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January 2020

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Town Council



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## News & Reports

### SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL - JANUARY 2020

| Meeting                | Date                                       | Time   | Venue      |
|------------------------|--|--------|------------|
| Planning (if required) | 14 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> January | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |
| Full Council           | 14 <sup>th</sup> January                   | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |
| Land & Properties      | 28 <sup>th</sup> January                   | 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 on the STC website [www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

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

### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL

- By-election to fill the vacancy on Somerton Town Council:
- The date of the poll, if the election is contested, will be Thursday 6 February. The nomination period will open with the publication of the notice of election on 18th December and candidates will have until 4.00pm on Friday 10th January to submit nomination papers.
- Domestic Christmas Lights winner to be announced, the trophy awarded and prize money presented at the January Full Council.
- Etsome Terrace Play Area will be closed in twilight hours for the winter months and this will be reviewed in the Spring.
- STC will approve its annual budget at the Full Council meeting on 14th January 2019.
- Somerset County Council have launched a six week consultation on school admissions arrangements for children who are due to start, transfer or move schools during the 2021-22 school year. To view the consultation please visit <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-admissions-policy/>.

### SOMERTON WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER

Total rainfall for November was 100mm or 4 inches.

### AGEING WELL

Ageing Well (managed by Age UK Somerset) runs some great classes at the Parish Rooms. Keeping active, strong and balanced is vital for good health and for staying independent as you get older.

**Mondays at 10.15am Extend, Movement to Music**, an upbeat session, with both standing and seated exercises is great for general fitness and for improving balance, co-ordination and circulation.

Fridays at 11.30am **Gentle Pilates** is great for balance and mobility and helps improve flexibility and co-ordination. There is a mix of standing and seated movements, using mats or chairs. Both these classes are run on a pay-as-you go basis £4.50 and there is no need to book.

Ageing Well is running new falls prevention classes, in conjunction with Somerset County Council.

**Stay Strong Stay Steady** classes are designed specifically to help improve strength and balance. If you sometimes feel unsteady or perhaps you have a family history of Osteoporosis or Parkinson's, you may be interested in attending. This is a referral only class, so please get in touch.

For more info contact Ageing Well on 01823 345626 or email [ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk)

## **SOMERTON GUIDING**

We need somewhere to store our container for our camping stuff. The container needs 13 feet by 7 feet and hard standing. If you can help please contact Sally Snaddon on 250879.

## **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. You can also contact us via Somerton's council office, just leave a message.

## **ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2020 SMAF**

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. Thank you, Alex, Jackie, Lisa and Sue.

## **ARCHIES EXTRA**

We meet every Thursday at the sports ground from 7.30pm-9.00pm (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 offer a variety of activities, as well as just being there to listen and talk. Why not pop along and have a chat to see if it is something you want to help with. Alternatively please call Alex 272047 or Judith 273079.

**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>.

## **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS NEWS**

**We Will Rock You (The Queen Musical)** on Wednesday 18th March £45/£58

**Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes** now on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at £61 and £39.

**Carmen Welsh National Opera's new production** on Friday 13th March at £55.

All of these have a payment date in the New Year, but the sooner you reserve the better seats you will receive. There is no charge for cancellation until I have paid for the tickets.

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Payment is usually due about two months before the show date. Any profit is donated to charity. For more details phone 273085, see [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) or e-mail [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com).

## **MARIE CURIE**

Marie Curie is always looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset. The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people living with a terminal illness. The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life. If you are interested please phone 08003 047 400 or email [southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk).

## **SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB**

The club will be looking to strengthen the squad for the 2020 season. So we extend a warm welcome to both new and accomplished bowlers who want to belong to a friendly but competitive club. For up to date information check out the club's web site [www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk).

## **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 10.30am 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!

## **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. Address: Somerton Infant School.

## **SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE**

Christmas is coming and it is Lighting Up Time again. Can you volunteer to help on Sunday January 5th, 8 am till we finish, to take down Somerton's fantastic displays – we have a happy band of folk. We meet by the Parish Rooms. Snips an advantage. Contact Ian Rodger on [ianrodger333@gmail.com](mailto:ianrodger333@gmail.com)

## **28 MARKET PLACE**

28 Market Place, the new restaurant, bakery and wine shop from husband and wife team Ben and Vanessa Crofton, with Great British Menu finalist Dan Fletcher, will open at its namesake address in Somerton on 3rd January 2020.

They will source the majority of its ingredients from surrounding farms and producers, celebrating the great produce the West Country has to offer! Guests can get in touch with the team on [reservations@28marketplace.co.uk](mailto:reservations@28marketplace.co.uk) or 01458 333 444 to book a table now.

## **SAFE PLACES SCHEME 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). SADAA are grateful to everyone who has supported us so far.

## **KIRKHAM STREET FIELD COMMUNITY TRUST (KSFC TRUST)**

The Charity Commission has registered Somerton's new CIO Trust with the number 1185712.

### **KIRKHAM STREET FIELD FUNDRAISING HUNDRED CLUBS**

One way to increase our campaign funds was 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 were done at Love Somerton's Christmas Fayre.

The winners were £10 Club First prize £100 Keith Woollacott; Second Prize £50 Pam Short; Third Prize £50 Andy Foyne; £5 Club First Prize £50 Amber Beleton; Second Prize Jan Pester £25; Third Prize £25 Alison Poole. The Luxury Hamper was won by ticket 160 Tom Oram. The soft toys were named:- Dog "Muffin" by Chloe Gilmore and the Snowman "Archie" by Alex Stannett.

### **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT**

The 100 Club Draws with Donations raised £459 and the hamper and soft toys raised £176.53. You are about to receive 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. £10 pays for approximately one square foot! We need to build up funds from the local community for the

purchase of the field to gain credibility with national grant funders that the people of Somerton fully support this project.

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.

Once a month in January, February and March we will be available to accept your donations in West Street Church from 9.30 am till noon. The first date will be Saturday January 25th. There will be light refreshments.

Somerton has a dream – Now is the time to get working together to make the dream come true.

#### **AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLES AND ANTIQUES**

We are hoping to hold an auction of collectibles and antiques in late March where people can donate all or part of the sales money to the trust. We will have a specialist auctioneer. So please look out any likely pieces and let Mo Fletcher know. We rely on your generosity.

If you want more information please contact Margaret Chambers on [chambers\\_margaret@hotmail.com](mailto:chambers_margaret@hotmail.com) or Mo Fletcher on [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com). Margaret Chambers: Chairperson of Kirkham Street Field Community Trust.

#### **DON'T WASTE YOUR WASTE!**

Please save your Christmas postage stamps – just tear them off the envelopes leaving a small amount of paper around the stamp so that it is not damaged and either pop them into Jane at Cobbs or put them through my letter box!

We can also make use of the following items; old coins, broken jewellery or watches, old mobile phones. All these items can be turned into vital funds to help support the Marie Curie Nurses in Somerset. A Marie Curie nurse provides hands-on nursing care in the home over-night to anyone terminally ill – and not cancer but for any terminal illness. The service is provided totally free of charge, there's no cost to the patient or the family. To get a Marie Curie nurse you have to contact the District Nurse or GP.

If you have any items to donate they can be taken to Jane at Cobbs Wholefoods or contact Judy Glossop – 01458 270265 – who is willing to collect. If items will fit through a letter box – they can be taken to The Old Saddlery, New Street (black & white house). Should you have lots of items I am happy to collect.

#### **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. We have contacted local organisations for a brief outline of their activities and contact details and also local businesses for their support by placing advertisements. Thank you for all your support for this important publication. Mo Fletcher & Martyn Smith, editors.

#### **MUSIC BUDDIES AT LONG SUTTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our 'Music Buddies' group for 0- 4 year olds meets every Monday in the school hall during term time from 9.30am until 11am, which includes a sing, play and snack in the school hall. It costs £2.00 per family. It's a friendly and informal group and all are very welcome. New term starts on Monday 13th January.

#### **NATURE'S PANTRY (GREENGROCERS) UPDATE.**

Now that Williams supermarket has changed hands, Nature's Pantry is stocking the following items: a selection of cheeses (including some of the popular ones from Williams Deli), along with Wykes Farm. We also have Devon Ham, Hurdlebrook Yogurts and Cream, Longley Farm items, Longmans Butter Rolls, Maryland Butter, Delaware Goats Butter, Sausage Shed Sausages, Cheddar Water, Mrs Darlington's preserves, Wilkin & Sons 'Tiptree' preserves and much more. Our fruit and veg is package free, so you can choose as much or as little as you need, eliminating food waste and helping the environment. Pop in and take a look. We're more than just a greengrocers!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO LOVE SOMERTON AND THE LIGHTS BRIGADE**

Their planning and hard work of the organisers and the volunteers gave Somerton a fantastic start to the Christmas season. Well done.

## **NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS**

There has been an increase in dog fouling around the town, this is not acceptable. All litter bins around the town are dual use and it would be appreciated if dog owners pick up after their dogs business, double bag the waste and deposit in one of the black litter bins.  
Fiona Richardson, STC Chairman Access and Highways

## **SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB**

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

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## **Forthcoming Events**

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### **CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS**

There will be no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Wed 5th February. 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 & 2-4 pm.

### **VERSUS ARTHRITIS,**

No meeting this month. We will start again in February on Thursday 6th Feb at 7 pm in the Parish Rooms.

### **FLEXERCISE**

The Flexercise which was to start at Laburnum Drive community room, is now going to be on Fridays 2.30 – 3.30 pm for free in the meeting room at the Buttercross Surgery. Visitors and carers welcome.

### **HEALTH WALKS THURSDAYS 2ND AND 16TH JANUARY**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays 2nd and 16th January. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time. Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions.

The Health Coaches from the Surgery are going to start Health Walks in the same scheme on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in February, starting also at 11.30 am at the library, so on Thursdays the 13th and 27th. At the end those that wish, go to a local pub for refreshments. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB MONDAY 6TH JANUARY**

7.30pm at the Parish Rooms.

### **SOMERTON WI TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY**

John Saunders will give us “A Fishy Tale”. 7pm in The Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome to join us. Sue Long: 01458 274038 / Pauline Saunders: 01458 272769.

### **LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE**

A New Year to look forward to, planning happy, varied events for all our supporters and friends. Our programme of bingo, coffee mornings, breakfasts, lunches, bacon butties, exercises, games, teas, suppers, and coach trips etc. will be planned with you in mind. Thank you Viaduct team for keeping us all in touch. All welcome, bacon butties 7th, and to New Year party Sat 11th. 3 pm £5.

### **SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY**

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.

## **WESSEX HOUSE COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY**

Thank you to everyone that has supported us throughout the year, and we will be returning with our first coffee morning of 2020 on the 9th January 10 am and look forward to seeing you there.

## **COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAYS 10TH & 24TH JANUARY**

Somerton West Street Church – Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Carers Meeting will be on Friday 10th Jan 10.30 am.

If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

## **ACEARTS EXHIBITIONS FOR 2020.**

11 January – 18 January WOODLAND ART FOR WELL-BEING: Lucy Neeve and Angela Morley with 'Wilder Woods Well-Being Programme'

Using a variety of techniques and materials, participants worked individually and collaboratively to produce imaginative works. Expect to see creations in both 2 and 3 dimensions, including printing, stitching, charcoal drawing and wild weavings. Private view Friday 10 January 5-7 pm.

25 January – 21 March SMALL WORLDS: Jan Niedojadlo and all students of 'Imagine, Learn & Create'. Interactive large-scale sculptures known as podules, creating excitement and intrigue within an imaginative space, enhanced by the work produced by talented and committed ILC artists, all of whom have learning differences. Opening event Friday 24 January 5-7 pm.

## **SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo Sun 12th and 26th Jan (over 18s) 7.30 pm

Quiz Thurs 30th Jan 8.00pm (Teams of up to 6).

## **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN MONDAY 13TH AND 27TH JANUARY**

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the West St Church back room. Our next meeting is on Monday 13th and 27th January. 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 13TH JANUARY**

They will meet on Monday 13th January 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.

## **SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS MONDAY 13TH JANUARY**

Somerton Group of Artists, monthly meeting Mon 13th January. At the Parish Rooms Market Square Somerton. Starting at 7.30 pm. Our meeting this month features artist Jake Winkle who will demonstrate painting in watercolour. Members free, visitors are welcome £5 to include tea or coffee. There will be no meeting in February, somertonartists.co.uk.

## **RUMMIKUB TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY**

We have a meeting on Tues 14th January 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 14TH JANUARY**

We meet on Tues 14th January 7.15 – 9 pm at West St Church. Come along and try and rehearse for our forthcoming concert. Contact Rowena 07929803097.

### **CRAFT MEETING WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY**

We have a new meeting time from Wednesday 15th January, at 2pm at The Buttercross Tearoom for any type of yarn/thread related craft, held weekly. This could be crochet, knitting, needlepoint embroidery, portable fabric projects. We need more members, so please come and join us if you can! New Year, New Craft! Come and learn, share your knowledge! We never want to stop learning! We are great chatterboxes too! There is no charge, we just request that you purchase refreshments from the lively Helen and her staff. For more details contact Caroline on 07427 695694.

### **SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY**

The Wetland Life Project 7.30 pm Parish Rooms. It is a project exploring the ecological, economic, social and cultural values associated with the wetlands in England. There will be refreshments. For more info contact Roger Dickey at [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com).

### **MOVIOLA CINEMA SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY**

Friends of the Parish Rooms present "The Peanut Butter Falcon" (2019) A comedy drama adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain that begins when Zak, a young man with Down's syndrome, runs away from the nursing home where he lives to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler by attending the wrestling school The Salt Water Redneck. Directed by Tyler Nilson & Michael Schwartz. Run time 97 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door

### **FORTHCOMING MOVIOLA**

29th February "Downton Abbey" 21st March "The Current War" 18th April "The Good Liar".  
7.30pm Parish Rooms (doors 7.00pm)

### **A CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**

Come and share memories of books, stories, poetry and pictures. Meeting at 2.30pm in Somerton Library on the third Thursday of the month beginning on Thursday 20th February. Contact Carole on 01458 273319. A Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance event.

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY**

Are you interested in history? Any history? Then why not join Somerton History Society. We meet in the Parish Rooms in Somerton on the 4th Thursday of every month except August and December. Beginning at 7pm for refreshments with the meeting proper starting at 7.30pm with any notices, followed by a talk of about an hour. We cover a range of subjects: this year we have heard from a medieval barber-surgeon, had a talk about Yuri Gagarin and surgery with a royal connection amongst other subjects. During 2020 we intend to have talks as diverse as the history of Great Bow Yard, Langport; Heraldry; Crime and Punishment in Somerset and Dracula (to name but a few). Do come along and join us. You can enrol for £15 for the year (£25 for couples) or come along as a guest and pay £2 per evening. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

Our first meeting of 2020 is on Thursday 23rd January and starts at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms with refreshments, followed by society members reading their families letters, diaries and stories, some dating back to early Victorian times and including some illustrated with original sand photographs. Members are reminded that their annual membership of £15 (£25 for couples at the same address) is now due. Visitors are very welcome at £2 per evening. For more information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

### **SOMERTON U3A FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY**

The next meeting of Somerton U3A will be on Friday 24 January when our speaker will be David Boag, wildlife photographer. David lectures regularly throughout the country to a wide variety of natural history, photographic and general interest audiences. On numerous occasions he has spoken at major conferences for organisations such as the National Trust, the RSPB, British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Photographic Society. Members will remember that he came to us some time ago and spoke about kingfishers and showed us his wonderful photographs. We look forward to seeing what he will wow us with this time.

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

### **KIRKHAM STREET FIELD DONATION MORNING SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY**

Please come and support our appeal for funds to purchase Kirkham Street Field in West St Church from 9.30 am till noon. Trustees will be there to help you and there will be free light refreshments.

### **SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS MONDAY 27TH JANUARY**

7.30 pm Parish Rooms. Christine Brain will give a talk on Barrington Court Gardens. Visitors welcome £3. Contact Anita 272333 for more info.

### **NEW WEA COURSE TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY**

Greg Morter – From Seed to Fork. We explore the extraordinary 450 million-year evolution of plants and how humans have adapted them. We discover why, where and how agriculture was invented, and why this step has been described as “the worst mistake in history”. We continue with key discoveries and different approaches to food growing in places as diverse as China, the Americas, the Islamic World and Britain, culminating with the challenges and possibilities of the future.

Tuesday evenings, 19.30 – 21.00, Long Sutton Village Hall, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NT, 28th January to 10th March 2020 (no session on 18th February)

Fee: £25 per person. 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, quoting Course Reference C3530645. Contact Kim Bailey with any questions on 01935 850077 or by email at [wealongsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wealongsutton@gmail.com)

### **VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY**

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 February issue will be on Wed 29th January at 9.30 am in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Thank you to Overt Locke for their help with the bags for organising deliveries. Mo and Team

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

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## What's on In Brief

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### 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

## JANUARY

Thu 2 Health Walk 11.30 am outside Somerton Library

Sun 5th Christmas lights take down

Mon 6 Somerton Gardeners 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Tue 7 LDRC Bacon Butties 9.30 am

WI "A Fishy Tale" 7 pm Parish Rooms

Thu 9 Friendship Club 10.30 am Somerton Sports Club

Wessex House Coffee morning 10.30 am

Fri 10 Coffee and More 10 am – noon with carers meeting at 10.30 am West St Church

Sat 11 New AceArts Exhibition "Woodland Art for Wellbeing" begins for a week.

LDRC New Year Party 3 pm

Sun 12 Bingo 7.30 pm (over 18s) Somerton Sports Club

Mon 13 Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Church

Somerton Group of Artists Talk by Jake Winkle 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust meeting 7 pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 14 Rummikub 2 pm Parish Rooms

Somerset Wildlife Trust, The Wetland Life Project 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Mid Wessex Singers 7.15 pm West St Church

Wed 15 Craft Meeting at 2 pm at Buttercross Tea Rooms

Thu 16 Health Walk 11.30 pm Somerton Library

New Book Club 2.30 pm Somerton Library

Sat 18 Moviola Cinema The Peanut Butter Falcon 7.30 pm start Parish Rooms

Thu 23 History Society Members recount stories from their family histories 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Fri 24 U3A David Boag, Wildlife photographer 10.30 am Edgar Hall

Coffee and More 10 am West St Church

Sat 25 New AceArts Exhibition "Small Worlds" Starts

Kirkham Street Field Community Trust Donation morning 9.30 am – noon West St Church

Sun 26 Bingo 7.30 pm (over 18s) Somerton Sports Club

Mon 27 Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Church

Somerton Green Gardeners Barrington Court Gardens 7.30 pm Parish Rooms

Tue 28 WEA course by Greg Morten 7.30 pm Long Sutton Village Hall

Wed 29 Stapling and Folding new time 9.30 am Parish Rooms

Thu 30 Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.00 pm Somerton Sports Club

**See also weekly events list**

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

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