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Somerton Town Council - November 2020

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	10 th November	7 pm	Remote Meeting
Promotions & Communications	17 th November	7 pm	Remote Meeting
Land & Properties	24 th November	7 pm	Remote Meeting
Planning	10 th & 24 th November	7 pm	Remote Meeting

If you wish to attend the Zoom meeting and to ask questions, please contact the town clerk. Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website with application details displayed on the notice board outside the Parish Rooms and on the STC website.

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website

www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Requests from the public for items to be added to the agenda should be notified to the Town Clerk in writing by the first Monday of the month.

Councillors have been allocated as the council's representatives on outside bodies. Details can be found on the STC website

News

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Sadly, Royal British Legion have announced that due to Covid 19 restrictions, there will be no parade this year. However, there will be a Remembrance Sunday Service in St Michael's Church at 10:50am. We are limited on the numbers who can attend this service, but you can book from October 31st by calling 272029 or email somerton.vicar@btinternet.com. The service will be broadcast at the same time on video and telephone conferencing systems so everybody is able to join in at home if they wish. To do so simply call 0330 606 0403 from your home telephone and when prompted put in the access code 769 354 followed by the # key. (Calls are at local landline rates). Or go to www.zoom.us/join/ When prompted add the Meeting ID: 781 317 8193 and the passcode: 776870.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY LIFELINE UPDATE

We have few requests at the moment – only 8 prescriptions and 9 shopping orders during week commencing 4th October. I may still contact volunteers if the need arises.

Reverend Symonds cannot no longer take orders on his number so please ring one of the following numbers (all 01458) 273403, 273568, 223094, 253414, 273653. Stay safe and well. Mo Fletcher.

YEOVILTON AVERAGE WEATHER STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

	Average Max temp	Average Min temp	Rain mm	Sun hrs	So September 2020 was much drier and a bit sunnier than the 55year average
Sept Average	20.0	9.6	31.6	173.9	
55yr Average	18.9	9.7	55.8	142.5	

Figures from Met Office Yeovilton website

Saturday 3 October was the wettest for UK-wide rainfall since records began in 1891.

There was an average of 31.7mm (1.24ins) of rain across the entire UK - enough to exceed the capacity of Loch Ness - the largest lake in the UK by volume!

SOMERTON FOODBANK

I would like to thank everyone who has been so generous with their donations to the foodbank, both in groceries and in cash. Please keep on giving as everything you donate is appreciated very much.

The way that you access the foodbank has changed - you can no longer self refer. This is to ensure that everyone gets all the help they need in claiming benefits and other entitlements, maintaining their tenancies and getting the ongoing support they need at difficult times.

This is what you need to do:

If you live in a social rented property, such as Yarlington, you should contact your landlord's tenancy support team for a referral.

If you own your own home, or rent privately, you should contact the Welfare Advice Team at South Somerset District Council or Citizens Advice for a referral.

If you currently have a support worker, ask them to contact us direct on the foodbank number below.

Useful Numbers:

Yarlington - 01935 404050 - option 3 or email frt@yhg.co.uk

Citizens Advice 0344 488 9623 www.citizensadvice.southsomerset.org.uk - to complete online form.

SSDC - 01935 462462 email welfarebenefitreferrals@southsomerset.gov.uk

Somerton Foodbank - 07561 651 372.

Gillian Hampson

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Sheila Crothers is getting on with setting up Good Neighbours and is still looking for volunteers. Contact her on 07947 560818 or email crothers4@outlook.com. Somerton Town Council has given a grant of £390 for set-up costs and insurance for volunteers.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET

We are delighted to announce that all Carers Agents will become Village Agents and all existing Village Agents are ready to support unpaid carers in Somerset, so we have a lot more people available to support the unpaid carer in Somerset. You may not even recognise yourself as a carer as you may look after someone infrequently, or informally, but we are here to help. To have a chat call 0800 31 68 600, text 'Carer' to 78070 or visit the dedicated carers website www.somersetcarers.org

Re home a phone! By donating an unused phone you can help reduce loneliness and isolation for someone in Somerset. To donate, contact Ellie Bishop 07985 748 910 or email ellieb@somersetcc.org.uk.

To get in touch with your local Village Agent visit www.somersetcarers.org or call 01823 331222.

THANK YOU

I must record my thanks to whoever found my wallet and pushed it through the letter box of our police station and Somerton police staff for contacting me late night Saturday 17th October, to inform me that my wallet had been returned.

My faith in human nature has received a boost!

Paul Muffett

SOMERSET FOSTERING

As the pandemic and challenges of 2020 continue, some of us may find comfort in family, and having a safe place to live - but for hundreds of vulnerable children and young people, spending time at home isn't possible right now. Fostering In Somerset is currently searching for new individuals, couples and families from the Somerton area to join their valued fostering community. Just like the children in our care, our foster carers come from all backgrounds and walks of life. Your gender, whether you're single or in a relationship, working, a home owner or renting are not important. What is important, is having the time and patience to provide a stable home to a vulnerable young person, who may have experienced trauma. You'll also need to be aged 21 or over (there is no upper age limit), with a spare room in your home.

In return you will receive a weekly fee to reflect the type of placement and skills you offer, starting at £75pw, plus a weekly allowance to cover the costs of caring for a child, such as clothing and food. Allowances vary depending on the age of the child but start from £143.57 per week. Fees and allowances are per child, so a household fostering more than one child would receive multiple fees and allowances. (For example, Mr & Mrs Smith foster 2 children aged 8 and 14 and receive £367.13 per week in allowances and £175 per week in fees, plus additional payments for holidays, birthdays and mileage) Further information on fees and allowances can be found online at www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk.

Foster carers also receive excellent ongoing training and support, along with a dedicated Supervising Social Worker who will work with the family to provide additional support and guidance.

You could make a difference to a child or young person in care as a Somerset foster carer. For more information and details on how to apply, visit www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or phone 0800 587 9900 and chat to our friendly team. You can also find helpful videos and information on our social media pages. Find us on Facebook @fosteringinsomerset or follow @fostersomerset on Twitter.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST

We're delighted to have recently received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to work in partnership with local AONBs to support local communities and individuals struggling with their mental health through nature activities.

Jim Hardcastle, Mendip Hills AONB Manager, said, 'Somerset is blessed in having three AONBs that can be used as a 'natural health service' for the community. The Blackdown Hills, Quantock Hills and Mendip Hills are all designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, these are special areas rich in nature and wild places. The combination of the AONB teams and Somerset Wildlife Trust working together for the benefit of the community in Somerset is really powerful and will have a long-lasting legacy.

MEDICINE DELIVERIES FOR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

Somerton Community Lifeline has received an update from Somerset County Council with the latest advice on the delivery of medicines to vulnerable individuals. The update starts with a thank you to all the volunteers who have been supporting vulnerable individuals within the community.

The easing of lockdown has meant the cessation of the Government's shielding support package and with it, the end of the national pharmacy medicines delivery service. This means pharmacies no longer receive any Government or NHS funding to offer a delivery

service to those patients who need it most, i.e. those who were shielding and had no-one to collect medicines for them.

However, although demand for delivery of prescriptions has decreased, we know that there are still some vulnerable people in Somerton who would have difficulty collecting items for themselves or lack the confidence to do so. Wherever possible, patients should ask friends or family to collect items from the pharmacy on their behalf. If this not an option, please continue to contact Somerton Community Lifeline, You can also contact the Somerset Coronavirus Helpline on 0300 790 6275 (7 days, 8am to 8pm) who can provide advice on a range of topics including medical deliveries, emotional wellbeing, social care and transport.

SPEEDWATCH

Last month I said 'What is wrong with you?' and I still can't understand the cavalier attitude to driving in and around Somerton. I see most people giving space to each other and taking precautions against the virus so they can avoid transmission and stay safe, yet there is a far higher risk of injuring others and yourselves when you don't seem to take the same care on the roads. Is it really that difficult to drive within the speed limits, keep a distance, park thoughtfully and turn off your engines when you stop? Idling of car engines is a fineable offence, it's unpleasant and dangerous for all of us, particularly the old and children who are even closer to the exhausts. I have passed on people's concerns regarding this to the police. It is a big problem particularly outside schools and I expect that they will monitor these roads at drop off and collecting times. So you have been warned, and if you see this happening please tap on the driver's window and ask if they have forgotten to turn the engine off. As usual the Speedwatch team have been out most days and with more new members we hope to cover even more areas in and around Somerton.

Lastly as the evenings draw in can I PLEASE ask you to take extra care on our roads where we have narrow pavements, or in some parts none at all. You would be doing it for your family's sake and others, so think before you accelerate. Let's make this a better place to live, it's down to us all!

David Cundle.

SMAF- ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

We are planning the exhibition for 2021 and have everything crossed that it will go ahead, so make a note of the dates which will be the 29th May – 5th June in the Parish Rooms. We are hoping to run all the workshops that had to be cancelled this year and of course have the exhibition. Watch this space for more information about how to enter if you want to exhibit your work or for details about workshops. Stay safe everyone! Jackie, Lisa, Alex and Sue.

PARTICIPATION IS KEY TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Even before Covid-19 was headline news, the message coming from the NHS at all levels had been for us to take more responsibility for our own health.

It is true that, with the increasing demand for NHS services, the need to look after ourselves has taken on a higher priority. Since the pandemic hit us, 'protecting the NHS' has become a mantra and the unprecedented scale of the impact has required us all to rethink how we participate in managing our own wellbeing.

We are getting used to modified ways of receiving healthcare. Visiting our local GP practice as a first point of call has generally been replaced by online or telephone consultations, with a triage system determining the most appropriate next step. While it has taken a while to adapt to these new ways, given the current circumstances and the need to keep staff and

patients safe, most people have recognised the overall level of care has not been unduly compromised, even if it has been delivered by alternative means.

Behind the scenes, GP practices are encouraged to liaise closely with their Patients' Participation Group (PPG) whose role during these challenging times has been vital. PPGs are sounding boards for change, innovation and development as well as being a channel for patient feedback and for registering concerns.

PPG members are encouraged to be proactive by helping to shape how both clinical and administrative aspects of a practice can be improved to better meet the needs of patients in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

Such changes have brought improved communication with patients through increased use of 'digital platforms' and utilised more on-site and portable equipment to provide diagnoses and treatment, thereby reducing visits to hospital out-patient clinics and delivering results more swiftly.

At their best, PPGs will have a broad representation of patients so that voices from differing perspectives will be heard and a wide range of needs can be understood and addressed within the practice. The level of involvement by any one member is very much in her/his hands. At Buttercross/Ilchester we meet eight times a year to engage with colleagues and practice staff. Beyond that, there are opportunities to contribute through consultation and practical assistance.

Yes, it is right that we each take more responsibility for our own health and wellbeing but we can also participate in supporting the delivery of local healthcare for today and looking to the future, through membership of the PPG.

For further information about PPG membership, please visit the Patient Participation Group pages on the practice website or contact me at somppg@gmail.com.

Brian Pearson, Chair, Buttercross and Ilchester PPG.

VIADUCT EDITORIAL TEAM

After many years of being involved with Viaduct, Mo Fletcher and Martyn Smith are standing down after this issue. Mo has been the compiler - assembling all the information received by email, phone and notes - and Martyn has been the proof reader (and some time compiler and some times even the editor!), but both have been involved for a long time! Sara Powell will take over the compiling role and forward the information as at present to the editor, Neal Barton, who will put it all in the right format for the printer. The role of proof reading will be taken by Chris Cox. Sara will also take on the organisation of bagging up Viaduct for the delivery squad until the day when (hopefully) we can go back to the monthly "Stapling & Folding" which was always such a good community occasion!

We say "thanks" to Mo & Martyn for all their hard work and "good luck" to Sara & Chris and a special thanks to Neal and Somerton Printery for their continuing efforts.

Items for inclusion by 12th of the preceding month to viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

BUS TIMES

There have been some changes to timing of buses passing through Somerton and the updated timetable is in this issue for you to tear out and keep. Notably the frequency of the 54 service is increased and there are extra buses on the 77 service, but some now only go as far as Street.

KIRKHAM STREET FIELD COMMUNITY TRUST

The public consultation held 25th/26th September was a great success and attracted a steady footfall throughout the 2 days. We were able to use the Unicorn Skittle Alley and had a display area at the entrance to the Brunel Precinct with posters displaying the draft design ideas in both venues. Thanks to both for the opportunity to host the event. We were privileged to have Damon Bridge from Langport RSPB in attendance all Saturday morning and he is very much in favour of our enterprise.

All three draft design ideas were favourably commented on both verbally in discussion and on the reply slips, as were the features depicted on the posters which are based on the 2019 public consultation.

There have been some helpful ideas received on all three, for example, the outdoor table tennis received several 'likes' as did the all-age swing and opportunities for wildlife. All these comments and suggestions will be collated and will feed into the next stage of the campaign. In recent talks with SCC the deadline and the cost remain unchanged, but there is now the possibility of purchasing part of the field if we don't achieve the full target amount of £750K.

We are working with the Town Council to apply for a grant from the Climate Change Emergency Fund created by SCC. Kirkham Street Field has the potential to reduce the carbon footprint of the town and so help to reduce the effects of climate change by planting trees and keeping it green.

We have now raised in excess of £100K which is amazing. We will be actively continuing to seek donations from every source available to us, with the support we received at the weekend from the public in favour of our continued efforts to save this field.

Donations most welcome, see website - www.kirkhamstreetfield.org.uk.

Thanking you for your on-going support.

Judith Hurley 273079 on behalf of the Trustees.

SOMERTON MARKET

Somerton Market is held on the first Friday of each month from 9am until 2pm around the Buttercross. with the last two before Christmas being Friday 6 November and Friday 4 December. We have lots of new stallholders and Christmas gift ideas so come along and support even more local small businesses.

RECYCLING CENTRE

Has now reverted to winter hours Wednesday - Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday/Sunday 9am-4pm. Revert to summer hours planned for April.

DOG WATCH

We're very pleased to report that Brian Davenport (with his dog Dylan) has resumed his dog watch duties after having made a full recovery from his recent accident. Welcome back, Brian, and take care!

HEALTH WALKS

We will walk on Thursday 5th and 19th November meeting outside the library at 11.15am to do Track and Trace form. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for the weather.

We can walk with our usual numbers again providing we keep social distancing. Ring Mo Fletcher for info on 07718 920 198.

SOMERTON BUS TIMES with effect from 27th SEPTEMBER 2020												
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Note: ALL services to Yeovil will travel via the Square and West Street.												Produced by MARTYN SMITH
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												email: martynandsue@hotmail.com



**CONSULTATION ON THE AMALGAMATION OF
KING INA C of E ACADEMY (INFANTS)
AND KING INA C of E ACADEMY (JUNIORS) SCHOOLS**

This document is designed to:

- Notify you of the Board of Directors proposal to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors). This will result in a single primary school
- Explain why this proposal is being proposed
- Invite your comments on this proposal
- Inform you of and invite you to a consultation meeting to be held at King Ina C of E Academy's Junior School on Thursday 15th October 2020 from 6:30pm to 8pm

The Statutory Process

The Department for Education (DFE) has set out the requirements and processes for amalgamating and making changes to an academy in the guidance 'Making significant changes to an open academy and closure by mutual agreement'. This consultation period is the first stage in that process.

Why are we proposing to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) schools?

Currently, King Ina C of E Academy's Infant and Junior schools are both members of King Ina C of E Academy Multi Academy Trust (MAT). They have a single/shared board of directors, local governing body and executive headteacher but they are still two separate schools. Pupils at the infant school have to apply for a place at the junior school and the transition from one school to another can cause disruption. Construction of a new school designed to accommodate both schools, including future proofing for any future growth of Somerton, is anticipated to be completed by the start of the summer term 2021. At this point, the two schools have stated that they wish to amalgamate. The board of directors, local governing body, Diocese of Bath and Wells and Somerset County Council are in support of the proposal. If the schools amalgamate, pupils will benefit from a seamless transition, parents will not need to apply for a place at the junior school. Amalgamation would also benefit the school financially, having only a single DfE Number and being able to buy supplies and services as a single school.

What would change and what would not change?

Staffing

King Ina Church of England MAT is the employer of all staff across the two schools. Therefore, there would be no staff change implications.

Governing Body

King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) is governed by the Board of Directors of the MAT and a single/shared Local Governing Body. Therefore, there would be no change of governance implication.

School Uniform

Currently both schools wear the same uniform bearing the logo 'King Ina C of E Academy'. There would be no change of uniform implications.

Admissions

As an academy the board of directors remains responsible for admissions. The primary school's Admissions Arrangement would reflect the schools' current admissions arrangements with the exception of removing the Junior school's PAN.

Buildings

All buildings and land of current Infant and Junior schools will return to its original ownership, either Somerset County Council or Diocese of Bath & Wells. The provision of the new school building and land is being funded by Somerset County Council, in the event of the disposal of the current junior site the Diocese of Bath & Wells have agreed to pass the proceeds of sale on to contribute to the successor school.

Finance

The school will receive the same income for education from the Education Funding Agency based on the number and characteristics of the children as it did before.

The amalgamation proposal and process

The process of amalgamation is made up of three legal changes:

- The lowering of the age range at King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) and changing the name of the school to King Ina C of E Academy
- The technical closure of King Ina C of E Academy (Infants)

The Proposal

Currently, King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) takes children from 2 to 7 years old with a capacity of 150 pupils plus 24 full time nursery places and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) admits pupils from age 7 to 11 with a capacity of 180 pupils, providing a joint capacity of 330 Reception to Year 6 pupils plus 24 full time nursery places. Upon implementation, a primary school will be created with an age range of 2 to 11 years operating from a new school site with an increased capacity of 420 Reception to Year 6 pupils plus 53 nursery places. All pupils currently at the two schools will be guaranteed a place at the new primary school, which will be renamed King Ina C of E Academy. Places will then be available to any families moving into the numerous newly and partially developed housing estates in Somerton, which the current schools would be unable to accommodate. Housing data published for Somerton forecast by 2023 primary school places needed will increase to 352. This forecast does not include an additional 200 homes, which should generate a further 60+ pupils. The new primary school will retain the Ofsted rating Good of King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors), which is the enlarged school. As no pupils are being displaced and additional places are provided for families moving into the area, it is not expected that the proposal will have a negative impact upon any local schools.

The Process

The following timescale will be adopted for the process of amalgamating the two schools and implement the new primary school.

Stage	Description	Timescale
Stage 1	Consultation	1st October 2020 – 19th November 2020
Stage 2	Decision	20 th November 2020
Stage 3	Implementation	19 th April 2021

The next stage

This consultation period provides you with an opportunity to express your views and ask questions regarding the proposal to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors).

The 7 week consultation period starts on Thursday 1st Oct 2020 and will close on Thursday 19th Nov 2020.

A **parents'** consultation meeting on the proposal will be held at King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) on Thursday 15th October 2020 from 6:30pm to 8pm in three sessions of 30 minutes at 6:30pm, 7pm & 7:30pm. To adhere to social distancing guidelines a limited number of places will be available so we ask that only one member attends from each household. If you wish to attend one of the sessions please contact the school office to reserve your place. If demand for places exceeds the number of places available on the Thursday 15th October 2020 an additional session/s will be arranged.

All responses will be considered after the consultation ends on 19th November 2020.

A copy of the response form is printed on the reverse of this page..

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM – 01/10/2020 – 19/11/2020
ON THE AMALGAMATION OF KING INA C of E ACADEMY (INFANTS)
AND KING INA C of E ACADEMY (JUNIORS) SCHOOLS**

Please let us know your views by completing this response form. A box for completed forms will be placed outside by the school gates, or alternatively, forms can be emailed to LWatts@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

This form can also be accessed and responses submitted via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/zZBBoCQG2xiB7C4k9>. Response forms must be received by 19/11/2020

Please tell us your interest in the school by ticking the appropriate box(es):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A parent/carer of a child at one of the schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A parent/carer of a child who may go to one of the schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone who works at the school(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A director/governor of the schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Governor or staff member in another school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone else with an interest, please specify _____ |

Do you support the proposal to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) schools? (tick as appropriate)

☐ YES ☐ NO

I support the proposal to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) for the following reason(s)

I DO NOT support the proposal to amalgamate King Ina C of E Academy (Infants) and King Ina C of E Academy (Juniors) for the following reason(s)

Do you have any other comments in respect of this proposed amalgamation?

ACEARTS ARTISAN CHRISTMAS MARKET WITH A DIFFERENCE

From 4 November until 24 December ACEArts will be holding its 'Gifted' Christmas Market. Over 30 selected Somerset artists, designers and makers will be showcasing their handmade, unique gifts for all. There will be 15 artists' work on sale during November and another 15 for December. 'Gifted' will be open to the public at the same times as ACEArts: Wednesday to Saturday 10am- 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, and gifts will be sold by ACEArts staff rather than on individual stalls to comply with Covid requirements. You can also pre-book a private shopping experience on Tuesdays. See the ACEArts website www.acearts.co.uk for further details.

ACEARTS RECEIVES GRANT FROM CULTURE RECOVERY FUND

The Culture Secretary has announced that ACEArts has been awarded £50,000 as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) to help face the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they have a sustainable future. The charity is one of 12 in Somerset which has been awarded £257 million as part of the first round of the Culture Recovery Fund grants programme being administered by Arts Council England.

The funding will be used to provide free art-based activities to those least likely to have access to and most likely to benefit from them. Some of these have already been planned, such as the new Woodland Project with Hallr Woods, creative clay packs for those still isolating, and a mural project. It will also continue to develop the digital offerings which have been so effective in allowing people to continue to access art in the past 6 months, and the team are examining the best ways to get art and art-based activity into the whole community of Somerton and beyond.

For more information telephone ACEArts on 01458 273008, e-mail hello@acearts.co.uk or visit their Facebook page.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we still cannot meet but if you fancy a chat, give me a call. Mo Fletcher 07718 920 198.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR 2021

Somerset parents are being urged to apply for school places online and on time.

Whether your child is starting school for the first time or transferring to the next school, applications need to be made through Somerset County council's website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline for secondary school place submissions is Saturday 31st October.. This applies to all children moving from primary to secondary school or middle to upper school in September 2021

The deadline for primary school place submissions is Friday 15th January 2021 and applies to all children starting school for the first time in September 2021 as well as those moving between infant and junior school or first and middle school



LIGHTS BRIGADE 2020

Above are a couple of photographs from Christmas 2019. It is almost time for the Lights Brigade to go into action again and new volunteers are always needed and welcome.

If you can spare a few hours, and would like to help put up the Christmas lights contact Ian Rodgers at ianrodgers333@gmail.com.



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