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# Somerton Town Council - September 2016



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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Land & Properties	4 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	11 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October	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](http://www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Cllr Alex Farmer and Cllr Dave Smith have stepped down from their role of town councillor. Our thanks go to them for their contribution to the community and the council. Work will now be undertaken to see if an election is required or the Council can co-opt.

- SSDC appointed Alex Palmer as Chief executive
- SSDC is going through a transformation process to streamline the business
- Cartway Lane development was granted permission at Area North
- North Street pavement repair is being reviewed by SCC Highways.
- Citizens Advice: Following summer break is now back in place
- Somerton Town Plan is now underway with a working party.
- Cllr Mo Fletcher has been appointed a local champion to work with the fire brigade to promote fire and home safety to residents
- Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton will be planting some of the allocated 5000 crocuses for planting in Somerton and surrounding villages. Suggested locations include Horsemill Lane and Oak Tree Avenue.

STC have granted Somerton Recreation Ground Trust £7000 support for the implementation of agreed car park provision at the Recreation Ground. This will include white lining the tarmac surface, and fencing provision adjacent to the play area. The

parking will be available on match days and it is hoped this will alleviate on street parking congestion in the roads adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

STC have agreed to bring forward funding from next year's budget to complete the Christmas Lights scheme a year early. Thanks to the Lights Brigade for the hard work with this illuminating project!!

### **SURGERY CAR PARK UPDATE**

- Awaiting final sign off the bat mitigation works once Morgan Sindall (the contractor) confirm a query that has been raised
- Abbey Contracting will remove the asbestos and complete the air test. This will be due to commence on 3rd October 2016.
- Tendering for demolition and main works will be sent out next week with a return date for mid October to look to start in November for a 6 week period for completion of the scheme
- Installation of the ticket machine and signage in Paddock House as part of these works so that will be in place as soon as new car park completed
- We are still awaiting final costs which will be dependent on tenders.

**Planning committee:** Cllr Tim Bown and Cllr Mo Fletcher have stepped down from the core group of the Planning Committee and will be replaced by Cllr Brian Raybould and Cllr Fiona Richardson.

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## **News**

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### **SPECIAL AWARD**

Somerton Recreation Ground has won the Best Playing Field award from Somerset Playing Fields Association. They previously won it in 2010 and 2014. Well done to groundsman Andy Billings and Wayne Foot and Andy Bartlett of Evergreen Turf.

### **SOMERSET GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN HANDS ON WORKSHOPS**

#### **OCTOBER**

This one day workshop will be an opportunity to learn about the colourful craft of enamelling. Caroline Tetley is one of SGC's Jewellers and also a member of the Enamellers Guild. This workshop is an opportunity to get hands on experience of traditional enamelling techniques, from a master of the craft. Workshop costs vary starting at £55 per day. For more details and bookings, please email [gallery@somersetguild.co.uk](mailto:gallery@somersetguild.co.uk) or phone us on 01749 671112 to secure your place.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As it's now the end of the summer, here at the 'Lights Brigade' our thoughts are turning to all things twinkly and bright!

Although we have a small core team of volunteers, we always need a few more hands, as after all, "many hands make lights work!!"

This year, the lights are being installed over the week-ends of the 19th 20th November and 26th 27th November.

We may also need a hand before then, for checking the lights, and transporting them into town from the Edgar Hall on the 18th Nov. So, if you are able to come along and give us a hand at any time, even for an hour or two, please let us know. You can hand your details into Jane at Cobbs, or if you prefer ring Sue on 274321. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.

Thanking you in advance, Jane Rodgers and Sue Spratt (on behalf of The Lights Brigade)

## **WELFARE ADVICE**

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

## **NEW MEASURES AT SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTRES**

Somerset Waste Partnership announces the introduction of new measures, including a free permit system for a small proportion of customers, from Monday 3 October 2016 at Somerset's 14 Recycling Centres and two Community Recycling sites.

Residents bringing in household waste using a car (but not towing a trailer), including estates, 4x4s, people carriers and camper vans, do not need a permit.

Those using smaller vans, pick-ups, or single-axle trailers of up to three-metre floor length towed by cars for household waste need a free three-year permit, available only to Somerset residents, for use on weekdays and 1pm-4pm on Saturdays.

The largest vehicles - vans over 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (GVW), box (Luton) vans, agricultural vehicles - and trailers of over three-metre floor length or with more than one axle, including box trailers and horse boxes, or any combination of van and trailer, cannot be used to bring in household waste from 3 October.

Business vehicles using the 10 recycling sites accepting paid-for trade waste need no permit. At Taunton (Priorswood) and Highbridge there are no restrictions on trade vehicles, trailers, vehicle-trailer combinations or access times. At the other eight trade sites, businesses must observe the same measures as residents, including no vans with trailers and access on weekdays and 1pm-4pm on Saturdays.

Residents using a hire vehicle for up to three days to deposit household waste or charged-for materials, such soil or hard-core, can obtain a temporary access permit at a recycling site by presenting the hire agreement and completing a waiver form.

Each Somerset household can have one permit for a specific van and one trailer permit with details of two towing cars. Permits cannot be transferred or altered; any changes require a new free permit application and the old permit to be destroyed.

Applications are made online via Somerset Waste Partnership's website. Residents without online access can use any local library for online access and assistance.

Visit [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk) for full details, including a visual checklist of vehicles accepted and not accepted, terms and conditions, and answers to FAQs.

## **BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE**

Since becoming part of Symphony Healthcare Services in April this year, we have been working hard to build an extended specialist healthcare team to meet the needs of patients in the local community.



Don't forget that you don't always need to see your GP to help with your medical needs. Talk to our friendly reception team who can guide you to the best person for you to see at Buttercross. We now have a growing team of healthcare professionals who are able to provide information and support, medical guidance and a number of other treatment options.

We do now have a new permanent doctor at the Health Centre, with another part-time doctor starting in September, as well as a number of other healthcare specialists such as health coaches and nurse practitioners. We are trialling the use of a musculo-skeletal specialist in primary care and you will be directed to them if you have any aches or pains in joints etc. rather than see the GP. These specialists can give advice and refer for physiotherapy if you need it.

On Thursday 29th September, between 2 and 5pm we will be holding our annual community day - a chance for you to come along to the health centre and meet our healthcare team - with some new and familiar faces. Local groups and services will also be there and will be able to tell you of the help they can give. Also available on the day, light refreshments. We hope to see you then. Telephone: 01458 272473 Email: [info@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk](mailto:info@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk) Web address: [www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk](http://www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk)

### SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN PLAN UPDATE

Because of difficulty over venues this public meeting will now be held on Thursday Nov 10 at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms - refreshments will be available.

The main subjects for review are:

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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.

Pat Colyer, Judith Hurley and Mo Fletcher

### **SOMERTON BEST GARDENS COMPETITION 2016**

This was started to brighten up Somerton and this year instead of having Large, Medium and Small garden categories the criteria was WOW factor.

There were eight winners who will share four trophies for six months each.

The competition is sponsored by Somerton Town Council and Councillor Mrs Pat Colyer gave the awards at the Annual Flower Show. Thank you to the winners and to all other gardeners - just a pot or hanging basket can make such an impact.

#### **The winners are:**

Mr & Mrs Ackerman, 17 Fairfield; Mr Brown, Parsonage Close; Mrs Green, 13 Highfield Way; Mrs Kunz, 12, Cary Way; Mr M. Kunz 12 Chestnut Close; Mr & Mrs Lacey, 10 St Pauls Road; Mr Peach, 16A Pinewood Drive; Mr Tallon, 8 Highfield Way.

### **SOMERTON BEST ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2016**

This was judged by Ian & Paul Jose of Oaklands Nursery, Street and the first prize winner was Gayle Green; second prize Zoe White and third prize Elaine Evans.

We thank Somerton Town Council who donated the prize vouchers.

The best newcomers were Naoko Creed and Amy Ridings who share a half plot - thanks to Brian Raybould and Mo Fletcher of Somerton Town Council who donated spades from Overt Locke to them. All certificates and prizes will be given out at our AGM.

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## **Somerton sports club:**

We are seeking part time bar staff for evening/weekend work, training will be given where required.

Hours will be a minimum of 5 hours each week, with further hours if required.

Please contact John Milner on 01458 273808 for an appointment.

## **SOMERTON GARDEN SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW AND TROPHIES**

This was at King Ina Academy on Saturday 27th August.

### **SOMERTON FRUIT, VEG AND FLOWER SHOW 2016 WINNERS**

**Club Trophy** - The best exhibit in the show - Leslie Taylor for his onions

**Presidents Bowl** - Exhibitor gaining most points in the show - Robert Putt

**Novice Cup** - Competitor with the most points and never having won a trophy before - Esther Locke

**Helen Goff Cup** - Best pot plant in the show - Carol Pitman for her begonia

**Garden News Top Vase** - Ian Burton

**Garden News Top Tray** - Leslie Taylor

**Club geranium** - Angela Spiller

#### **Section A - Fruit and vegetables:**

Exhibitor with most points - Derrick Jefferies Cup - Robert Putt

Best exhibit - Leslie Taylor

#### **Section B – Flowers:**

Exhibitor with most points - Harold Bartlett Cup - Ian Burton

Best exhibit - Angela Spiller

#### **Section C -Flower arrangements:**

Exhibitor with most points - The Mabel Ann Cup - Esther Locke

## **SOMERTON MARKET**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October/ 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

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Best exhibit - Esther Locke

**Section D – Home craft:**

Exhibitor with most points - Jefferies Cup - Zoe White

Best exhibit - Joan Banbury

**Section E - Children's class:**

Exhibitor with most points - Kelways Children's Cup and £5 voucher - Mia Crowley

**Section F – Photography:**

Best exhibit - Zoe White

**Section G – Handicraft:**

Exhibitor with most points - Handicraft Cup - Helga Stiles

Best exhibit - Esther Locke

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**VIADUCT STAPLERS AND FOLDERS**

We are desperate for more volunteers for this important job for the community. Free refreshments. Catch up on local gossip!

October issue will be stapled and folded in the Parish Rooms on Thursday 27th Oct at 2pm. It takes two hours, or less if we have sufficient people to help.

Comealongamoandcrew. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 for more info.

**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 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](mailto: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!

**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 (previously known as the Methodist Church) every Tuesday between 10.00 am 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.

## **2017 SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL DATES: 7TH - 16TH JULY**

Planning has already started for the 2017 festival which will be its 30th one, and the committee are busy exploring acts and events. Watch this space for regular updates on what is happening and for events being held throughout the year including the sponsorship night which you are invited to pop along to and can pledge offers of financial support and get a taster of what we have in store. I would like to thank all of you who supported the events, brought raffle tickets, sponsored or gave up your time to help in some way. The feedback we had was that you all enjoyed this years festival. Please do contact us if you have ideas or wish to join the committee or become a festival helper, we would love to hear from you, our Email is [festivaltickets@btinternet.com](mailto:festivaltickets@btinternet.com) or call us on: 07928 508 700. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Alex

## **ROAD CLOSURE - PARK LANE**

The carriageway defect near Park Farm on Park Lane (between Bancombe Road and the hamlet of Park) is due for repair on 29th Sept, for 3 days. The road will be closed whilst the works are in operation.

## **MOVIOLA 2017 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Moviola will be held on the third Saturday each month except for July, August and December. The dates are -

January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th. There will probably be a matinee in December, but details will be announced later

## **A CAUTIONARY TALE**

Recently a letter arrived from my insurance broker reminding me of a renewal date for building and contents insurance. When contacted the quotation had just about quadrupled. Asking for an explanation, the answer came that the insurance company "did not like postcode TA11!" Why? A flood risk for Somerton. Immediately contacted Noah and asked for a copy of his plans.

Following a visit to Street, another broker, with local connections, at first the application was refused, because of the postcode etc. However, perseverance was the order of the day, a national insurer found, and a quote marginally less than last year! So, if payment is made by direct debit, be warned and check.

Brian Davenport

## **ALPHA COURSE**

St Cleers Chapel, Polham Lane is holding an Alpha course each Wednesday from 5th October to 14th December, 7-9pm. The course explores the Christian faith and gives an opportunity to ask questions. The evening starts with a meal followed by a video and small group discussion. You are very welcome to come along. You can just turn up, or email [mikewilsonjp@gmail.com](mailto:mikewilsonjp@gmail.com) or [antwebb2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:antwebb2@yahoo.co.uk) (tel 270209) to say you're coming or if you wish to ask anything about the course.

## **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME**

Our new bookings this month are for Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat on Wed 3rd May and Thoroughly Modern Millie on Wed 21st June  
October 31st is the final date to book to see Torvill and Dean skating on the stage at Bristol in Cinderella.

## Viaduct No. 157 - October 2016

The first of our three visits to see Billy Eliot the musical on October 27th sees us celebrating, with a party at the theatre, our 200th Hippodrome Trip and over £50,000 raised for charity.

Fourteen other trips are available, see them all at [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) or phone 01458 273085 to receive a postal listing.

### CONTACT THE ELDERLY

This is a national organisation to promote friendship for elderly folk. Once a month on the second Sunday in our area there is an afternoon tea from 3-5pm. It is free and run by volunteer hosts and drivers. There is no cost to the guests.

If you are interested in taking part as a guest, a host or a driver please contact Sandra Hepworth on 01458 251416 or on [sandra.hepworth11@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.hepworth11@gmail.com)

See the photo of us at a recent tea.



### ROAD AND FOOTPATH PROBLEMS

Somerset County Council is the body responsible for maintaining roads (except motorways and trunk roads) and public footpaths in the county. A system has recently been set up where these can be reported on-line or by phone direct to the appropriate department.

**For roads (including potholes) the website is:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect)

or go to [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) and click on "Roads, parking and transport" then "Problems on the road"

For public footpaths, the website is [www.roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map](http://www.roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map)

Faults can also be reported by phone to 0300 123 2224, but on-line is preferred.

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## Forthcoming Events

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### SEDGEMOOR LIONS SKITTLE WEEKEND: 1/2 OCTOBER

The Sedgemoor Lions are organising a Skittle Weekend at Eli's Pub at Huish Episcopi on Sat/Sun 1st/2nd October with the proceeds divided between the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the Freewheelers.

The skittles will start at noon on Saturday till 9.30 pm and again from noon to 6 pm on Sunday with the skittle off at 7pm for men who score 12+ and women who score 10+. It will cost £1.00 for 3 balls and you can have as many goes as you like! For the winners there are hampers and other prizes for runners-up. Come and join in the fun. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com).

### SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 3 OCTOBER

Mr David Moon is talking about the N.G.S. Open Gardens Scheme. 7.30pm October 3rd at Wessex Rooms, Broad St, Somerton. N.B. This is a permanent change of venue.

### SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER

Michael Malaghan, It Shouldn't Happen To A Writer. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

## **LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE**

Big thank you to all our supporters/friends for helping to make our BBQ so enjoyable. Stevie P had us all going with his great singing and pure entertainment.

October Dates: Tues 4th, Di's Little Clothes Shop. (Comes to us twice yearly. Very popular)

Wednesday 5th 10am, Coach Dorchester Market & Broadwindsor £10 cream tea optional.

Friday 21st, wine and savouries party. Competition, prizes, £2.50. Times on Hall notice board.

All our events have to be pre-booked in writing and paid for at least one week before. (Catering requirements have to be known in advance, and numbers are limited).

November Coach 11.15am. Toby Carvery/Monkton Elm, £7. (Lunch costs on Hall Notice board).

## **ALPHA COURSE: WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER**

Begins Wed 5th Oct at St Cleers Chapel 7-9pm.

## **ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

Take Note, musical entertainment. 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

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

This month we walk on Thursday 6th Oct and Thursday 20th Oct leaving from the Library at 11.30 am. We walk for about an hour and suitable shoes and clothing is needed for wet weather conditions if appropriate. After the walk those who wish then go to the White Hart for refreshments. We walk at a sociable pace. Contact Mo Fletcher for more info.

Mo & Linda

## **SOMERTON DRAMA SOCIETY: THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

We are holding a Quiz Night with a Drama flavour on Thursday 6th Oct at the Somerton Sports Club starting at 7.30pm. Come along with a team.

## **OCTOBER HARVEST SUPPER: SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

Friends of the Parish Rooms will hold a Harvest Supper in the Parish Rooms 6pm for 6.30pm. Main course (including vegetarian option), sweet, and tea/coffee. Tickets from Cobbs Wholefoods in Brunel precinct, £10 to include a glass of wine. Limited to 60, so get your ticket early!

## **WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

10am Wessex Rooms, Broad Street, Somerton. Donations now being accepted. Bring to Wessex Rooms on a Thursday evening between 6-7.30pm or drop off at 60 Behind Berry. Good, clean, quality items only please.

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB SPECIAL NIGHT: SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

Tim Bassett as Elvis in the evening. Tickets £5.

## **SOMERSET VERNACULAR BUILDINGS: SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

Great English Barns: two lectures by Ken Bonham Sat 8 Oct, 2-4.30pm. Compton Dundon Village Hall, TA11 6PQ, £5, 01458 442 212/224 150.

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB: SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER**

Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm

## **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER**

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

## **THE SOMERSET LEVELS SOCIETY: TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER**

A Naturalist's Year, Tuesday 11th Oct 2016 19:30 Parish Rooms Les Cloutman is an ecologist and well-known local naturalist who has a passion for the wildlife of the wonderful county of Somerset so join him for a journey through the seasons. £2.50 SWT members. £3.00 non-members Tea & coffee available beforehand

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

We meet on second Thursday of month so on the 13th from 10.30am - noon at Somerton Sports Club. Tea is 20p; coffee is 30p; biscuits free as is a draw ticket. It is a social occasion - lots of chat and a chance to make new friends - hence our name. Contact Mo Fletcher for more info on 01458 274631.

## **SOMERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION: THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

Skittles and Supper evening at the Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville on Thursday 13th October, from 7.00pm. A light buffet supper at £6 per person will be served. Please let Juliette (272050) or Tim (272680) know if you wish to come by Saturday 8th October and send a cheque, payable to Somerton Twinning Association, for the number of suppers you require to Tim at 9, Orchard Road, Somerton. If you are not a member but interested in finding out about us, come along and join in.

Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. As in the past we wish this to be a social event, so after the business has been concluded wine, soft drinks and a light buffet will be served. There is no charge to members for this. We hope to see you there. Non-members interested in twinning are also welcome.

## **MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**

Friends of the Parish Rooms 7.30pm Moviola Cinema presents "Our Kind of Traitor" (2016). A couple finds themselves lured into a Russian oligarch's plans to defect, and are soon positioned between the Russian Mafia and the British Secret Service, neither of whom they can trust. Based on a novel by John le Carre. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**

Dean Ruddle, Somerton Town Council Chairman, District and County Councillor for Somerton will be holding his monthly 'surgery' on Saturday 15 October 2016 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the White Hart, Market Place, Somerton. If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss in private and in full confidence with Dean, kindly arrange an appointment by contacting Anne Yates t:(01458) 274 865 or e: [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com).

## **SOMERTON BRISK WALK: MONDAY 17 OCTOBER**

Meet at the Lime Kiln Inn on the A372 between Long Sutton and Catsgore for 10am. The walk will be about five miles, aiming to get back to the Lime Kiln by 11.45 for coffee. No dogs, please. Details: 273058.

## **NADFAS LECTURES: TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER**

On Tuesday 18th October NADFAS lectures "Archeological Adventures in Albania" 11.30am at Caryford Hall, Castle Cary.

## **LATEST NEWS FROM WEA.**

The WEA will be running a course on Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The course will begin on Tuesday 18th October 2016 in Long Sutton Village Hall from 7pm to 8.30pm and will run Tuesdays for six weeks (no session 8th November). The last session will be on November 29th. The course will have a particular focus on the writings of Coleridge and the inspiration he drew from his friendship with William and Dorothy Wordsworth during their years in Somerset. The professional tutor leading the course will be Jane Crozier and the cost will be £25. Why not join us? Further inquiries or to enrol contact Doreen Harvey 01458 241711 or email [doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk).

## **MUSIC IN THE MARQUEE: THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**

7.00pm The Red Lion, Bab Cary presents 'Music in the Marquee' - The Pete Long and James Pearson Duo for an evening of hot jazz and lively conversation with the musical and artistic directors at Ronnie Scott's. Tickets £17.50, see website to book [www.redlionbab Cary.co.uk](http://www.redlionbab Cary.co.uk) or call 01458 223230.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 22nd October 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 739 137.

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB: SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER**

Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm.

## **GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 24 OCTOBER**

The Green Gardeners will be welcoming Christopher Bond to their meeting for a talk on 'Woodland and Shade Gardening'. The meeting will be in the Parish Rooms, Somerton at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome (£2) and refreshments will be available after the talk.

## **THEATRE TRIP: THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**

Billy Elliott 2.30pm Performance

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB: MONDAY 24 OCTOBER**

Quiz 8.30 pm (Teams of up to 6)

## **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday October 27th in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.00pm for coffee and followed at 7.30 pm by our speaker for the evening, Ed Lorch, with a talk entitled "Anecdotes of Medieval Life". For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

## **U3A: FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER**

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 28 October will be a talk by Adam Fouracre on the locally based charity Stand Against Violence which he set up after the murder of his brother. Adam works closely with many branches of youth work.



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.

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## What's on In Brief

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### 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 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  
Beginners 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

**SEPTEMBER**

Thu 29th Buttercross Health Centre Open Day

**OCTOBER**

Sat 1st Sedgemoor Lions Skittles Weekend at Eli's, Huish Episcopi noon - 9.30pm

Sun 2nd Lions Skittles Weekend at Eli's, HE, noon - 6.30pm skittle off 7pm.

Mon 3rd Gardeners Club NGS Open Gardens Scheme Wessex Rooms 7.30pm

Tue 4th Lab Drive RC Di's Little Clothes Shop 10am

WI "It shouldn't happen to a Writer" PR 7.15pm

Wed 5th Lab Dri RC Coach Trip to Dorchester & Broadwindsor leaves at 10am

Alpha course starts St Cleers 7 - 9 pm

Thu 6th Health Walk 11.30am Library

Arthritis Care Take Note a musical entertainment 7.30pm PR

Drama Soc Quiz Night 7.30pm SSC

Fri 7th Somerton Market 10am Market Square

Sat 8th West St Church Path Sale 10am

Wessex Junior Youth Club Jumble Sale at the Wessex Rms 10am.

Charity Theatre Trip and Tour, matinee of Fiddler on the Roof

Vernacular Research Gp Great English Barns 2.30 - 4pm Long Sutton V. H.

Friends of PR Harvest Supper 6pm for 6.30 pm PR

SSC Tim Bassett as Elvis in the evening

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

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

Tue 11th Som Levels Soc "A Naturalist's Year" 7 for 7.30pm PR

Rummikub PR 2pm

Wed 12th Charity Theatre Trip - Macbeth

Thu 13th Friendship Club 10.30am SSC

Sat 15th Charity Theatre Trip Kiss Me Kate

CC Surgery 9.30 - 11.00am White Hart

Moviola Cinema "Our Kind of Traitor" PR 7.30pm

Mon 17th Brisk Walk Lime Kiln meet at 10am

Music in the Marquee Red Lion Babcarry 7pm

Tue 18th WEA course starts on S.T. Coleridge Long Sutton V H 7pm

NADFAS lectures Archeological Adventures in Albania 11.30am at Caryford Hall

Wed 19th Charity Theatre Trip Giselle

LDRC Wine & Savouries Party

Thu 20th Health Walk 11.30am Library

Fri 21st U3A talk 10.30am EH

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