazing HMS Heron's Volunteer Band in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale from Palmer Snell at £8.00 or online via <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk</u> if you want to know more about the Band check them out at www.hmsheronband.co.uk

CONCERT IN AID OF RNLI: SUN. 7 MAY

The Somerton & Langport Area Branch RNLI are hosting a concert by the world famous trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins accompanied by the equally distinguished pianist Leslie Pearson, playing a medley of classical & contemporary music from Handel to Bernstein together with his highly acclaimed demonstration of the techniques used to perform the famous trumpet tunes of the 17th & 18th centuries.

St. Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi, TA10 9QR at 3pm. Tickets £18 from Christine Champness on 01458 251282. Good parking. Teas.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sundays 7th and 21st May 7.30 pm at the Club. (Over 18s only). Quiz Thurs 25th May 8.30 pm at the Club. (Teams of up to 6).

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MON. 8 AND 22 MAY

Come along and enjoy the vocal harmony as well as making friends. We meet at the West Street Church at 11 am.

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LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MON. 8 MAY

7.30 pm, Langport library. A talk by Philip Unwin on Brunel's ships. Visitors welcome.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB MON. 8 AND 13 MAY

May 8th Discount Evening - Brimsmore G.C. (members only) 7pm. May 13th PLANT SALE - Buttercross, The Square, Somerton 10am. We would be grateful if any contributions could come by 9.30am Thank you.

Date	Show	Cost	Pay By
Thu 15 Jun	Curious Incident	£37/£41	15 Apr
Wed 21 Jun	Thoroughly Modern Millie	£40/£48	21 Apr
Thu 29 Jun	Coppélia	£33/£43	24 Apr
Tue 25 Jul	Dreamcoats & Petticoats	£34/£41	25 May
Thu 10 Aug	Sister Act	£45/£53	10 May
Sat 30 Sep Morning	Theatre Tour	£10	25 Jul
Sat 30 Sep Matinee	My Fair Lady	£34/£39	25 Jul
Wed 11 Oct	Crazy For You	£43/£49	11 Jul
Thu 19 Oct Mat	War Horse	£54	19 Aug
Tue 7 Nov Eve	War Horse	£54	7 Sep
Sat 18 Nov	Die Fledermaus	£39/£45	11 Sep
Thu 23 Nov	Romeo & Juliet	£42/£49	31 Jul
Sun 7 Jan Mat	Aladdin	Ad £38/Ch £30	4 Sep
Thu 15 Feb Mat	Wicked	£57/£67	20 Nov
Tue 20 Feb Eve	Wicked	£57/£64	20 Nov
Wed 11 Apr 2018	Тоѕса	£39/£45	18 Nov
Sat 14 Aor 2018	Forza del Destino	£39/£45	18 Nov
Thu 26 Apr 2018	The Band	t.b.c.	t.b.c.
Thu 16 Aug 2018	Shrek the Musical	t.b.c.	t.b.c.

Forthcoming Events

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

Problems, questions? CA volunteers are available to help every Tuesday morning from 10am–12 noon in West Street Church_

A YEAR ABOVE GROUND! SAT. 29 APRIL AND MON. 1 MAY

10am–2pm, Sat 29 April, papercraft demonstration, Mrs McGregor's Magical Craft Emporium, Brunel Precinct. 11am–3pm, Mon. 1 May, free craft activities to make and take.

MAY FAYRE: MON. 1 MAY: LOVE SOMERTON 1ST ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

CATEGORIES FOR JUDGING			
Artwork based on Somerton	4–7yrs	8–11yrs	11+
Colouring competition	0–4yrs		
(Sheets available from King Ina School offic	ce)		
A lego model (max size 18x18inches)	4+		
Miniature English garden in a seed tray	4–7yrs	8–11yrs	
Handcrafted article			11+
Jam jar flower arrangement		4–11yrs	11+
Make a Victoria sandwich cake (open to al	I)		
Cakes will be sold off after the event.			

PHOTOGRAPHY – CATEGORIES

Black and white (open to all)



An unusual tree in Somerton (open to all) Best photobomb

Please print out and mount for display.

£1 entry per category

Items must be handed into the Parish Rooms between 8 and 9 on the morning of the show, 1st May. They will be judged and then on show in the Parish Rooms for the day. Please ensure you collect your entries at 3pm, otherwise we will dispose of them.

Have fun being creative! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Mary on: 07884 310950. Organisers: LOVE SOMERTON. info@lovesomerton.co.uk Laura Patten/Ka-tryn Bennett/Jo Gale/Mary Hossack/Christina Fulcher)

SCARECROW COMPETITION ENTRY

Your scarecrow can be made from any material but must be based on 'Somerton' so there are lots of ideas to choose from.

Entries must not be any wider than 1m nor taller than 2m. It needs to be mounted on a pole and preferably able to stand on its own.

For Entry Form, contact Mary Hossack on 07884 310950.

Anyone can enter from primary school age to secondary school age, adults, organisations and companies. Use the opportunity to publicise yourselves and your activities!

Your scarecrow must be displayed in your garden, in full public view on Saturday 29th April. The scarecrows will be on public display in your gardens until they are judged by the Somerton Fayre committee on Sunday 30th April. The winning entries will be taken to St. Michael's Church for display.

Your entry fee of £2 must be handed in at the show in the Parish Rooms on Monday May $1^{st.}$ The results will be announced at their prize giving at the show.

Prizes given will depend upon the number of entries.

Please give the following information and place it in the box outside Cobbs Wholefoods before Friday 28th April: Title of Scarecrow. Contact phone number. Contact e-mail address. Address.

PARDOES SOLICITORS LLP: TUES. 2, 16 AND 30 MAY

Need advice about wills, probate, powers of attorney, tax planning or trusts?

Come to one of our legal clinics in the Pinney Room at the Parish Rooms between 9am and 12 noon on Tuesday 2^{nd} , 16^{th} and 30^{th} May for a free chat with one of our solicitors.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Laburnum Drive Committee welcome you to our events. We have good times to share! For your diaries:

Tues. 2nd May. 10am. Bacon Butties & a cuppa, £1. Plus Di's Clothes Shop. Huge selection for everyone, real value.

No breakfasts in May. (Chef on hols.!)

Fri. 19th. 3.0pm. Cream Tea, Music & Singalong with Ray. £3.50.

Tues. 23rd. Coach to Poole. Depart 10am from Hall. Fare £10.

Wed. 24th. Planting hall flowers. Tea and cakes for helpers.

More info. Tel. 272620. (June Coach trip is on 20th. and it's a Mystery one.)

W.I.: TUES. 2 MAY

A.G.M. & Julia Bearne. Marie Curie - Musgrove Companions. 7.15pm, Parish Rooms.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIP: WED. 3 MAY

Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours. Evening performance.