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Somerton Town Council - October 2016



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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Access & Highways	1 November	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	8 November	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	1 & 15 November	7:30pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion & Communication	22 November	7.30pm	Parish Rooms

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

Michael Fraser-Hopewell Chairman of Somerton Town Council from 2010 to 2012 passed away at his home on 29th September 2016, our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

- Cllr Clive Wilson has been elected vice chair of Somerton Town Council until May 2017. Cllr Tim Walrond has stepped down from the role due to work commitments.
- Cllr Alex Farmer and Cllr Dave Smith have stepped down from their roles of town councillor; our thanks go to them for their contribution to the community and the council.
- The council are looking to recruit two new councillors, more details are available from Terry Philpott, Town Clerk, town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk or 01458 272236.
- Remembrance Sunday parade is being held on Sunday 13th November 2016. Council representatives will be Cllr Ruddell, Cllr Frayne and other councillors.

YOUTH REPORT:

Following an extensive review of youth provision and the distribution of a detailed report Somerton Town Council considered three options, although there is no statutory duty to provide youth provision.

It has been agreed that STC will provide a signposting / information page on the STC website, supported by a static marketing Facebook page for youth.

Other options were considered but not supported at this time.

Option Two: Youth provision delivered by qualified youth worker through detached work in the community leading where necessary one to one advice sessions supported by a face book provision. Cost pa £8326 (46 week delivery)

Option Three: Delivered by qualified youth worker within a youth specific space / building purchased by STC to allow youth of Somerton to have their own designated space with access to youth workers, tuck shop and support of Facebook.

Implementation cost year one: mobile home £18400 or converted container £31100. Cost pa mobile home option £12459, container £12084.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON CAPPING:

Central Government are consulting with town and parish councils in relation to capping and the requirements for a referendum if the precept is increased by more than 2%, this potentially would take effect from the 2018/19 budget. Somerton Town Council expressed the following views at the last Full Council meeting in October;

“Local parish and town councils are an important part of communities and local democracy, and should be able to get on with the job of improving quality of life and well-being without central government interference. It is vital local councils continue to have the freedom and flexibility to raise the resources they need to invest in local services.

Given their important and growing role, local councils should be celebrated and supported, not hindered by central government. Somerton Town Council is therefore resolutely opposed to proposals by the government to extend council tax referendum principles to some or all local councils.”

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:

The external audit report has been received and in the opinion of the auditor the information on the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their concern that relevant legislation and regulatory practices have not been met.

News

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Two new websites have been created by Somerset County Council for exploring Somerset and reporting potholes etc. on the roads. They are:
www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway and www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/

VIOLET'S FAREWELL

Violet's daughters, Juliette and Angela, wish to thank family and friends who supported them at her funeral at Yeovil Crematorium and afterwards at Somerton Sports Club,

Thanks to John and Greta. There was an excellent buffet by Kath Fewings and flowers by Blooming Linda's. Thank you to all for your kind donations for Wessex House Amenities Fund. Juliette and Angela.

SOMERTON FIRE STATION AND SERVICE

It is the 120th Anniversary of Somerton Fire Station this month and they will be celebrating with an Open Day at the Station on Saturday 10th December.

To mark the special occasion we are hoping to publish a book to chronicle their history and celebrating the 120 years of their service to the community. We will be seeking photos, memorabilia and memories from the community as well as using the station's archive.

We are also hoping to have the support of the community and businesses in the form of adverts or sponsorship of a page by a £25 donation which will be recognised in a footer at the base of the page.

I have been asked to work with the fire station to help support and promote community safety work within the town of Somerton. This in particular involves me helping the Fire Service to promote community safety especially for vulnerable persons. This includes helping to arrange safety talks to groups in the town, and identifying vulnerable people who would benefit from safety advice and smoke detectors in the form of a free home safety visit delivered by a member of Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Service. There will be a meeting for group representatives to raise awareness of community safety work at the Fire Station on Monday 21st November at 2.30pm. Please, if you can, send along a representative. For any ideas or more info please contact Mo Fletcher at fletcher080@btinternet.com or on 274631.

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ALLAN BRAGG

Lou, Di, Dame and Rach would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy after the sudden death of Richard Allan Bragg. They wish to thank everyone for the kind donations which totalled £1,050. This will be split between the Air Ambulance and the Heart Foundation.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Following a break for the summer, Citizens Advice is now running a drop-in information service in the meeting rooms at the rear of West Street Church (formerly the Methodist Church) every Tuesday between 10.00am and 12 noon. No appointments necessary. We aim to help the people of Somerton and the surrounding communities to access information and services to help resolve your problems at the earliest opportunity.

SEDGEMOOR LIONS SOMERTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This will be on Friday 2nd December in the square 6 - 9pm. We will not be parading but meeting by the church cobbles to avoid road closure.

Celebrate the turning on of the Christmas lights; special arrival of Father Christmas who will then go to his grotto in the Wessex Rooms; market stalls in Parish Rooms, Wessex Rooms and outside; carols; children's show in church; kiddy play area and face painting in Pinney Room; all funds collected by the Lions will be for charity.

If you want to book a stall (15 inside ones - first paid first assigned), please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or fletcher080@btinternet.com for a booking form. If you want to help - it is our town, contact Mo also. Please let's keep Her Majesty the Queen's Beacon spirit going.

Comealongasedgemoorlions!

DAY ONE OF THE NEW RECYCLING MEASURES

Key points: 10,000 apply for Somerset recycling site permits as scheme's first day begins to cut congestion.

New measures will exclude out-of-county "waste tourists", tackle illegal commercial users, improve services, maintain efficiency and enhance safety. Today saw less traffic than usual while hundreds brought in their bright orange permits for vans, pick-ups and car-towed trailers.

Cars without trailers need no permit but all those who may need one are being urged to check and apply here: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits. Need more? Drop me an email. Nick Cater, Senior Communications Officer, Somerset Waste Partnership, nicholas.cater@somersetwaste.gov.uk

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER - WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS.

The last coffee morning of 2016 will be held on the above date, and will include a Christmas raffle. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our first coffee morning in 2017 will be on Thursday 12th January.

WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Open on a Thursday evening 6-7.30pm at the Wessex Rooms in Broad Street. The youth club is open to all children aged from 7-13 years in Somerton and the surrounding area. For more information contact Clive or Sara 01458 273655.

WESSEX ROOMS

The premises can be hired for use by the community and other groups. Table and chairs are available and there is a small kitchen area with some crockery and cutlery



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and a cooker (small extra charge for use of this). Both the main hall and lounge are fully accessible to disabled people. For more information contact Sara 01458 273655.

WESSEX ROOMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are looking for new people to join our committee. The purpose of the management committee is to help with the running of the Wessex Rooms and also the Junior Youth Club. We meet four times a year. If you are interested then please contact Clive 01458 273655 for more information.

FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Somerton Library came into being in November 2013. By 2016 the original committee had served for 3 years. Due to other commitments the chairman and treasurer decided to stand down at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2016. It was decided that nominations for a new chairman, treasurer and secretary would be required before the end of September, otherwise the group would have to be wound up. We had no candidates and it was with great regret that preparations were being made to settle our affairs prior to closure. Fortunately luck prevailed and it is with great pleasure that we can announce that a new chairman, treasurer and secretary have been found at the very last minute. A new committee with a new chairman will now be able to carry on with the work started in 2013.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2017

The dates are booked for the Somerton Music & Arts Festival 2017, make a note in your diaries, book a week's holiday and start looking out for what we have in store. It will start on the 7th of July and run through 'till the 16th of July. We have already started booking bands, exploring talks and walks, planning fun day & market day, all of which we hope

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you will enjoy. We are also planning fundraising events throughout the year. The Festival costs a fair amount to put on every year and we could not do it without the help of sponsors, who, though they do not pay for the cost of the event or act in its entirety, generally they do contribute a percentage. We have a sponsorship night planned for the 17th of November in the White Hart from 6pm, so please pop along, meet the committee and have a chat. It is a chance to see what we have planned so far and an opportunity to pledge sponsorship. We would encourage individuals who may want to sponsor an event to come along as well.

SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

12 people came forward at the initial meeting and our group had another meeting in October at which Mr Ken Marsh of Somerset Playing Fields Association gave us advice. If there is anyone who still wishes to be involved in the possible changes to the trust please give your contact details to the town clerk, Mr Terry Philpott, on 01458 272236.

THE SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

I've just finished an Embroidery of the Somerset Floods, which I will be selling in kit form locally, and by word of mouth. Cheques for £50 should be made out to The Somerset Community Foundation, which will receive all proceeds from sales. Kits can be obtained from Mary Stirling, The Old Hall, Cow Square, Somerton. TA11 7NG. Stitching this picture will directly benefit the recurrent disaster shown in the picture. Mary Stirling



SOMERTON MARKET

Friday 4th November 2016

From 10am to 2pm



Meat, sausages, chilies, oil, plants, Italian cheeses, salamis, handmade soaps, candles, bespoke catering, salmon rolls, veg samosas, cooked meals, Avalon Kombucha, Dorset pies, Somerset deli, olives, spices, nuts, snacks, baklavas, preserves, jam, chutney, vinaigrette, mayo, pesto, fish rare breed woollen products, sheepskins, fruit juices, glassware, cushions jewellery, gifts

First Friday of every month

marketonatsomerton@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Please can all the Churches/Chapels etc. let Mo know of Christmas services for publication in the Dec issue by 12th November?

WELFARE ADVICE

There are still a number of people not receiving the welfare advice they are entitled to and subsequently 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.

BUS TIMETABLES

Buses of Somerset have announced that from October 31st, the 55 Taunton - Wells service will be withdrawn and the times of the 54 Taunton - Yeovil and 77 Wells - Yeovil will be changed.

Copies of the new timetable are available now in the Local Information Centre for a donation of 10p per copy to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

ROY COPELAND: AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Roy Copeland, long-time Somerton resident and proprietor of the Lynch Country House Hotel has written his autobiography and it will be on sale soon in Stationery House. All profits from the sale will be donated to St Margaret's Hospice.

FLY TIPPING

There have been instances recently of fly tipping of garden waste - particularly tree and hedge cuttings in the culvert in Polham Lane near to Perry Hill bridge. In the event of heavy rain, such inconsiderate and illegal action could cause local flooding. Fortunately, a local resident took time to clear the worst of it. The recycling centre is less than one mile away - why not use it, so the green waste can be safely recycled? Anyone caught fly tipping of garden waste will be prosecuted - the maximum fine is £1000!

Martyn Smith, Access & Highways Committee, STC

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB: WWW.SOMERTONRFC.CO.UK

November's 1st XV fixtures are:

5th November - Bridgwater Albion III vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

19th November – Somerton vs Burnham-On-Sea II 2.30pm

26th November - North Petherton II vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

November's U18 Girls fixtures are:

13th November Somerton vs Castle Cary 10.30am

27th November Somerton vs Minehead 2.00pm

Senior training is Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7.00pm at Pitney Fields. New players are very welcome.

Under 18s & U15s Girls

Training Monday evenings 6.00 - 7.15pm at Pitney Fields. Visit website for fixture details

Contact Jerry Phillips for details h.01458 898471 m.07870 861731. Visit

www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and keep up to date with all current events surrounding the club.

CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

St Michael and All Angels has a new email address somerton.benefice@btinternet.com. The telephone number remains the same 272029.

SYRIAN REFUGEE APPEAL

Many thanks to all those who supported Samara's Aid Appeal for refugees this autumn. We were able to send 330 boxes of warm clothing and shoes and 55 sacks of duvets and blankets. We also raised £1,822 towards the transport and fuel costs. Do visit the website, www.samarasaidappeal.org from mid-November, to see pictures of the aid being distributed.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

The big news is that Sheridan Smith will be starring in Funny Girl on Tuesday 21st March, though the trip and the theatre are nearly sold out.

Our new bookings this month are for Sister Act starring Alexandra Burke on Thursday 10th August, and Crazy for You starring Tom Chambers on Wednesday 11th October (next year - you haven't missed it!).

Last chance booking this month for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on 1st and 2nd February, and for The Kinks musical Sunny Afternoon on 8th March though only seven places left at the time of writing.

For a traditional opera experience book up for Ellen Kent's Aida on Saturday 11th Feb or try the new Welsh National Opera production of Madam Butterfly on Saturday 1st Apr. As ever, coach from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then either Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet, or Street, Glastonbury & Wells.

Many other trips are available, see them all and book places at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk, email coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com to request a brochure, or phone 01458 273085 to receive a postal listing.

Full Listing. Where two prices are shown these are for first or second Price tickets.

Tue 8 Nov Eve - Billy Elliot £56: 6 available

Mon 21 Nov Eve - Billy Elliot £56

Sat 7 Jan Late Mat - Cinderella Ad. £42 Ch. £32

Wed 1 Feb Eve - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang £48

Thu 2 Feb Mat - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang £47

Sat 11 Feb Eve - Aida £41

Tue 14 Feb Eve - Evita £38/£45

Wed 15 Feb Mat - Evita £32/£38

Wed 22 Feb Eve - The Commitments £48

Sun 26 Feb Mat - Anton & Erin £54/£60

Wed 8 Mar Eve - Sunny Afternoon £46

Tue 29 Mar Eve - Funny Girl £42/£49

Sat 1 Apr 2017 - Madam Butterfly £48

Tue 4 Apr Eve - The Red Shoes £39/£47

Thu 6 Apr Mat - The Red Shoes £39/£47

Thu 20 Apr - Blood Brothers £34/£40

Wed 3 May - Joseph £32/£38

Wed 21 Jun - Thoroughly Modern Millie £40/£48

Thu 10 Aug - Sister Act £45/£53

Wed 11 Oct - Crazy For You £43/£49

Thu 19 Oct 2017 Mat - War Horse £54

Tue 7 Nov 2017 Eve - War Horse £54

Forthcoming Events

WORKSHOPS FOR ALL

Somerset Guild of Craftsmen now have information about our next workshops to share with you, for more details and bookings, please email gallery@somersetguild.co.uk or phone us on 01749 671112 to secure your place. Workshop costs vary starting at £55 per day.

NOVEMBER

Clare works with handmade paper, her techniques differ from traditional methods, over the years these techniques have developed into a tactile and strong medium used for wall art, collage and small constructions. Clare's "Boxes and Baubles" workshop has been designed to give participants an insight into the real strength and versatility of this diverse material.

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Honor Ballantyne, Health & Wellbeing - Reiki & Reflexology. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

A.G.M. & Nancy Schooling, Christmas Traditions. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome.

SOMERTON HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 3/17 NOVEMBER

Come along for a healthy and social walk of about an hour on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 17th of November. We start from Somerton Library at 11.30am and for those who wish, go to the White Hart after for refreshments. Suitable footwear and clothing needed for the weather conditions. For more details contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

MP DAVID Warburton's Surgery: FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

This will be in Langport on Friday 4th November. There will also be one in Somerton on Saturday 19th Nov from 10am till 12.30pm. More details Anne Yates 274865.

SOMERTON SPORTS' CLUB EVENTS

Sun 6th Nov Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm

Sun 20th Nov Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm

Thu 24th Nov Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER

On 7th November at 7.30pm in the Wessex Rooms on Broad St, Roy Cheek will give a talk on 'Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe'. The AGM will follow. The subject for the show table will be a winter arrangement including holly and ivy.

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER

A talk by Kay Townsend on The History of the Dodgems. Langport Library 7.00 for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome, £2 to include refreshments.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

We raised £170.75 at our Macmillan tea party. Thank you, Edna, Betty, Jacqui, Mary and Becky for lovely cakes, and Williams supermarket for clotted cream. All enjoyed a super tea and donated kindly.

The last coach trip of the year is Tuesday 8th November. Half day, depart Laburnum Drive 11.15am, £13.99, including carvery lunch, and visit to Monkton Elm Garden Centre. We have had busy year, and will not have our usual break after the Xmas celebrations, as we are planning a New Year party (our first). All info tel 272620 please.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

Tues 8th Nov Billy Elliot

Mon 21st Nov Billy Elliot

SOMERTON & LANGPORT AREA RNLI: TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

"A Garden Is a Lovesome Thing, God Wot!" The Domestic Garden in British Painting 1850-1910 An illustrated talk by Richard Kay, Lawrence's Picture Expert. Tuesday 8th November 2016 Long Sutton Village Hall 6-30pm for 7-15pm Tickets: £15 (to include a glass of wine & canapés) Telephone: 01458 251282 In aid of RNLI

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

2.00pm Rummikub in the Parish Rooms £3 on the door to include tea and Pam's (non-fattening!) cookies. Info: 272408.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Come along and join our happy band at Somerton Sports Club on Thursday 10th November from 10.30am - noon. Tea 20p, coffee 30p free draw ticket and biscuits. Make new friends, meet old ones and chat and enjoy each other's company. For more information contact Mo Fletcher, Margaret Chambers, Judith Hurley and Brian Raybould on 01458 274631.

SOMERTON TOWN PLAN MEETING: THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Thursday Nov 10 at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms - refreshments will be available. The main subjects for review are: the community; the local economy; roads and access; marketing Somerton; learning, leisure and culture; the environment.

Please come along and have your input included in the Town Plan update.

If anyone wishes to join the working group in the production of The Town Plan please contact pat.colyer@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. Pat Colyer, Judith Hurley and Mo Fletcher.

SOMER SINGERS CHARITY CONCERT: FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

An evening of glorious harmony singing for St Margaret's Hospice Care. An 'a capella' concert featuring guest choirs and local singing group Somer Singers, Friday 11th November 2016, 7.30pm at the Edgar Hall, Somerton. Licenced bar, tickets £5 from St Margaret's Hospice, Heron Way, Taunton-0845 070 8910, or from the Somer Singers 07849 335 961.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO CARDIFF: SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

King Ina PFA Christmas shopping trip to Cardiff - Saturday 12th November - £10 per person. The coach will leave Somerton at 8.30am and arrive back at 6.30pm. To book a seat please call Jenny, Junior School Office, 272587.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 14/28TH NOVEMBER

Monday 14th Nov and Monday 28th November at the West St Church at 11am. Come along and enjoy singing in a group and socialising at the same time.

NADFAS LECTURES: TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

"Inessential Necessities of the 18th Century" will be given at the Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ on Tuesday 15th November at 11.30am. Free Parking. £6 a session. For more information ring 01963 350 132.

SOMERTON & LANGPORT AREA RNLI: WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

You are invited to a Coffee Morning at The Old Hall, Cow Square, Somerton (By courtesy of Mrs. M. Stirling) on Wednesday 16th November 2016 from 10-30 to 12 noon. RNLI Christmas cards, calendars and diaries on sale raffle. Please come & bring your friends.

MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

7.30pm. Somerton Moviola presents Golden Years (2016) Fate, the pensions crisis and a steadfast refusal to accept the injustice of old age have contrived to force law abiding, retired couple, Arthur and Martha Goode into a life of crime. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERY: SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

The County Councillor and District Councillor surgery for November will be held in the White Hart, Somerton, from 10.00am until 12.30, on Saturday, 19th November, 2016. David Warburton, Somerton & Frome Member of Parliament, will also be holding a surgery in the White Hart at the same time. Appointments for our MP can be made by contacting david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk and netia.carr@parliament.uk

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY MEETING: MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Monday 21st November at 2.30pm at Somerton Fire Station for local town groups. Please send along an association representative.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday November 24th in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.00pm for coffee. Details of the evening are "under wraps", but will be in keeping with the coming festive season! There will be no meeting in December. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 25 November will be Tim Lewis and "The Greatest Story Ever Told". Tim was a great success with "Glorious Mud". We hope he will do as well with this story.

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.

WEST ST CHURCH: SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

We are holding a bazaar and light lunches on Sat 26th Nov from 10.00am.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 26th November from 11.00am to 12.30pm 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 email stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephone 07519 739 137.

SOMERTON'S GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

The final meeting of the year. Green Gardeners will be welcoming Anne Hassed for a demonstration of winter floral decorations. Held in the Parish Rooms, Somerton at 7.30pm. Seasonal refreshments, visitors welcome (£2).

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

All volunteers welcome. We will be stapling and folding the December issue on Tuesday Nov 29th at 2 pm in the Parish Rooms. If anyone would like to join the delivery team please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

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

Beginners Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
Therapeutic Art Group 10am–noon Wessex Rooms
Slimming World 9.30am Edgar Community Hall
Coffee Morning 10.30am Laburnum Drive
Fitness League Exercise Class 11.30am–12.30pm Parish Rooms
Line Dancing absolute beginners 6.30 - 7.30pm Monteclefe Academy
Line Dancing beginners & improvers 7.30 - 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
Advanced Tai Chi 9-11am 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
Archies Xtra 7-9pm (11-18 years) Somerton Recreation Ground

FRIDAYS

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

NOVEMBER

Tue 1st WI "Health & Wellbeing" 7.15pm PR
Thu 3rd Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Arthritis Care "Christmas Traditions" and AGM 7 for 7.30pm Pinney Room, PR
Fri 4th David Warburton MP Surgery Langport 10am - 12.30pm
Sun 6th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm
Mon 7th Langport Dist Hist Soc "History of Dodgems" 7 for 7.30pm Lang Library
Somerton Gardeners "Holly, Ivy & Mistletoe" 7.30pm Wessex Rms
Tue 8th LDRC Coach Trip to Monkton Elm + Carvery lunch departs 11.15am
Rummikub 2pm - 4.30pm PR
Theatre Trip "Billy Elliott"
RNLI talk 6.30pm for 7.15 pm Long Sutton VH
Thu 10th Friendship Club 10.30am - noon SSC
Town Plan Meeting 7 for 7.30pm PR
Fri 11th Somer Singers Charity Concert 7.30pm EH
Sat 12th King Ina PFA Christmas Shop Trip to Cardiff departs at 8.30am
Mon 14th Somerton Sings for Fun 11am West St Church
Wed 16th RNLI Coffee Morning 10.30am - noon The Old Hall, Cow Square, Somerton
Thu 17th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Sat 19th MP David Warburton's Surgery 10am - 12.30pm White Hart
DC & CC Dean Ruddle's Surgery 10am - 12.30pm White Hart

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Sun 20th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm

Mon 21st Fire Station Meeting about Community Fire Safety Work 2.30pm

Theatre Trip "Billy Elliott"

Thu 24th SSC Quiz (TEAMS of up to 6) 8.30pm

Fri 25th U3A Tim Lewis The Greatest Story Ever Told 10.30am EH

Sat 26th West St Church Bazaar & Light Lunches from 10 am.

DC Stephen Page's Surgery 11am - 12.30pm Full of Beans Cafe

Mon 28th Somerton Sings for Fun 11am West St Church

Green Gardeners "Winter Floral Decorations" 7.30pm PR

Tue 29th Viaduct Stapling and Folding 2pm PR

DECEMBER

Fri Dec 2nd Sedgemoor Lions Christmas Market 6 - 9pm Town Square

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BONFIRE NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue

Service wants you to have a good time this bonfire night, but stay safe. Ideally go to an organised firework display. If you do hold your own party these simple precautions could prevent a

bonfire or fireworks from becoming out of control and causing harm or injury to you or loved ones.



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Bonfires:

- Site the bonfire well away from property, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs AND ALWAYS AWAY FROM FIREWORKS
- Build the stack so that it is stable and will not collapse to one-side
- Before lighting the fire, check no pets or even a young child are hiding inside
- NEVER use flammable liquids – paraffin or petrol – to light the fire
- Do not burn foam-filled furniture, aerosols, tins of paint or bottles
- Keep everyone a safe distance away, do not allow anything to be thrown onto it
- Ensure children are supervised at all times
- Loose clothing can very easily catch alight and should never be worn near any fire. Long scarves can be risky too
- In case of an emergency keep buckets of water or the garden hose ready
- Pour water on the embers before leaving

Follow the Fireworks Code to keep safe:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five, supervise all children with sparklers
- Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water
- Keep a bucket of water ready for emergencies
- Keep pets indoors



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