

# VIADUCT

April 2019

Somerton

Town Council



*working with the community*

## HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES AROUND BEAUTIFUL SOMERTON



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**19.4.19 from 9:30am**  
**Love Somerton & Steel Suffolks**

**£3 per person**

**Tickets available from:**

**Mary Hossack 01458 274889 & Acorn Nursery**



**Find us on facebook**



**WILLIAMS**  
fresh • local • quality  
www.williamssupermarket.co.uk  
info@williamssupermarket.co.uk  
Office Phone Number: 01458 273230  
Delicatessen Telephone Number: 01458 271841



Monday to Saturday 8am – 8pm | Sunday 9am – 3pm



Winner  
Best Large  
Convenience Store UK

**Williams is proud to be a West Country Food Specialist**

- Delicatessen & Cafe • In-store bakery •**
- Handmade cakes • Fresh fruit & vegetables •**
- Local cheeses & dairy produce •**
- Local ales & cider • Artisan Products •**
- Handmade chocolates • Fine & Organic wines •**
- Weekly offers & everyday savings**



**OVERT LOCKE**  
home | garden | diy

*Free local delivery.*

It's time to get your gloves out and start planting!

- Multi-purpose Compost • Ericaceous • Peat Free
- John Innes • Vermiculite • Perlite • Growbags • Seeds
- Seed Trays • Garden Gloves... and much more!!

*Pop in store to have a look.*

**Overt Locke | West Street | Somerton | TA11 7PS**  
**Tel: 01458 272626 | Email: info@overtlocke.co.uk**  
Open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm

---

## Somerton Town Council - April 2019

---

**CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK**

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access and Highways	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	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](http://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 STC Community Awards for 2019 have been launched, nomination forms can be found in Somerton Library and on the Town Council website. Closing date for nominations is 30th April 2019, with the winners being announced at the Parish meeting on 31st May 2019.

### **TOWN CLERK**

We say farewell to Terry Philpott as Town Clerk after nearly five years in the role and thank him for the work that he has done on behalf of the community. We wish him well in his new role as Town Clerk for Ware in Hertfordshire

Congratulations to Jude Raybould the current Deputy Clerk who has been appointed to the Clerk's position effective 18th March 2019. Following Jude's promotion we have a vacancy for a Deputy Clerk, please see the STC website for more details.

STC are seeking to recruit a volunteer Dog Warden, if you are interested please contact Jude Raybould, Town Clerk [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or phone 01458 272236

STC approved the asset transfer of the Temporary Changing Rooms, tractor and mower in to the ownership of the Recreation Ground Trust effective midnight 31st March 2019.

**West Street Highways improvements:** we are awaiting more info.

**School Playing Field Kirkham Street:** Public consultation continues.

### **Grants have been provided to :**

- Somerton Gardeners' Club.
- Archies Xtra

### **STC Elections May 2019:**

- Nominations packs are available from the STC Office to be returned to SSDC by Wednesday 3rd April.

---

## News

---

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Wednesday May 1st Consultation on Saving the Playing Field in Kirkham Street as a community green space. 2-5pm drop in consultation with display. 7.30pm Public Meeting.

### **SOMERTON WEATHER FOR FEBRUARY**

Total rainfall for February was 37.5 mm or 1.5 inches.

## **TASTE OF THE WEST AWARD**

The Greengrocers at Somerton has just been awarded Taste of the West specialist retailer and deli Gold award. We are very proud of this recognition. We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support in our shop where we continue to source lots of local producers of fresh fruit and vegetables and promote a plastic free shop.

## **SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB**

[www.somertonrfc.co.uk](http://www.somertonrfc.co.uk)

This April's 1st XV fixtures are:

2nd April Tag Tournament Schools Cluster years 5 & 6 4.00pm at Somerton

6th April Somerton vs Minehead Barbarians II 3.00pm

13th April Yeovil II vs Somerton (away) 3.00pm

27th April 10's Rugby Festival, BBQ and awards. See website for details

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 & under 15s girls visit website for training/fixture details.

## **RELIGIOUS EASTER SERVICES**

### **St Michael's**

Maundy Thursday 18th April 7pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 12 noon to 3pm 3 hours at the cross, drop in at any time and spend as long as you wish.

Easter Saturday 20th April 6:30pm Easter service of hymns and readings

Easter Sunday 21st April 6am Dawn Service at the top of Horsemill Lane

8am Early Communion

11am Family Service with Communion afterwards.

### **West St Church**

Good Friday Meditation Service 10am

Easter Day Service 9.30am with Sacrament.

Lent Lunches from 22nd March for 4 weeks 12 noon – 1.15pm

## **SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB.**

The new tennis season starts on Monday April 1st 2019. If you would like to play tennis please contact the Membership Secretary Alan Wharton on 01458 445139 or 07483 811516. For adult coaching contact Neil Driver 01458 270131. For junior coaching Luke Andrews 07437 404242. For public court hire Wendy Driver 01458 270131 or 07788 451098. The cost to hire a court is £6 an hour. More information available at [www.somertontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.somertontennisclub.co.uk).

## **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME NEWS FOR MARCH 2019**

March sees our purchase date for Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of Beauty and the Beast (Friday 3rd May, £37/£47) and the Agatha Christie play The Mousetrap (Monday 24th June, £39/£44). I can usually get hold of tickets after I have bought the main tranche, but they will probably not be such good seats.

Two big shows are coming to Bristol, the New York production of The King and I (Thu eve 26 Mar (£53/£70) and Matinee Wed 1 Apr, next year (2020) and The Lion King September/October this year, not yet on sale at time of writing though I have requested tickets for at least one evening and one matinee performance so by all means put in a request now and I will confirm once tickets become available.

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Any profit is donated to charity. For more details of all trips please visit [www.theatretrips.webden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webden.co.uk), e-mail [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com) or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

## **APPEAL FOR RED CROSS COLLECTORS.**

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors during the 2019 Red Cross Week, Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. We do

bucket collections in Langport & Somerton and house-to-house in any of the villages in South Somerset where we can find volunteers. As the last remaining volunteer -run Red Cross Centre in Somerset 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](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).

## **MADE IN SOMERSET – A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ETATU**

Looking for something to do this May Bank Holiday Weekend? Please consider a visit to 'Made in Somerset', in Somerton on Saturday 4th May. A fabulous annual fair that brings together some of the best artisan makers and producers from Somerset. As one of the organisers and a designer, I am passionate about supporting local talent and encourage you to come along!

We are fundraising to sponsor secondary school places (60 children in 2018) and facilitate the Msambweni Orphans' Programme (providing 45 children with nutritious meals and primary education). We have lots of new stalls this year, over 35 in total.

Our focus on supporting girls through education, is reaping rewards as, for the first time ever, two of our sponsored girls have achieved a place at university and five more will go to college. It is the direct support of Etatu, targeted where it is needed, that can help these girls' futures.

Last year Made in Somerset raised the funds to sponsor four girls for a year and this year we hope to raise more. If you have a spare hour, please come to ACEarts and The Parish Rooms in Somerton on Saturday 4th May, 10am – 4pm. Come for coffee & cake or lunch and a browse.

Come and make a difference.

[www.etatu.org.uk](http://www.etatu.org.uk). Follow [mis4etatu](#) on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

## **SOMERTON COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Remember to nominate on forms found in Somerton Library and on STC website. Deadline 30th April.

## **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2019**

Are you registered to vote on May 2nd? Do you want a postal vote – deadline for applications Friday 12th April. If so apply to SSDC online or phone 01935 462462 or text 66777 asap.

## **FOSTER CARE FORTNIGHT APPEAL.**

We are running an appeal in Foster Care Fortnight (13th – 26th May) to urge people to come forward and consider fostering children in Somerset.

We have a mobile events van that we're going to take around Somerset for a fostering roadshow, casual drop-in info sessions for the public to ask questions and get more info on fostering.

We wondered if we would be able to park up somewhere with good footfall, for people to talk to us about fostering for a couple of hours. It would be a similar set up to the Healthwatch camper van tour or blood donor drop in sessions. Dates to be confirmed in May Viaduct.

## **SOMERTON LIBRARY**

The Somerton Library Trust is delighted to have signed a Community Library Partnership agreement with Somerset County Council which has pledged funding assistance and library service infrastructure for at least seven years. With a full-time professional librarian and the support of local volunteers we will have slightly reduced opening hours for 5 days a week. SCC is gifting the library building to Somerton Town Council who will lease it to SLT.

STC, local parish councils, community bodies and individuals have also contributed most generously both financially and with their time. We will be working closely with The Friends of Somerton Library to broaden the range of community activities centred on the Library in the heart of our lovely town. Opening hours will be: Mon 2pm-5pm, Tues Closed, Wed 10am-1pm, Thur & Fri 10am-5pm Sat 10am-1pm SLT will take over the running of the library from April 1st.

Jeremy Greenop, Chair SLT email: [greenop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greenop@hotmail.co.uk)

## **FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY**

As of the 1st of April the Somerton Library Trust (SLT) entered into a partnership with the Somerset County Council to run Somerton Library. The Friends of Somerton Library (FOSL) will be working closely with SLT.

FOSL will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 30th April at 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms. It is hoped that any questions or concerns with regards the future of the library can be clarified at the AGM. New ideas, innovations, suggestions for enhancing the new community library would be most welcome. Everyone is welcome to the AGM. The Committee also would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining the committee.

Unfortunately there will be vacancies for both a Secretary and a Treasurer, as both need to stand down due to personal pressures. If you are interested please email us: somertonlibraryfriends@gmail.com or drop us a note c/o Somerton Library.

## **SOMERTON FESTIVAL FAMILY FUNDAY**

Kindly sponsored by Somerton Business and Trade. This will be held on Sunday 7th July 12 noon – 5 pm at Somerton Recreation Ground on the football pitch side of the field by the Sports Club. There will be no Festival Market Fair this year so stalls will only be available on the Funday. If you want a stall please contact Mo Fletcher for booking forms on 01458 274631 or 07718920198 or fletcher080@btinternet.com.

## **RETURN OF THE SONS OF PITCHES**

On Friday 5th July this uniquely talented A Capella choir return to the home of their first professional concert. Winners of BBC2's "The Naked Choir" with Gareth Malone in December 2015 they have since toured extensively in the UK and around the world. They return to Somerton to open this year's Somerton Music and Arts Festival with a concert in St Michael and All Angels Church. Ticket information [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk) As one of the Sons says "It feels like Somerton was where it all started!"

## **SOMERTON ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION.**

Would you like to grow your own fruit and vegetables? With rising food prices, perhaps now is the time to save money by growing your own – and get some exercise as well! Somerton Allotments Association currently has vacant plots waiting to start planting in the spring. Rent starts at £15 for a year for the smallest (6 metres x 10 metres) plot rising to £55 for a full (12 metres x 20 metres) plot. Speak to Keith Woollacott (Chairman) on 01458-274696 or Elaine Evans (Secretary) on 07717 783957 for more information.

## **SOMERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION OF "BREATH OF SPRING".**

A light-hearted comedy by Peter Coke will be performed in the LadySmith Hall (Parish Rooms) on the evenings of May 9th, 10th & 11th. The performances will commence at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets will be available from Palmer Snell from Monday 1st April - cost £8.00. No seating plan – just sit where you like and enjoy a good laugh!.

## **FUTURE EVENT: SILENT DISCO**

On Saturday 4th May at Edgar Hall, Somerton there will be a Silent Disco in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. The event is 7.00-12.00. £5 up until 19th April, £7 after. Bar and raffle. Over 18's only. Tickets available from The Head Office, phone 01458 274497 or 07751791878.

## **WEA COURSE**

Long Sutton Village Hall, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NT. Bird Poems of the Romantic Poets, with Jane Crozier Wednesday 15th May 2019, 14.00 - 17.00, £10 to include tea / coffee and cake.

The bird is traditionally an image of the poetic voice and, as such, held much appeal for poets of the Romantic period and beyond. We shall read about the nightingale and the skylark, of course, but also the snipe and the owl, always looking to discover the poet's perspective on each bird - from the ethereal to the terrestrial, from the fanciful to the carefully observed. Booking must be made in advance via the WEA either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by calling 0300 303 3464. Email [wealongsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wealongsutton@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **GROUPS AT BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE AND ILCHESTER SURGERY:**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Parkinsons Support Group.

Chatterbox Café...a chance to meet others within your local community and enjoy a good old chat...this is run by the Health Coaches and we meet at the Buttercross Tea rooms in Somerton on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 3-4pm

Flexercise...a seated exercise group held at The Buttercross Health Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3-4pm and is run by the Health Coaches...it is a great way to improve mobility, get fit and meet new people.

For further information on any of the above groups please ring 01458 272473 and ask to speak to one of our Health Coaches.

## **SCOTT GOULD HOUSE**

NEW INSTRUCTION Scott Gould House in North Street has a 1st floor flat available for older ladies on a modest income. Residents are licensees and pay a weekly maintenance contribution which includes central heating, hot water, water charges and general maintenance. For an application form phone 07866 989322

---

## **Forthcoming Events**

---

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 1ST APRIL**

Discount Evening at Brimsmore Garden Centre 6.45pm Any interested members can purchase items from the store at a 25% reduction. Refreshments and a 'chat' from Adam may be forthcoming! Anyone requiring a lift should contact the committee.

### **CITIZENS' ADVICE MOVES TO NEW HOME: TUESDAY 2ND APRIL**

Citizens' Advice Somerton Outreach has been running for three years and from Tuesday April 2nd, will be moving to a new home in Somerton Library. Opening hours will be as at present – every Tuesday morning from 10am – 12noon. A group of trained volunteers will be available to give confidential help and advice on consumer issues, debt & money, benefits and many other issues.

### **NEW ART CLASS**

Begins Mondays for 6 weeks 10am – noon St Cleers Chapel.

### **PARDOES LEGAL CLINICS: TUESDAY 2ND AND 16TH APRIL**

In April they will be on Tuesday 2nd and 16th from 9 am – noon in the Parish Rooms.

### **SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL**

Chris Ewan, A Life of Crime. 7.15pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

### **CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL**

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.

### **VERSUS ARTHRITIS: THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL**

Christine Burt, Fitness & Exercise for Life. 7 for 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us.

### **LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE.**

Think "beautiful spring", bacon butties (2<sup>nd</sup> plus cuppa £1.70, 10am). Breakfast (15<sup>th</sup> £3 9.30am). Bingo ( 18<sup>th</sup> Easter special 2pm). Buns and more (19<sup>th</sup> Easter tea 5pm £3). Barnstaple (23<sup>rd</sup> market coach trip, 10am. £10.) Weekly lunches as well. You are welcome at ALL our get-togethers, lists available in our hall Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 11am Thursdays from 1pm Or phone 01458 272620.

## **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 4TH AND 18TH APRIL**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 4th and 18th April. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time.

Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. At the end those that wish go to a local pub for refreshments.

Future special events – walks to Midney Gardens for tea/coffee and cake - Thursday May 2nd, Thursday July 4th and Thursday 5th September all leaving Somerton Library at 11.30am. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

## **MID WESSEX SINGERS VIENNESE SOIRÉE: SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL**

Enjoy an evening of romantic Viennese music in Somerton on Saturday, 6th April. The Mid Wessex Singers are re-creating the spirit and splendour of a grand Viennese soirée at St Michael's Church starting at 7.30pm. Conducted by Musical Director, Graham Coatman, the choir's performance will feature a selection, sung in English, of Brahms' Liebeslieder (love songs) Waltzes, songs by Schubert and Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz. The guest sextet of local musicians, led by violinist Rowan Patterson from Curry Rivel, will perform the String Sextet, op 18 by Brahms in addition to accompanying the choir.

Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for under 18s, can be purchased from Cobbs, Somerton or at the door.

For more information please visit: [www.midwessexsingers.co.uk](http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk) or e-mail: [info@midwessexsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk).

## **WEA COURSE, LONG SUTTON: SATURDAY 6TH APRIL**

Sat 6th April 2019, 10.00 – 16.00, £30 to include a buffet lunch – Great Western Railway with Michael Turner. Booking must be made via the WEA either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by calling 0300 303 3464 - please note that we cannot accept walk-ins on this course, as places are strictly limited. Email: [wealongsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wealongsutton@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo Sun April 7th and 21st (over 18s) 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs April 25th 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

## **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAYS**

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West St Church back room. 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 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

Edgar Hall at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## **NEW TRUSTEES FOR THE RECREATION GROUND**

A few months ago the current Recreation Ground Management Committee was invited to form a new Trust to take over the running of the Recreation Ground Charity from Somerton Town Council. Following legal advice and consultation a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.) has been formed and will commence operation in April this year.

The object of the Charity will remain as it has for the last 50 years which is to provide and maintain a Recreation Ground for the inhabitants of Somerton without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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](mailto:donnyosmond1@outlook.com).



### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 9TH APRIL**

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Rummikub 2.00pm – 4.30pm Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy good company and a bit of brain exercise, whilst being fortified with a cup of tea and Pam's (in)famous cookies. £3 on the door. More info: 272408.

### **HEART OF THE LEVELS: TUESDAY 9TH APRIL**

The Avalon Marshes 7.30 – 9.30pm. Speaker to be confirmed. The Avalon Marshes covers a huge diversity of habitat and species. Managing reserves, farmland, marshes and woodland is a complex business and the talk covers the different challenges, priorities and concerns that face our conservationists.

Where: The Parish Rooms, Market Place, Somerton, TA11 7NB. Booking/Contact information: Booking not required. Contact Roger Dickey at [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com) or by calling 07973534282 for more information. Cost: Members £3 / Non-members £4.

### **U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 10TH AND 24TH APRIL**

1.30pm at West St Church. More experienced session Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm Long Sutton Village Hall Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 for more details.

### **SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL**

Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton at 7:30pm. Somerton Group of Artists present... Members free, visitors very welcome £5 including tea or coffee.

### **SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**

10.30 am at Somerton Sports Club. It is our 3rd Anniversary this month. 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.

### **WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING: THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**

Thursday April 11th 10.30am Wessex House. Extra - the volunteers will be holding an Easter Raffle on Thursday 18th April in Wessex House at 10.30am. There will be a raffle and hot-cross buns. Everyone welcome.

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.

### **THEATRE TRIPS**

Thurs 11th April The Magic Flute

Thurs 18th April Rock of Ages.

### **RHIANNON GOGH'S PENSION CLINIC: THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**

Drop-in Pension Clinic at Somerton Parish Rooms on the following Thursdays: Thursday 11th April 9am – 12pm. No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser.

### **WEST STREET CHURCH: COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAYS 12TH AND 26TH APRIL**

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 12th and 26th April 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 a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email [levelopps@gmail.com](mailto:levelopps@gmail.com).

### **MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**

7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) Somerton Moviola (Note date change) Friends of the Parish Rooms present "The Wife" (2018).

A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is going to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. Starring Glenn Close & Jonathan Pryce. Run time 100 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

### **NATIONAL LITTER PICK WEEKEND: 13TH AND 14TH APRIL**

There is a national campaign, The Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy taking place 22 March -23 April, encouraging communities to take ownership of their environment. It doesn't matter whether you are on your own, part of a group, can give a whole or half day or can only spare an hour. You can make a difference by picking up the plastic, cans and general litter that is ruining the beauty of our town and surrounding lanes.

### **COMMUNITY LITTER PICK: 13TH & 14TH APRIL 2019**

Somerton has organised our Community Litter Pick on 13th & 14th April 2019 in association with Somerton Town council, South Somerset District Council and Somerton's #2minlitterpick group. We will be aiming to cover as much of the town as possible. The litter is mainly on paths and pavements on our housing estates and also in pockets where people like to congregate like the playing field, the play area and the roundabout shop. We will be working in pairs and not be looking to go out on roads where there are no pavements or grass verges to walk along. We will provide all the equipment you need to safely take part. We will meet up on both days at the parish rooms in the market place 9.30am and we look forward to seeing you. To find out more about this event or #2minlitterpick, contact Gregory & Rachel Somerton.2minutelitterpick@gmail.com 07811 491153.

### **THE ARTS SOCIETY, MID WESSEX: TUESDAY 16TH APRIL**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 16th. The lecture is The Remarkable Collections of Issac and Moise de Camondo. From Constantinople to Paris and the Parc Monceau. The lecturer is Deborah Lambert at Caryford Hall. This is our AGM starting at 10.30am. The lecture will start at 11.00am as usual. Visitors welcome at £6.00 per person. Further information from Tessa Gayford 01963 350 132.

### **LOVE SOMERTON & STEEL SUFFOLKS (SEE COVER): FRIDAY 19TH APRIL**

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides Around Lovely Somerton Good Friday 19th April from 9.30am. £3 per person. Tickets from Mary Hossack 01458 274889 or Acorn Nursery.

### **DC STEPHEN PAGE'S SURGERY**

Stephen will not hold a Surgery this month.

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 25TH APRIL**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 25th in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. At 7.30pm, Nigel Saul, on a return visit to the group, will give a talk entitled "Chivalry in Medieval England" Members come for free, but visitors are very welcome at a charge of £2. Further information can be obtained from Nancy Schooling on 01458 273859.

### **SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will be held on Friday 26 April when Martin Lloyd will thrill us with a dramatic account of how the actions of a group of assassins brought about a change in the passport regulations; how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport itself turned into a killer. Martin is a writer, speaker and cyclist. He travels far and wide giving talks to all kinds of societies, business groups and professional organisations; he has written books on history, current affairs, travel, humour, art,

romance and thriller fiction; and when he is not doing this he is either riding his bike or broadcasting on the radio and television.

Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each".

### **VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**

Many thanks to the Viaduct staplers and deliverers for all their time. This month's Stapling and Folding for the May issue will be Friday 26th April at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. 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  
10am - 2pm Coffee and Co, St Cleers Chapel  
10.00-12noon NatWest mobile banking. Library  
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  
6.30pm - 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 Yarlinton 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)

## Viaduct No. 186 - April 2019

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  
7.00pm - 9.00pm Rezound Youth, Edgar Hall  
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

### APRIL 2019

Mon 1 New Weekly Art Class 10 am – noon St Cleers Chapel  
Somerton Gardeners Brimsmore Garden Centre Discount Evening 6.45pm  
Tue 2 Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am – 12 noon Parish Rooms  
WI A Life of Crime 7.15pm Parish Rooms  
CAB now moves every Tuesday to Somerton Library 10am – 12 noon  
Wed 3 Ace Arts Create and Connect 11am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm  
Thu 4 Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library  
Versus Arthritis Fitness and Exercise for Life 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Sat 5 Mid Wessex Soiree 7.30pm St Michael's Church  
WEA course GWR 10am – 4pm Long Sutton Village Hall  
Sun 7 Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm Somerton Sports Club  
Mon 8 Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church  
New Art Class 10am – noon St Cleers Chapel  
Somerton Recreation Ground Trust 7pm Edgar Hall  
Tue 9 Heart of Levels Avalon Marshes 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms  
Wed 10 U3A Scot Dancing 1.30pm West St Church  
Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Thu 11 Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club  
Theatre Trip - The Magic Flute  
Fri 12 Coffee and More 10am – 12 noon West St Church  
Sat 13 Somerton's Litterpick Weekend  
Moviola The Wife 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Sun 14 Somerton's Litterpick Weekend  
Mon 15 New Art Class 10am – 12 noon St Cleers Chapel  
LDRC Breakfast 9.30am  
Tue 16 Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am – 12 noon Parish Rooms  
Mid Wessex Arts AGM and Isaac Moise 10.30am Caryford Hall CC  
Thu 18 Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library  
LDRC Bingo 2pm  
Wessex House Volunteers Coffees and Raffle 10.30am  
Theatre Trip - Rock of Ages  
Fri 19 LDRC Easter Tea 5pm  
Sun 21 Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club  
Mon 22 New Art Class 10am – 12 noon St Cleers Chapel

Tue 23 LDRC Coach Trip Barnstaple Market 10am

Wed 24 U3A Scot Dancing 1.30pm West St Church

Thu 25 Somerton History Society Chivalry in Medieval England 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Fri 26 Viaduct staple and fold 2pm Parish Rooms

U3A Martin Lloyd on A life of Crime 10am Edgar Hall

Coffee and More 10am – 12 noon West St Church

Tue 30 Friends of Somerton Library AGM 2.30pm Parish Rooms

Wed 1 May Public Consultation Meeting re Fields Kirkham St (drop in) 2 - 5pm Parish Rooms.

See also weekly events list

MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS IN SOMERTON AT [WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK](http://WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK)

### VIADUCT ADVERTISING RATES

Quarter page: £20; half page: £30; full page: £50. Advertisements may be booked for 12 issues.

**Special offer - 10% discount for 12 months and 5% discount for 6 months.**

Outer back cover £60 and full centre page spread £80.

**Prices include VAT**

Ads should be provided in pdf format and sized at full, half or quarter A5 page size as appropriate.

To advertise in Viaduct contact us on:

01458 272236 or [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

**CAN WE  
HELP YOU  
WITH A LEGAL  
QUESTION?**

**Pardoes**  
Solicitors LLP

Come and see us at one of our

### **FREE LEGAL CLINICS**

Walk in on the day for a free chat  
with one of our solicitors and we'll help  
you find the best way forward.

**The Parish Rooms, Market Square  
Somerton, 9am-12pm, Tuesdays**

**5 & 19 March 2019**

**2 & 16 April 2019**

Bridgwater • Bridport • Taunton • Yeovil  
01935 382680 [f](https://www.facebook.com/PardoesLLP) [i](https://www.instagram.com/PardoesLLP) [@PardoesLLP](https://www.twitter.com/PardoesLLP) [pardoes.co.uk](http://pardoes.co.uk)



New Street, Somerton, TA11 7NT

\*\*\*\*\* ***The Old Printery*** \*\*\*\*\*

***Closing down sale – Everything discounted!***

Lots of interesting and unusual items as well as curtains, fabrics, garden chairs and other furniture, décor items etc.

***Come and look around and grab a bargain – save £££££***

We are open on Thurs, Fri and Sat 10 to 5.00 pm, but we can open at other times on request. Tel:- 07851 842960.

See more photos and info on Facebook.com @oldPrintery

## **BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE AND ILCHESTER SURGERY**



### **New Appointment System**

With increasing patient needs, we have been reviewing the way that we book our surgery appointments.

**We are launching a new way of booking appointments to allow us to meet the 'on-the-day' demand and allow more follow up appointments.**

- You will be seen by one of the acute 'on-the-day' team which consists of: GP's, NP's (Nurse Practitioner) and ECP's (Emergency Care Practitioner)

### **How do I book an Appointment?**

Call the main surgery number as usual: **01458 272473.**

- The acute 'on-the-day' team will triage from the information taken by our reception staff to decide who is more appropriate to manage your care. Therefore, please give reception staff as much information as possible. (Please be assured that our staff treat all patient information in the strictest confidence.)
- Appointments are booked **consecutively throughout the day**; you will be offered the first available time.
- This system is only being used at Buttercross Health Centre; Ilchester Surgery will remain the same. If you have any questions please ask a member of the reception team.

### **Join our virtual Patient Participation Group!**

Are you interested in healthcare developments at your local surgery, but worried about the time commitment? We are encouraging patients to become associate members; where you can read and comment on the latest developments through our virtual PPG. For more information, contact our PPG Chair: Rev Canon Brian Pearson on: [somppg@gmail.com](mailto:somppg@gmail.com)

Find our more about our healthcare services, visit: [www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk](http://www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk)



Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery are part of Symphony Healthcare Services, an NHS healthcare organisation.



This months cover photo

Photos can be sent as email attachments to [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk). Please include some details about the picture: place, subject and date taken, and your full name.

Viaduct is published and printed by Somerton Town Council and is distributed FREE to residents. Opinions expressed are those of the contributors, for which the Council and the Editors cannot be held responsible. Items for inclusion should be sent in by 12th of the month previous to the edition of Viaduct in which the item is to appear.

Editors: Mo Fletcher, 3 Barn Close, Somerton TA11 6PH. Tel: 274631 and Neal Barton. Email: [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Drop-in Pension Clinic

In the Parish Rooms Somerton on the following Thursdays:

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am - 12pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9am - 12pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9am - 12pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9am - 12pm

No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser about your retirement planning or call our local office.

Rhiannon Gogh Financial Planning

Tel: 01458 555078 Web: [www.rhiannongoghfp.co.uk](http://www.rhiannongoghfp.co.uk)



Rhiannon Gogh Financial Planning represents only St James's Place Wealth Management plc (which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) for the purpose of advising solely on the Group's wealth management products and services, more details of which are set out on the Group's website at [www.sjp.co.uk/products](http://www.sjp.co.uk/products)



## BLACK SHEEP BUTCHERS LTD

Everything you could want from your friendly local Butcher. We've got it all!

Local Beef, Pork & Lamb

Local Free-Range Chickens (large & small),  
Ducks, Geese & Game

Dry cured bacon, Gammon joints, home cooked  
Hams, handmade pies, pate & cooked meats,  
Homemade Sausages & Chipolatas

A large variety of local cheeses and some more  
exotic ones too!

Pickles, chutneys and relishes

Monday – Friday  
07:00 – 17:00


Sat 07:00 – 16:00

6 Parrett Close,  
Langport, TA10 9PG


Tel: 01458 250778

If we don't stock what you're looking for please ask one of the boys and we'll do our best to source it for you.





**HALSTOCK**  
— SHEDS —  
*Bespoke Timber Buildings*



**VISIT OUR SHOW SITES:**  
Halstock Leigh  
Goulds Garden Centre - Weymouth  
Brimsmore Garden Centre - Yeovil  
**ALL OPEN 7 DAYS!**

**CONTACT US TODAY!** [halstocksheds.co.uk](http://halstocksheds.co.uk)  
01935 891 007

**STABLES, SHEDS,  
FIELD SHELTERS,  
GARAGES, GATES,  
FENCING &  
MORE!**

# Spice Gallery

OF SOMERTON  
Indian Restaurant & Takeaway

**TEL 01458 274 666/ 270 077**  
**[www.spicegallerysomerton.co.uk](http://www.spicegallerysomerton.co.uk)**

## OPENING HOUSE

Sunday to Thursday  
12.00pm to 2.00pm &  
5.30pm to 10.30pm

Friday: Lunch Time Closed  
Re-open 5.30pm to 11.00pm

Saturday: 12.00pm to 2.00pm &  
5.30pm to 11.00pm

13 Brunel Shopping Centre  
Somerton, Somerset TA11 7PY



## The Wessex Rooms, Somerton

Monday Evenings at 7pm & 8pm (2 classes)

Wednesday Mornings at 10am

**The Fox and Hounds, Charlton Adam - Friday at 10am**

## The Parish Rooms, Somerton

**Class for Older Adults - Friday at 11.30am**

Everyone Welcome! For information call Gill on 07526 534889



**THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR QUALITY MEAT & GAME**

Locally Reared Dry Aged Beef  
Grass Fed Lamb • Outdoor Reared Pork

Handmade Sausages & Burgers  
With Gluten Free Options Available

Dry Cure Bacon Including Black Treacle Bacon

Our Very Own Air-Dried Chorizo • Salami • Biltong • Droewors

Homemade Pies • Pork Pies • Pasties

Cooked Meats • Homemade Faggots

Local Award Winning Cheeses & Preserves

Free Range Poultry • Seasonal Game

Free Range Eggs

Weekly Meat Packs

***\*Large Catering Orders Welcome\****

We Supply To The Catering Trade & Hog Roast Services Available

**OPEN MON - SAT 7-30AM TILL 5PM WEDS & SAT TILL 1PM**  
**COME ALONG AND MEET OUR FRIENDLY BUTCHERS**

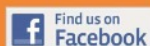
West Street - Somerton - TA11 7PR  
[www.naturalmeatssomerton.co.uk](http://www.naturalmeatssomerton.co.uk)

TEL: 01458 274322

# Bubbles & Suds

- Window Cleaning
- Conservatory Cleaning
- Fascia & Soffit Cleaning
- Gutter Clearance
- Solar Panel Cleaning

**01458 258188**



info@bubbles-and-suds.co.uk  
www.bubbles-and-suds.co.uk



## George James PROPERTIES



If you are looking to sell or let your property call us  
for free, honest marketing advice

Now with branches in Somerton, Langport and South Petherton

**01458 274153**

somerton@georgejames.properties  
georgejames.properties



**Zoopla**



 PrimeLocation.com



**BEST**  
ESTATE AGENT GUIDE  
2018 - EXCEPTIONAL  
SALES

## DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

# DEAN RUDDLE

Local choice with proven experience for  
SOMERTON and COMPTON  
DUNDON

Campaigning for: -

- New local junior school
- Better value from your council
- Local highway improvements
- Looking after local people
- Retaining a Library Service



Email: deanruddle@hotmail.com  
Mobile: 07976 556 054

FRESHFIELDS  
CARTWAY LANE  
SOMERTON  
TA11 6JH

Dear Resident,

I have lived in Somerton all my life and was educated locally. I have been married to Rachel for 33 years and we have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Because I have lived and worked in rural Somerset all my life, I understand the advantages and disadvantages of rural living. I have been involved in the running of the family business since I left school, so I also understand some of the many difficulties faced by businesses in our environment.

As the current District Councillor for Somerton and Compton Dundon, I have been active in supporting local communities and above you will find some of the areas in which I have been heavily involved and will continue to be involved if I am re-elected.

As well as my role in the District Council, I am also County Councillor for Somerton and chair of Somerton Town Council and I believe that being involved in all three layers of local government puts me in a unique position of being able to direct queries, problems and requests to the appropriate corner.

I consider that I have worked for all members of our community over the last four years and hope I can rely on your support so that I can continue to ensure Somerset is an attractive and vibrant part of our country to live and work.

Kindest Regards

*Dean*

SOMERTON &  
COMPTON DUNDON

Promoted by Dean Ruddle,  
Freshfields,  
Cartway Lane,  
Somerton,  
Somerset,  
TA11 6JH



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**DON'T LOSE IT**



Published by Character Graphics Ltd - 01823 279008