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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning (if required)	11 th December	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 and details are 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

Requests from the public for items to be added to the agenda should be notified to the town clerk in writing by the first Monday of the month.

Did you know Somerton Town Council has a Facebook page? Check it out!

STC Office Xmas opening hours- All normal days apart from the Bank Holidays.

Christmas best wishes from all at Somerton Town Council to the community of Somerton.

Russet Road (Bovis development)

- STC have agreed a response to County Highways Officer.
- STC acknowledge the problems the road layout and varied potential solutions cause some of the residents in Russet Road, Bancombe Road, Parklands and surrounding areas.
- STC have attempted to facilitate a solution to meet the needs of the residents but are conscious that it is County Highways that have the responsibility to manage this issue.

The preferred solutions are:

Phase One: Block Russet Road at the junction with Bancombe Road with signage.

Phase Two: Reopen Bancombe Road at the junction with Langport Road before any further development takes place in Somerton.

Funding for the works to be potentially allocated from the Fairfax development.

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust AGM

A well-attended meeting was held at Edgar Hall in November with positive feedback from the management committee and user groups. It was formally agreed to set up a new Trust structure effective from 1st April 2019.

Other Items

- £9.8 million assigned to Highways Improvements from central government which is a positive to Highways improvements. Further to this £5 million towards adult care there is hope it may include or be assigned to children's' care, but this still needs to be confirmed.
- Grit bin funding is in place.
- School funding is now approved.

- Thanks, given to Councillor Jo Gale for all her efforts regarding the Remembrance Service and indeed the 100-year commemorative service held Sunday 11th November for the end of the 1st World War.
- Somerton Residents praised for their support to the Remembrance Service held on Sunday. Fantastic turn out and something to be proud of by all those in attendance.

Grants have been approved for the following:

- Somerton Recreation Ground Trust, disabled access.
- Somerton Recreation Ground Trust: Sub metering at the Sports Club for electric and gas works.
- The police hosted a Crime Prevention Meeting at Edgar Hall and are working with business owners on the trading estate to improve security.
- Temporary road closure Pestors Lane, Somerton 3rd December for 3 days.
- Members of the Town Council met with 40 A level students from Millfield who were researching changes to Somerton and surrounding communities as part of the Geography syllabus.
- Dog watch is now operational.
- Judging of the domestic Christmas Lights will take place w/c 17th December 2018. Prize of £50 and a trophy to be presented at January Full Council
- Etsome Terrace Play Area will be closed in twilight hours for the winter months and this will be reviewed in the spring.
- A vintage market will be held on the third Friday of each month in the area around the Buttercross, this is in addition to the general market held on the first Friday of each month.
- STC are working with the new Library Trust group and Somerset County Council to secure an ongoing library service in Somerton. It is envisaged that the new way of working will be in place by 1st April 2019.
- STC will approve its annual budget at the Full Council meeting on 8th January 2019.

News

HEALTH NEWS

There is a defibrillator at the Recreation Ground near the MUGA. STC donated the defibrillator, and updated the battery and pads, with some funding towards the installation.



SOMERTON WEATHER FOR OCTOBER

The rainfall for October was 54 mm which was just over 2 inches.

UNSUNG HEROES

I am writing on behalf of my lovely mum, who asked me to put something in the Unsung Hero section of the Viaduct for her. Mum went to the cemetery one day last week to tend to my dad's grave and the man who was taking care of the grounds at the time happened to be almost next to his grave. He immediately stopped what he was doing, moved and told her that he would work somewhere else, thus giving her all the time and space she needed to do what she went in to do, in total peace and privacy. Mum was so moved by this lovely act of respect that she wanted to give this gentleman and the others who keep the cemetery tidy, a mention in this section. Thank you.

SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Now that winter is on its way please keep an eye on elderly neighbours to see that they are safe warm. Spread some warmth this winter by donating your Winter Fuel Payment. Somerset Community Foundation has launched this year's Surviving Winter campaign, which encourages people to join the growing number of contributors who donate some or all of their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people living in fuel poverty. This year, any online donations to the campaign made during the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge - midday Tuesday 27 November to midday Tuesday 4 December - will be doubled! Last year, over 500 older people living in fuel poverty in Somerset were helped to keep warm and better connected through the winter months, thanks to pensioners and other local donors who gave to Surviving Winter.

Help Somerset Community Foundation to help more isolated and vulnerable older people this year.

To donate to Surviving Winter, visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter or call 01749 344949. Please remember that all donations will help the Surviving Winter campaign, but if you donate online between midday Tuesday 27 November and midday Tuesday 4 December your donation will be doubled.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

20th Anniversary "Working together for Somerton through Rugby"

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at The Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Langport Road Somerton. New players are very welcome. Contact Gary Saunders for details; m. 07870 861731

Under 18s & U15s Girls; visit website for training/fixture details. Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

LANGPORT & DISTRICT RED CROSS 2018 RED CROSS WEEK COLLECTION

The Manager of Tesco Langport has kindly offered us another collection date in 2018, Friday 7th December. If you would like to help holding a bucket please contact Chris Cox on 01458 273085.

We continue to suffer a loss of house-to-house collectors in our area and are appealing for new volunteers in Somerton, Aller, Babcary, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Long Load, Long Sutton, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, Curry Rivel & Pitney. All we ask is a few hours once a year, during the week which contains 8th May, the birthday of Henri Dunant, our Swiss founder. New volunteers are assured of a very warm welcome if they phone 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com

BINGO NIGHT

Friday December 7th Wessex Rooms, Broad Street Somerton in aid of the Wessex Junior Youth Club doors open 7.00pm eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle, refreshments, tombola.

SAMARITANS ARE HERE FOR YOU:

Somerton, like many others communities, is brimming with people who volunteer their time to a variety of causes and in addition there will be those in any community who in their hour of need would welcome a talk with someone who is detached from their immediate surroundings. Find out more about being a Samaritan and our exceptional training programme by coming along to one of our Volunteering Information Sessions held at 25 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DG at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (Mar - Dec inclusive) or leave a message on our answerphone: 01935414015 or go online at www.samaritans.org to register your interest. See advert.

LIFE CHURCH SOMERTON

You are welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am for our weekly Sunday Service - all the family welcome with crèche and Sunday school for the children. Contact - Office 01458 273568 (Mon/Wed); E: admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk

W: www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk

TOT'S LIFE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We have recently started a new Baby & Toddler Group called Tot's Life at Life Church, Edgar Hall, Bancombe Business Park, Somerton. We meet each Monday during term time from 9.30am to 11am. We have lots of toys, craft time, messy play, story time and music time plus lovely fresh coffee, tea and cakes and healthy snacks for the children. Everyone is welcome from Mum's with baby bumps up to starting school age - Mums, Dads, Grandparents, child minders and carers are all welcome. Edgar Hall offers lovely warm and modern facilities with plenty of free car parking and space for prams and push chairs. We have a Facebook page - search Tot's Life Somerton or contact Kerry on 07715 926923 or e-mail admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk. We would love to meet you.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

To all Somerton Organisations, Societies and Clubs. This website also has an Events Page all entries are free of charge.

Also any sporting fixtures that are held in Somerton, that the public can come and watch and support your team, can be listed. When listing any events please state which organisation/club is being represented. Events Diary is free so please do make use of it Please contact Somerton Community Website Email: somerton@somerton.co.uk Phone: 01458 272041 Fax: 01458 273515.

BYGONE DAYS IN SOMERTON

On Thursday 28th Feb 1985 a meeting was held in the Parish Rooms at 6pm to discuss the proposals for filming by BBC TV. Thank you to those who have sent in details. It was for the series "The Monocled Mutineer" about events in France during WWI with parts of it filmed in Somerton and some Somerton folk were extras. The film is available for purchase through the usual outlets.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2018

September saw our 250th Trip! No trips in Dec. Jan 16th Motown. STOP PRESS: I have just been notified that Calendar Girls - The Musical is in Bristol next July. Calendar Girls - The Musical is now booking for Tuesday July 16th. This has had excellent reviews and is not to be missed. Tickets at £59 (Row E to G) and £47 (Rows S and T). Book now, pay in April. Our latest booking is for The Mousetrap on 24th June (just missing the start of Glastonbury Festival 2019!).

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Any profit is donated to charity. For more details of all trips please visit www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk, e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

Payment is due in October for Motown (16th January) and Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (13th March). After October I cannot guarantee tickets will still be available at Bristol, but worth the ask!

Forthcoming Trips

Motown the Musical - Wed 16 Jan - £52/£62

Comedy Bank Robbery - Thu 14 Feb - £38/£52

Kinky Boots - Thu 7 Mar - £51/£60

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake - Wed 13 Mar -£51/£61

SOMER SINGERS ARE RECRUITING

Local a cappella group (Somerton/Langport area) are currently recruiting sopranos, altos, tenors and basses to join our already established and successful four part harmony singing group. 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. Call 07849 335961 or email on singers369@gmail.com

GREAT STRIDES AT SADAA

If you need to contact us, please email somertondaa@gmail.com. Ivor Dixon 01458 250603 / 07976 308302

THE FOODBANK IN LANGPORT

Please note that it will still run but now from 2 - 4 pm and NOT at The Angel BUT in The Ridgeway Hall.

VIADUCT PRODUCTION

Copy for January Viaduct, Please can all copy be in by 10th December because of holiday difficulties. Many thanks, the Editors.

The magazine was recognised recently as an "Example of Excellence" in the Local Council Award Scheme when Somerton gained its Quality Award.

Stapling and folding happens in the last week of the month at 2pm in the Parish Rooms and deliverers start letterbox dropping after that. We need new deliverers especially for the Bovis and David Wilson estates. This stapling and folding date is published in the preceding month's Viaduct. If you wish to help please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or fletcher080@btinternet.com

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Scott Gould House is in North Street, Somerton, consisting of six self-contained flats intended for older ladies on a modest income with local connections. Residents are 'Licensees' and instead of rent pay a weekly maintenance contribution which includes central heating, hot water and general maintenance.

A FIRST FLOOR FLAT, consisting of a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom is available. There is a "no smoking and vaping" policy.

An application form and further details may be obtained from:

The Clerk to the Trustees, Tel.no. 01458 272049, Mob. 07989 437964.

GOODBYE. . . TO SOMERTON TOWN

Especially my wonderful friends and neighbours. Thank you for your love and support throughout my 18 years here with Peter. I will never forget you all - Suzie Wooldridge. My new number is 01305 775946.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Proposed changes to the County Council's support and services for children and their families.

People can share their views by completing a questionnaire which is available online at www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation, or a hard copy which is available in the eight main Family Centres and libraries, and at the information "Drop in" sessions (Detailed below).

Wednesday 28th November

Victoria Park Community Centre, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater, TA6 7AS

10.00am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 4th December

Yeovil Methodist Church, Vicarage Walk, Middle Street, BA20 1JZ

10.00am - 6.00pm

If anyone would like a hard copy sent to them, or any of the information in an alternative format, for example larger print or translated into a different language, please email getsetconsultation@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01823 357479.

The closing date for consultation responses is 5pm, Monday 31 December 2018.

SOMERTON FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Recreation Ground Management Committee would like to thank the people of Somerton for making the Fireworks Display such a great community event. Thanks to your generous donations, over £700 was raised towards maintaining the award winning Recreation Ground as the fine facility it undoubtedly is. Special thanks go to the Town Council for sponsoring the event and providing logistical support, Mo Fletcher for providing invaluable guidance, and to the many volunteers, including Somerton and District 41 Club, Somerton and District Tangent, and the rugby and football clubs, without whom it would not have been possible.

ACEARTS VOLUNTEER IS 'BELIEVE IN SOMERSET' FINALIST

ACEArts is delighted to announce that one of its volunteers, Dr Althea Pearson, has been chosen as a finalist in the 'Believe in Somerset' awards. Althea became a volunteer at ACEArts in 2016 and performs many roles for the charity - as well as volunteering at private viewings of exhibitions and coffee mornings she also co-ordinates the ACEArts volunteers,

supports the weekly life drawing class, ran a quiz, supports artists in their work with residents in care homes and sheltered accommodation; and helps run Dementia Friends sessions. She was nominated for the 'Volunteer/Fundraiser of the Year Award' by ACEArts, and was informed this week that she has made it to the finals. She will find out if she has won at a ceremony at Haynes Motor Museum on 6th December.

SOMERTON LIBRARY

The Library Project Group has now submitted an "expression of interest" to Somerset County Council to take over the running of the library. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will be formed under the chairmanship of Jeremy Greenop. It is envisaged that the library will have slightly shorter opening hours than at present, but there will always be a member of professional library staff present, supported by volunteers. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers, please contact MaryBeth Greenop at greenop@hotmail.co.uk or fill in the form available in the library.

We also need a secretary - please contact Jeremy if you can help greenop@hotmail.co.uk. With your support, we can keep the library open for us and for our future generations!
Martyn Smith Treasurer, Somerton Library Trust

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The town council will award a cash prize and trophy to the best Christmas lights display in Somerton.

Four children from the King Ina School have been chosen to look at all the displays in Somerton and choose the one they think is the best.

SILENT SOLDIERS 1918 - 2018

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Silent Soldiers project this year, by telling me about their relations who fought in WW1 or by buying a Silent Soldier sticker for their window.

The project has raised £400 for the Royal British Legion, which I will be sending to them next week.

The files of the soldiers' stories will be in the Library very soon, and we hope to get them onto a web site as well.

Nancy Schooling.

Forthcoming Events

EVENTS WHICH HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ARE LISTED IN THE "WEEKLY EVENTS" SECTION

SOMERTON GARDENERS: MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER

A speaker from 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Competition Table.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Versus Arthritis (formerly Arthritis Care). Christmas Party. 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY

Friends of Somerton Library would like to thank all those that came to our recent book sale. Your incredible support and contributions yielded the amazing sum of £212.66 pounds. Thank you so much.

WI: TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER.

Tuesday, 4th December. David Sutcliffe, Christmas Traditions and the History of Carols. 7.15 pm in the Parish Rooms.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Join us in the exhibition space and make alongside other makers. Bring a project that you are working on, knitting, drawing, collage, crochet. Grab a coffee and enjoy the surroundings. First Wednesday of the month 11-1 & 2-4pm Wed 5th Dec.

PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 4TH & 18TH DECEMBER

9am - noon Parish Rooms.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 6TH & 20TH DECEMBER

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time. Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. At the end those that wish go to a local pub for refreshments. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

SHORT HEALTH WALK

These will not happen now till spring 2019.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE.

Forget about the darker nights, our get-togethers give a ray of sunshine.

Wednesday's pre-order lunches 12.30 followed by Knit & Natter, sewing, or anything you want to bring. Card games even, if you want.

Thursdays, Fun Bingo. 2-4pm nice afternoons. We look forward to having your company.

We are a busy small committee, having to plan in advance, so it's hard to now be thinking of pantomimes, Xmas and New Year parties, Xmas lunch out, residents' party, even February coach trip! (Nice work though). No bacon butties in December. Floral Workshop Tuesday 11th December 2pm, £7. Tea, cakes, and florist display raffle. Your work to be taken home, including silk flowers to last. Do join us. Breakfasts Monday 17th £3, 9.30am.

Big Xmas Bingo Thursday 20th 2pm. Happy Christmas all. Keep well.

EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SOMERTON - DECEMBER 2018

For more information web address is: www.stmichaelssomerton.co.uk

St Michael's Christmas Services

Mon 17th Dec 6:30pm Carol Service at Wessex House.

Thursday 20th Dec 7pm Salvation Army Carol Service at St Michael's

Saturday 22nd Dec 7pm Service of lessons and Carols in St Michael's

Sunday 23rd Dec 3pm Crib Service, at St Michael's. Come and hear the story of Christmas.

Monday 24th Dec 11:30pm Midnight Communion at St Michael's
Christmas Day 11am Family Service with short Communion to follow at St Michael's.

GROUPS THAT WE RUN AT BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE AND ILCHESTER SURGERY:

Chatterbox Café...a chance to meet others within your local community and enjoy a good old chat...this is run by The Health Coaches and we meet at The Buttercross Tea rooms in Somerton on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 3-4pm.

Parkinsons Afternoon Tea Group...a chance to meet others living with Parkinsons and share your experiences...this is run by The Health Coaches and we meet at The White Hart in Somerton on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3-4pm.

Flexercise...a seated exercise group held at The Buttercross Health Centre on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 3-4pm and is run by The Health Coaches...it is a great way to improve mobility, get fit and meet new people.

For further information on any of the above groups please ring 01458 272473 and ask to speak to one of our Health Coaches.

BUTTERCROSS CARERS' GROUPS IN DECEMBER

Wed Dec 5th Carers Chatterbox Café 3 - 4pm Buttercross Tea Rooms. Do you want to meet people within your community? Come along and join the Chatterbox Café. Meet the Health Coach from the Buttercross Health Centre. Come along for a chat, meet us and enjoy some refreshment and exchange experiences - share information.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West Street Church back room. It's purely for fun, and for all ages and abilities. We sing anything well known, songs from the shows, old English melodies, and songs from the 30's up to date. £1.00 a session including coffee & biscuits.

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

They will meet on Monday 10th Dec at the Edgar Hall at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

No meeting. We thought you'd like the extra time for Christmas shopping, so we're having a well-earned break. Have a good festive break and we'll see you on January 8th at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. £3 covers entry and tea and cookie.

SOMERSET ARTS TALK: TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

The Creators of Christmas. The Arts Society illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, 1100, free parking. £6. For more information 01963 350 132.

U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WED 12TH DECEMBER

Now meeting Wed 12th Dec only 1.30 pm at West St Church. More experienced session Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm Long Sutton V H

Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 or see www.rscdssomerset.org.uk for more details.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

10.30 am at Somerton Sports Club. Come and join us on second Thursdays of the month for a chat and friendship. Tea 20p coffee 30p free draw ticket. Our activities vary but we mainly socialise and enjoy having fun. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun 2nd and 16th December (over 18s) 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs 20th December 8.30pm

Christmas Draw Mon 24th December 7.30pm.

DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday: Thursday 13th December at 9am - noon. No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser. Retirement & Investment planning, family & business protection, small business financial planning. Rhiannon Gogh 01458 555078.

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS: THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Last coffee morning of this year is on Thursday 13th December at 10.30 am, with Christmas raffle and mince pies. Thank you to all those who have supported our coffee mornings throughout 2018. We will return on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 10.30am. Looking forward to seeing you all.

SOMERTON WEST STREET CHURCH - COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAYS

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 14th and 28th Dec 10 - noon. Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

SOMERTON MOVIOLA: FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

1.45pm (doors open 1.30pm) Friends of the Parish Rooms presents Moviola with posh tea. Oliver (1968) based on the Charles Dickens novel, nine year old orphan Oliver Twist falls in with a group of street urchin pickpockets led by the Artful Dodger and the criminal Fagin. Winner of six academy awards. Run time 2hrs 33mins. Tickets £10 including tea from Cobbs Wholefoods from December 1st.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

You are warmly invited to Mid Wessex Singers Christmas Concert 'A Great and Mighty Wonder' at 7.30pm in West Street Church. Come and join us for carols and Christmas readings with mince pies and refreshments. Tickets £8, £4 for under 18s. More information at www.midwessexsingers.co.uk.

STEPHEN PAGE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

My next SSDC surgery will be on Saturday 15th December 2018 from 11.00am to 12.00 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-mail. Residents are welcome to contact me by phone or e-mail stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

GREEN GARDENERS

Green Gardeners do not have a meeting in December but would like to wish all members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE SOMERTON U3A

There is no monthly meeting for the Somerton U3A in December. Instead, there is a members only Christmas Lunch at Edgar Hall on 7 December. Full details on the web www.U3Asites.org.uk/somerton.

Monthly meetings normally 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.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 21ST DEC

Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's stapling and folding for the January issue will be Friday 21st Dec at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and Team.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY - NEXT MEETING JANUARY

There will be no meeting of the History Society in December. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday 24th January in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. This will be followed, at 7.30pm, when we can look forward to another year of interesting speakers. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions of £15 per person and £25 for two people living at the same address will be due in January. Further information can be obtained from Nancy Schooling on 01458 273859.

SOMERTON DRAMA SOCIETY PANTO FEBRUARY 2019

Keep your eye on this space for Panto News! This production has parts for adults, male and female, though being pantomime we will need a dame, played by a male; and a principal boy, played by a female. Our story has lots of rats so there are also plenty of children's parts, but all will have to be over seven when we start rehearsals.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

9.30 - 11am Life Church Toddlers Group, Edgar Hall
10am - 2pm Coffee and Co, St Cleers Chapel
10.00-12noon NatWest mobile banking. Library
10.30-11.30am Zumba Gold, low impact dance class for all, West Street Church
10.30am -11.30am Age UK Movement to Music, Parish Rooms
5.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall
4.30pm - 5.30pm Rainbows, St Cleers Chapel
5.30pm - 7.00pm Brownies, St Cleers Chapel
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut
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 - 12.00 noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
11.30am - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe
6.30pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & improvers), Wessex Rooms
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church

WEDNESDAY

10.00am - 12 noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room
10.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (All levels), Edgar Hall

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12.30pm Yarlington lunch (pre-order), Laburnum Drive
2.00pm Knitting afternoon, Laburnum Drive
2.30pm -4.00pm Foodbank at the Ridgeway Hall, Langport
5.00pm - 6.15pm Beavers, Scout Hut
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut

THURSDAY

9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms
10.30am Wessex House coffee morning
11.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms
2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beavers, Scout Hut
6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Youth Club, Wessex Rooms
7.30pm - 9.00pm Archies Xtra (11-18 years), Recreation Ground
7.30pm - 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing, West St Church (term time)

FRIDAY

9.30am - 11.30am St Cleers Toddlers, St Cleers Chapel
10.45am Flexercise, Laburnum Drive
7.00pm - 9.00pm 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

DECEMBER

See also weekly events list

Mon 3rd Coffee and Co at 10am - 2pm at St Cleers
Tue 4th WI David Sutcliffe Christmas Traditions 7.15pm Parish Rooms
Wed 5th Chatterbox Carers Cafe 3pm Buttercross Tea Rooms
Thu 6th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Versus Arthritis Christmas Party 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms
Gentle Yoga 12.15 - 1.15 pm Com Dun V. H.
Fri 7th Wessex Youth Club Fundraising Bingo Wessex Rooms 7.30pm
U3A members only lunch Edgar Hall
Sun 9th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Mon 10th Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel
Recreation Ground Management Committee 7pm Edgar Hall
Tue 11th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
No Rummikub till January
Laburnum Drive Floral Workshop 2pm
Wed 12th Create and Connect AceArts 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm
Parkinsons Afternoon Tea White Hart 3pm - 4pm
U3A Scot Dancing West St Church 1.30pm

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Thu 13th Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club
Wessex House Coffee morning with raffle and mince pies. 10.30am
Gentle Yoga 12.15 - 1.15pm Compton Dundon Village Hall
Fri 14th Moviola with posh tea 1.30pm for 1.45pm start. Parish Rooms
Sat 15th Mid Wessex Singers Christmas Concert 7.30pm West St Church
Stephen Page's Surgery 11am Full of Beans Cafe
Mon 17th Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel
Carol Service 6.30pm Wessex House
Laburnum Drive Residents Committee Breakfasts 9.30am
Wed 19th Flexercise Buttercross Health Centre 3 - 4pm
Thu 20th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Salvation Army Concert 7pm St Michael's
Quiz 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club
LDRC Big Christmas Bingo 2 pm
Fri 21st Coffee and More 10am - noon West St Church
Sat 22nd Service of Lessons and Carols 7pm St Michael's
Sun 23rd Crib Service 3pm St Michael's
Mon 24th No Coffee and Co today at St Cleers Chapel
Midnight Communion 11.30 pm St Michael's
Tue 25th Family Service followed by short Communion Service 11am St Michael's
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