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## Somerton Town Council - July 2016

#### CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Land & Properties	2 August	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council			
Planning (if required)	16 August	7.30pm	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

- STC have supported a request from Allotment Association with a grant of £100 for the annual awards.
- The first Somerton Town Council Annual report will be published at the beginning of August.
- Memorial stone for Mrs Cooper, whose generous bequest enabled the works to be completed at the Buttercross, will be installed shortly
- Thanks to all the volunteers involved with Viaduct and the recently published Somerton News

#### LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Councillors passed a resolution supporting the application for Quality Level in the Local Council Awards. The Council achieved foundation level in March and are one of only two councils in Somerset to achieve this award

The Quality Award demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

To meet the criteria the council confirmed that the following are in place:

- 1. Draft minutes of all council and committee meetings within four weeks of the last meeting
- 2. A Health and Safety policy
- 3. Its policy on equality
- 4. Councillor profiles
- 5. A community engagement policy involving two-way communication between council and community
- 6. A grant awarding policy
- 7. Evidence showing how electors contribute to the Annual Parish or Town Meeting
- 8. An action plan and related budget responding to community engagement and setting out a timetable for action and review
- 9. Evidence of community engagement, council activities and the promotion of democratic processes in an annual report, online material and regular news bulletins
- 10. Evidence of helping the community plan for its future

The council also confirms by resolution at a full council meeting that it has

- 11. A scheme of delegation (where relevant)
- 12. Addressed complaints received in the last year
- 13. At least two-thirds of its councillors who stood for election
- 14. A printed annual report that is distributed at locations across the community
- 15. A qualified clerk
- 16. A clerk (and deputy) employed according to nationally or locally agreed terms and conditions
- 17. A formal appraisal process for all staff
- 18. A training policy and record for all staff and councillors

# News & Reports

## INTRODUCING THE HEALTH COACH ROLE AT BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE

In last month's Viaduct article, we confirmed that Buttercross Health Centre is now part of Symphony Healthcare Services (SHS), a new healthcare organisation - formed through a partnership with Yeovil Hospital and GP practices in South Somerset.

To meet the challenge of rising patient numbers and more complex care needs in the community, SHS are working hard to secure a new extended healthcare team including GPs and specialist healthcare teams. But the focus isn't just on GPs anymore, there are new specialist roles that can help patients access the care and support that they need.

#### BUT WHAT IS A HEALTH COACH AND HOW CAN THEY HELP?

The Health Coaches based at Buttercross are part of the Enhanced Patient Care (EPC) programme being run across many GP practices. Their role is to work closely with patients to offer support managing existing health conditions and help prevent unnecessary hospital admissions, or readmissions.

Health Coaches have been well trained and will work with patients to develop a personalised care plan. They will also follow up or attend appointments with patients to help them understand information about their health conditions in a practical way, maintaining a high quality life at home. Health Coaches can act as a first point of contact, reducing the need to contact several different care organisations and coordinating the information required. Patients can also gain practical advice for managing their health conditions including diet, fitness and information on other organisations that may be able to offer additional support.

For more information on the Symphony programme in Somerset, please visit www.symphonyintergratedhealthcare.com, or visit Buttercross Health Centre.

## LINDA'S LINE UP

During the past year Linda's Line Up has raised over £1,200 for various charities. Those that have benefited are the Chair Fund for the Parish Rooms, Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses, The Scanner Appeal at Yeovil Hospital and Help for Heroes. The funds have been raised in various ways including raffles, coffee mornings and line dance socials. The latest charities to benefit will be St. Margaret's Hospice and a local mental health charity. As well as keeping fit and healthy with line dancing we are also helping our local community. Keep up the good work all fellow line dancers.

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

There will be no County Councillor's surgery in August. Dean Ruddle's next surgery will be held on Saturday 3rd September 2016, from 9.30 till 1100am in the White Hart, Somerton. Appointments can be made by telephone 01458 274865 or email anne.yates@btinternet.com.

#### **CITIZENS ADVICE IN SOMERTON**

Due to a refurbishment taking place in the West Street church, the venue will be unavailable for Citizens Advice for the first two weeks of August. However, normal service will resume on Tuesday mornings from 10am-12noon from Tuesday August 16th. We apologise for any inconvenience. If your request is urgent, see the CA website at www.southsomcab.org.uk for details of other offices in South Somerset, or call the advice line 03444 111 444 (calls charged at local rate).

## SOMERTON SCOUT GROUP

The Beaver and Cub sections of the group have been having a lot of fun this term which has included a visit to Yeovilton Fire Station, a hike around Kingsdon with a picnic and a summer camp including kayaking and dragon boating.

The exciting news is that we are opening a Scout section from September. This is open to boys and girls aged 10 1/2 to 14. We have changed our meeting days for our Beaver and Cub sections to accommodate the new section. Our new meeting times are as follows:

Beavers (6 - 8 years old) Wednesday 17.00 - 18.15

Cubs (8 - 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sup>2</sup> years old) Wednesday 18.30 - 20.00

Scouts (10<sup>1</sup>/<sup>2</sup> - 14 years old) Tuesday 19.00 - 21.00

We are having a Scout Open evening at the Scout HQ at the rear of the Half Moon car park on the 2nd August 19.00 - 20.30. Come along to meet the leaders and find out what we have to offer. If you are interested in your child joining the group please contact Fiona Bayles on 07580 863392 or Fiona.bayles@gmail.com with your child's name, date of birth and contact details.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2016**

Christian Aid Week in Somerton this year raised £3,612.61, and just over £4,000 with some added Gift Aid. A huge thank you to everyone who gave to help the poorest in our world, to our wonderful team of volunteer collectors, and to Kim and her team at the Post Office for checking the money.

Very sadly, this year there were a number of reports that unauthorised people had collected envelopes before the Christian Aid collector came round. Our collectors always carry an authorisation badge and carry a red Christian Aid bag. This year, and next, they will also have a red Christian Aid badge saying that they are a volunteer. Please check that your collector has this identification before handing over your envelope. Somerton is a very generous place! Thank you so much.

Rowena Wallace, Somerton CA Week organiser

## THANK YOU FROM HOLLY

A huge thank you from four year old Holly Costello to everyone who donated and to Williams Supermarket, Cobbs Health Food, the Royal Oak and customers, the police and fire brigade, and to all the little ones who participated in the toddle on 11th June. Thanks also to Sue and Lynn from Williams for the fabulous cake sale. We raised an amazing £2300 for Newlife Foundation of which £1635 goes towards Holly's new safety sleeper bed. The remaining £665 will go to help another disabled or terminally ill child in Somerset.

## CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

August brings last orders to be certain of a place for lots of trips: The Theatre Tour and Fiddler on the Roof, The Verdi Opera Macbeth, Kiss Me Kate, Billy Elliot and Cinderella.

Our trip up the A37 to see The Mikado whilst folk were trying to get into the Glastonbury Festival was a comic opera on its own. The good news is that we made it to Bristol with ten minutes to spare, thanks to a great driver who is now fully qualified for foreign travel across Europe. We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet or Street and Wells.

Full details of our trips can be found at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or phone Chris on 01458 273085 to request a postal listing. All profits are donated to charity.

## SHOWS ARE AT 7:30PM UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE. SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES ARE NOT LISTED.

Dance: Giselle Wed 19 Oct £46 The Red Shoes Tue 4 Apr eve and Thu 6 Apr mat £47 or £39 Opera: Macbeth Wed 12 Oct £45 Aida Sat 11 Feb £41 Madam Butterfly Sat 1 Apr £4 **Musicals:** Fiddler on the Roof (mat.) & Theatre Tour Sat 8 Oct £39 (10 left) Kiss Me Kate Sat 15 Oct £45 Billy Elliot Thu 27 Oct (2 left) Tue 8 Nov (4 left) Mon 21 Nov £56; Blood Brothers (date t.b.c.)

### DAVID WARBURTON MP: SURGERY DATES JULY 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

Friday 1st July 11.15 to 12.45 Sparkford Friday 22nd July 11.00 to 13.30 Castle Cary Friday 9th September 13.30 to 15.30 Sparkford Friday 16th September 12.00 to 14.30 Frome Saturday 1st October 11.00 to 13.00 Bruton Saturday 15th October 11.30 to 14.00 Frome Friday 4th November 10.00 to 12.30 Langport Saturday 19th November 10.00 to 12.30 Somerton Friday 9th December 11.00 to 13.30 Frome Friday 16th December 12.00 to 14.30 Sparkford

### THANK YOU FROM THE DOBLE FAMILY

Mrs Doble and family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of the late Bertie Cecil Plowman and gave donations of £224.03 for the Air Ambulance. Thank you, Marjorie Doble

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#### SOMER SINGERS. DO YOU SING ALTO?

Local a capella group Somer Singers are looking for an alto to join them. We sing at local events, weddings and concerts, so we would ideally be looking for someone with the availability to help us keep our commitments. To find out more about us, check our website www.somersingers.org.uk Call Ali on 07849 335961 or at www.somersingers.org.uk

#### **RIDE-OUT FOR ROSIE RAISES £540 FOR ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE**

Sunday 3rd July saw over 30 motorbikes take part in the second annual Ride-Out for Rosie. Set up to raise funds for St Margaret's Hospice in memory of Rosie Knight from Somerton, the rideout, hosted by Somerton Sports Club, stopped at West Bay before returning to the club for refreshments.

This year saw a rather special guest take part in the ride-out. Ernest Washer, 86 joined the other riders on the ride through Somerset and Dorset on his 500cc motorbike. Ernie came second in the Manx Grand Prix, in 1957 and first in 1958. The MGP is considered the amateur riders' alternative to the TT. "It was wonderful to see Ernie join us for the Ride Out, we feel honoured to have him join us this year and we hope that he will be able to join us for future events" said Ken Knight, Rosie's husband.

The Ride-Out for Rosie crew, made up of friends and family of Rosie Knight, would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that gave for the raffle including Quicksilver Mail, White Hart, Williams Supermarket, Cobbs Health Food; the riders who took part and to the people of Somerton who welcomed back the Ride-Out all of which helps to raise an amazing £541 for this much loved charity.

#### ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE CARE: MAKING EACH DAY COUNT

St. Margaret's Hospice is a registered charity which has been at the heart of Somerset's community, for 35 years. We strive to make each day count through the delivery of high quality, responsive, compassionate care to patients and their families facing a life shortening illness.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- St. Margaret's is a Somerset charity we are not part of the NHS
- It costs £10m per year to run our service

- After NHS funding we still need to raise £7.5m to deliver our care
- We care for people with any life-limiting illness, not just cancer
- We support families and carers as well as patients
- 1 in 3 people in Somerset will need our support in their lifetime
- Last year St. Margaret's cared for 3,200 people
- The majority of people are cared for in their own homes
- Over 1,200 volunteers help us care for people at the end of their lives
- 1 in 5 of our patients receive care, thanks to gifts in wills

## **FLY-TIPPING**

There has recently been a noticeable increase in the amount of fly-tipping in our country lanes. We can all help to stop people bespoiling our countryside, so the following advice has been issued by SSDC.

If you see fly-tipping take no risks: do not touch anything fly-tipped or approach fly-tippers, but when it is safe, contact customer services at SSDC (01935 462462) with any details. This can include: the amount fly-tipped, possible contents from a visual check only, the location, time and date, whether it is in or near water, plus information about those who may be responsible, such as vehicle type, colour and registration number. You can report fly-tipping anonymously, but your evidence could be vital to ensure a fly-tipper is caught and convicted.

Just knowing that someone is prepared to give evidence may well convince an offender to admit his/her guilt.

#### SOMERSET HERITAGE CHARITY LAUNCHES BRAND DESIGN COMPETITION

The Alfred Gillett Trust, based in Street, Somerset, has announced that they will be re-branding, with an innovative competition. It will be aimed at providing local young people with an exciting opportunity for career development and cultivating networking skills.

The charity was established in 2002 to preserve the archive and heritage collections of C & J Clark International Ltd and the Clark Family who established the firm in 1825. The collection contains over 100,000 items relating to the shoemaking industry, social history, the Society of Friends and geological specimens local to the area. The intertwined history of Clarks the business and the Clark family are well represented and the collections are varied, with everything from shoe catalogues, point of sale materials, film, sound archives, shoes and machinery to fossils, artwork, furniture and costume.

The competition is open to 17-26 year olds who are not currently paid marketing/design professionals. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for the trust's new visual identity including a logo, brand guidelines and stationery templates. The winner will receive £250 and that all-important first step on the career ladder, with their winning entry adopted publicly throughout the Trust's print and multimedia channels.

Open evenings will be held on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 July 2016, which will provide an important opportunity for those interested in submitting an entry to gain further information about the trust and the incredible collection of historic marketing materials in our care. There will be tours of the Grange, an historic Grade II listed building, as well as an outline of the charity's mission and objectives.

The winner will be announced at a special presentation evening in the autumn, where the short listed entrants will have the opportunity to showcase their work and pitch their ideas to an expert panel of art, design and marketing professionals.

More information can be obtained from Sam Bradley at The Alfred Gillett Trust at enquiries@agtrust.org.uk or on 01458 444060. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 2 September 2016.

## SOMERTON NEWS

Martyn, Lesley and Mo would like to thank all the contributors and advertisers for this 2016/17 issue. Especially we send thanks to all our volunteer deliverers who carried such a heavy load together with the July Viaduct.

## SELFIES CAUSE RISE IN COASTAL DEATHS

Daring attempts to capture the perfect photograph have accounted for 92 deaths over the past 2 years. More than half of the 168 people killed at sea in 2015 entered the water accidentally while 385 others were spared only after being rescued by RNLI volunteers. The death toll is 50% higher than the number of fatalities resulting from cycling accidents on UK roads over the same period. Alongside accidents caused by people attempting to traverse perilous coastal paths, fatalities also resulted from swimming, diving & sailing incidents and the driving of vehicles off cliff tops. Have a happy and safe holiday! "Respect the Water"

Mary Mullineux, Secretary to Somerton & Langport Area Branch RNLI

## Forthcoming Events

## SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: MONDAY 1 AUGUST

7.30pm, West Street Church hall 'Dig for Victory' a talk by Chris Smith.

#### SOMERTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No evening meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August. Wednesday, 3rd August, outing to Poole. Next meeting Sept 6th.

## LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Big thanks to Lizzie Fear and Sue H. for decorating our hall for the Queen's party and for Her Majesty and guardsman attending (in the form of cut outs kindly loaned by Sandra). The party was a great success.

We hope to kick-start summer (it HAS to start soon!) with a coach trip to Sidmouth on Tuesday 2nd August. Depart Laburnum 10am £10 - Sidmouth carnival week. Followed by our Annual BBQ/Hog Roast Saturday 6th 2-5.30pm adults £6, children £3, all welcome. Chef carved pork and all the trimmings (two-course meal). Tel.272620 or book in the hall.

Bacon butties will be on 9th this month.

September 6th coach trip is to Seaton. Look forward to your company.

#### **ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 4 AUGUST.**

Dr. Francis Burroughes. A Victorian Head Gardner. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome.

## HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 4/18 AUGUST

Thursday 4th and 18th we depart from the Library 11.30 am and walk for about an hour finishing in the White Hart for those who wish to have a tea/coffee or beer after. Join Linda and Mo for a social walk but wear footwear and clothing for possible wet conditions.

## WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS - CREAM TEAS: TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

Our Annual Cream Teas will be held on Tuesday 9th August at 2.30pm. In addition to the wonderful scones, cream and jam, there will also be a cake stall, tombola and raffle. Fingers crossed for a lovely warm day! Thank you for your support over the years and we look forward to welcoming you again this year.

#### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 9 AUGUST**

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

## **TENNIS CLUB**

Somerton Tennis Club is enjoying a busy season of tennis. We will be holding 2 Junior Summer Camp from 10th-12th August 2016 and from 24th - 26th August 2016. If you would like to book a place please contact our junior coach Luke Andrews on 07437 404242. Contact Neil or Wendy Driver for more details on 01458 270131.

Alternatively if you are interested in hiring a court contact Neil or Wendy Driver on 01458 270131. Cost £6.00 an hour. More details on our website www.somertontennisclub.com

## SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 11 AUGUST

All welcome at Somerton Sports Club Thursday 11th from 10.30 am - noon. tea 20p; coffee 30p; free biscuit and draw ticket. Join Brian, Judith, Margaret and Mo for a social natter.

#### **BRISK WALK: MONDAY 15 AUGUST**

I have joined forces with walking colleagues in High Ham and Pitney, who are arranging brisk walks in their parishes. The next will be at High Ham on Monday 15th August starting at 10am. No dogs, please. For more details call Martyn 273058.

### SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be no meeting during August, so our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday September 22nd at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, when the speaker will be Dr Janet Few talking about "Coffers, clysters, comfrey and coifs: the lives of our 17th century ancestors". Dr Few is an historical interpreter, lecturer and local and family historian. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

## MOVIOLA

No Moviola show in August. See next month's Viaduct for details of September's show.

## SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 26 August will be Enrolment Day - a chance to see what groups the U3A has to offer and to sign up for those that appeal. Please come along between 10am and 12 noon. Parking will be very restricted so if you can walk please do so! Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar 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.

## SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: SATURDAY 27 AUGUST

August 27th 2pm Annual Open Flower Show King Ina Academy (formerly Montecliefe). Please note, this event is open to anyone who wishes to enter (there are other categories other than flowers). Details are available in the show schedules from Overt Locke and the library. All proceeds go to charity.

# What's on In Brief

## WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

Age UK Movement to Music 10.30am–11.30 Parish Rooms Bridge Club (Chicago) 2–5pm West Street Church Hall Slimming World 5.30pm and 7.30pm Edgar Community Hall Senior Youth Club 7–9pm Wessex Rooms

#### TUESDAYS

Therapeutic Art Group 10am–noon Wessex Rooms Slimming World 9.30am Edgar Community Hal Coffee Morning 10.30am Laburnum Drive Fitness League Exercise Class 11.30am–12.30pm Parish Rooms Line Dancing (Beginners & Improvers) 7 - 9pm Monteclefe Academy Mid Wessex Singers, 7.30pm, West Street Church Treasure Island Toddlers 10am to 11.30am Tuesdays (term time)

#### WEDNESDAYS

Life Drawing 10am-12noon Parish rooms. Line Dancing 10am–12noon Edgar Community Hall Knitting afternoon 2pm Laburnum Drive FOODBANK at the Angel, Langport, 2.30 - 4.30

#### THURSDAYS

Rainbow Rascals 9am–11.45am West Street Church Hall Weight Watchers 9.30–10.30am Parish Rooms Coffee Morning 10.15am Wessex House Line Dancing (Improvers) 11am–12noon Parish Rooms Fun Bingo 2pm Laburnum Drive Beginners Tai Chi 2-3pm Parish Rooms Messy Church at St Cleers Chapel 3.45pm-5.30pm (first Thursday of the month) Martial Arts and Self Defence class 6pm Infants School Junior Youth Club 6pm–7.30pm Wessex Rooms Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge) 7–10pm West Street Church Hall Ceroc le Beat 7.30pm Edgar Community Hall

#### FRIDAYS

Flexercise 10.45am Laburnum Drive (in term time) ReZound Youth 7.30–9pm Life Church, Northfield Youth Club at St Cleers Chapel, years 7-11, 7.30–9.30pm (term time) ReZound Youth - 7pm to 8.30pm Fridays (term time)

#### SATURDAYS

Yeovil Parkrun 9am Montacute House Wessex Market 9.30am–12 noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

#### **SUNDAYS**

The Rock Activity Church 10.30am–12noon The Reading Room Charlton Adam Life Church Sundays - 10.30am every week with Sunday School

#### JULY

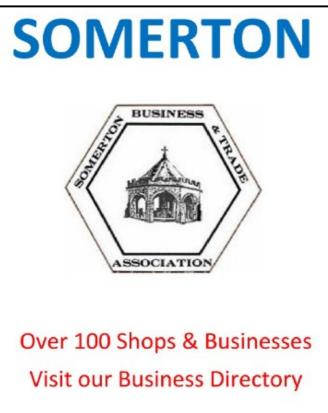
Thu 28th Somerton Hist Soc Somerset Light Infantry in WW1 7pm PR SSC Quiz 8.30pm Sun 21st SSC Bings 7 20pm

Sun 31st SSC Bingo 7.30pm

#### AUGUST

Mon 1st Aug Som Gardeners "Dig for Victory" 7.30pm West St Church Tue 2nd Lab Dr Res Comm Coach trip to Sidmouth 10am departure No WI meeting Wed 3rd WI Outing to Poole Thu 4th Theatre Trip to Footloose Arthritis Care "A Victorian Head Gardener" 7.30pm Pinney Rm, PR Health Walk 11.30am from library Sat 6th Lab Dr Res Comm Carved Hog Roast 2pm Tue 9th Wessex House Volunteers Cream Teas 2.30pm Wessex House. Lab Dr Bacon Butties Rummikub 2pm PR Wed 10th West St Church Cream Tea in the Garden 3pm First Junior Summer Tennis Camp starts Thu 11th Friendship Club 10.30am - noon Somerton Sports Club Sun 14th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Thu 18th Health Walk depart 11.30am from the library Sat 20th No Moviola Cinema this month. Wed 24th Second Summer Junior Tennis Camp starts Thu 25th SSC NO Quiz Fri 26th U3A Enrolment Day 10am - noon at the Edgar Hall Sat 27th Som Gardeners Annual Open Flower Show King Ina Academy Sun 28th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm

#### More details on events in Somerton at www.somerton.co.uk



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