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SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL - OCTOBER 2019

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	8 th October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land & Properties	22 nd October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	8 th & 22 nd October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
***TAG	1 st October	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!

**The Team and Advisory Group meetings are for councillors only.

- The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been received from the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP, this notice will be displayed on the notice board and on the STC website from 12th September 2019.
- There is a casual vacancy in the Town Council. The appropriate notice has been displayed on the public noticeboard, closing date 4th October 2019.
- The first community defibrillator is now commissioned at Somerton Fire Station.
- A grant of £270 has been awarded to St Cleers Chapel to help their development project
- STC is 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

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 WEATHER FOR AUGUST

Total rainfall for August was 75 mm or 3 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 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.

Reports

'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

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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.

AGEING WELL - NEW SEASON, NEW RESOLUTIONS...

The summer has passed and a new season begins, so now could be the time to think about getting a little fitter! Ageing Well (a programme managed by Age UK Somerset) runs some great classes at the Somerton Parish Rooms and have something to suit all fitness levels. Keeping active, strong and balanced is vital for good health and for staying independent as you get older.

Extend, Movement to Music, is a fun and upbeat session, with both standing and seated exercises. The class is great for general fitness and for improving balance, co-ordination and circulation. It runs on Mondays at 10.15 am.

There is also a Gentle Pilates session on Fridays at 11.30 am. This is great for balance and mobility and helps improve flexibility and co-ordination. There is a mix of standing and seated movements, using mats or chairs, to suit everyone.

Both these classes are run on a pay-as-you go basis and there is no need to book. Everyone is welcome and each session costs £4.50.

Ageing Well are also running a new falls prevention classes, in conjunction with Somerset County Council. Stay Strong Stay Steady classes are designed specifically to help improve strength and balance. If you are worried that you sometimes feel unsteady on your feet, or perhaps you have a family history of osteoporosis or Parkinson's, you may be interested in attending. This is a referral only class, so please get in touch. For more information about any of the classes, please contact Ageing Well on 01823 345626 or email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk.

THE YEOVIL SEA CADETS AND ROYAL MARINES CADETS UNIT

Is a thriving unit of 80+ young people aged 9-18. We have a dedicated team of volunteer staff but are in need of some new trustees to join our small Unit Management Team. It is not an onerous role, but is vital to the unit's smooth running. Meetings are held every 6-8 weeks and rarely last longer than an hour. We are particularly interested in someone with fundraising experience but this is not essential. Please contact the chairman, Teresa Oulds on chairman@yeovilseacadets.com or 01458 270810 for a chat if you are interested. Our AGM will be held on 8th October at 7pm at the Ilchester Arms.

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 Somertstock 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.

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. Contact us via the Somerton Music and Arts Festival website, our Facebook pages, or speak with an existing committee member. You can also contact us via Somerton's Council Office, just leave a message. 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.

SMAF: ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2020

Huge thank you to everyone who visited the Art and Photography Exhibition 2019, we hope you enjoyed seeing the work displayed. Next year the exhibition will open on the 23rd of May and close on the 30th so if you are an amateur artist, photographer, sculptor or needle worker start thinking about what you are going to enter. We will also be running a variety of workshops throughout the week so keep an eye out in the Viaduct for what we have planned. Visit the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk for more information or if you wish to contact us, thank you Alex, Jackie and Lisa.

UPDATE ON SAVE KIRKHAM STREET FIELD GROUP OCTOBER 2019

Many thanks for your support on Sat 17th August at the Picnic in the Park on Kirkham Street Field.

We actually collected £1,258.91 on the day of which about £900 was profit for our campaign funds. See the cover photo taken by Phil Flowers. We are almost a charity now and hope soon to be able to open a bank account to collect donations for the purchase of the field. We have had a meeting with a representative of Somerset County Council about the purchase and they have agreed to let us bid and providing we raise £750,000 within a year of becoming a charity they will transfer the ownership to the new Kirkham Street Field Community Trust. We will need more campaign funds for planning for change of use; a solicitor for the legal work for the purchase and a design for the field layout. One way to increase our campaign funds is to have a £5 – 100 Club with 3 prizes of £50, £25 and £25 and a £10 - 100 Club with 3 prizes of £100, £50 and £50; both Club draws to be done at Christmas. If successful we hope to do new draws for Easter and September. Application forms for these will be available shortly and a box for these will be available in George James Est Agents office. Please put your form and cash in an envelope in the box there. We look forward to your support.

ARCHIES – STOLEN TRAILER UPDATE

Thank you Somerton for all your kind offers of help in replacing the items stolen when we lost the Archies trailer in August. The team of volunteers would like to say a huge thank you. We really do appreciate it as do the young people who we meet weekly.

Archies Xtra needs your help: Do you have an old trailer that could be used to store the Archies Xtra supplies in, or an old horsebox that we could adapt for serving refreshments from? If so we would love to hear from you, please call Judith on 01458 273079 or Alex on 01458 272047, thank you, the Archies Xtra Team.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS: NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2019

These synopses do not show full-up trips but all are listed in the table. Prices include coach and tickets in stalls or grand circle, mainly Band A towards the front with a few Band B at the back. Good side stalls seats with level access are available for the disabled at no extra cost.

The Lion King: There are still tickets available at Bristol but book now to avoid disappointment. Sun 27 Oct Mat, Wed 13 Nov Eve (RETURNS ONLY)

The Red Shoes: Matthew Bourne's version is true to the story and spirit of the film's tale of obsession, possession and a girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Likely to sell out; Tue 3 March 2020 book now, pay later.

Carmen: Welsh National new production. Set in the recent past, this promises us all the passion and drama expected of this popular iconic opera, creating a tension that keeps us on the edge of our seats. Fri 13 Mar

We Will Rock You Dazzling all the senses in breath-taking style, Queen's 24 biggest hits in a show matching their legendary performances including Radio Ga Ga, Killer Queen, Bohemian Rhapsody & We Will Rock You; Wed 18 Mar '20.

Time is the start at Curry Rivel. Sometimes we leave 10 mins earlier depending on the route. Langport is +5 min, Somerton + 20 min, Keinton + 30 min, Shepton + 50 min Sometimes we go via Street +35m min, Glastonbury + 40 min, Wells + 55 min. Book at coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, go to www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk. or phone 01458 273085.

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.

SOMERTON RECYCLING CENTRE, BANCOMBE

It is now open Wed – Sun, not Mon or Tues. The opening times are Wed/Thurs/Fri 9 am – 6 pm. Sat/Sun 9 am – 4 pm.

SOMERTON – VERY MUCH A 20 MPH ZONE!

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 01458897224.

TOWN COUNCIL'S GARDENS COMPETITION WINNERS

Best gardens in Somerton: Mr K. Tallon & Ms C. Thorne, Mr and Mrs Crowe, Mr Kunz, Mr A. Peach. Mrs L Evans. Mr Parsons

Highly Commended: Mr & Mrs Pilkington

Special Award: Mr & Mrs Thomas, verge upkeep at the turn off from the B3151.

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND DISCO SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

After the success of last year's display, the Recreation Ground Trust, with the support of the Town Council, is pleased to announce that there will again be a FREE organised fireworks display at the Somerton Recreation Ground. In addition, there will be a FREE Disco in the Sports Club, both before and after the display. Pizza and burger stalls will offer hot food, so bring the whole family for a great night out. The Sports Club will be open from 5 pm with the Disco starting at 6 pm. The Fireworks will be set off at 7 pm. Walking is advisable as there is very limited parking.

WHY WE REMEMBER: FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

7.30 pm Parish Rooms Teacher and historian Robert Reid discusses the tradition of remembrance including its origins and evolution, from Flanders Fields to the battlefields of today. Sown with stories of courageous sacrifice, Robert will examine just why we remember.

Somerton History Society. Everyone is welcome. A collection will be taken for the Poppy Appeal.

SOMERTON NEWS

Somerton News, the biennial publication listing clubs and societies in and around Somerton and other useful information, will be produced in January for distribution with the February edition of Viaduct. During October, we will be contacting organisations for a brief write-up of their activities and businesses wishing to advertise. We look forward to your support for this important publication. Mo Fletcher & Martyn Smith, editors.

MUSIC BUDDIES AT LONG SUTTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our 'Music Buddies' group for 0- 4 year olds meets every Monday in the school hall during term time from 9.30am until 11am, which includes a sing, play and snack in the school hall. It costs £2.00 per family. It's a friendly and informal group and all are very welcome.

OPEN MORNING AT LONG SUTTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again we are holding an Open Morning from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 12th October for Toy Box pre-school and the village school. We are proud of our friendly school and encourage people to come and have a good look around and ask questions. There will be a warm welcome with a variety of playing and making activities and a music session for younger children. Please just turn up or if you have any queries please phone the school office on (01458) 241434.

COULD YOU BE A MARIE CURIE HELPER OR COMPANION?

Marie Curie are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset. The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people in your area living with a terminal illness. This includes visiting them at home, going out with them, or talking to them over the phone. The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life. These volunteers give around three hours each week and provide companionship, comfort and emotional support for people on the hospital wards as well as family and friends who are visiting them. All services are completely free to the terminally ill person and full training and travelling expenses are given for all volunteers. If you are interested please phone 08003047400 or email southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk.

SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

As the outdoor lawn bowls season comes to a close Somerton And District Bowls Club have much to celebrate. The club has had a very successful season being able to introduce a number of new members to lawn bowls and successfully competed in their ladies and mixed leagues including playing in a large number of friendly matches.

The ladies finished a creditable third in the South and West Somerset Ladies League and the ladies and men finished runners up in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League. This is a fantastic achievement for Somerton who last won this league in 1990 and were runners up in 1992. The club has held successful club fund raising events during the season culminating in an end of season musical evening where members were entertained by the Shepton Mallet Ukulele Group and club member Ray Kelly held a musical quiz. The members enjoyed a sing song and lots of laughter.

The club held its finals weekend on the 6th and 7th of September. On both days the successful players who made it through to the finals of the club competitions entertained the spectators and supporters with some sparkling and accomplished bowling. The trophies will be presented at the club's presentation and dinner evening in October. Before that the club travel to Bournemouth for their annual bowls tour. On the tour bowlers get to play four matches against local clubs. The club will be looking to strengthen the squad for the 2020 season. So the club extends a warm welcome to both new and accomplished bowlers who want to belong to a friendly but competitive lawn bowls club. For up to date information check out the club's web site www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

www.somertonrfc.co.uk - "Working together for Somerton through Rugby" Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at The Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Langport Road Somerton. New players are very welcome Contact Gary Saunders for details m 07870 861731. Under 18s & U15s Girls visit website for training/fixture details contact Steve Benn m. 07919 153205. Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

DID YOU "RESPECT THE WATER" THIS SUMMER?

During the first week in July there were a number of tragic deaths in the waters around the UK & Ireland; when the weather is hot risks like cold water shock can put even strong swimmers in danger. Around 150 people die in UK & Irish waters each year and over half never even planned to enter the water.

The first weekend in June saw RNLI Lifeboat crew volunteers called out to 149 incidents in one of the hottest weekends of the year. RNLI beach lifeguards were also busy patrolling 243 beaches around the UK.

Please help us support these brave voluntary lifeboat men & women and the beach rescue teams by supporting one of our fund-raising events during the autumn.

5th October: Coffee morning at Kingsdon Community Shop 10-30 until 12 noon 22nd October: Coffee morning at Hurds Hill, Langport, 10-30 until 12 noon

14th November: Coffee morning at 1, The Green, Long Sutton 10-30 until 12 noon

27th November: "William Hogarth; The Shakespeare of Painting" art lecture by Richard Kay of Lawrences. Wine & canapés Long Sutton Village Hall 6-30 for 7-15pm. Tickets in advance (251057).

If anyone would like to join us with our fund raising efforts and for details of our events please get in touch with:

Mary Mullineux, Secretary to Somerton & Langport Area Branch RNLI, 01458-251057 marybmullineux@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Events

WEA COURSE

Long Sutton Village Hall, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NT

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 at doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com.

BUSY OCTOBER PLANNED AT ACEARTS

ACEArts will have a busy October, with exhibitions taking place during the month. 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. New Exhibition from 5th Oct to 9th Nov (Tues – Sat 10 am – 5 pm): winner of the British Wildlife Open Competition 2018, Donna Lawley Hopton, explores diminishing biodiversity and contemporary environmental issues in paintings that focus on exquisite detail of an animal and its habitat. This exhibition is presented in association with SWT.

WI: TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

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. Do try to come along and find out what the WI has to offer. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st Oct 7.00 pm Parish Rooms. Tina Booth, How to Interpret Your Dreams. Please note the new time of 7pm. Visitors very welcome to join us.

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

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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.

ALPHA AGAIN IN SOMERTON: WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Coming soon! 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 7 pm at St Cleers Chapel, Somerton. All are welcome. Contact Chris Weedon, 07725 580722.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Michael Malaghan, Can You Hear Me at the Back. 7 for 7.30pm in the main hall of the Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 3RD AND 17TH OCTOBER

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 3rd and 17th October. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time. Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. At the end those that wish go to a local pub for refreshments. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

FLEXERCISE: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Flexercise was to start at Laburnum Drive Community Room but, due to insurance difficulties, is now going to be on Fridays 2.30 – 3.30 pm starting Friday 4th October for free in the meeting room at the Buttercross Surgery. Visitors and carers welcome.

GUIDE DOG COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Guide Dog Fundraising Coffee Morning on Sat 5th October 10am to Noon at St Cleers Chapel Polham Lane TA11 6SP.

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.

RNLI COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

10 am at Kingsdon Community Shop.

FRIENDS OF PARISH ROOMS HARVEST SUPPER: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

On Sat 5th October at 6 for 6.30 pm for £12 – to include main course, sweet, cheese & biscuits, coffee and a glass of wine. (What great value). Tickets from Cobbs wholefoods from Sept 16th – in advance only – limited to 60 so get your tickets early.

JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

2 pm, Charlton's Community Hall. Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books, shoes, bags, raffle and refreshments, 50p entrance. Proceeds for Charlton Mackrell Primary School. Donations of items will be gratefully received. Items can be brought to Hall on Friday 4 October from 6 – 7pm or Saturday morning from 10-11 am. It may be possible to collect any donated items in the Somerton area – call Zoe on 07884 411870.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun Oct 6th and 20th (over 18s) 7.30 pm Quiz Thurs Oct 31st 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Our next meeting is on Mon 7th Oct 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Katherine Crouch presents 'New Tricks for Old Gardeners' Fascinating? Oh, even young people are welcome! The item for the competition table is 'Favourite photo of your garden – Summer 2019'.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Where did the Summer go? Never mind, we can give you an uplift!

Tuesday 1st. Bacon butties and a cuppa, 10.0am. £1.70.

Monday 7th. Games, tea and cakes. 2-4. £1.00. Dominoes, beetle drive, cards, etc. If you like it, we can do it again!

Tuesday 15th. Mystery coach trip to (oh nearly!). 10 am. Community Hall. £11.

(Note change of date)

21st. Breakfasts, pre-book. £3.00.

5th November Bacon butties & Di 's Little Clothes Shop.

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, 0145827262.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST EVENTS: TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

British Deer – History and Impact 7.30 pm Parish Rooms Dr Jochen Langbein, who runs Langbein Wildlife, will talk on British Deer – their history and impact. LangbeinWildlife is a specialist ecological consultancy working predominantly with deer, covering all aspects of their behaviour, population dynamics and management of their impacts. They have worked in collaboration with BBC's Autumnwatch. £3 members; £4 visitors. Please book by contacting Roger Dickey at roger.dickey52@gmail.com.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

We restart on Tues 8th October 2 – 4.30 pm at the Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy good company and a bit of brain exercise, whilst being fortified with a cup of tea and Pam's famous cookies.

MID WESSEX SINGERS: TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

We meet on Tues 8th Oct 7.15 – 9 pm at West St Church. Come along and try and rehearse for our forthcoming concert. Contact Rowena 07929803097.

SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

somertonartists.co.uk Somerton Group of Artists, monthly meeting Wed 9th October. At the Parish Rooms Market Square Somerton Starting at 7.30 pm. Our demonstrator is Laurence Belbin – who will give us a demonstration in oils.

Members free, visitors are welcome £5 to include tea or coffee. 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.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

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

COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAY 11TH & 25TH OCTOBER

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 11th and 25th October 10 - noon. Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Carers Meeting will be on Friday 11th 10.30 am at West St Church. There will be a public good neighbours meeting on Friday 25th Oct 10.30 am at West St Church. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 14TH & 28TH OCTOBER

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West St Church back room. Our next meeting is on Monday 14th and 28th October. It's purely for fun, and for all ages and abilities. We sing anything well known, songs from the shows, old English melodies, and songs from the 30's up to date. £1.00 a session including coffee & biscuits.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE: MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

They will meet on Monday 14th October 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.

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.

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.

If you wish to help – ring Angie on 07885 489254. 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.

NEW BOOK CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE: THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Especially for people with memory problems. Third meeting in the library on Thursday 17th October at 2.30 pm. Come along and enjoy books again. Contact: Carole at ryangreenfingers123@gmail.com.

WEST STREET CHURCH EVENTS: SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Film Afternoon in the New Room – 3.30 pm.

CONCERT IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Stanchester Quire, 7.30pm. Tickets priced £8.00 available from Mary Anne Pike in church or by phone from Jan Turner 01458 270096 Or email: jameswturner@talktalk.net.

MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Somerton Moviola 7.30pm Parish Rooms (doors 7.00pm) All is True (2018) A look at the final days in the life of renowned playwright William Shakespeare. Written by Ben Elton and directed by Kenneth Brannagh. Starring Kenneth Brannagh, Judi Dench & Ian McKellen. Run time 101 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

RNLI COFFEE MORNING: TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

10.30 am at Hurds Hill, Langport.

FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY: WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

A Seasonal Talk - Winter and Spring by David Chase. Although summer is over there is still plenty to do in our gardens and our patios according to Somerton's own garden expert, Dave Chase from Midney Gardens. The Friends of Somerton Library have invited him to give us some pointers in the Pinney Rooms, Somerton on Wed 23rd October 2019 at 2.30p.m. Tickets cost £4.00 and are available from the library.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th October in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. This is followed at 7.30pm by a talk from one of our members, Graham Deane, entitled "At the Knife Edge of Royalty". 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 25TH OCTOBER

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A is a talk by Kathleen McNally. Kathleen formerly worked for the Government Secret Service and now tells a tale entitled Not For King and Country about King Edward VIII and his mistress Wallis Simpson. It has romance, intrigue and espionage. After eighty years the truth is emerging, piece by piece about the events that shook an empire. "The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 25th October at 10 am. 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".

CHARITY CHEESE AND WINE EVENING: SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

with auction of donations and promises 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

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. 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.

THEATRE TRIP: SUN 27TH OCTOBER

(Matinee) The Lion King.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Come and join us to start the September programme on Mon 28th October at Parish Rooms at 7.30 pm for Speaker- Christopher Bond 'Art in the Garden'. Visitors welcome £3.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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 Tuesday 29th October at 2 pm 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

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

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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

OCTOBER

Tue 1 WEA course The Sky in Science and Imagination 7.30 pm Long Sutton Village Hall

WI How to interpret you dreams. 7.00 pm Parish Rooms

LDRC Bacon Butties and Tea 10 am

Wed 2 Alpha Course starts 7 pm St Cleers Chapel

Create and Connect AceArts 11 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm

Thu 3 Versus Arthritis Can you hear me at the back? 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library

Fri 4 Flexercise 2.30 pm Meeting Room Buttercross Health Centre and each Friday after that.

Sat 5 Guide Dogs Coffee morning 10 am – noon St Cleers Chapel

Friends of Parish Rooms Harvest Supper 6 pm for 6.30 pm Parish Rooms

Charlton Mackrell School Jumble Sale 2 pm at Community Hall

RNLI Coffee morning 10.30 am Kingsdon Community Shop

Sun 6 Bingo Over 18s Somerton Sports Club

Mon 7 Somerton Gardeners New Tricks for Old Gardeners 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

LDRC Games, Tea and Cakes 2 – 4 pm

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Tue 8 Rummikub 2 pm Parish Rooms

Mid Wessex Singers rehearsal 7.15 pm West St Church

SWT British Deer - History and Impact 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Wed 9 Somerton Group of Artists A Demonstration in Oils 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Thu 10 Friendship Club 10.30 am Somerton Sports Club

Fri 11 Coffee and More and Carers Meeting 10 am West St Church

Sat 12 Open Morning from 10am to 12noon Toy Box pre-school and Long Sutton Primary school.

Mon 14 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am W St Church

SRGT meeting 7 pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 15 LDRC Mystery Coach Trip leaving 10 am

Thu 17 Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library

New Book Club 2.30 pm Somerton Library

Sat 19 Film Afternoon 3.30 pm West St Church New Room

Stanchester Quire Concert 7.30 pm St Michael's Church

Moviola Cinema All is True 7.30 pm Parish Rooms Sun 20 Bingo Over 18s 7.30 pm Somerton Sports Club

Mon 21 LDRC Breakfasts

Tue 22 RNLI Coffee morning 10.30 am Hurds Hill, Langport

Wed 23 Friends of Somerton Library Seasonal Talk by Dave Chase 2.30 pm Pinney Rooms, Parish Rooms

Thu 24 Somerton History Society At the Knife Edge of Royalty 7 pm Parish Rooms

Fri 25 Coffee and More 10 am West St Church

U3A Not for King and Country 10 am Edgar Hall

Sat 26 Fundraising Cheese and Wine 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Sun 27 Theatre Trip The Lion King

Mon 28 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church

Green Gardeners Art in the Garden 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Tue 29 Staple and Fold 2 pm Parish Rooms

Thu 31 Quiz Teams of up to six 8pm Somerton Sports Club

See also weekly events list

MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS IN SOMERTON AT WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK

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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.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk

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Thursday Mornings at 10am

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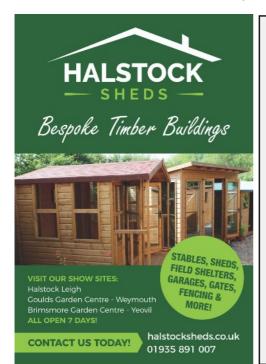


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