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## Somerton Town Council - May 2019

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	14 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access and Highways	28 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> May	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 The Viaduct, 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 30th May 2019.
- STC are seeking to recruit a volunteer Dog Warden, if you are interested please contact If you are interested please contact Jude Raybould , Town Clerk [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or phone 01458 272236.
- School Playing Field Kirkham Street: Public consultation continues.
- Somerton Town Council Planning Committee consulted on application:
- 19/00721/FUL Erection of a new primary school, to include construction of sports pitches, parking areas with drop off/pick up area, new access points onto Northfield and Etsome Road, landscaping and associated infrastructure. The application was supported by the committee with recommendations. The minutes can be viewed via the website.

### ELECTION 2019

Each candidate nominated for the election to Somerton Town Council on May 2nd was asked to write a note about him/herself in no more than 50 words. Here they are :-

**Cliff BASSETT**, married with 4 grown up children, retired from Royal Navy now working for Civil Service. Lived in Somerton 29 years. Chairman of Somerton Music Festival and trustee of Somerton Recreation Ground. Helped with resolving the sports club lease. Leisure activities include playing squash, football, skittles and running.

**Steve BOARDER** Having lived and worked in South Somerset most of my life, I moved to Somerton with my young family almost 4 years ago. After 10 years at SSDC maintaining their play areas, I retrained in 2014 and became an HGV Driver. Interests include music, gardening, walking and motorsports.

**Laura BRIGGS** Mum of two under-10s, I run my own PR company and chair the council's Promotions and Communications committee. I've lived in Somerton for 14 years and sit on the school PTFA and volunteer with Love Somerton. When I'm not doing all that, you'll probably see me running!

**Brian DOBSON** We moved to Somerton in 1999. I'm vice chairman of Somerton Music & Arts Festival, member of the drama society and was manager of several local football teams. I believe in open government and listening to, and working with local people towards common goals without losing Somerton's character.

**Phil FLOWERS.** I have lived in Somerton for 45yrs, I have worked for Davies Builders, Westlands and latterly my own photography business in Sevenacres for 24 years. For decades I have been involved with Gassons Lane sports facility. I ask for you support.

**Stephen HARRISON.** I'm a relative newcomer to Somerton but have lived locally for 5 years. I'm passionate about the community we live in and would love further opportunities to bring fresh ideas to our market town. I'm a serving member of HM forces and enjoy cycling, the gym and camping.

**Tim KERLEY.** I have lived in Somerset since childhood and have worked in education, including schools, prisons and museums. Being disabled myself, I passionately believe in social justice and helping the disadvantaged. I wish to serve an inclusive, happy and prosperous Somerton and will work hard to achieve this.

**Sue PITHER** As a relative newcomer to Somerton, I am keen to join the council and support the town in any way I can. I have a lot of relevant experience to bring from my career in the Civil Service. In my spare time I enjoy walking, sailing and travelling.

**Brian RAYBOULD** Moved to Somerton aged 16, some 55 years ago. Trained as HGV mechanic and spent my working life fixing lorries to Ministry of Transport standards. I've been a Somerton councillor for many years and with five grandchildren take great interest in facilities for the younger generation especially recreation.

**Fiona RICHARDSON.** I have lived in Somerton for 20 years, and currently work in the Willians Supermarket Cafe. I am chairman of Access and Highways Committee and committee member of Land and Properties, I am also a volunteer with the Somerton Christmas Lights Brigade. I enjoy gardening and baking.

**Peter RICHARDSON.** I have lived in Somerton for 20 years, retiring last year from commercial flying and as an ex-RAF officer with 40 years service. I am chairman of Land and Properties Committee and committee member of Promotions and Communications. I enjoy classic car restoration, light aircraft flying and walking.

**Dean RUDDLE** Lived in Somerton all my life and educated locally. Married to Rachael and we have four children and twelve grandchildren. I've been involved in the family business since school and understand the challenges faced by individuals and businesses in rural communities. Currently chair of STC and County Councillor.

**Peter SIMMONDS** I'm a retired civil engineer with past experience as a district councillor and school governor. I moved to Somerton from Berkshire with my wife last year. I pledge to use my experience and knowledge for the benefit of all the people of Somerton.

**Martyn SMITH** I've lived in Somerton 28 years. Retired in 2000 after 30 years in the brewing industry. Trustee and treasurer of the Parish Rooms and the Library, treasurer of Somerton Festival, vice-chair of STC and the town's footpath officer. In my spare(!) time I enjoy travel, photography, walking, swimming.

**Sheila TAYLOR** I've been privileged to live in Somerton for 11 years and work as business manager at a local secondary school. I'm determined to do my best for all young people so that they have good opportunities and experiences. I enjoy walking with a local group, travelling and reading.

**Clive WILSON.** Retired aircraft engineer, Somerton resident for 45 years. Past council positions held: chairman of Access & Highways Committee and council vice chairman. I believe in Somerton, its well being and future. Its character MUST be preserved at all costs. Hobbies are old cars and walking our dog.

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## News

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### SOMERTON WEATHER FOR MARCH

Total rainfall for March was 61.5 mm or 2.5inches.

### 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 business, double bag the waste and deposit in one of the black litter bins.

Fiona Richardson STC, Chairman Access and Highways.

## **FLY TIPPING IS SPOILING OUR COUNTRYSIDE**

STC is becoming increasingly concerned about fly-tipping locally as the problem is escalating. Recent incidents saw waste dumped in a country road between Highbrooks Road and Mill Lane with bags of rubbish thrown down on the grass verge and gateway.

It is easy for residents to protect themselves against fly-tippers: never pay cash for waste to be removed, get a receipt and keep notes of people, contact details and vehicles, and check that tradespeople: builders, gardeners, carpet layers – have a waste carrier licence and can explain where the waste will go. If you see fly-tippers/tipping, stay safe, take notes and report it to SSDC <https://legacy.southsomerset.gov.uk/indigo.aspx?caseserviceid=453143>.

## **SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB.**

If you would like to play tennis please contact the Membership Secretary Alan Wharton on 01458 445139 or 07483 811516. For adult coaching contact Neil Driver 01458 270131. For junior coaching Luke Andrews 07437 404242. For public court hire Wendy Driver 01458 270131 or 07788 451098. The cost to hire a court is £6 an hour. More information available at [somertontennisclub.co.uk](http://somertontennisclub.co.uk).

Somerton Tennis Club is holding their Nature Valley Big Tennis Open Day on Saturday 8th June. Please come along and try playing tennis. Contact Bridget Hodsman on 01458 272986. 2pm-3pm juniors (any age); 3pm-4pm adults; 4pm-5pm free play.

## **SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Please check to see if your organisation, society or club is listed on the Somerton Community Website [www.somerton.co.uk](http://www.somerton.co.uk) and that your information is correct. These are listed on the Societies and Clubs pages. Please advise if you have any corrections, deletions or additions. The website also has an Events Page and all entries are free of charge.

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

Two Kings to book up for this month. I have a few spaces on the coach for The Lion King, back in Bristol and nearly sold out in the first two days. We have reservations for: Wednesday 13th November evening, at £65 and £82, and Sunday 27th October matinee at £92 and £112. Both of these are subject to the theatre still having some tickets available.

The highly praised London production of The King and I tours to Bristol next year. We are going on the evening of Thursday 26th Mar at £53 and £70.

Welsh National Opera brings us a new production of Carmen on Friday 13th March at £55 for good Grand Circle or Stalls seats.

We also will be tripping to Bristol for Fame (11 June, £45/£54), Calendar Girls – The Musical (16 July, £47/£59), and We Will Rock You (Queen) (18 March 2020!, £45/£58).

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Payment is usually due about two months before the show date. 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. Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).

## **SOMERTON COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Remember to nominate on forms found in Somerton Library and on STC website by 30th April.

## **BRITISH RED CROSS EVERYDAY FIRST AID**

Would your group, volunteers or community have the skills to cope in a crisis?



The British Red Cross offers everyday first aid to community groups who support adults over 65 who are more at risk of slips, trips and falls. Our tailored sessions are free of charge and provide people with the skills and confidence to help in a first aid emergency. For more information, please contact; Clare Meaden, Adult Education Co-ordinator for Somerset, Tel. 01823 273706. Email [cmeaden@redcross.org.uk](mailto:cmeaden@redcross.org.uk).

### **TOWN AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2019**

Don't forget to vote on May 2nd in the election for town and district councillors. If you have a postal vote, it must arrive by 10pm on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **FOSTER CARE FORTNIGHT APPEAL.**

We are running an appeal in Foster Care Fortnight (13th – 26th May) to urge people to come forward and consider fostering children in Somerset. We have a mobile events van that we're going to take around Somerset for a fostering roadshow, casual drop-in info sessions for the public to ask questions and get more info on fostering.

### **SOMERTON LIBRARY**

On Monday, 1st April, Somerton Library opened for the first time as a Community Library Partnership led by The Somerton Library Trust in partnership with Somerset County Council. At an informal ceremony hosted by the Library Trustees, the Chair, Jeremy Greenop, welcomed those attending and paid tribute to the wonderful support from the local community, Somerton Town Council and Somerset County Council. The Trustees, working with Friends of Somerton Library (FoSL), plan to broaden the range of community activities hosted by the Library; nevertheless, the Trust's primary and immediate focus is to ensure the continuation of the core service provided by a traditional library. The 2 Volunteers 'on duty' at the inaugural session were invited cut the ribbon. The Library then opened for business as normal.

The Library will be open for 23 hours a week.

Mon: Closed am, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Tues: Closed all day

Wed: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Closed pm

Thu: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Fri: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Sat: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Closed pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS.

### **20MPH RESTRICTIONS IN SOMERTON**

The attached photo was taken by me David Cundle of my grandson Arthur Cundle. I have spent two years campaigning for a speed reduction in Somerton, Sutton Road and adjoining roads. This was achieved last month, and although some signage has been installed more is on the way. I noticed that still too many drivers don't seem to understand the signage and still exceed the speed limit, so I hope you will be able to use this photo and give a little room in your magazine explaining that most of Somerton is now a 20 mph area. I will be starting speed watch shortly in the road and surrounding area and would ask you on my behalf if any residents are interested in supporting the group to contact me at 01458 897224.



### **FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY**

FOSL will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 30th April at 2.30 in the Parish Rooms. It is hoped that any questions or concerns with regards the future of the library can be clarified at the AGM. New ideas, innovations, suggestions for enhancing the new community library would be most welcome. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining the committee.

Unfortunately there will be vacancies for both a secretary and a treasurer, as both need to stand down due to personal pressures. If you are interested please email us: [somertonlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:somertonlibraryfriends@gmail.com) or drop us a note c/o Somerton Library.

## **SOMERTON FESTIVAL FAMILY FUNDAY**

Kindly sponsored by Somerton Business and Trade.

This will be held on Sunday 7th July 12 noon – 5 pm 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. 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).

## **SMAF: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2019**

We really hope you liked seeing what we have planned for the week of the 25th May – 1st of June during the Art & Photography Exhibition in the last month's Viaduct. Tickets are still available so please contact Jackie on 07778006543 or visit us online at [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk) to book tickets and read more about the activities. Here is a reminder of what we have planned:

Saturday 25th Flower Arranging for Absolute Beginners

Sunday 26th Messy Church

Monday 27th Lego Challenge; Yoga Session for Children

Tuesday 28th Advancement of Tattoo Techniques from 1920- Now

How to Make a Perfect Scone with GBBO competitor Val Stones

Wednesday 29th Crochet Workshop for Absolute Beginners

Thursday 30th Felting Workshop for Complete Beginners

Friday 31st Up-cycling Workshop

We are also keen to hear from anyone wanting to exhibit their sculpture, needlework, art or photography pieces for more information about how to enter please contact Jade on 07807484083. Don't forget to pick up the free copy of the full Festival event programme which will be available around the town from the middle of May, Jackie, Jade & Alex.

## **RETURN OF THE SONS OF PITCHES**

On Friday 5th July this uniquely talented A Capella choir return to the home of their first professional concert. Winners of BBC2's "The Naked Choir" with Gareth Malone in December 2015 they have since toured extensively in the UK and around the world. They return to Somerton to open this year's Somerton Music and Arts Festival with a concert in St Michael and All Angels Church. Ticket information [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk) As one of the Sons says "It feels like Somerton was where it all started!"

## **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.

## **CITIZENS' ADVICE MOVES TO NEW HOME**

Citizens' Advice Outreach is now in its new home in Somerton Library. Opening hours are every Tuesday morning from 10am – 12noon. A group of trained volunteers will be available to give confidential help and advice on consumer issues, debt & money, benefits and many other issues.

## **JUNE EVENT - RIDE OUT FOR ROSIE**

You are invited to a gentle motorbike ride to West Bay on Sunday 9th June. Funds raised are for St Margaret's Hospice. Register at Somerton Sports Club from 10am, ride out starts at 11 am. £5 per motorbike if you register before the day or £10 on the day.

Registration Forms available at SSC or [Somertonsportsclubplc@gmail.com](mailto:Somertonsportsclubplc@gmail.com) or online at <https://www.somerset-hospice.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/category/community-events>. On your return to Somerton there will be refreshments at the club.

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## Forthcoming Events

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### **CHARLTON'S SHORT MAT BOWLS**

We meet on Mondays 7.30 – 9.30pm and Tuesdays 10am – noon at Kingsdon Village Hall. Come along to a taster session – bowls provided. All ages welcome, tuition given free of charge. For more info ring Mabel on 01458 273420.

### **SAVE KIRKHAM STREET FIELD: WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY**

Consultation 2 – 5pm (drop in) with report back session at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Save one of Somerton's last green spaces.

### **CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY**

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 1st May.

### **VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 2ND MAY**

Gordon Le Pard, Picking Darcy's Pocket. 7 for 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 2ND AND 16TH MAY**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 2nd and 16th May. 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.

Future Special Events – Walks to Midney Gardens for tea/coffee and cake - Thursday May 2nd, Thursday July 4th and Thursday 5th September all leaving Somerton Library at 11.30 am. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

### **THEATRE TRIPS IN MAY**

Fri 3rd Beauty and the Beast; Tues 21st Matilda.

### **MADE IN SOMERSET – FUNDRAISING FOR ETATU: SATURDAY 4TH MAY**

Looking for something to do this May Bank Holiday Weekend? Please consider a visit to 'Made in Somerset', in Somerton on Saturday 4th May. A fabulous annual fair that brings together some of the best artisan makers and producers from Somerset.

We are fundraising to sponsor secondary school places (60 children in 2018) and facilitate the Msambweni Orphans' Programme (providing 45 children with nutritious meals and primary education). We have lots of new stalls this year, over 35 in total.

Last year Made in Somerset raised the funds to sponsor four girls for a year and this year we hope to raise more. If you have a spare hour, please come to ACEarts and The Parish Rooms in Somerton on Saturday 4th May, 10am - 4pm. Come for coffee & cake or lunch and a browse. Come and make a difference. [www.etatu.org.uk](http://www.etatu.org.uk). Follow mis4etatu on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

### **SILENT DISCO: SATURDAY 4TH MAY**

At Edgar Hall, Somerton there will be a silent disco in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. The event is 7.00pm-12.00am. Bar and raffle. Over 18's only. Tickets (£7) available from The Head Office, contacting 01458 274497 or 07751791878.

### **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo Sun May 5th and 19th (over 18s) 7.30pm  
Quiz Thurs May 30th 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

### **PARDUES LEGAL CLINICS**

In May they will be on Tuesday 7th and 21st from 9am – noon in the Parish Rooms.

### **SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 7TH MAY**

AGM and Tony Davies, Ladies in the Sky. 7.15pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.



## **SUMMER SINGING**

Keen singers, you are invited by the Mid Wessex Singers, to experience the motivational guidance of our Musical Director, Graham Coatman, in a summer season of light music. Following our performances of varied and enjoyable music at our Autumn, Christmas and Spring concerts, we are looking forward to a relaxing term starting on Tuesday 30 April, culminating in an informal performance to invited guests at our Summer Soiree on 2 July. We rehearse from 7.15 to 9pm on Tuesday evenings at West Street Church Hall, Somerton TA11 7PR and the summer term is on a 'pay as you go' basis of £3.50 a week. For further information please ring 01458 274139, e-mail [info@midwessexsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk) or visit [www.midwessexsingers.co.uk](http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk).

## **LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE.**

Do join us, share our happy get-togethers. All welcome. Let us know in good time, especially if catering involved, at Hall Tuesday mornings, (not coach trip days) Wednesday 11.0- 4.0, Thurs.1.30-4.0. Or phone 272620.

Bacon butties, and cuppa, 10am 7th May £1.70.

Pizza and Pud supper party 14th May, 5pm £6.

Full breakfast 20th May, pre-order, 9.30am, £3.

Monthly COACH -28th May, Monkey World. Fare, £11. Depart 10am.

Don't forget our Fun bingo, every Thursday 2pm. Always a pleasant afternoon. Phone 01458 272620 for information.

## **SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS**

We will be having mainly trips so contact Anita for more details.

## **SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY**

Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. An evening with Moish Sokal showing his latest travels in pictures.

## **U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 8TH/22ND MAY**

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.

Future Events: Scottish Country Dancing Tea Dance Sat 6th July at Long Sutton Village Hall 2 – 4.30pm with cream tea entry £5 – open to all.

## **SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 9TH MAY**

10.30am at Somerton Sports Club. It was our 3rd Anniversary last month.

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: THURSDAY 9TH & 23RD MAY**

Drop-in Pension Clinic At Somerton Parish Rooms 9am – 12pm. No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser.

## **SOMERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY NEW PRODUCTION**

Somerton Dramatic Society's production of "Breath of Spring". A light-hearted comedy by Peter Coke will be performed in the LadySmith Hall (Parish Rooms) on the evenings of May 9th, 10th & 11th. The performances will commence at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets available from Palmer Snell cost £8.00. No seating plan - just sit where you like and enjoy a good laugh!

## **SOMERTON WEST STREET CHURCH – COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAYS**

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on Fridays, 10th and 24th May 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](mailto:levelopps@gmail.com).

## **DON'T FORGET SOMERSET DAY ON SAT 11TH MAY**

More details at [www.somersetday.com](http://www.somersetday.com).

### **HEART OF THE LEVELS: SATURDAY 11TH MAY**

Somerset Wildlife Trust Heart of the Levels Group. Walk: Orchid Walk at Babcary 10.00-12.00AM. Join us for a walk around Babcary Meadows to find orchids, wild flowers and the wildlife of this grassland reserve. The walk will last up to two hours, easy going, though not suitable for wheelchairs and may be muddy in parts. Dogs permitted on leads. Park in the Red Lion car park and join us for a drink after the walk. Please book by email [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com).

### **WEST STREET CHURCH EVENTS**

Sat May 11th Path Sale for Christian Aid from 10am.

Sat May 18th Plant Sale in the garden from 10am.

### **FAMILY FRIENDLY SCOTTISH CEILIDH: SUNDAY 12TH MAY**

Long Sutton Village Hall 2.30 – 4.30pm. Free Event. Very relaxed, open to all ages and abilities.

### **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 13TH AND 27TH MAY**

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.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB**

7.30pm Parish Rooms Somerton 13th May. An 'in- house' arrangement for a change! Two committee members, Linda (chair) and Pat are presenting a talk on hanging baskets. The item for the competition table is a small tray of broad beans.

### **RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 13TH MAY**

Will meet 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 commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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).

### **WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING**

Have you ever fancied joining the current volunteers: We hold coffee mornings once a week on Thursday mornings and we help with activities for the residents during the year. It is a very rewarding activity and the joy it gives the residents makes it all worthwhile. For more information, please contact me, Carol Watkins on 272023 or just come along to any coffee morning on a Thursday. Look forward to hearing from you. Carol Watkins, Co-ordinator.

### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 14TH MAY**

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Rummikub 2 – 4.30pm at the Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy good company whilst being fortified with a cup of tea and Pam's (in)famous cookies. Everyone welcome, especially beginners. £3 on the door. More info contact 272408.

### **WEA COURSE: WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY**

Long Sutton Village Hall. Bird Poems of the Romantic Poets, with Jane Crozier Wednesday 15th May 2019, 14.00 - 17.00, £10 to include tea / coffee and cake.

The bird is traditionally an image of the poetic voice and, as such, held much appeal for poets of the Romantic period and beyond. We shall read about the nightingale and the skylark, of course, but also the snipe and the owl, always looking to discover the poets' perspective on each bird - from the ethereal to the terrestrial, from the fanciful to the carefully observed.

Booking must be made in advance via the WEA either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by calling 0300 303 3464. Email [wealongsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wealongsutton@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 18TH MAY**

7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) Friends of the Parish Rooms present "Stan & Ollie" (2018) Starring Steve Coogan.

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain. Run time 98 mins. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

### **SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 18 MAY**

10am – 12pm Come and have a Rumble in the Jumble. Somerton Scout HQ (Rear of the Half Moon car park). Bric-a-brac, books, clothes, toys, bags, shoes, and lots more, plus teas and cakes! Email Fiona Bayles, Group Scout Leader if you have any items you would like to donate or perhaps bake a cake: [Fiona.bayles@gmail.com](mailto:Fiona.bayles@gmail.com).

### **SOMERTON AREA DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE: WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY**

The Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance (SADAA) will launch the town's 'Safe Places' scheme on 22nd May at Edgar Hall.

Since its launch in May last year SADAA's membership has grown to 75, with 347 'Dementia Friends', and the 'Safe Places' scheme is the next step in the process. The event will consist of three Dementia Friends Sessions at 12 noon, 1pm and 3pm; and a talk about the importance of the 'Safe Places' scheme at 2pm. The need for such a scheme was recently highlighted in Somerton when an elderly gentleman became lost and confused, and guests will hear from the people who found him and returned him home. Somerton's first 'Safe Place' has been identified as Wessex House nursing home.

### **SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 24TH MAY**

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will be held on Friday 24th May when our AGM will start the meeting and then be followed by Kirsty Jenssen who is a service manager for RVS, specifically responsible for the Home Library Service which mobilises volunteers to support those in need or in hospital and the community in general. By inspiring the gift of voluntary service, they keep people happy, healthy and connected. 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.

### **HEART OF THE LEVELS GROUP: SATURDAY 25TH MAY**

Walk: Discover Great Breach Wood 10.00-12.00am. Parking at ST506325 (by tree sales gate) we shall walk around the wood looking for flora and fauna along the way. The footpaths may be muddy and uneven in places. Guides will point out wildlife of interest. Binoculars are always useful. Well controlled dogs welcome. Please book by email [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com)

### **SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL ARTS WEEK FROM SAT MAY 25TH.**

Lots of interesting events for all ages. See the entry in News section.

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 23RD MAY**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday May 23rd in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. At 7.30pm, our speaker will be Tony Davis giving a talk entitled "Nothing Found Here." Tony will tell us of Spanish scientific discoveries in the Middle Ages. Members come for free, but visitors are very welcome at a charge of £2. Further information can be obtained from Nancy Schooling on 01458 273859.

## **VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: THURSDAY 30TH MAY**

Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's stapling and folding for the June issue will be Thursday 30th May at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Thank you to Overt Locke for their help with the bags for organising deliveries. Mo and Team.

## **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, Somerton Library  
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

**SUNDAY**

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

**MAY 2019**

Wed 1 May Public Consultation Meeting re Fields Kirkham St (drop in) 2 – 5pm Parish Rooms  
Report Back Session 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Create and Connect at AceArts 11am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm

Thu 2 Health Walk to Midney for drinks and cake 11.30am Somerton Library

Versus Arthritis Picking Darcy's Pocket 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Fri 3 Theatre Trip Beauty and the Beast

Sat 4 Etatu Fair 10am – 4pm AceArts

Silent Disco 7pm Edgar Hall

Sun 5 Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 7 CAB NOW at Somerton Library 10am – noon

Pardoes Legal Clinic 9 – noon Parish Rooms

LDRC Bacon Butties 10 am

WI AGM and Ladies in the Sky 7.15pm Parish Rooms.

Summer Singing 7.15pm West St Church

Wed 8 U3A Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church.

Somerton Group of Artists Moish Sokal's Travels 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Thu 9 Somerton Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club

Pension Clinic 9 – noon Parish Rooms

Somerton Drama Society presents "A Breath of Spring" 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Fri 10 Somerton Drama Society presents "A Breath of Spring" 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Sat 11 Somerton Drama Society presents "A Breath of Spring" 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Path Sale 10am West St Church

Somerset Day ALL DAY

Heart of the Levels Walk at Babcary Meadows 10am – noon

Sun 12 Family Scottish Ceilidh 2.30 – 4.30pm Long Sutton Village Hall

Mon 13 SSFF 10.45am West St Church

Somerton Gardeners Hanging Baskets 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Recreation Ground Management Committee 7pm Edgar Hall

Tue 14 CAB Now 10am – noon Somerton Library

Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms

LDRC Pizza and Pud Party 5pm

Summer Singing 7.15pm West St Church

Wed 15 WEA Bird Poems of the Romantic Poets 2 – 5pm Long Sutton Village Hall

Thu 16 Health Walk as usual 11.30pm Somerton Library

Sat 18 Plant sale 10am West St Church

Scout Jumble Sale 10am – noon at the Scout HQ

Moviola Cinema Stan and Ollie 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Sun 19 Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 21 CAB 10am – noon Now Somerton Library

Theatre Trip Matilda

Summer Singing 7.15pm West St Church

Wed 22 Safe Place Introductions 12 noon, 1pm and 3pm at Edgar Hall

U3A Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church

Thu 23 Pension Clinic 9 – noon Parish Rooms

Hist Soc Scientific discoveries in the Middle Ages 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Fri 24 U3A AGM then talk on RVS volunteering 10.30am Edgar Hall

Sat 25 Somerton Festival Arts Week starts see news item for events.

Heart of the Levels Walk Great Breach Wood 10am – noon

Mon 27 SSFF 10.45 am West St Church

Tue 28 CAB 10am – noon NOW at Somerton Library

LDRC Coach Trip Monkey World leaving at 10am

Summer Singing 7.15pm West St Church

Wed 29 Theatre Trip Matilda – MATINEE

Thu 30 Staple & Folding 2pm Parish Rooms

Quiz 8pm Somerton Sports Club

**See also weekly events list**

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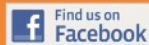
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