

VIADUCT

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Editor's Letter



Hello,

First, a big thank you to Mark Patten for his lovely cover photograph of the chaffinch enjoying a spring day. In this issue, the new Town Clerk, Laura Bolter, introduces herself. There's also a detailed breakdown of what the town council does for residents and the money it takes to do it.

Plans are afoot for celebrating the king's coronation. There is also plenty to feed the mind such as the fund-raising quiz for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, art exhibitions and talks, and a presentation on the history of fairgrounds. If you're feeling energetic, you can get out and about with Somerset Wildlife Trust and, of course, spring is traditionally associated with cleaning, so you might find some interesting tips on page 12.

Remember, if you want to advertise anything in Viaduct, do get in touch with the town council, details are on page 18.

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News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	14 March 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication Committee	22 March 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning if required	28 March 2023	6.30pm	Edgar Hall
Access and Highways Committee	28 March 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Message from your new clerk, Laura Bolter

I am delighted to have joined Somerton Town Council in the role of Town Clerk. Having lived in Somerton for many years, I am looking forward to making a contribution within and for my home community as part of the Town Council team, which is committed to working together for the benefit of the town.

Meet your new Councillor, Amanda Worsdale

Councillor Worsdale has lived in Somerton since 1986, a mother of three and a grandmother of three, who is active within the local community, a member of the following groups: Somerton Dramatic Society, the Lady Smith Memorial Institute that looks after the Parish Rooms, and belongs to the Socializers skittles team based at the Sports Club in Somerton. "I have seen many sides of Somerton and am very enthusiastic about achieving the best possible outcomes for the town and those that live here".

Obituary for Mr Nigel Bisgrove

With great sadness Somerton Town Council wishes to inform the residents that Mr Nigel Bisgrove passed away on the 15 January 2023. Nigel was previously employed by Somerton Town Council as the caretaker at Edgar Hall for ten years. Nigel, who was a military veteran, served in the Army with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. A keen supporter of the Royal British Legion, Nigel will be missed by all. His funeral was held at South Petherton on 13 February 2023. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

News from your town council

Thank you

The council would like to thank our ex-councillors Steve and Anouska Harrison (who stepped down in January 2023) for their hard work and commitment as councillors, during which time they sat on the Access and Highways Committee and the Promotions and Communications Committee respectively.

Your Council, Budget and Precept 2023/24

With the unitary authority coming into provision from 1 April 2023, little or no funding will be available for parish and town councils (as previously has been allocated by South Somerset District Council and County Council). With grant funding no longer available to the parish and town councils, the town council will be undertaking more of the localised maintenance work than we have previously. The schedule of work and the management of the workload is still under review and being developed, and this will be an evolving schedule. The town council took the decision to make an informed estimation of the increased costs to the town and this is reflected in this year's precept increase and the decision not to take a reserve release to offset the 2023/24 budget. The budget and Precept has been set at £549,902.00, broken down as reported in this table.

Expenditure Item/Service	Amount
Town Council Administration	225,007.00
Grants	13,500.00
Access and Highways	111,500.00
Access and Highways Income	(2,500.00)
Land and Properties	194,240.00
Land and Properties Income	(40,420.00)
Promotion & Communication	43,875.00
Promotion & Communication Income	(4,800.00)
Youth Services	9,500.00
Total Precept 2023/24	549,902.00

Your council is made up of volunteers and employed office staff. Your councillors are all volunteers giving their time to help drive progress in the town. Somerton has 15 voluntary councillor positions. The Clerk's office is made up of the full time Town Clerk and three part time administration and finance staff.

The council management and meeting structure is as follows:

Full council: full council meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. Delegated responsibilities are given to committees, breaking down management responsibilities. Committee meetings are held quarterly where necessary. Following are statements addressing the workload for each of Somerton Council's committees and the precept/budget for 2023/24.

Planning: meetings are held twice a month as required and depend on applications submitted to South Somerset District Council Planning Department. The planning committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month before the main full council meeting as necessary. The planning committee review the applications, attend the site of each application, and give each application careful consideration in the context of appropriate evolution of Somerton and of the town's long-term interests.

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HR, Finance and Administration: covers the management of the Clerk's office, including salaries; office running costs; training of staff and councillors; subscriptions to enable the council to remain compliant and working within the law; internal and external audit. This committee also manages the budget for grant funding in support of the Somerton Community. Previous grants approved by the council include approximately 21% of the running costs of the recreational ground trust, along with smaller grants to other groups including Citizen's advice (which have now reopened in the Somerton library weekly on a Monday), Somerton Good Neighbours, Lady Smith Memorial Institute, and Ace Arts. Each grant application requires the groups to report back to the council using the grant monitoring and evaluation form, ensuring that as caretakers of the public purse, the town council ensure that public money is being used and accounted for adequately and spent as reported through the grant application process.

Land and Property (L&P): manages the assets of the town council on behalf of our residents. Assets include Edgar Hall; the Cemetery running costs for burials, interments, and the maintenance of the grounds; car park toilets including maintenance and cleaning; from the 2022/23 budget new hand washing facilities were installed. It also covers the Recreation and Play Areas at Gassons Lane; Skate Park; the new play equipment Magic Mountain which was installed Spring 2022, and the new edition of the basket swing installed in the summer of 2022; the parklands play area located off Bancombe Road; Etsome Terrace memorial park next to the Fire Station; and Great Western Terrace play area located off Sutton Road. The budget for the play areas covers inspections and repairs of the play equipment.

Access and Highway (A&H): manages the town's car parks, repairs, maintenance, signage; maintenance contracts for floral displays; flower beds and hanging baskets; verge and hedge cutting along with weed control; tree management and planting of trees; installation and emptying of bins and waste collections, improvements for Behind Berry, Station Path, and the West Street scheme; Highways support; speed indicator devices including the recent purchase of two devices and the management of the Town's Christmas Lights which are managed by our lights brigade team and funded through the budget of A&H.

Promotions and Communications Committee (P&C): consisting of five councillors, whose objective for the community is to strive to make the whole community feel included, listened to, and involved. The team communicate and promote involvement through the Viaduct magazine, electronic noticeboards, council website, Your Somerton bi-annual magazine, and invitation to attend P&C council meetings held every two months. The P&C committee are supported by the Clerk's office and are responsible for the news from your town council section of the monthly Viaduct magazine. We strive to include advertising of local businesses to reduce the cost of producing the magazine for you.

Projects and Events that have been and will be supported (including financially) by P&C include the following: the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations; the Cow and Gate Bombing Memorial Event; the 'Thank you' events to all volunteers of different organisations in Somerton; organising floral tributes, locations etc on Queen Elizabeth II's passing. For 2023: the Community Awards; fireworks for the Firework Display at the recreational ground; Remembrance Sunday; SCOP Climate change event, the Garden Club Awards Ceremony and Youth Grants.

News from your town council

Continued from Promotions and Communications Committee

In 2023/24 the Mini Guide to Somerton (for tourist information) will be refreshed. Reshaping Somerton project, a five-year town plan (2023 -2028) project is underway, and King Charles III Coronation Event (Fun day). All these events have a major input from the P&C team.

Book Edgar Hall online

We are using a system called Hallmaster, which enables customers to view the availability of Edgar Hall and to request a new booking directly through the Edgar Hall website.



Edgar Hall features include:

- Main Hall and Bar area (maximum capacity 500 people) and includes use of the servery
- Spacious stage and stage lighting in the Main Hall
- Upstairs conference room (maximum capacity 50 people)
- Commercial kitchen and kitchen facilities
- Lift for access to the conference room and disabled toilet located on the ground floor
- Equipment such as projectors, stationery and microphones are available
- Air conditioning
- Hot water urns and crockery provided as standard (users will need to bring their own refreshments)
- On-site parking for up to 70 cars

This makes Edgar Hall the perfect venue for meetings, training, parties, fayres, wedding receptions, charity events, theatre productions, local community groups and so much more.

To book go to the **Edgar Hall website – edgarhall.co.uk**.

Don't get scammed

On Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 11.00am in the Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane, Somerton the police are giving a talk on how to avoid being scammed.

Everyone is welcome, entry is free, and there's tea and coffee for 50p.

For more information, contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198.



News from your town council



Coronation Fayre

Somerton Town Council (STC) is organising a Coronation Fayre for residents to come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. It will be on Sunday 7 May from 12 noon to 5.00pm.

The fayre will be held in the Town Square area with a road closure of the B3165 from the junction with Broad Street to the end of Stationery House. STC invites stall holders to contact Mo Fletcher for a booking form. There will be no charge but a donation for local charities would be very much appreciated.

We hope to have live music, children's activities, displays, refreshments and games for both children and adults. We hope you will join in the fancy dress parade "Britain through the Ages". Let us join together to welcome the reign of our new King. Contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198 or mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Community Plan kicks off

You can access the survey online by using this QR code or at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SomertonTP.



We need your input

Please remember we will have drop-in sessions at the library where volunteers will help you with the questionnaire on Tuesdays and Fridays 2.00pm to 4.00pm from 28 February to 21 March.

Please contact Mo Fletcher for further information by calling 07718 920198 or emailing mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Pedestrian Crossing, Langport Road

We hope that you have noticed that the pedestrian crossing on Langport Road is now open. The town council have worked hard to get this up and running, and during February the lights were finally connected making the crossing safe to use. We hope that residents will find this crossing a useful and safe place to cross Langport road.

Unitary Authority taking affect from 1 April 2023

For more information on the New Somerset Council please go online at newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/.

We are here to help

If you have any comments or questions regarding anything within this report, or in general, please contact the Clerk's office by emailing Laura at town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, Lydia at viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, Claire at office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, Steph at deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk or by calling 01458 272236. Please note that the office staff work part time hours, and we endeavour to respond as promptly as possible.

News from around town

A question of life

Do you or any of your family or friends paddle board? The incidents of paddle board rescues have gone up 44% in the last two years. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution badly need funding for this extra load on their life savers. Please consider joining us for our latest fund raising effort.

The Somerton & Langport Area branch RNLI are holding a quiz evening on Wednesday 15 March at Long Sutton Village Hall, TA10 9JU to raise some much needed funds. Come along at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Bring a team of six or make up a team on the night.

You are invited to bring your own picnic supper and drink for the interval. There'll be a raffle and tickets are £10 per person. Please pay via your bank direct to account RNLI Fundraising, account number 93032671, branch code 20-68-95 and use the reference number 798565 and your surname. Any questions, please call 01458 251282 or 01458 223613.



Sales, exhibition and classes

Due to popular demand, ACEarts is holding another Studio Sale on Saturday 18 March 2023 between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Why not come along a grab a bargain, there's a whole range of art and craft materials on sale. As always, if you have any items to donate, you can drop off them any time we are open.



It's going to be a busy day, as our third exhibition of 2023 also starts on the 18 March with the return of Amy Bonsor (see image of her work). Amy first exhibited her hugely popular abstract works in the Second Space in 2021 and is now back with Movement, Multiples and Margins, employing repetition and stitched construction to explore movement and transition.

Look out for our new free weekly drop-in sessions – on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, 10.30am to 12.30pm. You can choose from Create and Connect, Drawing and 'In Stitches' or even come to all of them; go to acearts.co.uk for more details or pop in and ask.

News from around town



Life in full colour

Artist Lucy Hawkins will demonstrate her beautiful work using acrylics – responding to the landscape, the light, the breeze through leaves, grasses, buzzards circling and waves on the shore. She creates her work through use of colour and expressive mark making.

As usual the meeting takes place in the Parish Rooms. This month it will be on Wednesday 8 March beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome, members free, visitors £5 (includes refreshment.) For more information visit us on Facebook or on our website somertongroupofartists.co.uk.

Watch your step

Do you sometimes feel unsteady on your feet? Then Age UK Somerset's Strong and Steady exercise sessions may be just what you need.

Age UK Somerset is dedicated to promoting the wellbeing of older people locally, and have a range of exercise sessions to help you stay independent. These specially designed, evidence-based exercise programmes are proven to help prevent falls, improve balance, and rebuild strength.

Phone for a chat about options in the Somerton area and to find a class that is right for you. The sessions are friendly and relaxed. Don't waste the winter hibernating, spring into action now with the Strong and Steady programme.

To find out more information, contact Age UK Somerset's Falls Prevention team on 01823 345614 or by emailing fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk. You can also see details online at ageuksomerset.org.uk/fallsprevention.



All the fun of the fair

The next meeting of Somerton History Society is on Thursday 23 March in the Parish Rooms, with doors opening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The speaker this month is Kay Townsend, who will be talking about the History of Fairgrounds.

There is no charge for members, but guests will be very welcome at a cost of £2 per person.

News from around town

Plenty going on in the library

To find out what's going on in the Library, take a look at our website at somertonlibrary.com. On the second Saturday of each month, there's Dad's Club. The next one is 11 March at 10.30am until 12.30pm. It's a great opportunity to share books with your children and meet other dads.

On Friday 1 April it's the Children's Easter Craft Event. Starting at 10.30am it's morning full of fun and all materials are provided. And don't forget, every Monday the Citizens Advice Bureau is in the Library from 10.20am to 1.30pm.



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

Nature up close and personal

Somerset Wildlife Trust is excited to announce two very special new developments at its two flagship reserves on the Avalon Marshes – Westhay Moor National Nature Reserve and Catcott Nature Reserve:

- New digital visitor interpretation technology has been installed at the two sites to enable visitors, particularly those new to nature or to the Trust's reserves, to make the most of their visit and learn about the site and local wildlife from their smartphones, without the need for 4G coverage.
- A new wheelchair-friendly boardwalk has been constructed at Westhay Moor, leading to an amazing new 'island' viewing hide, which will improve accessibility and provide visitors with further opportunities to connect with nature in a new and immersive way.

And if you're into fresh air, nature and fitness, come along on 26 March and do The Big Cheese. This is a hilly 15 mile off-road run through our Mendip Nature Reserves. You can find out more at somersetwildlife.org/support-us/fundraise-us/challenge-yourself.



News from around town

Somerton Music and Arts Festival shapes up



The Somerton Music and Arts Festival is gearing up for its 2023 edition this summer with tickets already up for grabs for the flagship event, Somerstock. This year, the musical extravaganza takes place over the 7 and 8 July and promises an unforgettable weekend of chart-topping performances led by The Blockheads, along with delicious food and a vibrant atmosphere. Don't miss out on this ultimate summer music experience – grab your discounted tickets while they last at somerstock.com.

The Festival starts on 30 June with all-female string quartet Electrica bringing a rock 'n' roll edge to classical music at St Michael's Church. But before then, two prelude events will take place. First is the Art & Photography exhibition in the Parish Rooms in Somerton from Saturday 27 May to Saturday 3 June (closed Sunday 28th). This is free to visit and features work from more than 100 local artists showcasing their creative talent in various media including photography, needlework, and woodwork. Then local band Twisted Vinyl, arguably the most exciting live band on the South West circuit, is performing barnstorming covers from timeless tunes at Somerton Sports Club on Saturday 27 May.

Other things to look forward to include a History Walk, Festival Quiz, Ukulele band and a talk on Honey Bees with many more events in store too. More information about all the Festival events is available at somertonartsfestival.co.uk where tickets can also be purchased.



Photography: top courtesy of Electrica; bottom courtesy of Victoria Welton Photography

Have your say

The unclean business of being clean

How much do you spend on cleaning products? How many cleaning products do you have currently in your cupboards? Probably a selection of dishwasher products, washing up liquid, laundry products, dishcloths, dusters. Then there are air fresheners, toilet blocks, disinfectants, bleach, anti-bacterial wipes, surface cleaners and much more.

Dirty cleaners

We are constantly being bombarded by companies to buy more products at a high cost to us and the planet. Scientists regard household cleaning products as one of the most insidious sources of indoor pollution and one of the most dangerous threats to human health.

Buying cleaning products wisely

Look on household cleaners for toxic ingredients. Warnings include hazardous, corrosive, danger, irritant, inflammable. Cleaning products have to list only the main ingredient families and how much they contain.

All the following can cause serious health issues such as asthma, eczema, sinusitis, lung damage, hormone disruption in puberty that causes infertility, cancer, diabetes, and autoimmune disorders. They affect our environment on land and sea. They are a danger to our ecosystems by contaminating water, killing marine life and corals and poisoning wild flora and fauna.

Look out for the bad stuff

Methylparaben, propylparaben, butylparaben, phthalates, isothiazolinones, microplastics, surfactants, triclocan and triclocarban, synthetic fragrances, phosphates and phosphonates, triazine-stilbenes (optical brighteners), benzalkonium chloride – oralkyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, triclosan, chlorine bleach, sodium and hypochlorite.



Have your say

Do not flush

'In the UK the number of wet wipes found along the coastline have increased by more than 400% over the past 10 years,' the Guardian reported in 2016. Goodness knows what that number is now. The Whitechapel sewer 'fatberg', in 2017, weighed 130 tonnes and was 250 metres long. Made up of grease, condoms, nappies and mostly plastic infused wet wipes.

The Museum of London has installed an exhibition of this gross product made by us. My wipes are made from old teeshirts, socks, flannels and so on.

The clean and cheap alternatives

Instead of researching all the above nasties on every cleaning product, here is a list of ingredients for a cleaner, healthier home and planet:

CASTILE SOAP: Made from vegetable oil, water and lye. Biodegradable, has less environmental production impact. An all purpose cleaner and economical as concentrated. Buy in bulk to save money and use less plastic packaging – this applies to most of the products listed.

WHITE VINEGAR: Do not use on wood, stone or marble.

SODA CRYSTALS: Hydrated sodium carbonate. Non-toxic, a good environmental footprint, used for laundry and general cleaning. Warning do not ingest.

BICARBONATE OF SODA: Sodium Bicarbonate. A good cleaning agent. Neutralises stench, kills mould.

CITRIC ACID: Manufactured through fermentation, or you can use lemon juice in some recipes. A general disinfectant. Do not ingest or use in washing machines.

ESSENTIAL OILS: Anti-bacterial: Peppermint, Tea Tree, Lavender, Eucalyptus, Orange, Lemongrass, Geranium, Citronella. Super in soaps, surface cleaners etc. Do not use Pine, Tea tree, Citrus or Eucalyptus in a diffuser if you have dogs. Lavender is safe.

SALT: Removes mildew, wine and blood stains, deters ants, polishes some metals, scours (not on nonstick pans) and is drain cleaner.

OLIVE OIL: Any cheap brand will do – not extra virgin. Makes excellent polish, use on wellies and wood.

POURING SOAP BASE: Make your own soap simply, add colours and essential oils.

All these ingredients have no nasty additives, no fancy, expensive packaging, use less plastic, and do less harm to the planet plus you will save money.

If you have any questions, please email the author, Karen Housego at housego20@yahoo.com.

Have your say

Fun and support for all

Somerton Good Neighbour Volunteers have set up a Memory Café to support people with dementia, as well as their family and carers. This has proved to be very popular and there has been excellent attendance. Meetings are held in the West Street Church Hall on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There is an opportunity to meet other people with memory problems, join in activities such as dominoes and quoits and enjoy a cup of tea. Come along and join us for an afternoon of fun.



If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining us please contact Lead Coordinator Annette Sparks on 01458 258947 or email annettes2853@gmail.com.



See the stars treading the boards

Charity Theatre Trips are going full swing with recent additions to the programme including '42nd Street', 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie', and 'Wicked'. Our coach picks up at 5.00pm in Curry Rivel, then Langport, Somerton and either Street/Glastonbury/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet.

For more information, go to charitytheatretrips.com where you will find all the details. The earlier you book the better your seats. Payment is usually due two months before the trip date. All profits support British Red Cross.

Can you help us?

Volunteers wanted. Do you have an hour or so to spare each week? If you do, why not volunteer at Wessex House? If you're interested, please contact us on 01458 273594 and leave a message for the activities team. Alternatively, you can pop in and see us to find out more.



Have your say

Feeling handy?

The Lady Smith Memorial Institute, known as The Parish Rooms, requires a Facilities Manager. This is a voluntary position and entails regular checking of the premises; carrying out and organising small repairs and liaising with gas and electrical engineers and fire safety personnel to carry out annual checks.



The successful applicant will also become a trustee of the LSMI, attending the management committee meetings which take place four times a year. If you are interested in this position, please send an email to deedclarke2910@gmail.com.



Photograph of Dorchester Market courtesy Marilyn Jane CC BY 2.0.

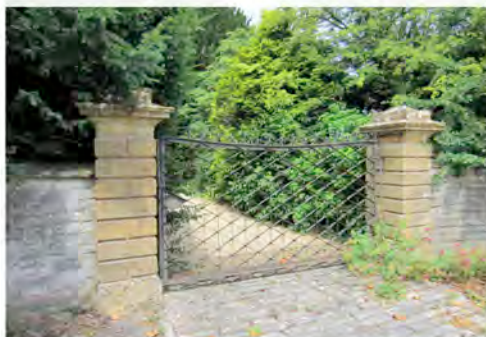
Join us for fun and company

A warm welcome awaits you in Laburnum Drive Community Hall. On Tuesdays we share a coffee and chat. Thursday afternoon is Bingo at 2.00pm. Our monthly Coach Trip will be on Wednesday 22 March. We'll leave at 10.00am and make our way to Dorchester Market. The fare is £11 per person. Come along and join us for all our activities, there's loads to choose from.

How well do you know Somerton?

It's been a while since we've had a puzzler set by Peter Simmonds, but here's one. Do you recognise this gate... do you know where it is?

Keep your eyes open while you're out and about in town and see if you can spot it. Good luck.



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.

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	ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for details and to book a place	01823 345626
Archies Extra	Alex Judith	Sports Ground, Gassons Lane by MUGA	Thurs 7.30-9.30pm 11 to 18 year olds		01458 272047 01458 273079
Create and Connect	Nina Gronw-Lewis	ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton	Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm	hello@acearts.co.uk acearts.co.uk	01458 273008
Drawing for All	Nina Gronw-Lewis	ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton	Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm	hello@acearts.co.uk acearts.co.uk	01458 273008
Flexercise		Buttercross Surgery	Fridays 2.30-3.30pm		
Friendship Club	Mo Fletcher	Somerton Sports Club	Second Thursday of the month 10.30am	fletcher080@btinternet.com	01458 274631
Health Walks	Mo Fletcher	Somerton Library	First and third Thursday of the month 11.30am	fletcher080@btinternet.com	01458 274631
In Stitches	Nina Gronw-Lewis	ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton	Friday 10.30am-12.30pm	hello@acearts.co.uk acearts.co.uk	01458 273008
Mid Wessex Singers	Sheena Smith	West Street Church Hall	Tuesday 7.15-9.00pm	info@midwessexsingers.co.uk www.midwessexsingers.co.uk	07768 704883
Rugby Club	Gary Saunders & Steve Benn under 18s & 15s	Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch	Tues and Thurs 7.00pm		07870 861731 07919 153205
Scottish Country Dancing	Anita Wilson	Ash Village Hall	Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm	anitaandjim22@gmail.com	01460 929383
Somerton Bridge Club	Joan Davies, Jim Dawson	West Street Church Hall	Thursday 7.00pm	joandavies15@rocketmail.com	01458 272418 01458 251228
Somerton and District Bowls Club	Peter Jones	Sports Ground, Gassons Lane	Tuesday 5.45pm Friday 2.00pm	somertonbowlsclub.co.uk	01458 224212
Somerton Gardeners' Club	Pauline Saunders	Edgar Hall £3 for visitors	Second Wednesday of the month 7.30pm	somertongardenersclub@gmail.com somertongc.com	01458 272769
Somerton Group of Artists	Mandy McAllen	Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton	Second Wednesday of the month 7.30pm £5 includes tea or coffee	i_dissagree@hotmail.com	

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Somerton History Society	Joan Banbury	Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton	Fourth Thursday of the month 7.30pm	j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk	
Somerton Music & Arts Festival	Jon Sackett	Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton	One committee meeting a month at 7.30pm - email for dates	somertonartsfestival.co.uk hello@somertonartsfestival.co.uk	07928 508700
Somerton Probus Club	Derek Long	Somerton Sports Club	Last Wednesday of the month 11.30am for 12.00noon start	long.derek1946@gmail.com	01458 274038
Somerton Runners	Keith Brackstone	Somerton Recreation Ground handstanding by 5-a-side football pitch	Tuesday 6.00pm	coachkeith53@gmail.com	07999 511366
Somerton Tennis Club	Membership Secretary	Somerton Tennis Club, Somerton Sports Ground, Gassons Lane TA11 6HS		somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com	01458 396006
Somerton Town FC	Jason Burton-Tuttielt	Somerton Recreation Ground by The Sports Club (October we move to Huish School 3G until spring)	Tuesday 6.30pm	jasonb52s@yahoo.com	07825 180506
Somerton Town Youth FC	Dave Walton	Recreation Ground	Various times, please contact for details	djwalton79@hotmail.com	07476 206224
Somerton u3a	Marilyn Muffett	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 u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups	01458 899773 07736 425426
Tai Chi	Jacqui	Parish Rooms, Somerton	Tuesday 9.30-10.30am Thurs 9.30-10.30am £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	sarad53@hotmail.com	01458 273655
Womens' Institute	Sue Long Pauline Saunders	Parish Rooms	Third Tuesday of the month 2.30pm		01458 274038 01458 272769



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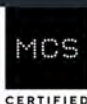
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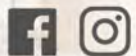
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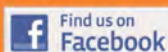


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