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SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 2019

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	10 th September	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access & Highways	24 th September	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	10 th & 24 th September	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!

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.

ROAD CLOSURES

West Street will be closed between Pestors Lane and the Market Place from Monday 9th September for works by Wessex Water, which are expected to last 5 days.

New Street will be closed between Broad Street/North Street junction and Old Hill from Tuesday 24th September for works by Wales & West Utilities, which are expected to last 4 days.

SOMER SINGERS

Somer Singers, local a cappella group from the Somerton/Langport area is looking for a soprano to join their already established and successful 4 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 GREENGROCERS SHOP

The greengrocers shop in Somerton is under new ownership and is now call Nature's Pantry. We have fresh fruit and vegetables daily, loose and plastic free so you can choose as much or as little as you need. Plus it's environmentally friendly. We also have locally produced pantry items including jams, chutneys, salad dressings and oils, pickles, garlic salts and preserves, sauces, apple juices, free range eggs, honey etc. plus locally grown cut flowers and plants.

We can make up a veg box for you for the week to save you doing the shopping and we can deliver in Somerton.

Pop along to see for yourself and our friendly, helpful staff will be only too pleased to assist you.

Are you looking for something we don't stock? Not to worry, as we can usually source most seasonal items for next day delivery.

WILLIAMS SUPERMARKET

Williams is to become Somerton Co-op on the 24 October. The new store will operate as a franchisee of the Manchester Co-op but will still be under the ownership of Richard & Nicky Williams. Opening hours will be Monday to Saturday 7am to 9pm, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am to 4pm. The transformation will entail a major shop refit and the closure of the Deli & Café. We will stock a selection of your favourite local products and in addition will offer all the benefits of the Co-op Group's ethical practices.

I thank you for your patience during the refit works and your continuing support. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you into your new "Somerton Co-op" on the 24 October. Richard Williams.

FINISHING TOUCHES AT COURTHOUSE MEWS

Final touches are being added to the luxury retirement apartments and shops at Courthouse Mews with the bespoke gates, created by West Country Blacksmiths, added recently. The gates match the design of the bespoke Juliette balconies and were designed by Frank Martin, trustee and founder of ACEarts. For more information about Courthouse Mews telephone 01458 274920 or visit their website www.courthousemews.co.uk.

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR JULY

Total rainfall for July was 16 mm or 2/3 of an inch.

Reports

ALPHA AGAIN IN SOMERTON

Coming soon! Alpha again in Somerton. Explore the meaning of life and faith, with a meal and question asking time. The first evening of the course is Wednesday Oct 2nd at 7pm at St Cleers Chapel, Somerton. All are welcome.

Contact Chris Weedon, 07725 580722.

RETIREMENT

Henry and Ruth Holland have now retired from Hollands Garage, Bancombe Road, Somerton. They would like to thank all their loyal customers for their support over the last 41 years.

Henry and Ruth started the business in 1977 and now Gary, their son, and Allison, their daughter-in-law, have taken over the running of the business and hope that they will have your continued support.

Thank you again, Henry and Ruth.

WHY I LOVE MY WILD MEADOW PATCH

One of the main reasons is that I made it myself! I was concerned that our front lawn wasn't pristine "bowling green" standard, but was mostly self heal. So I let the centre grow and mowed the edges.

Now I love to see the grasses blowing in the breeze – it is like watching a tank of fish – very calming. Another thrill is to see what "arrives". It now has two wild orchids, a bristly ox-tongue, a teasel, a knapweed and some ox-eye daisies. (Also some ragwort which I removed).

It has made me realise how deep within my psyche God has embedded my love of plants.

I have planted cowslips and primroses (from renewable sources) and crocuses.

I intended to cut it in September, not too short, and also to cut some in the spring to encourage the smaller species.

The only trouble is, I'm moving, so what will happen to my Marmite meadow?

A Somerton Lady.

SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

We restart on Monday Sept 9th.

SUNFLOWERS IN NEW STREET

Pop down and see the display before it is over.

SOMERTON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL 2019 AND 2020.

Somerton Festival started way back in 1986 and for the first time in 2019 had a “Festival-in-a-Day” which was christened Somerstock with headline act Toploader.

In addition to well over 1000 people at Somerstock the Festival held the well attended Art & Photography exhibition, workshops in the town’s schools, several in-town events in the Parish Rooms and St Michael’s Church and the family fun day on Somerton Recreation Ground.

The whole event was judged to be a great success, both in terms of community and financially, and Somerton Festival donated £1000 to St Margaret’s Hospice.

Somerton Festival 2020 will stage its Art & Photography exhibition in the last week of May, family fun day on Sunday 5th July, in-town events the following week and ending with Somerstock 2020 on 11th July.

The cover picture taken by Sue Smith shows Festival Chairman Cliff Bassett presenting the cheque to Kara Frampton of St Margaret’s Hospice fundraising team.

As one Festival comes to an end planning for the coming year begins. If you are interested in becoming part of the team which puts on Somerton’s Music and Arts Festival the current small committee would welcome you! You don’t even need to become a full member of the committee; if you’d be happier as part of a small support team, helping with things like the ticket office, publicity and promotion etc. we’d love to know. Perhaps you have a particular interest or an expertise you’d be willing to share, be it in support of musical events in the Church, the annual Art and Photography Exhibition, or willing to lend a hand with Somerstock 2020, then again please contact us via the Somerton Music and Arts Festival website, our Facebook pages, or speak with an existing committee member.

And if you just can’t wait for the next SMAF event. Oktoberfest at the Edgar Hall takes place on Saturday 12th October and tickets for what was a sell-out event in 2018 are on sale now (£14) at Palmer Snell in the Market Place, Somerton. Authentic live oompah music from the Sherbavarian Stompers, fun and games, dancing with Nevertheless, food and real German beer.

UPDATE ON SAVE KIRKHAM STREET FIELD GROUP SEPTEMBER 2019

Save Kirkham Street Field Action Group: public meetings in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday September 18th at 3pm and repeated at 7pm. All welcome to hear the update on progress of the Action Group to secure Kirkham Street Field as a green space for the community of Somerton. Tea and biscuits available at both meetings.

COATES LEGAL

Has now relocated to the Cellar, Brunel Shopping Precinct, Somerton.

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

- 2nd September from 9.30 am to 11.30 am - free legal advice

- 9th September at 9.45 am (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.

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.

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: NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

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 (evening) or Wednesday 1st April (matinee) 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.webeden.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.

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.

SOMERTON RECYCLING CENTRE, BANCOMBE

It is now open Wed – Sun, not Mon or Tues.

The opening times are: Wed/Thurs/Fri 9am – 6 pm. Sat/Sun 9am – 4pm.

SOMERTON – VERY MUCH A 20 MPH ZONE!

I would like this opportunity to point out to your readers that Somerton is now mainly a 20 m.p.h. area. Some of you may have seen SpeedWatch volunteers out and about at different times.

Car movement in Somerton has considerably increased and there are many people who welcome the speed limit, it is for the benefit of everyone who cares about their environment and safety. SpeedWatch has unfortunately had to report far too many drivers who seem unaware that speeding is an offence and many normally law abiding citizens are actually breaking the law. Speedwatch will be increasing its watches over the coming weeks, and hopes that more drivers will respect the law and reduce their speed. If anyone reading this would be interested in joining the team, please contact me, David Cundle on 01458 897224.

'SAFE PLACES' SCHEME BEGINS IN SOMERTON

Somerton now has a 'Safe Place' for vulnerable people who feel frightened or at risk. It is at Wessex House nursing home and was formally begun by the Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance (SADAA) this week. 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. We are recruiting new 'Dementia Friends', so that SADAA can reach its target of 500 in the Somerton area. Shirley Chapman, Dementia Friends Champion and Vice Chair of SADDA, said, "Following a recent incident in Somerton we really needed a 'Safe Places' scheme here, and we are delighted that so many people came to the event to learn more about SADAA. For more information about SADAA contact Shirley Chapman on 01458 274920.

BE SAFE

Use some of these links to get the help and support you need. There are many meetings and facilities in the area which will provide help in staying safe.

Somerton Carers West Street Church at 10.30 am on 2nd Fridays each month, For more info contact Ivor Dixon on 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

Help with forms is available from the health coaches at the Buttercross Medical Centre (272473) or Somerset Carers Service on 01823 331222.

Coffee and More 2nd and 4th Fri each month 10.00am-12noon West Street Church

Friendship Club on 2nd Thursday of month at 10.30 am at Sports Club

Wessex House coffee mornings every Thursday. Contact 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 10.00am-2.00pm.

Caring Hands, St Michael's Church will arrange visits or drive someone to hospital if they have no other transport and collect shopping or prescriptions. Joy Rattenbury 272645 or Jacky & Roger Calderwood 270132

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.

Safe Places Scheme in Somerton organised by the SADAA. Wessex House is the safe base.

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

Careline in case of emergency. Once set up, costs £4.07 per week. Could be free for 6 weeks on discharge from hospital

Keysafe - purchase and installation £40.00 including VAT.

Comfort Call Service – (85p/call) where you will be called regularly to ensure you are safe.

Sitters Service available through Adult Social Care 0300 1232224 if you need care or for yourself as a carer and if there is a safeguarding issue. A local company Boo Care can provide a sitters service privately. Contact them on 01458 551674 or mail@boocare.co.uk

There is an app ICE you can get on your mobile phone for your medical records.

Council Tax reduction for dementia sufferers or people with disabilities where there have been modifications to your home, Contact SSDC for eligibility and a form 01935 462462.

Men Sheds at Street (Tues 9.00am-1.00pm, Thurs 12.30pm-4.30pm phone Brian 443940) & South Petherton (Thurs 2.00pm-4.30pm phone Helen 01460 240943).

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

WOULD YOU HELP SOMERTON LIBRARY FOR ONE HOUR EACH MONTH?

Truly – that is all we are asking! We need a team of volunteers to help keep our library a clean and welcoming place to visit. Some of our library volunteers do a quick clean up at the end of their shift, but the volunteer co-ordinators feel that, having worked three or four hours, this is quite an imposition. We are hoping to enlist about 24 helpers to spruce up the library for one hour a month: ideally working in pairs. Most of all we need someone to step forward and co-ordinate a roster. There has been a tremendous amount of support and goodwill shown to all those who have made it possible to keep Somerton Library: could you make a contribution and give your halo a polish? If so please email Mary Beth Greenop: greenop@hotmail.co.uk.

SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

It is nearing the end of the outdoor bowls season. In a very busy bowling program we have played in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League, the South West Ladies League, Somerset and National competitions and numerous friendly fixtures.

Visitors are most welcome to attend our roll up sessions that take place on Tuesday evenings at 17:45 and Friday afternoons at 14:00 where they can decide whether they would like to give it a try.

The outdoor bowling season extends from mid April to mid-September. Throughout the season the club also organises a series of social events that include fund raising activities to support infrastructure and maintenance. In addition the club regularly organises a Bowls Tour towards the end of the season to various locations in the UK. The club prides itself on the quality of the green. This, like all of the club facilities and surrounds, is maintained by a group of club members.

The club is a section of the Somerton Sports Club in Gassons Lane and membership of this is included in subscription fees. Members may accordingly utilise the bar and other facilities offered by the main Club. For more information check out the club's web site at www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk or contact the club secretary, Peter Jones, on 01458 224212.

Spectators and supporters are encouraged to attend any of our matches so why don't you come along and support your local bowls club.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

"Working together for Somerton through rugby"

This September's 1st XV fixtures are:

14th September Burnham-on-Sea II vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

21st September Somerton vs Tor II 2.30pm

28th September Castle Cary vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

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

Under 18s & U15s Girls visit website for training/fixture details contact Steve Benn m. 07919 153205. Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

NEW BOOK ABOUT THE RAILWAY THROUGH SOMERTON

Local resident, town councillor and author Peter Simmonds is writing a comprehensive history of the railway that passes through Somerton on its way from London to the West of England.

The new book will continue the story of the main line from Westbury onwards to Taunton, a story made more interesting by the piecemeal way it was developed over the decades from the 1840s to the opening of the Castle Cary – Taunton new line in 1906. The part played by the connecting lines to Radstock, Wells, Yeovil and Chard will also be fully documented.

Peter is seeking help in his research and requests that anybody who has absolutely anything that might be relevant to please contact him. This could include photographs (quality not important), documents (tickets, labels), memories of train journeys and of people working on the railway. It would also be very interesting to find if anybody knows of family members or relatives who are descended from the navvies that worked on the new railway from 1903 to 1906 and settled in the area, and/or suffered in the smallpox epidemic that broke out at that time.

Offers would also be appreciated of help at a later stage with the development of the book, proof-reading etc.

Contact Peter Simmonds please by phone in the first instance: 01458 897035.

GUIDE DOG FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING ON 5TH OCTOBER

10am to Noon at St Cleers Chapel Polham Lane. Come and meet the Guide Dogs, and enjoy a coffee and cake whilst browsing the Christmas cards, calendars and Christmas gifts, all sold in aid of Guide Dogs. For further information contact Liz Roddie 272675.

FRIENDS OF PARISH ROOMS PRESENT HARVEST SUPPER

On Sat 5th October at 6 for 6.30pm for £12 – to include main course, sweet, cheese & biscuits, coffee and a glass of wine. (What great value). Tickets from Cobbs Wholefoods from Sept 2nd – in advance only – limited to 60 so get your tickets early.

CHARITY CHEESE & WINE EVENING WITH AUCTION OF DONATIONS AND PROMISES

Unfortunately we had to postpone our earlier Cheese and Wine Evening scheduled in March but we are delighted that we can now let you have details of the new date: Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Tickets are £15 and include a welcome glass of sparkling wine, five further wines plus bread and cheese.

All monies raised will go to Cystic Fibrosis. Bev, Lynne & Mary are walking the Inca trail to Machu Picchu in November to raise money for this very important charity so close to our hearts. Tickets are on sale in Cobbs Wholefoods. Any queries please ring 01458 273867.

EVER WANTED TO SING IN A CHOIR BUT WERE TOO SHY TO WALK IN?

Learning to sing classical music in parts exercises your brain as well as your vocal chords, is really good for your wellbeing, and fun! Mid Wessex Singers has a FREE 'come and have a try' rehearsal from 7.15 - 9pm on Tuesday 10th September at West Street Church Hall, and would love to welcome any unsure would-be singers, especially men! Why not give me a call on 07929 803097 or email rowena@directoffset.co.uk to have a chat, or just turn up? We are a friendly bunch, and you would be sure of a great welcome!

Rowena Wallace.

Forthcoming Events

BUSY SEPTEMBER PLANNED AT ACEARTS

ACEArts will have a busy September, with three exhibitions taking place during the month.

The month begins with 'Circle of Trees', a display of artists' books by the ABCD group. This short exhibition runs from 31st August until 7th September, with a private view on Friday 30th August 6-8pm.

This is followed by 'Fingerprint', a display by a group of artists (Bronwen Bradshaw, Terry Budgen, Pennie Elfick, Jenny Graham, Rosalind Marchant, Tony Martin, Vera Sheaf and Jacy Wall) which works together regularly at the Dove Etching Studio in Butleigh. The exhibition will feature printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, drawing and painting; and runs from 14th September until 6th October.

Beginning a week later and then running alongside 'Fingerprint' is the annual 'Your Art Here3' exhibition, which helps to fund ACEArts' community outreach work. Art lovers will have the chance to purchase postcard-sized original artworks, which have been made and kindly donated by professional and amateur artists. The event runs from 21st September until 6th October.

STUDIO SALE HELPS ACEARTS: SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

Budding artists can grab a bargain at the Parish Rooms in Somerton on Sat 31st August, when a pop-up studio sale of artwork and materials takes place.

The event is being held between 10am and 4pm and shoppers will be able to purchase artwork, art materials and textiles as well as children's craft materials. There will also be a café and craft area and all proceeds will be donated to ACEArts.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' 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.'

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Following hard on the heels of the annual flower, veg & craft show our next meeting is at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, a member of the Castle Gardens team will present, what promises to be a very interesting talk on climbing plants. The item for the table competition will be four small cup cakes – either all the same or different!

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

New to Somerton? Would you like to get to know the local community? Or perhaps you've lived here some time and would like to meet new people or renew old friendships?

Somerton Women's Institute members warmly invite all ladies to our 'special open' meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. Kate Lynch, local artist and author, will be speaking about Old Somerset Farms

Do try to come along and find out what the WI has to offer – not just monthly meetings but lots of extras between meetings. We're much more than “Jam & Jerusalem”!

There's absolutely no pressure to become a member by attending. We hope that once you've met us and seen our full programme you'll want to come again – and of course you're welcome to bring a friend. If you'd like to find out more, or perhaps like someone to give you a lift, do contact Sue or Pauline who will be happy to help. Visitors welcome to join us.

Sue Long: 01458 274038 / Pauline Saunders: 01458 272769.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Dr Francis Burroughs talks on “In the Mood or Dancing Through a World War. 7 for 7.30pm in the main hall of the Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 5TH/19TH SEPTEMBER

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 5th and 19th September. 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.

Special Event – 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.

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. What lovely times we have had, looking forward to our future plans, and to you sharing them. Just give us a ring, 01458 272620.

Tues 3rd. bacon butties and a cuppa £1.70. 10am.

Mon 16th. Pre-order Full English Breakfast, £3, 9.30am.

Tues 17th coach Weston Super Mare, and Sanders World 10am depart, £11. Children £7.

Tues 24th Macmillan Coffee morning 10am. Cakes for sale, games, to play etc.

Sat 28th. Harvest Festival, Ploughman and Pud. 3pm £5.

Plus weekly bingo and lunches. For more info phone 01458272620.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

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 4th September.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

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.

COFFEE AND MORE: FRIDAY 13TH/27TH SEPTEMBER

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 13th and 27th September 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. Carers Meeting on Friday 13th Sept 10.30am. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST EVENTS: TUESDAY 10TH SEPT

"A Wood of Her Own". In 1990 Ruth Pavey, the writer and journalist, acquired a four acre piece of derelict woodland near Aller which she has been working to restore ever since. She has written a book about her story and will talk about it at the meeting. 7.30 – 9.30 pm at the Parish Rooms. Please book by contacting Roger Dickey at roger.dickey52@gmail.com.

WEST STREET CHURCH EVENTS

Sat 7th Path Sale with plants from 10am

Sun 15th Harvest Festival

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun Sept 8th and 22nd (over 18s) 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs Sept 26th 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

REC GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MON 9TH SEPTEMBER

They will meet on Monday 9th September at the Somerton Sports Club at 7pm. 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: TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

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.

SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS

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.

MID WESSEX SINGERS:

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

THEATRE TRIPS IN SEPTEMBER

There are none this month due to the long run of the Lion King.

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 on 272023 or just come along to any coffee morning on a Thursday. Carol Watkins, Co-ordinator.

LOVE YOURSELF HEALING DAY: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am-4.00pm in the Parish Rooms. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have an Indian head massage or experience Reflexology? Now's your chance to find out! Mini treatments in all of the following will be available for you to try on the day at a nominal cost: Reiki, Crystals, Tarot Card reading, Aura photography, Spiritual Art, Indian Head massage, Reflexology. There will be a pop up cafe & raffle to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis. For further information please call 01458 273396.

CHURCHES TRUST'S RIDE+STRIDE: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The Somerset Churches Trust is a non-denominational charity which gives grants to churches and chapels in Somerset to make them more user-friendly and help with repairs. Funds are raised through our sponsored Ride+Stride. Can you walk or cycle round as many churches as you can? Or hold a coffee morning, cake sale, book or bric-a-brac sale? Half the money can go to your own church or charity. Contact Rowena Wallace on 272844 for more information.

MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Somerton Moviola 7.30pm Parish Rooms (doors 7.00pm) Fisherman's Friends (2019) Ten fisherman from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties. Comedy drama starring Tuppence Middleton, James Purefoy & Daniel Mays. Run time 112 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

CALLING ALL STARS!

Somerton's Dramatic Society are excited to announce that our next pantomime will be Aladdin by award-winning local writer Matthew Maisey. The show will run from Friday 14th Feb to Saturday 22nd Feb next year.

We need your talent - however great or small you may think it. Being involved in panto is great fun and is open to all ages 7 to 107.

We are holding auditions on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September in the Parish Rooms 6:30pm for 7 to 11 year olds and 7:30pm for 12 to 107 year olds.

We will do a bit of singing and things – not too scary. Come and show us what you've got. Any questions please call Angie on 07885 489254.

NEW BOOK CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE: THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Especially for people with memory problems. Second meeting in the library on Thursday 19th September at 2.30pm. Come along and enjoy books again. Contact: Carole at ryangreenfingers123@gmail.com.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West St Church back room. Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd. 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.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Come and join us to start the September programme on Mon 23rd September at Parish Rooms at 7.30pm for our AGM, a quiz and a Bring and Share Supper.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26th 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.

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 27 September at 10am when Terry Smith will tell us the MGM Musical story. Terry, who is a music and film buff, especially of the 40s and 50s, has visited us before to enthral us with Ration Books to Rock 'N'Roll and Big Band Dance Music. We look forward to hearing what he has to say this time.

Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (50p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £2 each.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

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 October issue will be Friday 27th September 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.

STRODE SINGERS EVENT: SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Come and join Strobe Singers for an evening of "Songs from Stage and Screen". Many all time favourites performed by local choir at St Peter and St Paul Church, South Petherton 28th September 7.30pm. Tickets £10 available from N and D news or Claire on 07532 450250 or on the door.

WEA COURSE

Long Sutton Village Hall. Douglas Rice - The Sky in Science and Imagination

This course will present some historically important objects, events and ideas in astronomy, showing how they have inspired both imaginative and scientific responses. Six sessions will focus on Astrology, Shakespeare's Universe, Voyages to the Moon, and the inspiration the sky has given to music, art and writing. From Newton to Fats Waller—a whole cosmos to enjoy!

Tuesday evenings, 19.30 – 21.00 1st October to 12th November 2019 (no session on 29th October). Fee: £25 per person.

Booking must be made in advance via the WEA either online at wea.org.uk or by calling 0300 303 3464, quoting Course Reference C3530645. Contact Doreen Harvey with any questions on 01458 241711 or by email: doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com.

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

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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)
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

Sat 31 Aug Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show 2pm Edgar Hall

AceArts Studio Sale 10am – 4pm Parish Rooms

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2 Somerton Gardeners Club Castle Gardens Talk on Climbing Plants 7.30pm Parish Rooms.

Tue 3 WI Old Somerset Farms 7.00pm Parish Rooms.

LDRC Bacon butties 10am

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

Thu 5 Health Walk to Midney Gardens for Cake and Tea/Coffee 11.30am Somerton Library

Versus Arthritis Dancing Through a World War 7 for 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Sat 7 Path Sale with Plants 10am West St Church

Sun 8 Bingo over 18s 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Mon 9 Som Recreation Ground Trust 7pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 10 Mid Wessex Singers first Rehearsal 7.15pm West St Church

Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms

SWT A Wood Of Her Own 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Thu 12 Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club

Fri 13 Coffee and More 10am West St Church

Sat 14 Love Somerton Love Yourself Healing Day 10am – 4pm Parish Rooms

Moviola Cinema Fishermens' Friend 7 for 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Sun 15 Harvest Festival West St Church

Mon 16 LDRC Full English Breakfast 9.30am

Somerton Dramatic Society Auditions for Aladdin 6.30pm 7/11 yrs old Parish Rooms, 7.30

pm 12/107 yrs old Parish Rooms

Tue 17 LDRC Coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare and Sanders World 10am

Somerton Dramatic Society Auditions for Aladdin 6.30pm 7/11 yrs old Parish Rooms, 7.30pm

12/107 yrs old Parish Rooms

Wed 18 Save Kirkham Street Field Public meetings at 3pm and 7pm to receive update Parish Rooms

Thu 19 Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Book Club with a Difference 2.30pm Somerton Library

Sun 22 Bingo over 18s 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Mon 23 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church

Green Gardeners AGM, Quiz, Bring and Share Supper 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Tue 24 LDRC Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am

Thu 26 Somerton History Society Somerset and the War of the Roses 7pm Parish Rooms

Quiz 8pm Somerton Sports Club

Fri 27 U3A MGM Musical Story 10am Edgar Hall

Coffee and More 10am West St Church

Viaduct staple and fold 2pm Parish Rooms

Sat 28 LDRC Harvest Festival Ploughmans 3pm

Strode Singers Event 7.30pm St Peter and St Paul's Church, South Petherton

See also weekly events list

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BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE AND ILCHESTER SURGERY



Buttercross Health Centre, along with its branch surgery in Ilchester has received a 'Good' rating for all areas from Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection in June 2019.



The final report, published in July 2019, recognises the positive progress and improvements that have been made across both locations of Somerton and Ilchester. The surgery teams were praised for providing a 'good' service across all areas including safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led areas.

Inspectors found that 'care and treatment was provided in a safe way to patients and the practice continued to implement actions to improve the quality of care outcomes (QOF) and clinical management of long-term health conditions'. Inspectors also commented that 'feedback from patients was positive and staff were reported to be kind and caring'.

Julie Salter, Practice Manager at the surgery said "We are truly delighted to be awarded an overall 'Good' rating at the surgery. It is well-deserved recognition for the whole surgery team, who have worked with such dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism over the past few years. We are continuing to make improvements to our services and we would like to thank our patients and our Patient Participation Group for their on-going support and patience."

To register as a new patient, or for more information, call 01458 252160, or visit: www.buttercrossshc.nhs.uk



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