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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Land & Properties	4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	11 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> April	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](http://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.**

- Somerton Community plan is coming together and praise goes to the coordinators Councillors Colyer, Hurley and Gale and volunteer Mo Fletcher.
- Thanks given to the volunteers of The Great British Spring Clean over the two day period (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 17). It was a great success with a total of 29 black bags of rubbish being collected.
- A grant has been given to support the Somerton Christmas Fayre
- A new lease has been granted for the Somerton Scout Hut on a peppercorn rent
- The Cemetery Shed renovation is due to be completed within the next coming weeks to create a shelter and place of reflection for those with loved ones in our Cemetery.
- Eirian Williams Memorial Tree was planted on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 17 at the Recreation Ground
- Somerton is one of the cleanest towns under North Area, we can be very proud of our town.
- Love Somerton: A proactive group to develop community events for the Community of Somerton has been formed.
- There will be a 3.28% increase to the District Council Tax for 2017/18
- Proposal to upgrade and dual the A303. This is currently out for consultation.
- Chaps Hollow: Weight restriction through signage and narrowing to encourage Lorries to take the "B" towards Keepers Cottage, to exit and enter Somerton via Behind Berry.

- Behind Berry High Way improvement scheme has been approved and will be completed during the summer including resurfacing works.
- Link Transport Service: Request has been put forward to study Somerton residents usage and attraction of local volunteers.

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## News

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### LOCAL INFORMATION OFFICE

Reopened on Wednesday, 1st March, 2017. Would you like to join the volunteers who do a very important service to tourists and local people?

We have twenty five volunteers who do a three hour shift 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm 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 on 01458 274865 or email [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com) for further information.

### 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. Volunteer drivers are always needed. Contact the office for details.

### 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, Graeme 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 hard and soft back versions. It is hoped to release the book in July when the Somerton Music and Arts Festival is on. Profits will go to The Fire Fighters' Charity.

We ask you to help fund the publishing costs by any of the following:

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2. Placing a quarter page advert for £25
3. Placing a half page advert for £40
4. Placing a full page Advert for £70
5. Giving a donation which will be recognised on a page at the back.

For a sponsorship/advert form please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com).

### WELFARE ADVICE

There are still people not receiving the welfare advice they are entitled to and consequently 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.

## **SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES**

Sally Snaddon, Division Commissioner and Mo Fletcher, Honorary Division President re-opened both units in January on Mondays:-

Rainbows 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Brownies 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Guides as usual 7.00 - 8.30 pm.

This started on Monday 16th January at St Cleers Chapel. 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 RESOLUTIONS C.I.C.**

The local council are offering to help you spread the cost of a new boiler! South Somerset District Council are offering help to homeowners who are in need of replacing their broken boiler. They are working in partnership with local not-for-profit company Wessex Resolutions C.I.C. who are delivering fixed rate loans for home improvements on their behalf.

The average lifespan of a boiler is 10-15 years and the Energy Saving Trust estimates that if you replace an old G-rated boiler with a modern A-rated boiler with a full set of heating controls, you could save around £340 a year on your gas bill.

Loan funds are recycled for the benefit of the community. Each time a repayment is made the money goes back into the original lending pot and is then available to help more people in need. Spreading the cost of a replacement boiler can be a real benefit to people who can't afford the unexpected cost upfront, but need to have a working boiler right away. For more information please call Wessex Resolutions on 01823 461099. Read more at [www.wrcic.org.uk](http://www.wrcic.org.uk)

## **NEW OIL SCHEME! SAVING SOMERSET ££S**

Somerset Community Oil Scheme is a heating oil bulk buying scheme which covers the whole of the county. Bulk purchasing will make significant savings as collectively ordering reduces the cost. The scheme is open to individuals, community groups and businesses.

### **Who manages the scheme?**

CCS has entered into a partnership agreement with Affinity, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Ltd, the largest agricultural purchasing co-operative in the UK.

### **What happens if you are an existing member?**

Nothing changes to your membership - it has been transferred to Affinity and is valid until your regular renewal date. You will receive a letter from Affinity with all the details on: how to order via the new scheme; the 2017 list of oil ordering deadlines; about setting up payment arrangements; whether you would like to pay into a new prepayment scheme to help spread the cost of your oil. The next order deadline is 10th March 2017. Contact: [somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk](mailto:somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk)

## **HEDGES AND PLANTS**

It is coming to that time of year when hedges and other plants are starting to grow (hopefully). Can I remind you that hedges adjacent to pavements and roadways should be kept trimmed to avoid obstruction. Martyn Smith, Access & Highways, Somerton Town Council

## EASTER WASTE COLLECTIONS

Every household in Somerset will have Easter waste day changes, with pick-ups due on Good Friday 14 April taking place on Saturday 15 April.

No collections on Easter Monday 17 April mean all that week's kerbside services are one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 22 April. All recycling sites remain on their usual schedules, with nine sites open on Good Friday 14 April, and all 16 on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

## NEW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH PAGE

If any youngster or family wish to enter a poem, article, photo, puzzle for this page please send it by April 12th for May issue.

## CAN YOU GROW THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER?

Get involved with Overt Locke's fun competition this year and you could win a £20.00 gift voucher to spend in store. Why not make it a fun family project? Sow sunflower seeds in March or early April and with careful tending, it's possible to grow an amazing sunflower over 9ft! The sunflowers can be grown either in your garden at home, at a friend or relative's house, on an allotment or even as part of a project at school. Simply post or email us a photo of your sunflower showing its true height before the end of August along with an entry form available in store. The winner will be announced and notified in September. To help, spend over £10.00 in store before 13th April and we will give you a pack of sunflower seeds absolutely free!

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## COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

The election for County Councillor to represent Somerton and Northstone ward will take place on Thursday May 4th. The deadline for registering to vote is midnight on Thursday 13th April, so if you are not registered, now is the time to do it. You can register on-line at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or by phoning South Somerset District Council on 01935 462 462

## 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 - 01458 273655

## AN OAK TREE FOR EIRIAN

Somerton Rugby Club, together with the family have planted an Oak tree next to the Rugby pitch in memory of Eirian Williams. This took place on Saturday morning 4th March on Somerton Recreation Ground. Everyone took part in planting the tree, led by his wife Tracey and the family and completed by members of the rugby team. Goff Rumbles spoke a few words in honour of Eirian who was such a special man to all present. With thanks to all who helped make this possible for the family and his club. Judith Hurley.

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## **BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE IS OFFERING A NEW SERVICE.**

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.

## **DON'T BE DRAWN IN BY COUNCIL TAX SCAMMERS**

Residents are being warned to be wary of Council Tax scams that may be prevalent in the next few weeks as bills start to be delivered to households.

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The offer to reduce your Council Tax banding, reduce your monthly payments or claim money back for a small fee may sound enticing, but it's more than likely that you have been contacted by a scammer who is only interested in getting money or your bank details out of you.

One scam currently in operation that has been highlighted to South Somerset District Council asks for you to confirm your bank details in an email to receive a refund for your previous years Council Tax bill. The email even gives a telephone number to call which is a direct line to the Council Tax Team at Oldham Council, making it appear even more genuine.

There are key things to check when you receive communication about Council Tax. The following might help you to identify whether you are being scammed:

When writing to you, South Somerset District Council will address the letter directly to you rather than to 'the occupier' or 'sir/madam';

We will never ask for your bank account details on the phone or via email, to refund overpaid council tax.

Many scams involve asking for a fee to see if your Council Tax banding can be lowered. This is a service that can be done for free. Council Tax bands are set by the Valuation Office Agency and can only be changed under certain conditions. Details can be found at [www.gov.uk/council-tax-appeals](http://www.gov.uk/council-tax-appeals).

If you are unsure of who you are talking to and instinct tells you something is not quite right, hang up, call 01935 462462 and check with a customer advisor whether the name of the person who called you really does exist.

If you have given over personal details, we would advise you to call the Police straight away on 101 and report the matter as an identity theft scam. The Police will also direct you to the Action Fraud helpline on 0300 123 2040.

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## Reports

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### **A BIG THANK YOU**

To all the volunteers who turned up the weekend of the 4 and 5 of March for The Great British Spring Clean. A total of 29 sacks of rubbish were collected from around the Town along with numerous items of builders waste, garden waste, metal and furniture.

Let's hope next year for our annual clean up the weather will be kinder. But the cold wet weather did not deter the small group of volunteers this year. Fiona Richardson STC

### **MAKERNOON: CREATE AND CONNECT**

Come along, join in and create with other people that enjoy making. Bring along something you are working on, share skills and swap tips over a cuppa. Friendly and informal, drop in group of like-minded people meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. 2-5pm £2.50pp meeting in the exhibition space at ACEarts, Market Place, Somerton, tables and chairs provided. Open to all ages and abilities. 5 April; 6 May; 7 June; 5 July; 2 Aug; 6 September; 4 October; 1 Nov; 6 Dec.

Suggested things to bring: stitching, drawing, sketchbook work, knitting, crochet, appliqué, paper cutting, collage, card making etc. For more information [aceartssomerset@icloud.com](mailto:aceartssomerset@icloud.com) 01458 273008

### **SOMERTON SCOUTS**

Please may I issue an apology regarding the scout request for gas cylinders in respect of me putting in the wrong contact number I put 01458173687 and it should be 01458 273687. Much appreciated, Barrie Knowles.

## **DOG FAECES**

This is on the increase again around the pavements in the town and also in the residential areas. Please consider the public health danger - bag it and bin it!

## **LANGPORT & DISTRICT RED CROSS GROUP**

Is appealing for collectors in the surrounding towns and villages during the 2017 Red Cross Week, Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross service running in this area. Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).

## **SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL**

Invites you to celebrate Spring by seeing HMS Heron's Volunteer Band on May 6th in St Michael's Church. Tickets are on sale from Palmer Snell at £8.00 or online via [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) as from the 24th of March, if you want to know more about the Band check them out at [www.hmsheronband.co.uk](http://www.hmsheronband.co.uk).

Don't forget the festival starts on the 7th of July through to the 16th with lots planned. Follow us on twitter, face book or visit the website for more details, if you want to support the festival by sponsoring an event then please contact the committee via the website or call us on who 07928508700 and one of us will be happy to tell you more about this. Alex

## **TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN SOMERTON....FOR FREE!**

The new season starts 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, please visit our website [www.somertontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.somertontennisclub.co.uk) or contact Lina Thomas on 01458 898507.

### **COACHING COURSES FOR ADULTS**

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 £18. If you're interested, please contact Neil Driver at [neilrdriver@gmail.com](mailto:neilrdriver@gmail.com) 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 COURSES FOR JUNIORS**

The new term of junior coaching begins 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](mailto:Latennis@hotmail.com) or on his mobile 07437 404242. There will be a FREE 'Tennis for Kids' course - six sessions over six weeks - which starts on Tuesday 6th June 4pm-4.45pm. Please contact Luke or look online at [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids) for the exciting details.

### **MORE FREE TENNIS FOR BOTH ADULTS AND KIDS!**

We will be holding an open day as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend on Saturday 20th May starting at 2pm. There'll be a junior session 2-3pm and an adult session 3-4pm, followed by free play & the chance to find out about more opportunities at the Club

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between 4pm & 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 07788451098.

### CONCERT IN AID OF RNLI

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 and 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 and 18th centuries. St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi. TA10 9QR. Sunday May 7th at 3pm. Tickets £18 from Christine Champness 01458 251282.

### CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

Our latest reservations are for My Fair Lady, performed by the superb Bristol Light Opera Company in September and the pantomime Aladdin in January. Both trips are planned to be weekend matinees, but for My Fair Lady we will probably set off early and spend the morning in Bristol, with a choice of a two hour tour of the theatre, shopping, or sight-seeing. We also hope to be at three Welsh National Opera performances: Strauss's Die Fledermaus, in October; Puccini's Tosca and Verdi's La Forza del Destino in April 2018. If new to opera Tosca would be a great way to experience one - wonderful music and a riveting story.

Last chance in April to be certain of a seat for the five-star play The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, for Strictly's Joanne Clifton in Thoroughly Modern Millie, and for Birmingham Royal Ballet and Orchestra in Coppélia.

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 [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk). Book on the website, or e-mail [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com), or phone 01458 273085.

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

Thu 20 Apr Blood Brothers £34/£40 On booking  
Wed 3 May Joseph £32/£38 on booking  
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  
Thu 10 Aug Sister Act £45/£53 10 May  
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 12 May  
Tue 7 Nov Eve War Horse £54 12 May  
Sat 18 Nov Die Fledermaus t.b.c.  
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 Tosca t.b.c.  
Sat 14 Apr 2018 Forza del Destino t.b.c.

## THE BIG TIDY-UP



Alongside Fiona, Somerton Town Councillor and Organiser of the 'The Big Tidy Up', Dean joined the valiant team of volunteers earlier this month in filling 29 bags of litter & rubbish and clearing four fly-tips over a full two day weekend. Well done to all concerned!

## FROM SOMERTON TO WESTMINSTER



a joined-up Conservative team effort with shared values, a clear sense of purpose, and direct line of communication between Somerton (SCC Councillor Dean Ruddle on the right) and Westminster (Member of Parliament for Somerton & Frome, David Warburton).

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## YOUR VOTE MATTERS - DON'T LOSE IT



If you are not on the Electoral Roll you have to register by Thursday 13 April. The easiest and quickest way is for you to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

With our increasingly busy lives more of us are signing up to vote by post - 1 in 5 of us in the Somerton Division now choose to use our Postal Vote. It is a safe, easy, and secure way of ensuring your vote always counts and that your voice is always heard.

In the Somerton Division there are 7,448 (50% in Somerton itself) of us registered to vote of which 1,440 (approx. 1 in 5) of us have elected for a postal vote. If you want to add your name to this register then the deadline is Tuesday 18 April 2017.

Your Postal Vote will arrive on your doorstep on or about Friday 21 April to be returned to SSDC's Brympton Way Offices by close of the poll on Thursday 4 May but can also be handed in to your Polling Station on the same day.

If you are lucky enough to be sunning yourself on the Riviera you have until Tuesday 25 April to apply for a Proxy Vote, i.e. someone else voting at the Polling Station on your behalf. If your appointed proxy wishes to vote by post then they have until Tuesday 18th April to apply.

## **YOUR LOCAL CHOICE**

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## **VOTE DEAN RUDDLE**

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**ON**

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## **CARING FOR CARERS AT KELWAYS INN**

Following the bid to make Langport a dementia friendly town, Kelways Inn is one of the first businesses to have their staff trained by the Alzheimer's Society to be aware and supportive of people suffering from dementia. They are also, over the next few months making their building, "dementia friendly" and this will include new signage, special menus and crockery. On the 1st Tuesday of every month including April, Kelways Inn is offering a free meal to every carer who brings someone suffering from dementia for lunch. Justin, co-owner said " Having had members of my family succumb to dementia and looking after my mother for five years I know that carers are rarely thanked so I would like to show my appreciation and support the local community". Booking is essential on 01458 252144. For more information about our menus, visit our web site [www.kelwaysinn.co.uk](http://www.kelwaysinn.co.uk)

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## **Forthcoming Events**

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### **TENNIS SEASON STARTS: SATURDAY 1 APRIL**

See Tennis club notice in Report Section.

### **SOMERSET TAKE ART CONCERT: SATURDAY 1 APRIL**

8pm, Martin Harley and Sam Lewis at the Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon  
Contact Alan Riley for details on 10458 447223.

### **LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 3 APRIL**

7.30pm. A talk by Lesley Sutcliffe on the The Life and Times of Dr Jonathon Toogood, founder of Bridgwater Hospital. To be held in Langport library, visitors welcome.

### **SOMERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

Is proposing to put on the play "Goodnight Mister Tom" during September and auditions will be held on Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th April, in the Parish Rooms.  
Children 8 - 12 inclusive from 6.30pm and children 13+ and adults from 7.30pm. If you need any information, please contact Monica on 272023 after 6pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 3 APRIL**

7.30pm, Wessex Rooms, Broad St, Somerton. A member of Castle Gardens G.C. will be talking about 'Companion Planting'. The monthly competition item is a foliage pot plant. Membership is growing, so much so that extra programme cards have been printed. Thank you to all for your support - it is greatly appreciated! Contributions for our Buttercross Plant Sale (13th May) would be gratefully accepted e.g. herbs, bedding plants, small shrubs etc. even pots or string - anything that has sale potential. Please label/price what you give, particularly the plants!

### **LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE**

We have a great programme of coach trips, tea and supper parties, entertainment, guest speakers, and lots more. Do join us. All info at our Community Hall or tel 272620.



# Stephen Page

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You can rely on Stephen to fight suspected cuts to mental health services from the Conservatives.

Stephen already represents Somerton and Compton Dundon on South Somerset District Council. He would love to hear your thoughts and comments about the current state of the Conservative County Council.

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At our monthly 'bacon butties' Tues 4th April 10am, the Red Cross are giving a special Talk and demo. Will be most helpful to us all and all welcome. Our monthly breakfast will be on 10th. (Not the usual third Monday). 9.30am.

12th April coach to Wells market/ or Bishops Palace, then onto Cheddar's little shops.

Fare £10. Depart 10am.

Special Easter Bingo Thurs 13th. All welcome. 2-4pm.

Easter Bonnet competition, and cream tea, Tues 18th 3.30pm

May 2nd Di's clothes shop. Good quality/selection and prices 10am.

### **WI: TUESDAY 4 APRIL**

Rachael Harding, Rhinestones & Sequins 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

### **ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 6 APRIL**

Dawn Lawrence, Two Steps Behind, The World's Endangered Species. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

### **WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS**

Wessex House Volunteers' Coffee Mornings are held every Thursday morning commencing at 10.15am. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you. They will be holding their Easter Raffle on Thursday 13th April from 10.15am. It will be good to see as many that can make it and hopefully help us eat the hot-cross buns!

### **CITIZEN'S ADVICE**

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

### **PARDOES SOLICITORS LLP**

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 4th and 18th April for a free chat with one of our solicitors.

### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 6/20 APRIL**

They are organised by Macmillan, the Ramblers Assoc and SSDC. Thursday 6th and 20th April at 11.30 am leaving from Somerton Library. We walk for about an hour and then if wished go to the White Hart for refreshments. We walk and talk and enjoy each other's company. Please wear shoes/clothing for whatever the weather throws at us.

### **NEW HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 27 APRIL**

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. It will be for approx. 30 - 40 minutes starting from and returning to the Somerton Sports Club where tea/coffee at a low cost will be available on our return. The first one will be on Thursday 27th April meeting at the SSC at 11.30 am.

### **EASTER BINGO NIGHT: FRIDAY 7 APRIL**

Wessex Rooms, Broad Street, Friday 7th April. Doors open 7.00 pm. Eyes down 7.30 pm. Raffle, tombola and refreshments. All proceeds go the Wessex Junior Youth Club.



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## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo Sun 9th and 23rd April 7.30 pm (over 18s)

Quiz Thursday 27th April 8.30 pm (Teams of up to 6)

DJ Charity Disco Sat 29th 8.30 pm - midnight tickets £5 on door.

## **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 10/24 APRIL**

Come along and enjoy the vocal harmony as well as making friends. We meet at the West Street Church 11 am on Mon 10th and 24th of April.

## **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 11 APRIL**

2.00 pm 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: TUESDAY 11 APRIL**

PRs 7.30 pm with tea/coffee. Members £2.50/non-members £3 . A Tale of Two Otters, Dr Rob Williams will present an illustrated talk on otters, focussing on the Giant Otters of the Peruvian Amazon and the European Otter that lives in Somerset, documenting the ecology, relationship with man and how this is related to their historical and current population status and future conservation.

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 13 APRIL**

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

## **THEATRE TRIPS: THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

Evening performance Blood Brothers

## **FRIENDS OF THE PARISH ROOMS: SATURDAY 22 APRIL**

7.30pm Somerton Moviola presents "A Street Cat named Bob" (November 2016) starring Luke Treadaway and Bob the Cat! Based on the international best-seller, this true feel good story tells how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, has his life transformed when he meets a stray ginger cat. Run time 103 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

## **GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 24 APRIL**

The Green Gardeners will welcome Musgrave Willow who will give us a demonstration of willow weaving followed by a hands-on workshop. The meeting will be at 7.30 in the parish rooms, refreshments will be available, and visitors (£2) are very welcome.

## **ARTHRITIS CARE COFFEE MORNING: WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL**

10 - 11.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Come and join us for coffee and find out a little more about Arthritis Care and what it has to offer as a local group and a national organisation.

## **QUIZ: WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL**

Somerton Sports Club Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30 pm SSC

## **SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 27 APRIL**

We meet at SSC at 11.30 am on Thurs 27th April for a short walk and return to Club for tea/coffee after. Contact Annie Morley at Buttercross Health Centre for more info.

## **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY - THURSDAY 27 APRIL**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.00 pm for coffee followed at 7.30 pm with a talk given by Derek Gore from Exeter University entitled 'The Vikings in the South West'. Members come for free but guests are always welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

## **THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 28 APRIL**

Meeting on Friday 28 April will be a talk by David Moore on Mpongwe, the Zambian village supported by members of the congregation at St Cleers chapel who have, over the years, spent time in Mpongwe renovating the hospital, school etc. and setting up methods whereby the many orphans (parents having died from AIDS) can receive an education, which in Zambia is not free.

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10 am 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: SATURDAY 29 APRIL**

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 29th April from 11.00 to 12.30 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 739137

## **CC DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 29 APRIL**

Dean Ruddle will hold his monthly surgery on Saturday 29th April in the Brunel Shopping Centre from 8.30 until 11am. If you would like to meet Dean to discuss any concerns or issues please contact him on 01458 274865 or email [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com)

## **ROCK-N-ROLL DISCO CHARITY NIGHT: SATURDAY 29 APRIL**

Somerton Sports Club 8.30 pm - midnight on Saturday 29th April. Rock N' Roll DJ - Mr Jukebox, £5 on the door.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAY

- 10.30am -11.30am Age UK Movement to Music, Parish Rooms
- 2.00pm - 5.00pm Bridge Club (Chicago) West Street Church
- 5.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall
- 4.30pm - 5.30pm Rainbows, St Cleers Chapel
- 5.30pm - 7.00pm Brownies, St Cleers Chapel
- 7.00pm Girl Guides, St Cleers Chapel
- 7.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall

### TUESDAY

- 9.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
- 9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
- 10.00am - 12.00noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
- 11.30am - 12.30am Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
- 10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
- 5.15pm - 6.15pm Rainbows, Keinton Village Hall (term time)
- 6.15pm - 7.45pm Brownies, Keinton Village Hall (term time)
- 6.30pm - 7.30pm Line Dancing (Beginners), Junior School
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
- 7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Line Dancing (Improvers), Junior School

### WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am - 12noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room
- 10.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Intermediate), Edgar Hall
- 12.30pm Yarlinton lunch (pre-order), Laburnum Drive
- 2.00pm Knitting afternoon, Laburnum Drive
- 2.30pm -4.00pm Foodbank at the Angel, Langport
- 5.00pm - 6.15pm Beavers, Scout Hut
- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut

### THURSDAY

- 9.00am - 11.00am Weightwatchers, Parish Rooms
- 9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)
- 9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms
- 11.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms
- 2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Youth Club, Wessex Rooms
- 7.00pm - 10.00pm Bridge Club (Duplicate), New Room, West Street Church
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Archies Xtra (11-18 years), Recreation Ground
- 7.30pm - 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing, West Street Church (term time)

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### FRIDAY

9.30am - 11.30am St Cleers Toddlers, St Cleers Chapel  
10.45am Flexercise, Laburnum Drive  
7.00pm - 8.30pm Rezound Youth, Edgar Hall  
7.30pm - 9.00pm St Cleers Youth, St Cleers Chapel

### SATURDAY

9.00am Yeovil Parkrun, Montacute House  
9.30am - 12noon Wessex Market, Unicorn Skittle Alley

### SUNDAY

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

### APRIL

Sat 1st Somerset Take Art Concert Meadway Hall 8pm

Mon 3rd Lang & Dist Hist Soc Dr Jon Toogood founder of Bridgwater Hospital 7.30pm  
Lang Lib

Som Gardeners Soc "Companion Planting" 7.30 pm Wessex Rms

Som Drama Soc Auditions for Goodnight Mr Tom 6.30 pm 8 - 12 year olds; 7.30 pm  
13+ and adults

Tue 4th WI Sequins 7.15pm PRs

CAB 10.30am West St Church

Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon PR

Lab Dr Bacon Butties at 10am

Thu 6th Health Walk 11.30am Som Lib

Wessex House Volunteers Coffee Morning 10.15am

Arthritis Care Endangered Species 7.30 pm PRs

Som Drama Soc Auditions for Goodnight Mr Tom 6.30 pm 8 - 12 year olds; 7.30 pm  
13+ and adults

Fri 7th Easter Bingo for Wessex Youth Club Funds at Wessex Rms 7 for 7.30 pm

Sun 9th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm SSC

Mon 10th Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Church

Lab Dr Breakfasts 9.30 am (Need to book).

Tue 11th Heart of the Levels A Tale of 2 Otters 7.30 pm PRs

CAB 10.30 am West St Church

Rummikub 2 pm PRs

Wed 12th Lab Dr Coach Trip to Wells and Cheddar departs 10 am

Thu 13th Friendship Club 10.30 am SSC

Wessex House Volunteers Coffee Morning and Easter Raffle 10.15 am

Lab Dr Special Easter Bingo 2pm all welcome.

Tue 18th CAB 10.30 am West St Church

Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon PR

Lab Dr Special Easter Bonnet Competition 3.30 pm

Thu 20th Health Walk 11.30 am Som Lib

Wessex H. Vol Coffee Morning 10.15 am

Theatre Trip pm Blood Brothers

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Sat 22nd Moviola Cinema "A Street Cat named Bob" 7.30 pm PRs  
Sun 23rd Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm SSC  
Mon 24th Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Church  
Green Gardeners Willow Weaving 7.30 pm PRs  
Wed 26th Arthritis Care Coffee Morning 10 - 11.30 am PRs  
Thu 27th Short Health Walk 11.30 am SSC  
Wessex H. Vol. Coffee Morning 10.15 am  
Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30 pm SSC  
Som Hist Soc "Vikings in SW" 7 for 7.30 pm PRs  
Fri 28th Viaduct Stapling and Folding 2 pm PRs  
U3A Talk on Mpongwe EH 10.30 am  
Sat 29th DC Surgery 11am - 12.30 pm Full of Beans café  
Rock and Roll DJ Disco for Charity 8.30 pm - midnight SSC  
CC Dean Ruddle's Surgery Brunel Shopping Centre 8.30 am - 11 am  
Tue May 2nd Lab Dr Di's Clothes Shop 10 am

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