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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 on the STC website www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. Requests for items to be added to the agenda to the Town Clerk by the first Monday of the month. Town Clerk tel: 272236 email: town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Did you know Somerton Town Council has a Facebook page? Check it out.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

STC Community Awards for 2020 have been deferred.

STC is seeking to recruit a volunteer Dog Warden, if you can help, please contact the Town Clerk.

Grants have been provided to

- Somerton Gardeners' Club.
- Somerton Scouts Group
- Somerton Music and Arts Festival

Election Result: Mo Fletcher has joined the council as an elected member without a contest.

Somerton News 2020 – 2021 has been distributed around Somerton. Further copies are available in the library. Thanks to Mo Fletcher, Martyn Smith, Somerton Printery, Viaduct Delivery Team and our loyal advertisers for their help.

Etsome Terrace Development Site, Somerton.

After a lengthy series of legal procedures, STC has sold two parcels of land on the Etsome site for £300K, minus planning application fees and associated legal fees. Full details can be found in the minutes of STC meeting of March 11th.

News & Reports

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR FEBRUARY

Total rainfall for February was 120 mm or nearly 5 inches.

WINTER TIMES FOR SOMERTON RECYCLING CENTRE, 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.

CARERS INFORMATION

Somerton Carers group is growing rapidly, providing a place where unpaid carers can meet, share experiences and help each other. We meet at West Street Church at 10.30 am on 2nd Friday of the month, 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.

Help with Forms contact the health coaches at the Buttercross Medical Centre 272473 for a carer's pack or Somerset Carers Service on 01823 331222. If you have help filling in these forms you are more likely to be successful. Don't give up!

MUSIC BUDDIES AT LONG SUTTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cancelled until further notice.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at the Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch. New players are very welcome. Contact Gary Saunders 07870 861 731 for details. Under 18s & U15s Girls training/fixtures details contact Steve Benn 07919 153 205. For latest news, results and events see www.somertonrfc.co.uk.

ASKMYGP

The Buttercross GP Practice has adopted a new system to provide patients with faster and easier access to receiving help. Once you have registered on the new system, you can get help online, via a smartphone, in person or by telephone. Information leaflets are available at both sites (Somerton and Ilchester) and elsewhere in each of the towns but you can find out more at <https://askmygp.uk/how-it-works>.

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 Morley House, 26 West Hendford, Yeovil, 0330 094 5717.

Email: recruitment@yeovilsamaritans.org.uk or visit our website

at: <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-yeovil-sherborne-and-district>.

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB

Our new season starts in April and we welcome new members of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to join the club. In particular we are looking to strengthen our men's and ladies squads for the summer so if you are interested in playing matches in the Yeovil and District Tennis League, or just want to play tennis for fun then please check out the clubs

website: <http://somertontennisclub.co.uk/> or contact our membership secretary, Alan Wharton on 01458 445139, for more information.

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.

SAFE PLACES UPDATE

The Somerton Safe Places scheme, originally organised by SADAA (Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance) in 2018, was designed to assist anyone who might get lost or disorientated in the town. Now, with reduced police involvement, an officer will only attend if there is a significant risk to someone's safety. This means we have to re-think the way the scheme works. It is proposed that responsibility shifts to a wider, Community-led group; the emphasis is on all vulnerable people, not only those living with dementia; and the aim is to produce a 'Safer Somerton', which is now the working title. If you, as an individual or representing a concerned organisation, want more details, contact Ivor Dixon (levelopps@gmail.com) or 01458 250603.

SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

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 RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Cancelled till further notice.

WARNING FROM SOMERSET TRADING STANDARDS OFFICE

In April beware of holiday scams.

WE ARE UNDEFEATABLE SOMERSET

We Are Undefeatable Somerset is a new local campaign, launched by Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) with the aim of inspiring those living with long-term health conditions to be more active and move more. The need for this campaign came about when a country wide study showed that 1 in 4 people were living with a long-term condition and were more likely to be inactive as a result. The official launch of this campaign took place at The Beach Hotel in Minehead at the end of January, where the ambassadors shared their inspiring stories, as well as key speakers from Public Health, the Clinical Director for the Living Better Primary Care Network and also the SASP CEO.

Following the launch and reveal of initial resources based on the Taunton and West Somerset ambassadors, additional content will be released over the coming months, introducing further ambassadors from Mendip, Sedgemoor and South Somerset.

If you're interested in finding out more about this campaign and available activities, please visit www.sasp.co.uk/long-term-conditions.

LOVE SOMERTON

Love Somerton is organising the following events:

Community Breakfasts at the Parish Rooms/ Buttercross

6th June, 11th July

Horse rides around Somerton with Steele's Suffolks

6 June TBC, 11th July, 12th Sept.

ARCHIESXTRA NEEDS YOU!

This may change due to circumstances. 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.

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.

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.

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

PART TIME WORK WANTED BY YOUNG MAN

Keen, reliable 15 year old lad looking for evening or weekend work (finishing school mid-June so will be more available from then) in Somerton or surrounding area. Contact 07970 568642.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS NEWS FOR MARCH 2020

Contacts: coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk; 01458 273085
Bristol Hippodrome closed on Monday 16th March to try to reduce/slow the spread of the virus. When it will re-open depends on government advice. As we pass each show date we should receive a full refund of our ticket payments as long as ATG stays solvent. I am still taking bookings.

2020 planned trips are Mon 8 Jun **Mamma Mia**; Wed 3 Sep **Dreamgirls**; Fri 30 Oct **Barber of Seville (W.N.O.)**; Tue 3 Nov **Strictly Ballroom**

In 2021: Tue 16 Feb **The Commitments**; Tue 23 Feb **Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker**; Wed 31 Mar **Il Trovatore (W.N.O.)**; Tue 20 Jul **School of Rock** (based on the film with extra music by Lloyd-Webber). We also are expecting The Phantom of the Opera sometime in 2021.

Two other trips will run if the theatre is open and there is enough demand; This August to Sunny Afternoon, featuring The Kinks music and Jan 2021 a Sunday matinee of the Snow White pantomime.

Details at <https://www.atgtickets.com/venues/bristol-hippodrome/> or of course via Miss Google. Contact me if interested in either of these. coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk ; 01458 273085

Looking into the trips already finalised, which is up to **Les Miserables** (20th April), we are committed to going unless the theatre is closed by the government trying to prevent the spread of the virus. Let's cross that bridge if we come to it.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB – FLOWER SHOW 22ND AUGUST 2020.

The annual show will soon be here. If you want to enter the "Childrens", "Photography" or "Handicraft" sections, here is a list for each category to allow for your preparation:

Section E – Children's Classes – Age 16 or under.

62 Handwriting – copy of Owl and Pussy Cat (details to follow)

63 Lego Model (from own imagination)

64 Animal made from vegetable/s

Section F – Photography – unframed, unmounted, max size 7"x5"

65 Chimneys; 66 River Scene; 67 Gateway; 68 Ancient; 69 Blue.

Section G – Handicraft

70 Rags to Riches – item made from recycled materials;

71 Painting or Drawing – any medium;

72 Patchwork Article; 73 Cross Stitch Article;

74 Knitted or Crochet Article; 75 Handmade Card for a Special Occasion;

76 A Piece of Jewellery.

SOMERTON LIBRARY

Will now be closed till further notice. There will not be fines on outstanding books.

COURTYARD CAFE

....At the Courtyard Café we have a substantial number of elderly customers who we wish to be able to receive their hot meal of the day and so we are happy to deliver this to them for £6.00 and are hoping to get the message out. This obviously also goes for any of our other regular customers who may wish to receive delivery of meals/sandwiches if they are unable to visit the café. David Osmond 07876 563 411.

SOMERTON PPG

"Fit For My Future" is a county wide review and policy-deciding exercise for the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group which is responsible for health care provision over the coming years. Brian Pearson PPG Chair suggests we all visit the website, read any leaflets and understand what is being discussed. Website link: <https://www.fitformyfuture.org.uk/>.

SOMERTON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL – CORONAVIRUS STATEMENT

The festival committee are acutely aware of the devastating impact COVID-19 has already had around the world and is beginning to have here in the UK. The health and safety of our audience, artists, traders and crew will always be our number one priority. Most festival events including Somerstock 2020 are however still more than 4 months away, well over the twelve weeks covered by existing government advice. Therefore at the time of writing Somerton Music & Arts Festival events, including Somerstock 2020, will take place as planned. This may of course change at any time as advice is updated.

We will continue to closely monitor official guidance from the World Health Organisation, Public Health England, UK Government and local public health authorities in regard to public events and outdoor gatherings and we will implement recommendations and instructions as required.

Our websites at www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk and www.somerstock.com as well as our social media pages on Facebook will carry the current position and will be updated as needed.

TAUNTON BUS STATION

Closed on Friday 27th March and buses for Somerton will now depart from outside Clinton Cards.

ET SOME ARMS

Congratulations to Peter & Sharon on the award of runner-up in the Somerset CAMRA "Pub of the Year" 2020. This is a terrific achievement of recognition, especially as it was announced four days before the first anniversary of the opening of the Etsome Arms.

KIRKHAM STREET FIELD COMMUNITY TRUST (KSFC TRUST)

On 9th October the Charity Commission registered Somerton's new CIO Trust with the number 1185712. You have received a leaflet detailing the developments for the Trust.

DONATIONS TO PURCHASE THE FIELD

We now have a bank account and can receive donations for the purchase of the field.

We hope to receive your donations now for the purchase of the field which can be left as cash or a cheque to Kirkham Street Field Community Trust in an envelope with your contact details in a box in George James Properties Est Agents office in West Street or directly by Bank Transfer to: Sort Code 608301 Account Number 20418119. Providing we have your details, if we do not raise enough to purchase the field, your money will be returned to you.

Some people feel that Somerset County Council should donate the playing field to the town but when the County Council negotiated with the Government for a grant for the new school at Northfields it was agreed that the county would sell the playing field and monies raised would be to part fund the new school and it was anticipated that this would be at least £750,000.

We have raised over £20,000 from nearly 100 Residents and over 20 local businesses so far. Many thanks. See our updates on fundraising in the window of George James Properties.

Local businesses who have donated so far are:

AKW Tyres, Avalon Sciences Ltd, Courthouse Mews Retirement Apartments, Direct Offset Printers, D P Hughes Precision Eng., Etsome Arms, George Plant Ltd, Figs, George James Properties, Higos, Kay's Kats, Jon Gaylard Heating Services, Somerton Builders, Somerton Coop, The Band Veterinary Centre, Somerton Windows, SRB Plumbing, St Michael's Church, Somerton Historical Buildings Preservation Trust, Somerton Town Council, Paul Thorne Electrician, The Lynch Country House Hotel, VRS, West Street Church,

We have had a meeting with a representative of the Lottery and to get to the next stage in our application we need as many residents as possible and businesses as possible to donate. The Lottery at this stage are not looking at the total amount but at the total numbers of people and businesses involved. Please help – we do not want to fail as we may get a £100,000 grant from them.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 1st August A New Picnic in the Park with refreshments and entertainment from 12 noon to 4 pm. Entry free but donations welcome for the Campaign Funds. This event is with the kind permission of King Ina Academy. The Field is still a school playing field – so no dogs. Somerton has a Dream – Now is the time to get working together to make the dream come true. If you want more information please contact Margaret Chambers on chambers_margaret@hotmail.com or Mo Fletcher on fletcher080@btinternet.com. Margaret Chambers: Chairperson of Kirkham Street Field Community Trust.

RED CROSS APPEAL FOR COLLECTORS

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors for future collecting times – the 2020 Red Cross Week, Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th May will no longer happen. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during collection times will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. With all the new housing we need extra house-to-house collectors to cover as many as possible of the villages and towns in South Somerset, as well as volunteers to help for an hour or two holding a bucket at local shops. As the last remaining volunteer-run Red Cross Centre in the UK it is very important that we continue to raise funds to justify us remaining in operation.

Our Centre in the main Langport Car Park is open every morning, except Sunday, where we sell donated goods and provide friendship and company over a hot, or cold, drink and a biscuit (or two!). Donations of items for sale are always welcomed. We also carry a small stock of disability aids for loan or purchase. Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to cox.cj@btinternet.com.

KNIT-A-THON IN AID OF KIRKHAM STREET FIELD COMMUNITY TRUST

This will take place when the corona virus permits and be a sponsored event, knitting as many blanket squares as we can in a day.

We are looking for knitters of any age and any proficiency, people to sew the squares together and other helpers for the event. Offers of wool would be welcomed. To sign up for this or find out more please contact Elaine Griffiths on 01458 272144 or 07917 063963.

SOMERTON SPEEDWATCH

Speedwatch has even more new members so be aware that we are covering a great many of Somerton roads and our equipment allows us to pick you up if you are speeding a long distance away from where we are standing. Are you aware that on average 1200 children a year are hit by vehicles which are exceeding the speed limit on 20mph roads! Nationally 3700 young people a year aged 17 or under have been hit and 16% of these collisions ended in fatalities with others seriously injured. If you drive at 20mph and hit a pedestrian they have a 1.5% chance of being killed against 8% if you are travelling at 30mph. We unfortunately see far too many people driving with children who are completely unaware of what might happen. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT, it might be your children or grandchildren who are added to the statistics. Speeds below 20mph are VITAL in built up areas giving you the driver the chance to stop the car in time to avoid hitting pedestrians and cyclists. It is deeply concerning that 1/3rd of drivers still do not slow down for 20mph areas and instead selfishly prioritise their journey time over the safety of others. Please call David Cundle on 01458897224 co ordinator if you would like to join our Speedwatch team.

LANGPORT AND HUISH CRICKET CLUB

please be advised that following the latest government news on coronavirus this afternoon. The SDDL has been suspended with all remaining league & cup matches to be played at later notified dates on the clearing of the virus.

We apologies for advising of this decision but felt it the only way to go forward. We will advise dates for resumption of league.

Huish & Langport Cricket Club – toby.strang69@gmail.com.

CASTLE CARY SKITTLE LEAGUE

Please be advised that following the latest news on coronavirus this afternoon. The CCSL has been suspended with all remaining cup & back matches to be played at later dates on the clearing of the virus. The presentation evening set for Friday 5th June at Cross Keys (will be reviewed).

Castle Cary Skittle League – toby.strang69@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL EVENT ORGANISERS

If you are cancelling or rearranging any event, please email somerton@somerton.co.uk and details will be put on the community website.

Forthcoming Events

Any town event may be cancelled so please check with the organiser beforehand.

EASTER SERVICES WHICH MAY CHANGE

The Good Friday Walk of Witness is a Christians Together in Somerton event, as is the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

St. Cleers Services, will be reduced in public contact format.

Easter Sunday Praise and Worship at St. Cleers Chapel at 10:30am on 12th April (Easter Sunday).

Sunday 26th April 3pm at St Cleers Chapel an all-ability service, Just4u, will be continuing a series about Jesus' life by going back to the time of his childhood? Everyone is welcome, whatever their ability.

ST MICHAEL'S SERVICES FOR EASTER

Sunday 5th April 11:30 am Short spoken Palm Sunday service.

Good Friday 12 noon A reflection on the cross.

Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise service to greet the new day at the top of Horse Mill Lane.

Easter Sunday 11:30 Spoken Communion Service.

Our services during the Coronavirus outbreak will be Wednesdays 10 am Communion, and Sundays 11:30am spoken service of worship, which will also be available by e-mail to anyone who would like it. Send your address to Somerton.vicar@btinternet.com to go on the list.

ACEARTS EXHIBITIONS FOR 2020

In Search Of Northern Soul, Leonard Green 28th March – 2nd May. ACEarts, Market Place
Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

FLEXERCISE

Flexercise is now at Laburnum Drive Community Room at 10 am supported by Yarlington. Free and all welcome. Now maybe cancelled.

THEATRE TRIPS IN APRIL

These maybe cancelled – contact Chris.

Wed 1st April Matinee The King and I

Mon 20th April Evening Les Misérables.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOMERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

It's Our First Birthday! Somerton Community Library Partnership Trust will be one year old on Wednesday, April 1st. We will celebrate at a later date.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS

Our next meeting on Wed 1st April will be cancelled.

HEALTH WALKS

Cancelled till further notice. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

WEST STREET CHURCH EVENTS

Lent Lunches. Cancelled

Somerton Community Lifeline Help in Self Isolation

Remember to take precautions by washing your hands frequently and staying home for 7 days if you have a fever or persistent cough. If symptoms worsen or persist, or you have breathing difficulties, contact NHS Direct on 111.

We ask everyone to look out for their neighbours.

This scheme has been set up with the help of all the local churches through Churches Together and Somerton Good Neighbours with support of STC

Its aim is to ensure those in self isolation because of the coronavirus, can access food and medicines. **It is not to give medical help.**

If you need medical help contact 111, or your surgery through Ask my GP.

Please do not visit your surgery or A&E unless told to do so.

For the scheme to work we need volunteers who are happy to deliver food and prescriptions. Please contact coordinator Mo Fletcher if you can HELP. 01458 274631 mob 07718 920 198 or email: fletcher080@btinternet.com

If you give your contact details, they will only be used for this scheme.

The scheme has a list of emergency numbers, below, given by each church group, that you can ring if you need help getting food or prescriptions.

Each church, with no denominational bias, will hold a list of volunteers who will collect and deliver food and prescriptions. You don't need to be a church member to volunteer or benefit. Their numbers are in the list below

If you cannot phone, please contact a neighbour or someone else who will pass your needs onto the team.

Be safe – if you receive a message for help, unless you know the person, only pass the information on to one of the numbers below.

If you are calling for help, be careful when you open your door.

Safe Contact Numbers (all 01458) :-

273403, 273568, 223094, 253414, 272029, 273653

If you care for someone and need additional information and guidance, please contact **Somerset Carers 08003 168 600 (24 hrs)**

Etsome Arms

Peter & Sharon at the Etsome Arms offer their space for potential volunteers to meet and use as a hub for shopping deliveries/collections and support.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Somerton Community Lifeline

As you will be aware this is a rapidly changing situation and with the PM' announcement of Monday evening, we look to be in this for the long haul.

Regular updates will be provided on various facebook pages including Love Somerton and Town Council.

There will also be updates on STC website.

At the time of writing (Tuesday 24th 5pm), the following companies have offered to do deliveries.

More will undoubtedly appear on Facebook

Overt Locke 01458 272626

Premier Stores West Street 07578 899 123

Nature' Pantry 01458 274372

Brunel Pets will make up pet needs orders to be delivered by volunteers. Contact 01458 274980.

Cobbs are also making up orders of their foodstuffs for delivery. Contact 01458 274066.

Not sure how all this will work at present

Stay well, stay isolated and stay safe

Mo & Martyn

SOMERTON MARKET RESTARTS – MAYBE CANCELLED.

Somerton Market restarts on the first Friday of each month and is now combined with the Vintage Market. The first three dates of the year are Friday 3 April, Friday 1 May and Friday 5 June. For more information contact somertonvintagemarket@gmail.com or pop into ACEarts.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo and Quiz cancelled till further notice.

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Our next meeting is cancelled till further notice.

SOMERTON WI

Meetings cancelled till further notice. Sue Long: 01458 274038 / Pauline Saunders: 01458 272769.

LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE

Our activities maybe cancelled. Welcome to three new committee members, Bill, Gill, and Christine.

Bacon butties, and a cuppa, 7th April, £1.70. 10.00 am.

10th April, Good Friday come and enjoy an Easter tea, hot-cross buns, and more. games, prizes and a raffle. 5.00pm, £5.

Coach trip to Salisbury, 14th April. £11. Depart 10.00 am. Home by 5.00 pm.

Call in Hall to join in all our events, lists ready for your name, or tel. 272620. All welcome, we have a big programme to offer you.

SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS

Cancelled until further notice.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Cancelled till further notice. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone that has supported us throughout the year, but we will not be able to meet at Wessex House for the near future because of the threat that the corona virus offers residents.

SOMERTON WEST STREET CHURCH – COFFEE AND MORE

Contact: Ivor or Pam Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com. Cancelled till further notice. We will try to keeping contact through other means.

SOMERTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS

As you will have read in last month's Viaduct, planning a scheme to offer support, such as transport, shopping, gardening, etc, to those in need, is continuing. Any organisations or individuals already offering such help, interested in volunteering or joining our steering group, are invited to a meeting on Thursday 30th April at 7pm at West Street Church. You can hear more about the proposals and how we can work together to achieve this for our community in Somerton. For more information please contact Sheila Crothers (crothers4@outlook.com) 01458 273287, or Ivor Dixon (levelopps@gmail.com) 01458 250603. Ivor Dixon 01458 250603 / 07976 308302 (text).

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FOR SOMERTON.

There is a move to start a Community Workshop for Somerton. It would be a place where people might pursue their hobbies, particularly woodwork and other creative crafts, while at the same time contributing to the well-being of the community. Wessex House have offered premises where we might start this project and they have a list of items, like planters, raised beds and bird feeders that we could produce for the benefit of their residents. Anyone with an interest in joining, or helping in any way, please contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or levelopps@gmail.com. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cancelled. For further information contact David Osmond, by phone on 07876 563411 or by email at donnyosmond1@outlook.com.

PHIL FLOWERS SOMERTON TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Cancelled – Phil is setting up a conference type of system to keep in touch. See his Facebook page.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN

Cancelled till further notice.

RUMMIKUB

Cancelled till further notice. More info: 273058.

MID WESSEX SINGERS

Meeting on Tuesday 14th April 7.15 – 9 pm at West St Church is cancelled. Contact Rowena 07929 803097.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST EVENTS

Cancelled till Further notice. For more info contact Roger Dickey at roger.dickey52@gmail.com.

A CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE

Come and share memories of books, stories, poetry, and pictures. Meeting at 2-30 in the library on the third Thursday of this month is cancelled.

Contact: Carole 01458 273319 Mo 01458 270906.

MOVIOLA CINEMA

Cancelled till further notice.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

Cancelled till further notice. For further information visit www.midwessexsingers.co.uk, e-mail info@midwessexsingers.co.uk or call the secretary on 07929 803097.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings are cancelled till further notice. For more information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SOMERTON U3A

Meetings are cancelled till further notice. Checkout the website or contact Kay on 01458 448694.

SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS

Meetings cancelled till September AGM. For further details take a look at our website www.greengardeners.org.uk or phone Anita 272333.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING

We will get Viaduct stapled and folded at Printery but it will still go out to those deliverers who can still deliver. Please let Mo know if you cannot deliver – contact Mo on 01458 274631.

What's on In Brief

APRIL

Wed 1 Theatre Trip Matinee The King and I – maybe cancelled

Tue 7 LDRC Bacon Butties 10 am – maybe cancelled

Fri 10 LDRC Easter Tea 5 pm maybe cancelled

Tue 14 LDRC Coach Trip to Salisbury 10 am – maybe cancelled

Mon 20 Theatre evening Trip Les Miserables – maybe cancelled

See also weekly events list

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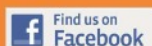


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