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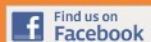


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News

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL - OCTOBER 2019

CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR

TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	12 th November	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion & Communication	19 th November	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Accessibility & Highways	26 th November	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	12 th & 26 th November	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
***TAG	5 th November	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.

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

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!

Temporary Road Closure:

Parish of Walton. Temporary Closure of Main Street. See www.roadworks.org for further information on the alternative route. For information about the works, contact Somerset Highways on 0300 123 2224.

There is a casual vacancy in the Town Council. The appropriate notice was displayed, but there were no requests for a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy. so the town council invites applications for co-option to the town clerk by Friday November 5th.

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 WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER

Total rainfall for September was 76 mm or 3 inches.

CHAIRS AVAILABLE

Parish Rooms has sixteen stacking chairs (ex Pinney Room) which are surplus to requirements. If you would like them, please contact the LSMI secretary Denise 272625 or email deecclarke2910@gmail.com. A donation would be much appreciated.

Reports

MARTIAL ARTS SELF DEFENCE

Come along and try out our activities. Club session times: Thursday evenings – Reality Kids / Juniors – 6-7pm — Adults – 7.15-8.15pm. Somerton Infant School.

THE FOODBANK IN LANGPORT

Please note that it will still run but now on Weds from 2 – 4 pm and NOT at The Angel BUT in The Ridgeway Hall.

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE

Christmas is coming and it is Lighting Up Time again. Can you volunteer to help at any of these times to put up Somerton's fantastic displays? We have a happy band of folk.

First weekend for lights up is Sat 16th Nov 11.30 am – 5 pm, Sun 17th Nov 8 am – 5 pm. Second weekend for lights up is Sat 23rd Nov 11.30 am – 5 pm, Sun 24th Nov 8 am – 5 pm. Switch on sun 1st Dec at Love Somerton Christmas Fayre. Lights down Sun 5th Jan 2020. Contact Ian Rodger on ianrodger333@gmail.com.

SOMERTON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL 2020

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.

SMAF: ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2020

Book the dates in your diary now 22nd – 30th May, we have lots planned for the week including activities for children and opportunities to learn new skills. This year we are mixing it up with events during the day and some in the evening, so watch this space as we reveal more over the coming months. If you are an artist, sewing bee, sculptor or photographer then please do think about entering your work into the exhibition. We love seeing new people exhibit as well as welcoming back those who have supported the exhibition previously. Visit the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk for more information or if you wish to contact us, thank you Alex, Jackie and Lisa.

ARCHIESXTRA NEEDS YOU!

We meet every Thursday at the sports ground from 7.30-9 pm (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. Alternatively please call Alex on 01458 272047 or Judith Hurley on 01458 723163.

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. If you have a trailer/horse box that we could use please contact Alex or Jude – see contact details above.

Archies Xtra Trailer Appeal: As many of you are aware we had the Archies Xtra trailer stolen and we would really like to buy a replacement one so have set up a fundraising page, please do visit the site and donate if you can and / or spread the word, many thanks the Archies Xtra team of volunteers. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/archiesxtra-somerton>

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 emailkirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

SAM'S LAST DAY (SEE COVER PHOTO)

Samantha Addison has been Somerton's librarian for almost five years and following the reorganisation in the county library service has left to go to pastures new. Jeremy Greenop, chair of the Somerton Library Trust made a presentation on behalf of the trust and said how Sam had overseen the changes and been an enormous help in training the volunteers who are now helping to run the library. Mary Beth Greenop and Chris McEwan made a presentation on behalf of the volunteers and John Saunders on behalf of the Friends of Somerton Library (FoSL). Sam has taken up the post of Library Supervisor in Mendip District and we wish her all the very best. Martyn Smith, Somerton Library Trust.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

To all Somerton organisations, societies and clubs. 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.

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.

WORKING THE NIGHT SHIFT

A commitment to becoming a Samaritans volunteer, is also a commitment to doing regular night shifts. And while not everyone likes to be a night owl, many Samaritans positively embrace the concept.

Sarah says the night shift absolutely suits her body clock. Between 12 and 3 is when I'm at my most alert, and I genuinely think it's the time when I can provide callers with the best of me.

Jen says: 'Many years ago when I was undergoing treatment for cancer, I had the most amazing support from family and friends by day. But of course, they weren't quite so available at night when I would often lie awake feeling alone.

When I recovered and became a Samaritans listening volunteer, I was truly able to appreciate the value of being there during the night for callers. Having experienced some very lonely and long nights myself, I'm so happy to now be able to fulfil that need.'

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 NOVEMBER 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. 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 March

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 & WWR; Wed 18 March '20.

Book at coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, go to www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk. or phone 01458 273085.

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.

WINTER TIMES FOR SOMERTON RECYCLING TIP, BANCOMBE

It is now open Wed – Sun, not Mon or Tues. The opening times are Wed/Thurs/Fri 9 am – 5 pm. Sat/Sun 9 am – 4 pm.

SOMERTON UPDATE ON SPEEDWATCH – VERY MUCH A 20 MPH ZONE!

I am pleased to say that our team has increased in number although I am not as pleased to report that still far too many motorists are speeding. We will be out most days and to those of you who continue to break the speed limit please consider the detrimental impact you are having on our town and community. Some motorists think it alright to break the speed limit without considering the consequences. Our watches take place at different times of day at several locations and we like to cover school times when so many people are walking with children. Speeding drivers are seemingly unaware of the danger to families on roads that have no footpaths. Also as the evenings darken some older folk are scared to walk the roads in Somerton and feel trapped in their homes because motorists speed. PLEASE SLOW DOWN, it isn't clever to break the law, it's totally selfish. Our SpeedWatch is supported by the police who are sometimes out with us so I hope that if you speed and read this you will consider your responsibility to everyone in our town.

David Cundle SpeedWatch Co-ordinator 01458 897224.

'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).

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.

KIRKHAM STREET FIELD COMMUNITY TRUST (KSFC TRUST)

On 9th October the Charity Commission registered Somerton's new CIO Trust with the number 1185712. The KSFC Community Trust will now follow the rules and regulations of the Charity Commission which are there to protect the Community Trust itself, the Trustees and the people of Somerton who benefit from the 'park'. Now this Trust can open a Charity Bank Account and serious fund raising to purchase the field can begin. At a meeting with a representative of Somerset County Council it was agreed that the KSFC Trust can buy the field from the County Council for £750,000 without any competition and the Trust has a year to raise the funds.

A tall order maybe but with your help and support the trustees are confident of success. Many people have already volunteered and helped with the campaign and if you would like to be more involved or donate money contact details.

In addition to the purchase price the Trust will need more campaign funds for legal and design work and planning permission for change of use. To donate money please contact Margaret Chambers on 01458 272654 or Chambers_margaret@hotmail.com.

KIRKHAM STREET FIELD FUNDRAISING HUNDRED CLUBS

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 Love Somerton's Christmas Fayre. If successful we hope to do new draws for Easter and September. Application forms for these are available with a box for returns in George James Properties Est Agents office in West Street. Now is the time to get working together. Margaret Chambers: Chairperson of Kirkham Street Field Community Trust.

CARERS INFORMATION

Be Safe – Use some of these links to get the help and support you need.

Somerton Carers

Our group is growing rapidly, providing a place where unpaid carers can meet, share experiences and help each other. It's friendly and informal, we have a few professionals on hand and can signpost to appropriate services if needed. We meet at West Street Church on 2nd Friday of the month, at 10.30, alongside 'Coffee and more...' which provides a safe space where you can leave the one you care for while you attend our meeting. Please drop in or call Ivor on 01458 250603 for more details. 01458 250603 / 07976 308302 (text)

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!!

If you have falls or blackouts etc you may want to consider Careline, once set up, it costs £4.07 per week.

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

BE SAFE.

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. The closing date for submission of adverts and for organisation's information is 29th November. We look forward to your support. Mo Fletcher & Martyn Smith, editors.

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 GUIDING

We have been looking at Pollution by Plastics with all sections, Rainbows (age 5-7); Brownies (age 7-10) and Guides (age 10 -14).

Here is the message from a young Brownie:-

Save the World!

Save the animals;

If you want to use plastic, use it correctly or don't use it.

Even though you are finished with it, don't throw it in the Oceans.

Be kind to animals.

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 have 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 number of friendly matches.

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

"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.

LOVE SOMERTON - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Love Somerton is hosting the Christmas Lights Switch On again this year, taking place on Sunday, December 1st, from 3-7pm. Visitors can enjoy a static reindeer paddock – from 3.30-5.30pm, three 30-minute puppet shows, and of course Father Christmas will be arriving on his dressed sleigh, pulled by two Steel Suffolk Horses at 3pm. Places for children and adults to arrive on the sleigh are being raffled through Somerton's local shops.

The Christmas Lights countdown will begin at 5pm, and there will be Big Band music from 5.30pm.

There will be a fantastic variety of local crafts and produce stalls, a host of food stalls, and a bar. The event takes place in the Parish/Pinney and Wessex Rooms, St Michael and All Angels Church, the Buttercross and surrounding outside spaces. We hope to see you there!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th December Edgar Hall 7.45pm (doors 7.30) until 11pm. Roy Warry hosts live music from "Ruby and the Rockets". Charity night with all profits going to Somerton Library. Tickets £8 on the door.

Forthcoming Events

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun Nov 3rd and 17th (over 18s) 7.30 pm.

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

ALPHA AGAIN IN SOMERTON.

Explore the meaning of life and faith, with a meal and question asking time. Wednesdays 7 pm at St Cleers Chapel, Somerton. All are welcome. Contact Chris Weedon, 07725 580722.

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.

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 5pm with the Disco starting at 6pm. The Fireworks will be set off at 7pm. Walking is advisable as there is very limited parking.

BUSY NOVEMBER PLANNED AT ACEARTS

New Exhibition from 5th Oct to 9th Nov (Tues – Sats 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.

SADAA AGM: MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The Gallery, Ace Arts, 10.30am, SADAA (Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance) is holding its AGM on Mon 4th November. The business meeting will start at 10.30, followed by our report on progress over the last year, how existing schemes could develop, and projects likely to start over coming months. Anyone living with, or interested in, dementia, or concerned about the way we respond to it in our community, is welcome to attend. We are grateful to everyone who has supported us so far. We are planning "I remember Christmas" a festival of carols, seasonal songs, poems and reminiscences at West Street Church on Fri Dec 13th at 10.30.

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Marion Dale, An Introduction to Arts & Crafts. 7pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome to join us. Sue Long: 01458 274038 / Pauline Saunders: 01458 272769.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Join us in the exhibition space and make alongside other makers. Bring a project that you are working on, knitting, drawing, collage, crochet. Grab a coffee and enjoy the surroundings. First Wednesday of the month 11-1 & 2-4pm Wed 6th November.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

AGM followed by Steve Derby, The Life & Times of a Stupid Boy. 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome to join us.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 7TH/21ST NOVEMBER

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

Our Christmas celebration is on Thurs 19th Dec when after our walk we will go to the Globe for a buffet costing £10 a head. Please let Mo know if you want to come along and pay a deposit of £3. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Our next meeting is on Mon 4th November 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Rooms when a member of the Castle Gardens team presents 'Alternative Plants for Alternative Places' - Was it the Monkees who came up with something called 'Alternative Title'? Christmas Decoration using natural materials from the garden is the subject of The Competition Table. (Let's hope they're as amusing as Katherine Crouch was in October!)

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

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

Thanks for all the lovely cakes and donations, we raised £117.78 for Macmillan's, and enjoyed entertainment from the local Ukulele band. The committee usually have a 'breather' in November. Not this year! (We are on a roll!). Hopefully having a cream tea, home-made scones - thank you Edna, Wed 6th. Nov, 3-5 pm. Plus sing-along with the Ukulele band. £3.50. Tel 272620 to confirm. Tues 5th Di's Little Clothes Shop. 10.0am. Great selection, very popular. Plus bacon butties.

Each Friday 10-11 am we have Flexicises. SO good for you. All welcome.

Coach 12th Nov, £10 to Merry Monk Carvery (£14.95 for two) and visit to Monkton Elm garden centre. Depart 11.15. Early booking please.

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.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Why We Remember Fri 8th Nov 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. A collection will be taken for the Poppy Appeal.

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.

COFFEE AND MORE... FRIDAY 8TH & 22ND NOVEMBER

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 Fri 8th Nov 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.

WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Table Top Sale Sat 9th Nov 10 am.

Christmas Bingo Fri 29th Nov Doors open 7 pm for eyes down 7.30 pm. There will be a raffle, tombola and refreshments.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 11TH/25TH NOVEMBER

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the Methodist Church back room. Our next meeting is on Monday 11th and 25th November. 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 11TH NOVEMBER

They will meet on Monday 11th November 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.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST EVENTS: TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Tues 12th Nov The Beauty and Significance of Clouds 7.30 pm Parish Rooms. Talk by Gavin Pretor Pinney. £3 members; £4 visitors. For more info contact Roger Dickey at roger.dickey52@gmail.com.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Tues 12th November 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 12TH NOVEMBER

We meet on Tues 12th November 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 13TH NOVEMBER

At the Parish Rooms Market Square Somerton. Starting at 7.30 pm. Our guest is Linda Hampson—who will give us a demonstration called “The joy of Coloured Pencils.” 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, www.somertonartists.co.uk.

RNLI COFFEE MORNING: THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Coffee morning at 1, The Green, Long Sutton 10.30 am – noon.

Wed 27th Nov An art lecture by Richard Kay on Hogarth, The Shakespeare of Painting. At Long Sutton Village Hall 6.30 for 7.15 pm with canapés and glass of wine for £15. For tickets, in advance, ring 01458 251282.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

This month we will share the music and laughter of Somerton Ukulele Band 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.

MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Red Joan (2019) - The story of Joan Stanley, who was exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. Biographical drama directed by Trevor Nunn and starring Judi Dench

Run time 101 minutes Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. 7.30pm Parish Rooms (doors 7.00pm).

SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Help support the Somerton Scouts by supporting their Jumble Sale on Saturday 16 November 10am – 12pm at the Scout HQ Hut (rear of Half Moon car park) there's going to be loads of items; children's & ladies clothes, toys, games, Bric-a-brac, books and more! Enjoy tea and cake while you browse. If you have any items you can donate please contact Fiona Baylis - Fiona.baylis@gmail.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.

HUISH & LANGPORT CRICKET CLUB XMAS BINGO: WED 20TH NOVEMBER

Huish & Langport Cricket Club will be holding there ever popular XMAS PRIZE BINGO on Weds 20th November 7 for 7.30 pm at the Langport Arms, Langport. Please come along to this very popular event.

NEW BOOK CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE: THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Especially for people with memory problems. Third meeting in the library on Thursday 21st November at 2.30 pm. Come along and enjoy books again. Contact: Carole at ryangreenfingers123@gmail.com.

WEST STREET CHURCH: SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Bazaar from 10 am.

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A takes place on Friday 22 November and will be a talk by Alex Leger -Television Producer, Director and Cameraman – who has led an extraordinary life. For 36 years and working for the BBC he was a prolific film maker. He produced the iconic Blue Peter and other programmes. He has survived sandstorms, landmines, erupting volcanoes, food poisoning, difficult presenters and flying bullets to make over 600 films across five continents. Although, he would say, not all turned out in the way he expected. From his first adventure encouraging John Noakes to climb Nelson's Column through to persuading Helen Skelton to wear a beard of bees, and from flying with the Red Arrows to bluffing cocaine paste smugglers in the high Andes; he can truly say there has never been a dull moment. It is unlikely that there is another TV producer alive today who can begin to match his experiences. He is a great raconteur and his talks are lavishly illustrated with film and video clips and enriched with many behind the scenes anecdotes.

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.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Green Gardeners have their final meeting of the year on Monday 25th November. Speaker Myra Cox will demonstrate Christmas swag-making. Bring some foliage and have a go! This will be followed by refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine. Visitors are always welcome £3. For further details contact Anita 01458 272333.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

We desperately need new staplers and folders to join us. Thank you to our new helpers. Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's stapling and folding for the December issue will be Thursday 28th November at 2 pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Thank you to Overt Locke and Williams 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
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

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NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Recreation Ground Grand Fireworks Display 7 pm and Kiddy Disco 5 pm
Sun 3 St Cleers Chapel Cafe Service 10.30 am
Somerton Sports Club Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm
Mon 4 SAADAA (Dementia Assoc)AGM Wessex House 10.30 am
Somerton Gardeners Alternative Plants 7.30 pm Parish Rooms
Tue 5 LDRC Little Di's Clothes Shop and Bacon Butties 10 am
WI An introduction to Arts and Crafts 7 pm Parish Rooms
Wed 6 LDRC Cream Tea with entertainment 3 – 5 pm
Thu 7 Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library
Versus Arthritis Life and Times of a Stupid Boy 7.30 pm Parish Rooms
Fri 8 Somerton History Society Why We Remember Them 7.30 pm Parish Rooms
Sat 9 Wessex Jnr Youth Club Table Top Sale 10 am Wessex Rooms
Sun 10 Churches Together Remembrance Service 10.30 am St Michael's Church
British Legion Remembrance Parade leaving Infants School at 9.30 am
Mon 11 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church
Tue 12 LDRC Coach Trip and Lunch at Merry Monk followed by visit to Monkton Elm Garden
Centre leaving 11.15 am.
Wed 13 Theatre Trip Lion King
Somerton Artists Group The Joy of Coloured Pencils 7.30 pm Parish Rooms
Thu 14 Friendship Club with entertainment 10.30 am Somerton Sports Club
RNLI Coffee morning 1, The Green, Long Sutton 10 am – noon
Sat 16 Xmas Lights Up 11.30 am – 5 pm. Meet at Parish Rooms.
Moviola Cinema Red Joan 7 for 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Scouts Jumble Sale 10 am – noon Scout HQ Hut
Sun 17 Xmas Lights Up 8 am – 5 pm. Meet at Parish Rooms.
Somerton Sports Club Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm Somerton Sports Club
Wed 20 Huish & Langport Cricket Club Xmas Bingo, 7 for 7.30 pm, Langport Arms
Thu 21 Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library.
Fri 22 U3A meeting Talk by Alex Leger 10.30 am Edgar Hall
Compton Dundon Concert by Jacob and Drinkwater 8 pm Meadway Hall
Sat 23 Bazaar 10 am West St Church
Xmas Lights Up 11.30 am – 5 pm – meet at Parish Rooms
Sun 24 Xmas Lights Up 8 am – 5 pm – meet at Parish Rooms
St Cleers Service of Testimony led by Justyn Maynard
Mon 25 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church
Green Gardeners Christmas Delights 7.30 pm Parish Rooms
Wed 27 RNLI talk by Richard Kay on Hogarth, the Shakespeare of Painting 6.30 pm for 7.15 pm
Long Sutton Village Hall
Thu 28 Viaduct Stapling and Folding 2 pm Parish Rooms
Somerton Sports Club Quiz 8.30 pm Somerton Sports Club
Fri 29 Wessex Junior Youth Club Christmas Bingo 7 for 7.30 pm Wessex Rooms

See also weekly events list

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

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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What's On - 2019

Games Night - Sunday 6th October

Don't be bored on a Sunday evening! Come out and socialise with our wide and varied selection of board games!



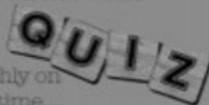
Meet the Brewer - Thursday 10th October

Our first Brewer is Declan from Yeovil Ales! Taste his beers, ask questions and purchase said beers for delivery to The Etsome Arms.

Quiz Night - Sunday 20th October

Following the first successful quiz, they will occur monthly on the 3rd Sunday of every month - it might be easier this time...

7pm start - £2 per person - teams up to 5



Games Night - Thursday 24th October

In case you missed the first one!

Meet the Brewer - Thursday 14th November

Come and chat to Pawell and his team from Fine Tuned Brewery.



Quiz Night - Sunday 17th November

You know the drill!

7pm start - £2 per person - teams up to 5

Games Night - Thursday 21st November

Come to our regular games night with a twist to be confirmed!



Beer of the Year - Sunday 1st December

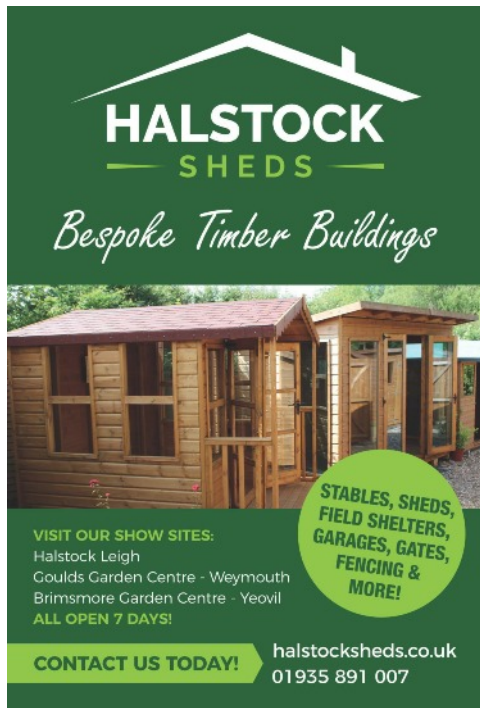
Come and collect your brochure, taste some beer, share your thoughts and place your vote!

Christmas Quiz Night - Sunday 15th December



The Boxing Day Bash! - Thursday 26th December

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Fireworks For Sale

15th October 10th November

18 years+ only. Restrictions apply. Always light fireworks safely.
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