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# VIADUCT

November 2022

# Editor's Letter



## Hello,

November is always a very special month for me. First there is Fireworks Night, a reminder of how people took democracy into their own hands in a very different way to the way we do things today. Then there is Remembrance Day. As the daughter of an RAF veteran, I always find this poignant. And finally, it's my birthday month!

But enough of me, this month there is another wonderful collection of articles for you to delve in to. These range from a plea to participate in Somerton's Community Plan to an invitation to enjoy a Christmas pub lunch with the Laburnum Drive gang. There are also art exhibitions, a fashion parade and, of course, Fireworks Night and the Remembrance Day Parade, talking of which, thank you to 'stainedglassartist' on Openverse for the cover photograph.

Finally, there is practical help on hand from St. Cleers Chapel (see page 6) and Somerset's Community Carers and Village Agents (see page 10).

Best wishes as always,

Editor, Viaduct

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# News from your town council

| Meeting                                                                        | Date        | Time   | Venue      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)                                  | 8 Nov 2022  | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |
| Planning if required                                                           | 22 Nov 2022 | 6.30pm | Edgar Hall |
| Committee meetings are now postponed until a new Town Clerk has been appointed |             |        |            |

Planning applications may be viewed on the South Somerset District Council website. Go to [southsomerset.gov.uk](https://southsomerset.gov.uk) and scroll down the homepage to 'Planning Search', insert the Application Reference, then click on the 'Documents' tab to view plans and supporting documents.

A reminder if you have any concerns about law and order, please report all incidents to the police by calling 101, or going online at [avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/](https://avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/).



## Workload over the next few months

The council are still in the process of undertaking the annual review and setting of next year's budget. The aim is for the precept for 2023/24 to be agreed at the full council meeting in November 2022. The budget review process will investigate things such as services in the town managed by the town council, assets such as play area, bus shelters, litter bins, car park, toilets,

cemetery, verges, market square and Edgar Hall amongst others. This thorough review will enable the Town Council to carry out our duties on behalf of our residents as efficiently and effectively as possible.

## Unitary Authority

The Town council are currently predicting and planning for changes which will filter down to us through the changes to the structure of Somerset County and District Councils; the new unitary authority will take affect from 1 April 2023. Somerset's County and District Councils are now working together to deliver the new council for Somerset that will bring together existing council services. The five councils are also working with partners, Town and Parish Councils and residents to create a new council which delivers for everyone. For more information on the New Somerset Council go to [newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/](https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/).

Local Community Network consultation closed on the 17 October 2022, and we eagerly await the outcome. You can find more details about this on the same website.

# News from your town council

## Scope 2 Climate Conference

This is for Parish and Town Councillors and will take place on Saturday 5 November 2022, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Thank you to Somerton Town Council, Langport Town Council and businesses in Somerton for your support.



## Lighting up the town

Supported by Somerton Town Council, who are funding the fireworks and security, the Firework Display will be held at the recreation ground on Friday 4 November, 6.30pm for 7.00pm display. In addition to the display there will be food stalls and a kids' disco in sports club. The fireworks will last about 15 minutes. For the full details, see page 16.

But do remember that not all pets enjoy this celebration. If you'd like to help calm them, tune in to Classic FM's Pets' Classics, 6.00pm to 10.00pm.



## A tasty little thank you

STC are organising a 'Thank You' for STC Volunteers on Monday 5 December 2022 in the Parish Rooms at 6.30pm. There'll be mulled wine and mince pies.

## And a little delay

The Somerton Community Awards have been put on hold for the time being and will be made next year. So there's plenty of time to be nominated or nominate someone you think has made a great difference in our community. We'll keep you updated with the relevant dates and categories.

Any comments or questions about anything in this report, or in general, please direct them to the Clerk's Office by calling 01458 272236 or by emailing Lydia at [clerk.assistant@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.assistant@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk), Claire at [office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or Steph at [deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk). Please note that the office staff work part time hours, and we endeavour to respond as promptly as possible.



# News from your town council

## Reshaping Somerton together

We invite you to take part in the development of the 2023–2028 Community Plan. We are a working party of Somerton Town Councillors and Somerton Residents known as the Steering group, Chair Mo Fletcher.



The New Community Plan will give a focus for our Planning and Participation in the Future. We start this process with two Public Consultation Meetings – the first is on Tuesday 29 November at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms and the second on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm in the Edgar Hall. Please come along and give your views – this is your town and your future.

In the last Community Plan, 2018 – 2023, many of the points raised then have been achieved either led by Somerton Town Council or local Community Volunteer Groups. Examples include:

- Making the town attractive – flower displays and landscaping the car parks
- Accessibility – increased disabled parking spaces, the one-way system and planned play equipment for children with specific needs
- Green spaces – more trees, a quiet shelter in the cemetery for contemplation
- Youth support – taking on a part time Youth Worker, creating playdays and an outdoor gym
- Getting around Somerton – one-way system, SID traffic monitoring, new zebra crossings

After the first meetings for our next five year plan, we will design a questionnaire which will run online through Survey Monkey as well as paper copies at central locations for those who cannot access this. We will let you know when this is available.



We hope after analysing this questionnaire we will be able to compose a Community Plan which will Reshape Somerton for the Future. This Community Plan will form the basis for a potential Neighbourhood Plan. Please do come along to the meetings and make sure your voice is heard and your opinions counted.

Mo Fletcher and Steering Committee.

Photograph courtesy John Rickard

# News from around town



Photograph MoD

## Never let us forget

The Royal British Legion will be organising the Remembrance Parade which will leave from the Fire Station at 9.30am on Sunday 13 November. The Parade will be led by Kingsbury Episcopi Band.

After the church service there will be a minute's silence by the Town War Memorial, and names of the fallen will be read out. Wreaths will also be laid.

The Poppy Appeal will start the week before when poppies will be on sale in Somerton in shops, pubs and by the Coop.

## Now we're cooking

We are starting a new weekly project at St Cleers Chapel. From Thursday 10 November, 4.00pm to 6.00pm, the Community Kitchen will help with cooking skills. Together we will prepare a hot meal that we share afterwards. And while we're teaching cooking skills, we will talk about how to budget and other general household skills. We only have a few places left, so if you are interested please contact Joy at [Joy.burke1961@gmail.com](mailto:Joy.burke1961@gmail.com).



## And keeping warm

As the weather turns colder, St Cleers Chapel will be opening up the barn for people who genuinely need a place to stay warm. Hot drinks will also be available. If you would like to help as a volunteer, or use the facilities, please contact Joy at [Joy.burke1961@gmail.com](mailto:Joy.burke1961@gmail.com).

## Plus we're on the move

Due to the building works at St Cleers Chapel over the next few months, Bump to Five will move. We will now meet on Friday mornings during term time, 9:30am to 11:30am at West Street Church (formerly known as Methodist Chapel), West Street, Somerton. Any queries please contact Linda Sambell 07548 159626.





# News from around town

## It's beginning to feel...

...a little bit like Christmas. Ian Rodgers will organise the decoration of the town with Christmas lights and Christmas trees ready for the big Switch On. The Switch On and Fayre will be held on Sunday 4 December 2022 from 3.00pm until 7.00pm. Father Christmas will be there together with street entertainers, food, drinks and craft stalls around the Buttercross and inside the Parish Rooms. If you would

like a stall please contact [sara.powell@acearts.co.uk](mailto:sara.powell@acearts.co.uk) for further information. And for more general information, please contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198. Look out for posters around town and updates on Love Somerton with full details and timings.



Photograph by kind permission of Sam Bullion

## Farewell Cheryl

Cheryl Tuttiett commenced duties as the Parish Rooms caretaker on 11 April 2000 on a three month trial and managed to last for 22½ years before retiring on 30 September 2022. On behalf of the management committee, Denise Clarke, committee secretary, presented Cheryl with a painting (by Denise) of the Parish Rooms. We welcome Karen Dowell as our new caretaker. Bookings as normal to [ismibookings@gmail.com](mailto:ismibookings@gmail.com).



## Flights of fancy

Starting on 22 October and running until 19 November, Flightpath by Louisa Crispin will be on display in our main gallery. This is a collaborative project using art to consider insect habitats and the barriers they face with climate change, food scarcity and habitat destruction. Join Louisa Crispin's Great Big Wildlife Corridor, look closer and become part of a positive future for nature through art.



In the Second Space over the same period will be Wings by Hayley Potter – ceramics, paintings and drawings in a timeless but contemporary palette of blue and white tell the stories of SW England. Her work is inspired by the flora and fauna of Somerton and nearby from our natural world, folklore, mythology and faith. This personal body of work explores where the skies and the earth meet and how characters including hares, angels, birds and wyverns may relate to the human condition.

# News from around town



## It's fashionable, and it's charitable

The Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton are holding a Fashion Show in aid of local Dyslexia and Cancer Charities on Tuesday 8 November at the Edgar Hall in Somerton. Buy High Street brands and

designer labels at discount prices up to 60% off. Try and buy on the night. Tickets are £10 in advance, including a glass of wine. Doors open 6.30pm, Show starts 7.00pm. Come and join us for a great night out and pick up a bargain. Tickets are available from Maureen Nethercott: 07765 392883 or [maureen.net@sky.com](mailto:maureen.net@sky.com) or Joy Bailey: 07528 845691 or [bailey23cc@gmail.com](mailto:bailey23cc@gmail.com).

## New opening hours at the library

From Monday 31 October the opening hours at the library will change. Monday hours will move to Tuesday and we'll be closed all day Monday from then on. However, all other services will remain the same, as will our usual friendly service.

|           |                   |                  |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Monday    | Closed all day    |                  |
| Tuesday   | Closed am         | 2.00pm to 5.00pm |
| Wednesday | 10.00am to 1.00pm | Closed pm        |
| Thursday  | 10.00am to 1.00pm | 2.00pm to 5.00pm |
| Friday    | 10.00am to 1.00pm | 2.00pm to 5.00pm |
| Saturday  | 10.00am to 1.00pm | Closed pm        |



**Somerton  
Group  
of Artists**

## Painting together

Autumn sessions of Somerton Group of Artists have begun at Long Load Village Hall. They are every Tuesday morning from 4 October to 13 December 2022 inclusive. Between 10.00am and 12.30pm members come together to enjoy painting 'their own thing' in the company of others. Our evening meetings take place in Somerton Parish Rooms, Market Square, TA11 7LZ on the second Wednesday of the month. This month (9 Nov 7.30 pm) we have pastel artist Graham Cox coming to give us a demonstration. Entry is free to members and £5 on the door to guests, including a cup of tea or coffee.

For more details, including how to become a member, please go to [somertonartists.co.uk](http://somertonartists.co.uk) or visit our Facebook page.



# News from around town

## Ooh, aahhh... zider!

The next meeting of Somerton History Society will be held in the Parish Rooms on Thursday 24 November starting at 7.00pm with tea or coffee. At 7.30pm the speaker, Alan Stone, will talk to us about the "History of Cider Making". There is no charge for History Society members but guests are very welcome at £2 per person. Please note that this will be the last meeting of 2022. The first meeting in the New Year will be on Wednesday 26 January when members annual subscriptions will be due.



## Can you be there for a child in need?

We are looking for adults to volunteer their time to help vulnerable children and young people. We need you to help them understand their rights and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard. There are two roles you can help with – Independent Visitors and Advocates.

The first befriend and spend time with children and youngsters in the care of the Local Authority. The second support these young people so their voices are heard at meetings concerning their wellbeing.



Hours can be arranged to suit you, but your life experience and skills in facing challenges and whatever life throws at you will be invaluable in helping these vulnerable youngsters develop their own confidence and life skills.

If you'd like to help, email [Route1businesssupportadmin@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Route1businesssupportadmin@somerset.gov.uk), call us on 01749 822801 or go online at [route1advocacy.co.uk](http://route1advocacy.co.uk).

## Going... going... going...

From 3 November at 7.00pm you have a unique chance to win some fabulous prizes. Somerset Wildlife Trust is hosting a virtual auction to raise vital funds for the Trust's work. Bidding starts promptly and closes on Thursday 24 November at 9.00pm. To register and take part go to [somersetwildlife.org/auction](http://somersetwildlife.org/auction). You could win anything from a week's stay in a Bothy in Knepps Castle's ancient woods to Box Tickets for two at Bath Rugby Club with full hospitality. To see the full list of prizes and experiences, just go to our website.

# News from around town



## Staying warm and well this winter

This year, more than ever, people are concerned about the rise in fuel costs and the coming winter months. Somerset Village Agents are here to help, so please do get in touch if you are struggling with fuel costs, we want everyone to be warm and well this winter. Alternatively, you can contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy and their Home Energy team on 0800 082 2234. They are on hand to deal with fuel debt, help find cheaper fuel, aid in switching suppliers and much more. For fantastic tips and advice on

saving money and keeping warm at home watch this recent Talking Café video at [youtube.com/watch?v=y7FsnSrJAow](https://youtube.com/watch?v=y7FsnSrJAow).

Are you over 60, or rely on electricity for medical or mobility reasons, or do you have a hearing or visual impairment or a long-term health condition? Sign up for the priority services register at [nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register](https://nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register). There is advice on the website for registering with your other utilities too such as water and gas.

Hundreds of older people in Somerset are forced to choose between heating and eating every winter. Village & Community Agents will be able to help you keep warm by distributing Surviving Winter grants to those most in need. Funding comes from people who are financially able to donate their winter fuel payment. (If you are able to do this please go to [somersetcf.org.uk/special-projects/surviving-winter](https://somersetcf.org.uk/special-projects/surviving-winter) – all help is gratefully received.)

If you think your local CCS Village Agent can help you in any way, please call 01823 331 222 or visit [somersetagents.org/agent-call-back](https://somersetagents.org/agent-call-back) and request a call back.

## Celebrating Carers

November 24 is Carers Rights day. Part of our Agent Service is supporting unpaid Carers in Somerset. We have a whole week of training, activities and fun planned for those who look after others. To find out what's coming up go to [somersetcarers.org/news/](https://somersetcarers.org/news/).





# Have your say

## More tasty treats from Laburnum Drive

Our weekly coffee morning from 10.00am offers Bacon Butties at £2 and is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Weekly Thursday is 'Fun Bingo' at 2.00 pm. Monthly Breakfasts for £4 are on third Monday of every month. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month and we eagerly await your ideas.



Everything we plan is with you in mind, especially a Festive Christmas pub lunch on Wednesday 30 November. All details are in the Hall, awaiting your name to book.



## A personal remembrance

by Edgar Bennett

I felt privileged when I was asked at the Cow & Gate Factory bombing memorial to talk about my personal experience of that terrible morning 80 years ago when I was at my Granny Jeane's home at 59, Etsome Terrace. Because it was on short notice and I had not had time to write down any notes, I would like to add a little more personal information that might be of interest to those of you who were there last month.

As a family we were still coming to terms with the death of my maternal grandfather, Jack Jeanes, who was killed with three other men in 1941 at Yeovilton Camp when a trainee pilot crashed onto the lorry he was loading. Then, on that fateful day at the factory, my Auntie Gladys Bennett was not expecting to work but volunteered to help a fellow worker and do her shift that morning. She was killed alongside her brother, Harold Cribb.

The bombs that were used were the timed fuse type, designed to pierce the superstructure, passing through the three stories of the factory before exploding, causing maximum damage and destruction. A final bit of interest, on VE Day 1945, three Somerton lads, Alan Ellis knows their names, made a Union Jack flag out of a West of England sack bag, bearing in mind you couldn't pop into Overt Locke and just buy one. They found some red and white paint, but had to use black instead of blue, and climbed up the inside of the chimney and tied the homemade flag to one of their mother's clothes props to celebrate our victory in Europe! I hope this will be of interest to Viaduct readers.

## Cracking good fun

9 November is Christmas cracker fun with flowers and Myra Cox. Meeting starts at 7.30pm at the Edgar Hall. New members and visitors welcome. For more details, see the Clubs and Organisations listings.

# Have your say

## Helping our Ukrainian friends

Volunteers who run Langport & District Red Cross Shop opened for local Ukrainian Refugees on a Saturday afternoon in September so that they could help themselves to donated items they need whilst they are residing in South Somerset. This was much appreciated by all who attended and they had many laughs trying on typical English garments, especially the wool hats knitted by one of our customers.

Customers at our Shop have also donated over £5,300 to our bucket collection, all of which has been donated to the British Red Cross/Disasters Emergency Committee.



**\* New \***  
Starts 2nd November



### ADULT COACHING COURSE

- Six Week Course: Wednesday 6 - 7 pm
- Only £7.50 per Week
- LTA Accredited Coaches
- For Beginners & Rusty Racquet Players
- Open to All, including Non-members

Everyone welcome! For more details and to register, visit: [somerfontenniscub.co.uk](http://somerfontenniscub.co.uk), call 07752 272830 / [somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com](mailto:somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com)

## SOMERTON

TENNIS CLUB



MAUSICAL DIRECTOR:  
*Alice Dicker*  
ACCOMPANIST:  
*Sheena Smith*



MID WESSEX SINGERS PRESENT

# A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SOMERTON

Tickets: £10  
Available from Cobbs in Somerton or on the door.



# Have your say

## Searching and researching

Can 1.25 million people make a difference? Well, unsurprisingly, 'yes' – for that is the number of people – patients, carers, members of the general public – who, each year, contribute to healthcare research.

Forget the images often portrayed in the media of technicians peering down microscopes or clinicians poking, prodding or observing volunteers in isolation wards, or new drugs being trialled. Of course, those procedures are aspects of some ongoing research programmes but a vast number of research projects rely on people submitting valuable information – both data and opinions – via questionnaires, keeping logs or journals or participating in interviews.

The National Institute for Health and Care Research funds, enables and delivers health and social care research across 31 specialties leading to improvements in health and wellbeing as well as promoting economic growth.

Ageing, Dementia, Diabetes, Mental Health, Primary Care, Social Care, Stroke are just a few examples of areas where research is producing changes in diagnosis treatments and ongoing care as well as a better understanding of common conditions.

Such research hit the headlines during and following the Covid pandemic. The development of vaccines and effective anti-viral drugs relied heavily upon participants in research programmes, but the research is continuing as people monitor the longer-term impact of both the condition and treatments. A similar study (called Athena) is focussing on those suffering with shingles, exploring new ways to manage the debilitating pain associated with the condition.

Another major study is focussing on Dementia. Currently, there are a series of studies including those seeking to identify risk factors at an early stage where symptoms have been presented.

Frankly, the opportunities to be a part of – indeed a partner in – healthcare research are almost limitless. 1.25 million people can testify to this and you could join them. More information is available from [www.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.nihr.ac.uk).



# Local clubs and activities

If any of the details for the current list are incorrect or you would like to be added to the list, please email [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

| GROUP                            | CONTACT NAME                               | MEETING PLACE                              | MEETING TIME                                                               | EMAIL/WEBSITE                                                                                                                                              | TELEPHONE                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ageing Well                      | Age UK somerset                            | Parish Rooms, booking required for a place | Monday, Thursday and Friday                                                | <a href="mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk">ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk</a> for details and to book a place                                       | 01823 345626                 |
| Archies Extra                    | Alex Judith                                | Sports Ground, Gassons Lane by MUGA        | Thurs 7.30-9.30pm<br>11 to 18 year olds                                    |                                                                                                                                                            | 01458 272047<br>01458 273079 |
| Flexercise                       |                                            | Buttercross Surgery                        | Fridays 2.30-3.30pm                                                        |                                                                                                                                                            |                              |
| Friendship Club                  | Mo Fletcher                                | Somerton Sports Club                       | Second Thursday of the month 10.30am                                       | <a href="mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com">fletcher080@btinternet.com</a>                                                                                 | 01458 274631                 |
| Health Walks                     | Mo Fletcher                                | Somerton Library                           | First and third Thursday of the month 11.30am                              | <a href="mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com">fletcher080@btinternet.com</a>                                                                                 | 01458 274631                 |
| Marial Arts Self Defence         | Dan Palmer                                 | Village Hall, High Ham, Langport TA10 9DA  | Weds 7.00-8.00pm Kids and Adults<br>Thurs 5.00-6.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm Kids | <a href="mailto:info@realitymasd.co.uk">info@realitymasd.co.uk</a>                                                                                         | 07484 849157                 |
| Mid Wessex Singers               | Sheena Smith                               | West Street Church Hall                    | Tuesday 7.15-9.00pm                                                        | <a href="mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk">info@midwessexsingers.co.uk</a><br><a href="http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk">www.midwessexsingers.co.uk</a> | 07768 704883                 |
| Rugby Club                       | Gary Saunders & Steve Benn under 18s & 15s | Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch             | Tues and Thurs 7.00pm                                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 07870 861731<br>07919 153205 |
| Scottish Country Dancing         | Anita Wilson                               | Ash Village Hall                           | Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm                                                      | <a href="mailto:anitaandjim22@gmail.com">anitaandjim22@gmail.com</a>                                                                                       | 01460 929383                 |
| Somerton Bridge Club             | Joan Davies, Jim Dawson                    | West Street Church Hall                    | Thursday 7.00pm                                                            | <a href="mailto:joandavies15@rocketmail.com">joandavies15@rocketmail.com</a>                                                                               | 01458 272418<br>01458 251228 |
| Somerton and District Bowls Club | Peter Jones                                | Sports Ground, Gassons Lane                | Tuesday 5.45pm<br>Friday 2.00pm                                            | <a href="http://somertonbowlsclub.co.uk">somertonbowlsclub.co.uk</a>                                                                                       | 01458 224212                 |
| Somerton Gardeners' Club         | Pauline Saunders                           | Edgar Hall<br>£3 for visitors              | Second Wednesday of the month 7.30pm                                       | <a href="mailto:somertongardenersclub@gmail.com">somertongardenersclub@gmail.com</a><br><a href="http://somertongc.com">somertongc.com</a>                 | 01458 272769                 |
| Somerton Group of Artists        | Mandy McAllen                              | Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton      | Second Wednesday of the month 7.30pm<br>£5 includes tea or coffee          | <a href="mailto:i_dissagree@hotmail.com">i_dissagree@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                       |                              |
| Somerton History Society         | Joan Banbury                               | Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton      | Fourth Thursday of the month 7.30pm                                        | <a href="mailto:j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk">j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk</a>                                                                             |                              |



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| Somerton Music & Arts Festival                                    | Jon Sackett                  | Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton                                                           | One committee meeting a month at 7.30pm - email for dates            | <a href="mailto:somertonartsfestival.co.uk">somertonartsfestival.co.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:hello@somertonartsfestival.co.uk">hello@somertonartsfestival.co.uk</a> | 07928 508700                 |
| Somerton Probus Club                                              | Derek Long                   | Somerton Sports Club                                                                            | Last Wednesday of the month 11.30am for 12.00noon start              | <a href="mailto:long.derek1946@gmail.com">long.derek1946@gmail.com</a>                                                                                               | 01458 274038                 |
| Somerton Runners                                                  | Keith Brackstone             | Somerton Recreation Ground handstanding by 5-a-side football pitch                              | Tuesday 6.00pm                                                       | <a href="mailto:coachkeith53@gmail.com">coachkeith53@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                   | 07999 511366                 |
| Somerton Tennis Club                                              | Membership Secretary         | Somerton Tennis Club, Somerton Sports Ground, Gassons Lane TA11 6HS                             |                                                                      | <a href="mailto:somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com">somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com</a>                                                                                       | 01458 396006                 |
| Somerton Town FC                                                  | Jason Burton-Tuttiatt        | Somerton Recreation Ground by The Sports Club (October we move to Huish School 3G until spring) | Tuesday 6.30pm                                                       | <a href="mailto:jasonb52s@yahoo.com">jasonb52s@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                         | 07825 180506                 |
| Somerton Town Youth FC                                            | Dave Walton                  | Recreation Ground                                                                               | Various times, please contact for details                            | <a href="mailto:djwalton79@hotmail.com">djwalton79@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                                   | 07476 206224                 |
| Somerton u3a                                                      | Marilyn Muffatt              | Various venues and Edgar Hall fourth Friday of month 10.00am                                    | 40 different groups meet at various times - details online           | Full information including speakers at <a href="http://u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups">u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups</a>                                          | 01458 899773<br>07736 425426 |
| Treacle Eater Clog (North-West style Morris dance with side band) | Jadi                         | Rimpton Village Hall BA22 8AH (car share available)                                             | Mondays 7.30-9.30pm Beginners welcome                                | <a href="mailto:secretary@treacleeaterclog.org">secretary@treacleeaterclog.org</a>                                                                                   |                              |
| Tai Chi                                                           | Jacqui                       | Parish Rooms, Somerton                                                                          | Tuesday 9.30-10.30am<br>Thurs 9.30-10.30am<br>£20 for four weeks     |                                                                                                                                                                      | 01458 270258                 |
| Wessex Junior Youth Club                                          | Clive and Sara Dyer          | Wessex Rooms, Broad St, Somerton TA11 7ND                                                       | Thursday 6.00pm to 7.30pm £1 entry, free first night for new members | <a href="mailto:sarad53@hotmail.com">sarad53@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                                         | 01458 273655                 |
| Womens' Institute                                                 | Sue Long<br>Pauline Saunders | Parish Rooms                                                                                    | Third Tuesday of the month 2.30pm                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      | 01458 274038<br>01458 272769 |

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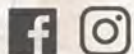
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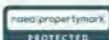
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