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## Somerton Town Council - March 2019

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

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	12 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion & Communications	26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	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](http://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!

- The STC Community Awards for 2019 have been launched, nomination forms can be found in Somerton Library and on the Town Council website. Closing date for nominations is 30th April 2019, with the winners being announced at the Parish meeting on 31st May 2019.
- STC are seeking to recruit a volunteer Dog Warden, if you are interested please contact Terry Philpott, Town Clerk [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or phone 01458 272236.
- Prospective new councillor open day will be held on 21st March 2019 2.30pm to 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.
- Healthwatch Somerset will be in the Coxes Yard car park on 16th March 10am to 12pm.
- West Street Highways improvements: we are awaiting more info.

### Grants have been provided to

- Somerton Rugby Club to support their planning application.
- Yeovil Shop mobility: Provides mobility aid to shoppers in Yeovil and longer-term hire to individuals in surrounding areas.
- Wessex Youth Club funding for a new boiler.

- **Christmas Lights competition 2018.** Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dyer who were presented with a trophy and £50 prize fund.
- **School Playing Field Kirkham Street:** STC have agreed to register the land as an Asset of Community Value and seek support from members of the community to form a group to look at potential funding and use for the area. If you are interested in finding out more or being part of the group please contact Terry Philpott, Town Clerk [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or phone 01458 272236.
- STC have supported the Somerset County Council project, The Somerset Wood, which is to be a lasting memorial to those from Somerset who fought and fell in the First World War. It will lie within the parishes of Cheddon Fitzpaine & West Monkton. We have agreed to fund ten trees within the planting scheme.
- The new Chairman of the Land & Properties Committee is Peter Richardson.

### Somerset County Council:

- Projected budget under spend of one million pounds in the current financial year.
- Gritting services to be reinstated along with gully clearing, awaiting more information on these schemes.

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## News

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### **SOMERTON WEATHER FOR FEBRUARY**

The rainfall for February was 32.5mm, just over 1.25 inches – driest for 13 years.

### **SOMERTON FESTIVAL FAMILY FUNDAY**

Kindly sponsored by Somerton Business and Trade. This will be held on Sunday 7th July 12 noon – 5pm at Somerton Recreation Ground on the football pitch side of the field by the Sports Club. There will be no Festival Market Fair this year so stalls will only be available on the Funday. The day will be very busy with the Martock Retro Car Cavalcade also sharing the field with up to 250 cars on the rugby pitch.

There will be FREE kiddy activities including crafts, inflatables and face painting. The hawk display will also be there. Kindly sponsored by Somerton Town Council. There will be fairground type rides (not free).

Somerton junior football club will be running a tournament on the MUGA football pitches. There will be live music throughout the afternoon from “Ray's Disco” and bands “Lost in the Grass” and “Ollie Back with Sam on the Fiddle”. These will be on a trailer kindly loaned from Jonathan Sparks Haulage.

We will have a hog roast with jacket potatoes and ham rolls and another stall with tea/coffee and soft drinks as well as cake. We hope to have candy floss and sweet stalls. Somerton Sports Club will have its bar available. No dogs on the field. Only limited parking as the field will be in full use. If you want a stall please contact Mo Fletcher for booking forms on 01458 274631 or 07718920198 or [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com).

### **NATIONAL LITTER PICK WEEKEND IN SOMERTON 13TH AND 14TH APRIL**

There is a national campaign, The Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy taking place 22nd March – 23rd April, encouraging communities to take ownership of their environment. It doesn't matter whether you are on your own, part of a group, Can give a whole or half day or can only spare an hour. You can make a difference by picking up the plastic, cans and general litter that is ruining the beauty of our town and surrounding lanes.

Somerton has organised our Community Litter Pick on 13th & 14th April 2019 in association with Somerton Town council, South Somerset District Council and Somerton's #2minlitterpick group.

We will be aiming to cover as much of the town as possible. The litter is mainly on paths and pavements on our housing estates and also in pockets where people like to congregate like the playing field, the play area and the roundabout shop. We will be working in pairs and not be looking to go out on roads where there are no pavements or grass verges to walk along. We will provide all the equipment you need to safely take part. We will meet up on both days at the Parish Rooms in the Market Place at 9.30am and we look forward to seeing you. To find out more about this event or #2minlitterpick, contact Gregory & Rachel Somerton. [2minutelitterpick@gmail.com](mailto:2minutelitterpick@gmail.com) 07811491153.

### **MEMORIAL FOOTBALL MATCH**

On Boxing Day a memorial football match was played at the Recreation Ground in memory of local “Tony's Fish and Chip” shop owner, Tony Degregorio, who sadly died of cancer earlier in the year. He was a great supporter of Somerton and the football clubs.

Two teams played with several substitutes which was gallantly umpired by Jason Burton with a score of 2 – 1. It was well supported by local residents and together with the collection at the match and a football club raffle raised £2,000 which is to be split between Somerton Town Football Club and the Recreation Ground Trust. Last months cover photo was taken at the match by Ian Vardy.

## **SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB**

2nd March – Burnham-on-Sea II vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

9th March – Somerton vs Chard II 2.30pm

23rd March – Weston-Super-Mare IV vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

26th March – Tag Tournament Schools Cluster years 3 & 4 4.00pm

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 [www.somertonrfc.co.uk](http://www.somertonrfc.co.uk) for training/fixture details.

## **WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

The Wessex Rooms Management Committee would like to thank "Peking House" for nominating the Junior Youth Club as the recipients of their penny collection and are most grateful for the subsequent donation of £150! The committee would also like to thank Burns the Bread for donating gingerbread Christmas Trees which the children had great fun decorating! The Youth Club greatly appreciates the generosity of these local businesses and the support of the local community – thank you from all the children!

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Due to Full of Beans Cafe closing we will now meet Tuesday afternoons in Buttercross Tearooms.

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## **Reports**

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### **WEA COURSE, LONG SUTTON**

6th April 2019, 10.00 – 16.00, £30 to include a buffet lunch. Great Western Railway with Michael Turner.

The day school will trace the history of the GWR (1833-1947), soaking up the atmosphere of a company which inspired deep loyalty from both passengers and staff. The illustrated talk will cover engineering, architecture and social history. It will also include aspects of the GWR in Somerset. Booking must be made via the WEA either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by calling 0300 303 3464 - please note that we cannot accept walk-ins on this course, as places are strictly limited. Email [wealongsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wealongsutton@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB – ANNUAL SHOW 31ST AUGUST.**

The annual show will soon be here, and if you want to enter the craft or photography section here is a list for each category:

#### **CRAFT**

1. Handmade toy.
2. A piece of handmade jewellery
3. Paint a Tile
4. A cushion any medium
5. A picture any medium
6. Handmade Christmas Card
7. Decorated Flower pot.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

1. Timepiece – A photograph that reflects time.
2. After the Rain
3. Engineering – photograph of something made by man
4. On the Move.
5. A photograph anything yellow.

This will give you a chance to get underway now in time for the show in August.

### **NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS**

There has been an increase in dog fouling around the town, this is not acceptable. All litter bins around the town are dual use and it would be appreciated if dog owners pick up after their dogs, double bag the waste and deposit in one of the black litter bins.

Fiona Richardson STC, Chairman Access and Highways

## **SOMERTON DRAMA SOCIETY PANTO FEB 2019**

Dick Whittington - Somerton's Pantomime for 2019 . Congratulations to the Pantomime Team for a brilliant production. It took a lot of work with planning and rehearsal hours as well as treading the boards. The editors

Somerton Dramatic Society – I can't believe this year's Pantomime has come and gone and what a great show it was – well done to everyone who was involved in it.

Newsflash – The Society will be putting on a "Comedy" in May for three nights called "Breath of Spring" - more details in the next edition of the Viaduct.

## **SLIMMING WORLD**

Come and find us at the Edgar Hall on a Monday evening or a Tuesday morning. For more info call Annys on 07971 957691 or arrive at 5:30pm or 7.30pm Mondays or 9:30am or 11:30am on Tuesdays.

## **HOME LIBRARY SERVICE.**

The Home Library Service is a free service provided by Somerset Libraries and delivered by the Home Library Service. We can deliver books for free to people who enjoy reading but are unable to get to their local library due to poor health or mobility, or caring responsibilities. A Royal Voluntary Service will choose and deliver books to you on a regular basis. So if you want to continue enjoy reading in a format that suits you ( talking books, large prints etc.) and would like more information please contact Kirsty Jenssen Service Manager for the Home Library Service on tel: 07920 250834 or emailkirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

## **SAMARITANS**

Could you volunteer with the Yeovil Branch of Samaritans? Why not join us at our information evenings which take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at 25 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DG. To find out more, call our information line on 01935 414015, email: recruitment@yeovilsamaritans.org.uk or visit our website at <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-yeovil-sherborne-and-district>.

## **PARKRUN: STREET**

Fancy a new challenge for 2019 then why not try parkrun, its free to join and takes place every Saturday at Strode College Sports Centre, Street, at 9am. A friendly warm welcome awaits you as you embark on the 5km walk, jog or run, all abilities welcome. Visit the website [www.parkrun.org.uk/street](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/street) for more information.

## **SIR EDWARD HEXT ALMSHOUSES WEST STREET SOMERTON**

The Sir Edward Hext Almshouse Trust will have a vacancy in March/April 2019 at the almshouses in West Street, Somerton.

The almshouses are situated in the centre of Somerton close to shops and amenities, and each comprises a kitchen, bedroom, lounge and bathroom with shower. There is a communal courtyard garden to the rear with limited parking reserved for carers and services and the picking up and dropping off of residents.

The Trustees will consider applications from either a single person or married couple who have a housing need. Applicants should be aged 55+ and currently live in the parishes of Somerton, Langport or High Ham, or have a strong connection with the local area.

Further details and an application form are available on request. Please contact: The Clerk to the Trustees, 22 Pinewood Drive, Somerton, Somerset TA11 6JP, Tel: 01458 270271 Email: [hextalmshouses@gmail.com](mailto:hextalmshouses@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications 15th March 2019.

## **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME NEWS FOR MARCH 2019**

March sees our purchase date for Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of Beauty and the Beast (Friday 3rd May, £37/£47) and the Agatha Christie play The Mousetrap (Monday 24th June, £39/£44). I can usually get hold of tickets after I have bought the main tranche, but they will probably not be such good seats.

Two big shows are coming to Bristol, the New York production of The King and I (Thu eve 26 Mar(£53/£70) and Matinee Wed 1 Apr, next year (2020) and The Lion King September/October this year, not yet on sale at time of writing though I have requested tickets for at least one

evening and one matinee performance so by all means put in a request now and I will confirm once tickets become available.

The other trips planned are: Kinky Boots 7th March, £51/£60), Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (13 March, £51/£61), The Magic Flute (11 April, £56/£69), Rock of Ages (18 April, £41/£50), Matilda (21 May Evening and 29 May Half Term Matinee (£62/£72), Fame (11 June, £45/£54), The Mousetrap (24 June, £39/£44), Calendar Girls – The Musical (16 July, £47/£59) and We Will Rock You (Queen) (18 March 2020!, £45/£58).

Prices including coach are stalls at the back/stalls or Grand Circle near front.

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](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk), e-mail [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com) or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

### **APPEAL FOR RED CROSS COLLECTORS.**

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors during the 2019 Red Cross Week, Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. We do bucket collections in Langport & Somerton and House-to-House in any of the villages in South Somerset where we can find volunteers. As the last remaining volunteer -run Red Cross Centre in Somerset it is very important that we continue to raise funds to justify us remaining in operation. Our Centre in the main Langport car park is open every morning, except Sunday, where we sell donated goods and provide friendship and company over a hot, or cold, drink and a biscuit (or two!). Donations of items for sale are always welcomed. We also carry a small stock of disability aids for loan or purchase. Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).

### **SOMERTON ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION.**

Would you like to grow your own fruit and vegetables? With rising food prices, perhaps now is the time to save money by growing your own – and get some exercise as well! Somerton Allotments Association currently has vacant plots waiting to start planting in the spring. Rent starts at £15 for a year for the smallest (6 metres x 10 metres) plot rising to £55 for a full (12 metres x 20 metres) plot. Speak to Keith Woollacott (Chairman) on 01458-274696 or Elaine Evans (Secretary) on 07717 783957 for more information.

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## **Forthcoming Events**

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### **COMPTON DUNDON VILLAGE HALL CONCERT: FRIDAY 1ST MARCH**

Sam Kelly Trio 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £10. Contact Kay Williamson on 01458 448694.

### **LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE.**

Our A.G.M. showed all present members to remain. (Suckers for punishment!)

Our plans show us looking at happy events throughout the year, so please join us. We are a phone call away. 01458 272620. Our Bring & Buy sale was a big success, with an extra thank you to Kath and Brian for their contribution.

Tues 12th March: Savoury Tea Party, with musical bingo sing-along. 5pm £5.

Tues 26th. Coach to Ottery St. Mary. (Please note date changed. NOT 19th.) depart 10am. Half day. £7. We consider, when organising our trips, those with walking aids and distances for time in coach, so we are limited to choice of destinations. Still, all provide a happy day out. Look forward to having your company.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS: MONDAY 4TH MARCH**

7.30pm Parish Rooms in the Square Somerton 'Alpines and Orchids' a presentation by Paul Cumbleton. The item for the Competition Table is daffodil bulbs.

### **PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC: TUESDAY 5TH/19TH MARCH**

9am – noon Parish Rooms.

### **SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 5TH MARCH**

86th Anniversary Party and Entertainment. 7.15pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

### **CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

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 6th March.

### **FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY: WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

Friends of Somerton Library will be holding a talk in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday 6th March at 2.30pm 'Think about it' by Brian Pearson.

### **VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 7TH MARCH**

Martyn Smith, Cruising from Dubai to Southampton. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 7TH/21ST MARCH**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 7th and 21st March. 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.

### **THEATRE TRIPS**

Thurs 7th Kinky Boots

Thurs 14th Bourne's Swan lake

### **COFFEE AND MORE: FRIDAY 8TH/22ND MARCH**

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8th and 22nd March 10am - 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.

### **KEINTON MANDEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE: SUNDAY 10TH MARCH**

In the school hall at Keinton Mandeville Primary School (We had to move the date) from 10am – 12.30pm. Butties, hot dogs, tea and coffee on sale.

Please bring donations to the school during the week preceeding the sale (from 4th March). We are looking for; toys, clothes brik-a-brac – all in good clean condition please. No electrical items. Entry 50p for adults, free for children. All money raised goes to the PTA fund and ultimately back into the school. For further information contact Rowena on: 07814 458208 or rowena@photographicmemories.biz.

### **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo Sun March 10th and 24th (over 18s) 7.30 pm

Quiz Thurs March 28th 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

### **BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE EVENTS**

**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



**Flexercise...** a seated exercise group held at The Buttercross Health Centre on the 2nd 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.

### **AGE UK SOMERSET CLASSES IN SOMERTON**

Ageing Well is a programme managed by Age UK Somerset and it is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of older people. It organises events, activities and sessions all over Somerset. It already runs a very well-attended class in Somerton and a new class is starting in the New Year.

“Extend, Movement to Music” is held every Monday, between 10.00 -11.15. It is suitable for less able older adults, as it is made up of both seated and standing elements and it is designed specifically to help balance, co-ordination and circulation.

From 11th January, a new “Gentle Pilates” class is starting and will run every Friday between 12.30-1.30pm. This class will help improve flexibility and co-ordination. Like the Extend class, it has a mixture of seated and standing movements, using mats or chairs, as appropriate to each person.

Both classes are held at the Somerton Parish Rooms and costs £4 per session, There is no need to book, you can just turn up and join in. The emphasis is very much on having some fun and the atmosphere is relaxed and informal.

For more information, please contact Julie Bolton on 01823 345626 or email [Julie.bolton@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:Julie.bolton@ageuksomerset.org.uk).

### **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 11TH AND 25TH MARCH**

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West St 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.

### **NEW ART CLASS**

Begins Mondays for 6 weeks 10 am – noon St Cleers Chapel. See advert.

### **RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 11TH MARCH**

They will meet on Monday 11th March at the Edgar Hall at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### **NEW TRUSTEES FOR THE RECREATION GROUND**

A few months ago the current Recreation Ground Management Committee was invited to form a new Trust to take over the running of the Recreation Ground Charity from Somerton Town Council. Following legal advice and consultation a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.) has been formed and will commence operation in April this year. The object of the charity will remain as it has for the last 50 years which is to provide and maintain a Recreation Ground for the inhabitants of Somerton without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

We now seek applications from anybody with a genuine interest in becoming a Trustee to help deliver that objective. We also need a volunteer secretary who is not required to be a Trustee. If you are interested in applying please contact the current Chair, David Osmond, by phone on 07876 563411 or by email at [donnyosmond1@outlook.com](mailto:donnyosmond1@outlook.com).

### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 12TH MARCH**

Friends of the Parish Rooms present RUMMIKUB 2.00pm – 4.30pm Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy good company and a bit of brain exercise, whilst being fortified with a cup of tea and Pam's (in)famous cookies. £3 on the door. More info: 272408.

**SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST: TUESDAY 12TH MARCH**

British Woodland Under Threat 7.30 – 9.30pm. After the devastation wreaked by supporting wars and development in the last century, British woodland is now protected and preserved for the nation. But in recent years it has been threatened by a more insidious danger – that of disease, with many of our traditional species in danger of extinction. The Woodland Trust explains why and what we are doing about it.

Where: The Parish Rooms, Market Place, Somerton, TA11 7NB. Booking/Contact information: Booking not required. Contact Roger Dickey at [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com) or by calling 07973534282 for more information.

**U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 13TH/27TH MARCH**

Now meeting Wed March 13th and 27th at 1.30pm at West St Church. More experienced session Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30pm Long Sutton Village Hall. Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 for more details.

**SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH**

Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton at 7:30pm. Somerton Group of Artists present... A demonstration by the ever popular artist, Anita Peglar, of Wildlife in Watercolour. Members free, visitors very welcome £5 including tea or coffee.

**EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SOMERTON – MARCH 2019**

For more information web address is: [www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk) Beckinsale on 01935 826181 or see [www.rscdssomerset.org.uk](http://www.rscdssomerset.org.uk)

**SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 14TH MARCH**

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.

**RHIANNON GOUGH'S PENSION CLINIC**

Drop-in Pension Clinic At Somerton Parish Rooms on the following Thursdays: Thursday 14th March 9am – 12pm Thursday 28th March 9am – 12pm No obligation, no appointment necessary.

**WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING: THURSDAY MARCH 14TH**

10.30am Wessex House.

**CHARLTON MACKRELL SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 16 MARCH**

Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books, shoes, bags, raffle and refreshments 2pm Charlton's Community Hall, 50p entrance. Proceeds for Charlton Mackrell School. Donations of items will be most gratefully received. Items can be brought to the hall on Friday 15th March from 6 – 7pm or Saturday morning from 10-11am. It may be possible to collect any donated items in the Somerton area – call Zoe on 07884 411870 to see if she can collect.

**MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 16TH MARCH**

7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) Friends of the Parish Rooms present "First Man" (Next month's film is "The Wife!")

A look at the life of Neil Armstrong, the astronaut, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. Starring Ryan Gosling & Claire Foy. Run time 141 mins. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

**SOMERSET ARTS TALK: THURSDAY 21ST MARCH**

The Arts Society illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, 1100, free parking. £6. Thurs 21 March. For more information 01963 350132.

### **THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**

The next meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 22nd March when we will hear about the Festival of Britain 1951 from Michael Denney. It was held in London and across the country. With buildings, art and design by the best young designers and artists keen to express their enthusiasm for the new post war age. The Festival was full of life, colour and modern design. The talk will consider the main events in London including the South Bank Exhibitions. 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". Full details on the web [www.U3Asites.org.uk/somerton](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/somerton).

### **WINE TASTING AND AUCTION OF PROMISES: SATURDAY 23RD MARCH**

7.30pm Parish Rooms. This year's challenge for Bev Squire, Lynne Vincent and Mary Vardy is the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. We are yet again raising money for Cystic Fibrosis, so if you would like to support us and have a fun evening, please do come along. Tickets £15 available from Cobbs Wholefoods, tel. 01458 273867.

### **LOVE SOMERTON FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY 23RD MARCH**

Table Top Sale Parish rooms 10-12, £8 per table. Contact Mary on 07884310950 to book. Also date for your diary Sat May 11th Somerton May Fair in the church grounds.

### **SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 25TH MARCH**

Irresistible Flowers for Butterflies by Roy Cheek. 7.30 pm Parish Rooms. Visitors always welcome £3.

### **VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**

Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's Stapling and Folding for the April issue will be Friday 29th at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and team.

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

Our next will be on Thursday 28th March in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. Then followed by a short AGM at 7.30 pm and then by a talk from Colin van Geffen on Flying Boats of Southampton. Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions of £15 per person and £25 for two people living at the same address are now due. Further information can be obtained from Nancy Schooling on 01458 273859. Members come for free, but visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERY: SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

Stephen Page Saturday 30th March 11am – noon Somerton Library. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by email. Residents are welcome to contact me by phone or email. [Stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephoning 07519 739137.

### **MID WESSEX SINGERS VIENNESE SOIRÉE: SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL**

Enjoy an evening of romantic Viennese music in Somerton on Saturday, 6th April. The Mid Wessex Singers are re-creating the spirit and splendour of a grand Viennese Soirée at St Michael's Church starting at 7.30pm. Conducted by Musical Director, Graham Coatman, the choir's performance will feature a selection, sung in English, of Brahms' Liebeslieder (love songs) +, songs by Schubert and Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz. The guest sextet of local musicians, led by violinist Rowan Patterson from Curry Rivel, will perform the String Sextet, op 18 by Brahms in addition to accompanying the choir.

Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for under 18s, can be purchased from Cobbs, Somerton or at the door. For more information please visit [www.midwessexsingers.co.uk](http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk) or e-mail [info@midwessexsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk)

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

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## What's on In Brief

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### 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, Buttercross Tearooms  
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  
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

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### SUNDAY

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

### MARCH 2019

Fri 1st Compton Dundon Village Hall Concert Sam Kelly Trio 7.30pm

Mon 4th Somerton Gardeners Alpines and Orchids 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms

Tue 5th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am – noon Parish Rooms

WEA course Long Sutton Village Hall

WI 86th Anniversary Party and Entertainment 7.15pm Parish Rooms

Wed 6th Ace Arts Create and Connect 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Friends of Somerton Library Talk; by Brian Pearson "Think About It". 2.30 pm Parish Rooms.

Thu 7th Health Walks Somerton Library 11.30am

Versus Arthritis Cruising from Dubai to Southampton 7.15pm Pinney Room Parish Rooms

Theatre Trip Kinky Boots

Fri 8th Coffee and more 10 am – noon West St Church

Sun 10th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm Somerton Sports Club

Mon 11th Somerton Recreation Ground Management Committee meeting 7pm Edgar Hall

Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church

New Art Class starts 10am – noon St Cleers Chapel

Tue 12th Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms

Heart of Levels Talk British Woodland Under Threat 7.30pm Parish Rooms

LDRC Savoury Tea Party 5pm

Wed 13th U3A Scottish Dancing 1,30 pm West St Church

Somerton Group of Artists A demonstration by Anita Peglar.7.30pm Parish Rooms

Theatre Trip Bourne's Swan Lake

Thu 14th Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club

Pension Clinic 9am – noon Parish Rooms

Wessex House Volunteers Coffee mornings start 10.30am

Sat 16th Charlton Mack School Jumble Sale 2pm Community Hall

Tue 19th Pardoes Legal Clinics 9am – noon Parish Rooms

Thu 21st Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Somerset Art Talk Caryford Hall Castle Cary 11am

Fri 22nd U3A Talk on Festival of Britain 1951 10.30am Edgar Hall

Coffee and More 10am – noon West St Church

Sat 23rd Auction of Promises for Cystic Fibrosis 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Love Somerton Table Top Sale 10am – noon Parish Rooms

Sun 24th Somerton Sports Club Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Mon 25th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church

Green Gardeners Irresistible Butterflies 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Tue 26th LDRC Coach Trip Ottery St Mary depart 10am

Wed 27th U3A Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church

Thu 28th Pension Clinic 9am – noon Parish Rooms

Somerton Sports Club Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8pm Somerton Sports Club

Somerton History Society AGM & talk on Flying Boats of Southampton. 7.00pm Parish Rooms

Fri 29th Viaduct Stapling and Folding 2pm Parish Rooms

Sat 30th Surgery DC Stephen Page 11am – noon Somerton Library

Sat 6th April Mid Wessex Grand Soiree 7.30pm St Michael's Church

**See also weekly events list**

**MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS IN SOMERTON AT [WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK](http://WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK)**



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## **Art & Photography Exhibition 2019**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May - 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thank you to everyone who got involved in 2018's exhibition by helping, entering, visiting or buying. We sold a grand total of 89 items with many visitors passing through the doors. All work displayed was truly wonderful and without all of you there would not be an exhibition.

Well done to last year's winners:

**Artwork** - 'Plant Sales at the Buttercross' by Thelma Masters

**Photography** - 'Reflections' by Richard Lawrence

**Embroidery** - 'Kingfisher' by Grace Lister

**Sculpture** - 'Dog on Wire, Like Father Like Son' by Suzanne Wilson

We will continue to exhibit the growing number of embroidery and sculpture entries in addition to the wide variety of paintings, drawings and photographs. 2019's Exhibition will again see a wonderful display of work from children of King Ina Infants and Junior Schools. This time The Bear Cat Collective will be running marbling workshops in April at both schools with the children to help create their masterpiece.

New to this year's exhibition will be various workshops and talks being held throughout the week including upcycling, flower arranging, tattooing, felting, crocheting and cake making. For children we will have yoga, Lego and play activities. Tickets for these events will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please contact Jackie on 07778 006543 for more information.

Be sure to come and see what's on offer at Somerton Music & Arts Festival's, Art & Photography Exhibition 2019. This is a free event for the whole family to enjoy. Come and vote for your favourite pieces and maybe purchase yourself a gift, or make a loved one smile by sending them a lovely handmade card.

We look forward to seeing you all there,

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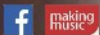
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At Somerton Parish Rooms on the following Thursdays:

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9am - 12pm
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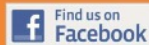
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