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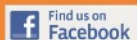
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Somerton Town Council - August 2019

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Land & Properties	27 th August	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	13 th & 27 th August	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!

There is no Full Council meeting in August 2019. The next meeting will take place on 10th September 2019

- Grant funding of £200 awarded to the King Ina C of E Academy PTFA
- Experimental traffic order Russet Road / Bancombe Road supported with a project fund of up to £5000.00. This will not set a precedent for future involvement of STC in highways matters but is an example of working in partnership with the developer, SCC and the residents.
- Skate Jam will be taking place on 19th August 2019 at the skatepark.
- STC are seeking to recruit a volunteer dog warden, if you are interested please contact Jude Raybould, Town Clerk town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01458 272236.

News

SMAF FUN DAY SUNDAY 7TH JULY

Mo, Bob and the Festival committee would like to thank all the helpers; Andy Billings and Wayne Foote; our sponsors – Somerton Business and Trade Association, Somerton Town Council and Sparks Transport; Somerton Sports Club; stall holders; Scott and the footballers; and the public for coming and making it such an enjoyable day. We had over 600 visitors on our part of the Recreation Ground. We had hawks, snakes, and many children's activities via Stuart Talbot and Somerton Town Council and musical entertainment led by Ray Jones from Somer Singers and the Bearcat collective. Thank you for helping our limited parking situation. Till 2020 – Mo and team.

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR JUNE

Total rainfall for June was just over 4 inches.

SOMER SINGERS

Somer Singers, local a cappella group from the Somerton/Langport area are looking for a soprano to join their already established and successful four part harmony singing group. They sing at local events, weddings and concerts and have bookings to Christmas and beyond. Call on 07849 335961 for an informal chat and they'll let you know how joining them works. Alternatively email on info@somersingers.org.uk.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Please check to see if your organisation, society or club is listed on the Somerton Community Website 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.

SOMERTON LIBRARY

The library will be open for 23 hours a week:

Mon: Closed am, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Tues: Closed all day

Wed: 10.00 am – 1.00pm. Closed pm

Thu: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Fri: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sat: 10.00am – 1.00pm. Closed pm

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS.

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 look on our website for details on plants, crafts and photography lists www.somertongc.com.

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Home Library Service is a free service provided by Somerset Libraries and delivered by the Home Library Service. For more information please contact Kirsty Jenssen, Service Manager for the Home Library Service on tel: 07920 250834 or email: kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

Reports

SOMERTON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL AND SOMERSTOCK 5-13 JULY

Whether you have lived in our town all your life or have only recently moved here, this was a Festival for you. The committee members who had organised our nine days of events woke on Sunday 14th July, tired but very pleased with how it had all turned out. While around the town it was recovery time for many of those who had enjoyed 12 hours of music on the Recreation Ground! Well done Somerton! There aren't many communities of our size that can put on such an event, culminating in our very own "Super Saturday" with over 1,000 people from a babe in arms upwards, enjoying a tremendous range of music at our very first Music Festival in a Day. Somerstock must return. For photos of Somerstock visit our Somerstock Facebook page where you can keep up to date with our plans for the future. For other Arts Festival events you can keep up to date at our Somerton Music and Arts Festival Page. And of course keep an eye out for information in Somerton's Viaduct!

Remember to buy your Octoberfest tickets. Everyone who went last year really enjoyed it. Tickets available online and from Palmer Snell from 26th July.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019

Many thanks to everyone in Somerton who so kindly gave towards the total of £3,362.57 this Christian Aid Week. Especial thanks to our wonderful team of collectors, without whom we'd have raised nothing! Thank you all. Rowena Wallace, CA Week organiser in Somerton

SUNSHINE WARNING

This is an observation from someone who is married to a man who has suffered more than once with melanoma. My husband is a stickler for wearing hats no matter what the time of year, but especially in the summer. Unfortunately, he may not have been so sensible when younger. The specialist told him that the damage would have been done when he was a child. I have noticed when on my daily walks in and around Somerton, the number of small children who are not wearing hats. With UV rays getting stronger every year, this makes me uncomfortable.

As the summer holidays approach and families set out to enjoy the sun, I feel this could be a timely reminder to parents to cover children's heads and slap on the sun protection.

Also good quality sunglasses to protect the eyes, as we are now being told that much of the damage that comes to light (forgive the pun) in later life, is done before we are five years old! A local resident.

UPDATE ON SAVE KIRKHAM STREET FIELD GROUP JULY 2019

The process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation is on-going and we hope to be approved by the Charity Commission in the near future.

Public support for the group has been brilliant at the stalls we ran at the Somerton Summer Fair on 15th June and the Fun Day on July 7th. The children and families enjoyed 'naming the rabbit' and the other activities and together at both events we have raised nearly £300!

Following STC meeting on June 11th, we now have two councillors nominated to attend meetings as available, and to facilitate communication with the Town Council, which is helpful.

Our next Event is the 'Picnic in the Park' – see back page of this issue!!

We would welcome any volunteers at this event on the day, to help with general marshalling and the teas. Can you help? Contact details are on the advertisement on the back page of this issue.

COATES LEGAL

Coates Legal have now relocated to The Cellar, Brunel Shopping Precinct, Somerton.

Coates Legal will be in the Library on Monday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am (when the library service is closed). There will be the following FREE presentations:

- 5th August from 9.30am to 11.30am – free legal advice
- 12th August at 9.45am (ending at 11.15am) - What is Probate and why would you need it?
- 19th August at 9.45am (ending at 11.15am) - What is involved in winding up of an estate?
- 26th August Bank Holiday
- 2nd September from 9.30am to 11.30am – free legal advice
- 9th September at 9.45am (ending at 11.15am) - Who could have a claim on an estate and contest a Will?

If you are interested in attending a FREE presentation, you can just turn up on the day. However, in order that seating may be arranged and reserved for you, you may wish to book on 01458 270222.

ARCHIESXTRA NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to join our team! We meet every Thursday at the sports ground from 7.30-9pm (weather permitting) with a trailer offering free refreshments, a listening ear and a space for young people to come and chat. We currently have a youth worker attached to the team and are able to offer a variety of activities for the young people to take part in, as well as just being there to listen to and talk to the young people. Why not pop along and have a chat to see if it is something you want to help with – we are a friendly bunch! Some people volunteer once a month whilst others come more regularly – it very flexible. Alternatively please call Alex on 01458 272047 or Judith Hurley on 01458 273079.

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>.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL NEWS FOR AUGUST 2019

Our latest booking is for Mamma Mia, Monday 8th June, £49 and £61; Already booking up fast. Still open for booking are

Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes, Tuesday 3rd March £61 and £39.

The Lion King matinee Sunday 27th October at £90

The King and I Thursday 26th March at £53 and £70.

Carmen, Welsh National Opera's new production on Friday 13th March at £55.

We Will Rock You (Queen) on Wednesday 18 March, £45/£58.

All of these have a payment date in the New Year, but the sooner you reserve the better seats you will receive. There is no charge for cancellation until I have paid for the tickets.

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.webden.co.uk, e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB

Has Wimbledon inspired you to play some tennis? There are plenty of opportunities to play at Somerton Tennis Club. We welcome new members and details can be found on our website www.somertontennisclub.co.uk. Alternatively you can book a public hire of a court for just £6 an hour by phoning Wendy on 01458 270131. For adult non-members, there is group coaching available most Tuesday evenings (6.30-7.30pm) with club coach Neil Driver. If you would like details of adult or junior coaching please phone Neil on 01458 270131.

Many thanks, Wendy & Neil.

LANGPORT & DISTRICT RED CROSS GROUP 40TH BIRTHDAY

On 21st June 2019 thirty-two volunteers celebrated with a party and a trip down memory lane the forty years of volunteer-led use of Langport Red Cross Centre, the modest building that is the hub around which revolves their many activities. The members volunteering in 2019 have a total of 514 years of active service, and at the party Chris Davies, Somerset President, awarded three long-service awards to Sally Tomsett (our oldest active volunteer at 85) for ten years' service, Sandra Stannard also for ten years and Jill Lock, our secretary, for 25 years.

It has an excellent site on the side of Langport's main car park in the centre of the small town. Now designated a Fund Raising Centre it is open to the public six mornings a week providing a lifeline to many lonely elderly people from Langport and its surrounding villages, as evidenced by our Appreciation Book. We provide companionship, refreshments for a donation, and sell donated goods, raising £10,179 in 2018. The fifteen volunteers who work at the centre are supplemented by another twenty who help with collections at shops and Red Cross Week. With the profits from Theatre Trips to Bristol organised by the Group Leader our total turnover to support the British Red Cross in 2018 was £21,029. Since we started opening daily in 2001, we have recorded a turnover of £313,000. We also have a team of six fully qualified first aiders who

support events over a wide area. Altogether we are a great success story, thanks to a happy band of dedicated volunteers and many very appreciative customers and patrons.

Chris Cox, Group Leader, Langport & District Red Cross Centre. Cover photo by volunteer John Samuels.

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

KEEN SINGERS NEEDED FOR MOZART'S SPARROW MASS

The Mid Wessex Singers are enlarging and developing their Somerton based choir under the inspiring direction of Graham Coatman. We are looking for keen singers in all parts to allow us to perform a wider, more ambitious repertoire. Good music readers in the bass, tenor and high soprano parts are especially welcome.

We are a friendly, supportive group of singers who rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9pm at West Street Church Hall, Somerton TA11 7PR. You are welcome to come and meet us at our first rehearsal of the autumn term at 7.15 on Tuesday 10 September, when we will begin learning our repertoire for our autumn concert featuring Mozart's Sparrow Mass. For more information please call 01963 240794, e-mail info@midwessexsingers.co.uk or visit www.midwessexsingers.co.uk.

SOMERTON ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION.

Do you fancy getting down and dirty in Somerton? We may have the solution for you! Somerton Allotment Association has vacancies and we're just a call away from you claiming one as your very own. We're a friendly bunch of green fingered amateur gardeners and we'd love you to come join us. If you'd like to come and join us, please get in touch with either Keith on 01458 274696 or Elaine on 07717 783957. We look forward to hearing from you.

'SAFE PLACES' SCHEME BEGINS IN SOMERTON

Somerton now has a 'Safe Place' for vulnerable people who feel frightened or at risk. Somerton's 'Safe Place', at Wessex House nursing home, was formally begun by the Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance (SADAA). Since its launch in May last year SADAA's membership has grown to 75, with 347 'Dementia Friends'. For more information about SADAA contact Shirley Chapman on 01458 274920.

CARERS AND THOSE WHO NEED CARE

Be safe – use some of these links to get the help and support you need.

A new Somerton Carers group has been meeting at West Street Church at 10.30am on 2nd Fridays each month, looking at what is available in our area. Our next meeting is on Fri 9th August in West St Church when coffee and more is available for those who need care so their carer can come to the discussion group. For more info contact Ivor Dixon on 250603 / levelopps@gmail.com.

Help with forms such as Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance and possible care packages – contact the health coaches at the Buttercross Medical Centre on 01458 272473 for a carer's pack or Somerset Carers Service on 01823 331222. Attendance Allowance is not means tested, it responds to your needs. If you have help filling in these forms you are more likely to be successful. Don't give up!!

Social Opportunities happening in the town:

Coffee and More 2nd and 4th Fri of each month, West Street Church, at 10.00am – noon for a social opportunity.

Friendship Club on 2nd Thursday of month at 10.30am at Somerton Sports Club for another social opportunity.

Coffee mornings on Thursday at Wessex House – another social opportunity – Carol on 272023.

Laburnum Drive Residents Committee have breakfasts, coach trips and coffee mornings.

Coffee and Co and lunch at St Cleers Chapel on Mondays 10am – 2pm.

A Carer's Worry – What if I am taken ill??

The Carer's Pack and Somerton Carers have a Carer's Emergency Card or ICE card that you can complete and carry, advising that you are caring for someone, so help will be arranged for them.

Remember the Safe Places Scheme in Somerton organised by the Dementia Action Alliance.

Wessex House is the Safe Base. St Michael's Church has a group called "Caring Hands" who will arrange visits if someone is isolated from family or friends, will drive someone to Hospital if they have no other means of transport and collect shopping or prescriptions.

Contact Joy Rattenbury 272645 or Jacky & Roger Calderwood 270132.

Library help The RVS will provide a free home library service Contact 07920 250834.

If you have falls or blackouts etc. you may want to consider Careline, once set up, it costs £4.07 per week. If you are being discharged from hospital you could get Careline free for 6 weeks. Night time is an especially worrying time if you are isolated.

You may want a keysafe - purchase and installation £40.00 including VAT.

There is a Comfort Call Service – 85p per call where you will be called on a regular basis, reassuring you and your family that you are safe. Some benefits entitle you to free installation. Contact Careline for these last 3 items on 01935 479815.

Each issue of Viaduct will now have further information for carers and those who need Care. BE SAFE.

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Forthcoming Events

FREE PLAY OUT SESSIONS FOR THE FAMILY IN AUGUST

Somerton Playing Field, Gassons Lane, by the play area. Don't know what to do this summer, why not come along to the free play out sessions, we will have archery, badminton, traditional games and more.

Fun for all the family .

Friday 2nd 2-4, Wednesday 7th 2-4,
Wednesday 14th 10-12, Wednesday 21st 10-12,
Wednesday 28th 2-4, Friday 30th 10-12.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

ACEARTS LAUNCHES 'ART IN AN ENVELOPE'

ACEArts is seeking 10 families in the Somerton area who have a member living with dementia to take part in a new creative initiative.

'Art in an Envelope' will supply creative activity packs to the individuals and their families, containing all the materials and resources they need to create items such as collage photo frames. The initiative has been made possible thanks to funding from Greggs the bakers, and was launched at an event organised by the Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance this week. It is the latest in a series of outreach projects which ACEArts organises with local facilities such as schools and care homes. For more information on 'Art in an Envelope', contact Nina Gronw-Lewis on 01458 273008 or email outreach@acearts.co.uk.

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.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

Tales from the West Dorset Coast, Mike Spencer. 7 for 7.30pm in the main hall of the Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 1ST & 15TH AUGUST

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 1st and 15th August. 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

1) Walk to Midney Gardens for tea/coffee and cake - Thursday 5th September all leaving Somerton Library at 11.30am. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

SOMERTON LIBRARY: MONDAY 5TH AUGUST

Fancy a space walk or a tour of The International Space Station? If so, call into Somerton Library during the week of 5 August and use our Oculus virtual reality headsets for an out-of-this-world experience! Unfortunately there is a 13 year old minimum age – but the good news is there is no upper age limit!

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 5TH AUGUST

Mike Shepard "Somerton Garden and showing Chrysanths". The competition table is "A Vase of mixed Annuals" 7.30pm Parish Rooms.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our friends and supporters for saying how much you enjoy our parties and coach trips. (We do too!) Always planned with you in mind.

No bacon butties this month. Early coach trip for festival at Sidmouth Tuesday 6th August.

10.00am at our Community Hall, fare £11. Availability, ring 272620.

Breakfasts Monday 19th 9.30am, £3. Our annual BBQ is Saturday 31st August 3.00pm, £6. John the General is the entertainment (Great performer!) plus good food and good times. DO COME. All welcome. A quick please, to ask if you can donate anything for our raffles? Would be much appreciated. Come and check our "make us an offer" table. Good things on offer. Available Tuesday coffee mornings, except on coach days. For more info phone 01458272620.

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST

Somerton WI, Can You Hear Me At The Back, Michael Malaghan. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST

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 11-1pm & 2-4pm.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

10.30am 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.

EVER WATCHED A 3D PRINTER IN ACTION?: FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

Interested? Then come along to Somerton Library on Friday 9th August when we will be printing something related to this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAY: 9TH & 23RD AUGUST

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 9th and 23rd August 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.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE EVENTS

Sat 10th Aug 2 – 4.30 pm Insects at Berrow Dunes. Meet at Berrow Dunes car park.

Tues 27th Aug 8 – 10 pm Bats Galore. Meet by palace drawbridge in Wells.

Please book by contacting Roger Dickey at roger.dickey52@gmail.com.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun Aug 11th and 25th (over 18s) 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs Aug 29th 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MON 12TH AUG

They will meet on Monday 12th August at the Somerton Sports Club at 7 pm. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

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.

RUMMIKUB

We are having a Summer Break till September.

SOUTH SOMERSET PLAYDAY TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST

10.00am- 1.00pm Recreation Ground. Once again SSDC will be hosting playdays throughout the district and Somerton Recreation Ground will be the venue on Tuesday 13th August. Councillor Val Keitch, leader of SSDC, said: "We offer these playdays as a way giving families an exciting range of free activities during the summer holidays. They are a great way of bringing communities together and thousands of people come along to join in free fun." Full details on SSDC website or Facebook page.

SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: TUES 13TH – SUN 18TH AUGUST

Art Exhibition Parish Rooms. The Somerton Group of Artists is proud to present its annual exhibition and sale of works at the Parish Rooms Somerton. Opening times, Tues-Sat 10am -6pm Sun 10am -2pm, free entry somertonartists.co.uk. If you feel inspired, we welcome new members of all ages, painters or not, to join us and enjoy the programme of talks, demonstrations and social events as well as painting and drawing together indoors and out.

WEST STREET CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

Cream Teas in the garden with cake stall 3pm.

NEW BOOK CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE: THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

Especially for people with memory problems. First meeting in the Library on Thursday 15th August at 2.30 pm. Come along and enjoy Books again. Contact: Carole at ryangreenfingers123@gmail.com.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN

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

New dates for September forthcoming. 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. Next meeting in September.

SAVE KIRKHAM STREET FIELD: SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

Picnic in the Park Sat 17th August, 12 noon – 4pm, at Kirkham Street Field by kind permission of King Ina Academy. See advert on outside back cover.

CITIZENS' ADVICE

Opening hours – every Tuesday morning from 10am – 12noon in the library. A group of trained volunteers will be available to give confidential help and advice on consumer issues, debt & money, benefits and many other issues.

MID WESSEX SINGERS

See our report in the report section. We restart on Tuesday September 10th 7.15 – 9pm at West St Church.

SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS

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

SSDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

Drop-in session 4:00 – 7.00 pm West Street Church. South Somerset District Council is reviewing the Local Plan that was adopted in March 2015 and which covers the period up to 2036. The second formal consultation stage is now under way and will finish on 18th September. Included in this will be SSDC's proposed strategy for housing and employment over the period. It is vital that as many individuals and businesses as possible respond to this consultation and make comments to help formulate the next stage of the review. Full details are on the SSDC website, in the Somerton library and there will be a "drop-in" session with council officers in attendance as above.

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 23rd Aug 10.00 am. This is their Enrolment Day.

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.

THEATRE TRIPS IN AUGUST

There are no trips in August. Congratulations to Chris on being awarded a Town Community Award.

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.

MOVIOLA CINEMA

We are having a summer break in August. We will resume on September 17th as usual.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be no meeting in August so our next meeting will be in September with a talk by Des Atkinson entitled Somerset and the War of the Roses, in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. Members come for free, but visitors are always welcome at a charge of £2. Further information can be obtained from Nancy Schooling on 01458 273859.

SOMERSET LIBRARY TRUST PRESENTS: THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

A talk by renowned crime writer Peter Murphy In aid of The Somerton Library Trust. Thursday 29 August 2019 at The Parish Rooms at 7:30pm.

Peter spent a career in the law, as an advocate, teacher, and judge including several years as counsel at the Yugoslavian War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. In addition to discussing how he transitioned from High Court Judge to crime novelist, Peter will be focusing on one of his books "And Is There Honey Still For Tea?" This is a story where espionage meets the courtroom in a gripping legal drama in his Ben Schroeder legal thriller series. If you are a fan of John Grisham, and enjoyed BBC One's legal drama Silk, then you'll love Peter Murphy's "And Is There Still Honey for Tea?". Tickets will be on sale at the library from 15 July at £8 which will include a drink. All proceeds will go towards the running costs of maintaining our valued library.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the book in advance paperbacks are available at a discount price of £6 (£1 to Somerton Library Trust) which Peter will be pleased to sign on the night. Please contact Mary Beth Greenop on 01458 270193 or Marilyn Muffet on 01458 899773 if you want a copy.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING

We desperately need new staplers and folders to join us. Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's stapling and folding for the September issue will be Friday 30th August at 2 pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Thank you to Overt Locke with their help for the bags for organising deliveries. Mo and team.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' ANNUAL SHOW: SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

Note New Venue:- Edgar Hall. Open to the public from 2pm. Admission 50p. Please come and see the results of local growers labours. There are cash prizes of up to £20 so try your hand. New residents to Somerton come along and think what you may enter for next year. The entry forms are included in the schedule which can be obtained from the library or Overt Locke.

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

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

9.30 - 11am Life Church Toddlers Group, Edgar Hall
9.30am - 11.30am Coates Legal. Library
10am - 2pm Coffee and Co, St Cleers Chapel
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
6.00pm - 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)

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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
7.30pm - 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

AUGUST

Thu 1 Versus Arthritis Tales from W Dorset Coast 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Fri 2 Free Play Session 2–4pm Somerton Recreation Ground
Mon 5 Coates Legal Presentation 9.30 – 11.30am Somerton library
Walk in Space at Somerton Library
Wed 7 Free Play Session 2–4pm Somerton Recreation Ground
Create and connect 11am–1pm and 2pm–4 pm at AceArts
Thu 8 Friendship club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club
Fri 9 Watch a 3D Printer Somerton Library
Coffee and More 10am – noon West St Church
Carers Discussion Group 10.30am – noon W St Church
Sat 10 SWT Insects at Berrow Dunes 2–4.30pm
Sun 11 Bingo (Over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Mon 12 Coates Legal Presentation 9.45am – 11.15am Somerton Library
Somerton Recreation Ground Management Committee 7pm Somerton Sports Club
Tue 13 South Somerset Playday 10am – 1pm Somerton Recreation Ground
Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10am – 6pm Parish Rooms
Wed 14 Cream Tea in Garden 3pm with cake stall West St Church
Free Play Session 10am–noon Somerton Recreation Ground
Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10 am–6pm Parish Rooms
Thu 15 Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10am–6pm Parish Rooms
Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Fri 16 Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10am–6pm Parish Rooms
Sat 17 Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10am –6pm Parish Rooms
Save Kirkham Street Field Picnic In The Field 12 noon–4pm
Sun 18 Somerton Art Society Art Exhibition 10am – 2pm Parish Rooms
Mon 19 LDRC Breakfasts 9.30am
Wed 21 Free Play Session 10am–noon Somerton Recreation Ground

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Thu 22 SSDC Local Plan Review Drop In 4–7pm West St Church

Fri 23 Coffee and More 10am–noon West St Church

U3A Enrolment Day 10.30am Edgar Hall

Sun 25 Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm SSC

Tue 27 SWT Bats Galore Wells 8–10pm

Wed 28 Free Play Session 2–4pm Somerton Recreation Ground

Thu 29 Somerton Library Trust talk by Peter Murphy 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Quiz 8pm Somerton Sports Club

Fri 30 Free Play Session 10am–noon Somerton Recreation Ground

Staple and Fold 2pm Parish Rooms

Sat 31 Somerton Flower Club Annual Show Edgar Hall 2pm

LDRC BBQ with Entertainment 3pm

See also weekly events list

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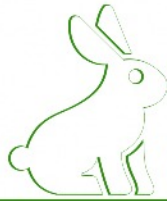
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