



# VIADUCT

April 2023

# Editor's Letter



## Hello,

Spring is finally edging her way in; now the clocks have gone forward, the days are definitely longer. That means more time for you to enjoy all the activities and entertainment that is coming your way.

As you read Viaduct, you'll find that the Somerton Market is coming back; there is plenty of art on display; there is music and, of course, all the fun that the Laburnum Drive Residents' Committee serve up.

You can also get involved with Speedwatch, and even check the data on how fast some people drive through Somerton.

Finally, a correction from the last issue – the Children's Easter Craft Event will be on Saturday 1 April, not Friday as previously published. Oops, well we all make mistakes sometime.



Editor, Viaduct

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# News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	11 April 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Coronation Committee Meeting	13 April 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning if required	25 April 2023	6.30pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication Committee	25 April 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land and Property Committee	25 April 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Somerset County Council and the four District Councils (Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton and South Somerset) came to an end on 31 March 2023, allowing the formation of the unitary authority. All services will now be managed through the unitary authority. The move to a single unitary council introduces the risk of losing the voice of the community at a strategic level. To mitigate the risk, Local Community Networks (LCN's) are being formed, ensuring the new authority does not disconnect from residents. LCNs will provide a forum for all partners, residents and engaged communities to establish priorities and goals for the local areas. Somerton Town Council are part of LCN 16 – Levels and Moors. Currently Somerton Town Council are working alongside Langport Town Council to organise an LCN informal 'get to know you' meeting in May 2023 for representatives of local town and parish councils within the new LCN. More information and updates will be provided as things progress.

## Unitary Authority takes affect from 1 April 2023

For more information on the New Somerset Council please go online at [newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/](http://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/).

## Report from Land and Property

The new Magic Mountain play equipment, installed in March 2022, has been vandalised. The repair of Magic Mountain is now a high priority and the Town Council have closed the play equipment until this can be carried out. Unfortunately, the replacement parts have a delivery time of no less than six weeks; in the meantime Magic Mountain has been fenced off for people's safety. The Council will be claiming insurance as the repair work is estimated to be more than £13,000. New CCTV will now be installed at the Gassons Lane play park and skate park.

## Future project work

The project to fit flood lighting to the skate park is progressing and planning permission has been obtained. The project to install an accessible round-a-bout which can accommodate wheelchairs is being worked on and the location will be the Memorial Park at Etsome Terrace. One of the largest projects to come is to find a suitable area of land to enable the council to expand the town's cemetery, as the current cemetery is estimated to reach maximum capacity in six years.

# News from your town council

## **Coronation Committee Meeting**

On Thursday 13 April 2023, from 7.00 to 9.00pm, please join the Promotion and Communication Committee to finalise the Coronation Fayre details. Everyone is welcome to offer suggestion and support.

## **Coronation Fayre**

Somerton Town Council is organising a Coronation Fayre on Sunday 7 May 2023, 12 noon until 5.00pm. Do come along and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The fayre will be held in the Town Square area with the B3165 being closed from the junction with Broad Street to the end of Stationery House. If you would like a stall at the Fayre, please contact Mo Fletcher for a booking form. There will be no charge for the stall, but a donation to a local charity would be appreciated.

We hope to have live music, children's activities, displays, refreshments and games for everyone. And we hope everyone will join in with the fancy dress parade "Britain through the Ages".

Let us come together to welcome the reign of our new King, King Charles III. Contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198 or [mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

## **Throw your own coronation street party**

If you plan to hold a street party and need to complete a road closure application, please apply to Licencing directly at [southsomerset.gov.uk/news/2023/2/his-majesty-king-charles-iii-s-coronation-celebrations-6-8-may-2023-street-closure-applications/](https://southsomerset.gov.uk/news/2023/2/his-majesty-king-charles-iii-s-coronation-celebrations-6-8-may-2023-street-closure-applications/). Please note the deadline for neighbourhood and community group road closure applications is Friday 14 April 2023.

## **Celebrate Somerset Day**

Celebrate the best of Somerset's wares, including food and drink, in the Parish rooms on Saturday 13 May 2023 from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Local businesses involved so far include Etsome Arms, Cobb's Wholefoods and Nature's Pantry. Please contact Martyn George for further information by emailing [martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) or calling 07948 602170.



# News from your town council

## Somerton Community Awards

The annual Community Awards Ceremony will form part of the annual parish assembly, which is being held at Edgar Hall on 24 May 2023 at 7.00pm. The closing date for nominations is 21 April 2023. You can find the nomination forms located around the town, at the Co-op, Library, Cobb's Wholefoods and Stationery House. You can also find the nomination form on the Town Council website. Please complete, and return forms to the Clerk's Office at Edgar Hall or by emailing [deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

## Book Edgar Hall online

You can now book Edgar hall online. 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](http://edgarhall.co.uk).**

## Community Plan Survey

The survey has now closed, and the council give thanks to all those who completed it. A report will be made back to the community during May. Please contact Mo Fletcher for further information by calling 07718 920198 or emailing [mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).



## Pedestrian Crossing, Langport Road

Before the crossing can be permanently opened, an additional streetlight needs to be installed. The additional light is required to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The Town Council are in communication with Somerset County Council to ensure the crossing is opened as quickly and safely as possible.

## 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](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk), Lydia at [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk), Claire at [office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk), Steph at [deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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 your town council

## Somerton Events April 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the May edition, please contact [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) by 10 April 2023.

Date	Event	Contact
<b>Weekly Events</b>		
<b>Sundays</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Life Church Somerton 10:30 to 12:00 at Edgar Hall	Conrad Lucas 07891 665938 Andy Barton 07530 070555 <a href="mailto:conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk">conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk</a>
<b>Mondays</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> )	Tot's Life 9:30 to 11:00 at Edgar Hall	Kerryanne Lucas 07715 926923 <a href="mailto:kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com">kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Mondays</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , and 24 <sup>th</sup> )	Citizens Advice 10:00 to 13:00 Somerton Library	For advice Freephone 08082787842 <a href="http://www.citizensadvice-southsomerset.org.uk">www.citizensadvice-southsomerset.org.uk</a>
<b>Mondays</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , and 24 <sup>th</sup> )	Inhale to Prepare Pilates 18:00 to 19:00 at Edgar Hall	Gill Hampson 07526534889 <a href="mailto:gillhampson6@gmail.com">gillhampson6@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tuesdays</b> (18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Baby Sensory classes for 0-13 months old. 9:00 to 15:00 at Edgar Hall	Advance booking needed. Kelly Marshall 07970457688 <a href="mailto:southsomerset@babysensory.co.uk">southsomerset@babysensory.co.uk</a> <a href="https://www.babysensory.com/charg">https://www.babysensory.com/charg</a>
<b>Wednesdays</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> )	Create and connect 10.30 to 12.20 at ACEarts	Nina Gronw-Lewis. <a href="mailto:hello@acearts.co.uk">hello@acearts.co.uk</a> 01458 273008 <a href="http://www.acearts.co.uk">www.acearts.co.uk</a>
<b>Wednesdays</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> )	In Line We Dance 10:00 to 12:00 at Edgar Hall	Mat on 07518 601518 <a href="mailto:info@inlinewedance.co.uk">info@inlinewedance.co.uk</a> Rod on 07545 121951

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<b>Thursdays</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> )	Drawing for All 10:30 to 12:30 at ACEarts	Nina Gronw-Lewis. hello@acearts.co.uk 01458 273008 www.acearts.co.uk
<b>Thursdays</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> )	In Line We Dance 10:00 to 12:00 at Edgar Hall	Mat on 07518 601518 info@inlinewedance.co.uk Rod on 07545 121951
<b>Thursdays</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> )	Strictly Jive 19:45 to 20:30 at Edgar Hall	Roy Warry 07811018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
<b>Fridays</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> )	In Stitches 10:30 to 12:30 at ACEarts	Nina Gronw-Lewis. hello@acearts.co.uk 01458 273008 www.acearts.co.uk
<b>Monthly Events</b>		
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	U3A Members coffee morning with invited speaker. This month's talk is on town criers. 9:00 to 12:30 at Edgar Hall	Annette Sparks annettes2853@gmail.com 01458 258947
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Ballroom Latin Sequence Dance. 19:30 to 23:00 at Edgar Hall.	Admission £6.50/Raffle £1 a strip Contact Peter Withey-Tebby. 07738 581292 witheytebby@btinternet.com
<b>One off Events</b>		
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Evening of Mediumship with Psychic Medium Nikki Kitt. 19:30 to 22:00 Edgar Hall.	Tickets are £12 and available online at www.psychicmediumnikkikitt.com

# News from around town

## Art is all around us

Somerton Group of Artists invite everyone to their annual exhibition which runs from 25 April to 29 April 2023.

It will be in the Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton TA11 7NB. Opening times are Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please come and enjoy a selection of original work in a variety of media and the opportunity to buy at affordable prices. Admission is free.

You can find out more art [somertonartists.co.uk](http://somertonartists.co.uk) or on Facebook.



## Come celebrate for art's sake

ACEarts would like to invite everyone along to celebrate their Open Day on Saturday 22 April. No need to book just turn up between 10.00am and 5.00pm. If you can't make it then, there's also a coffee morning on Saturday 29 April when the next exhibition opens (Julia Manning, The Decline of Somerset Eels). Or you can pop along to one of their free regular drop in sessions. Information on all of these events can be found at [acearts.co.uk](http://acearts.co.uk) or in the gallery, together with information on all the lovely new workshops in their programme for 2023.

## Singing like a bird

Somerton-based Mid Wessex Singers (founded 1999) would like to invite you to their Spring Concert. It'll be 7.30pm on Saturday 13 May 2023 at Long Sutton Village Hall. Entitled 'A Choral Ark', the programme will include a variety of choral works with some additional solo or small group items of light entertainment, all on an animal or bird theme. Tickets, priced at £10 which includes interval nibbles, are available from Cobbs in Somerton and Long Sutton Village Shop. If any are left they will be on the door but be advised... they were sold out last year!





# News from around town



## Our market returns

Somerton Market will resume on Friday 7 April and will continue on the first Friday of each month for the rest of the year. With support from Somerton Town Council, we are trialling incentives for stallholders and improving publicity with the aim of increasing the number and variety of stalls and thus footfall. We hope to make the market more sustainable and that it will operate for a long time to come. Please come along and support us if you can.

## Religion in a time of turmoil

The next meeting of the Somerton History Society is on Thursday April 20 and takes place in the Parish Rooms at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual. The speaker is Mark Vaughan with a talk about the to-ing and fro-ing of religion under the Tudors. As always, members come for free, but guests are very welcome at £2 per person.



## New outlet for festival tickets

The Somerton Music and Arts Festival has opened a new ticket office at the Stationery House in Somerton, where advance tickets are already on sale for two events: Twisted Vinyl who are appearing at the Somerton Sports Club on 27 May, and Somerstock which this year stretches across two days from 7 to 8 July. Tickets for the full festival will be available from 1 May 2023.

## 90 years and still going strong

Members of Somerton WI celebrated 90 years of the organisation in March with a tea party and an interesting talk by Colin Andrews on Stained Glass. On Tuesday 18 April (2.00pm in the Parish Rooms) we are looking forward to a talk by Nina Gronw-Lewis on the work of Acearts, based here in Somerton, just across the Market Place.



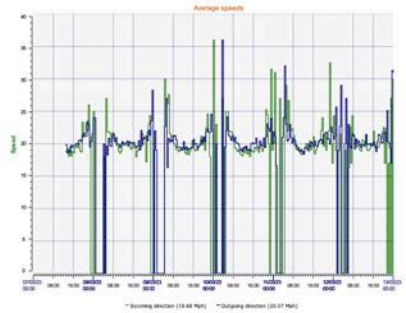
We have a lively programme arranged for the rest of the year, and a warm welcome for members old and new. As well as our regular monthly programme, there are many other activities on offer.

# Have your say

## Keeping an eye on SID

In February and March, the Speedwatch team was out less than usual. This was due to there being fewer members on board, and the inclement weather.

Speedwatch now has its own website, [Somerton-CSW.uk](http://Somerton-CSW.uk) where, thanks to the permission of Somerton Town Council, you can see data that's been recorded on the Speed Indicator Devices (SID). There are three SIDs in Somerton, two fixed units and one mobile unit. If you'd like to join the team, there is a short test you can take online to see if it's the right thing for you.



## Counting on you

The Somerton Recreation Ground Trust is the registered charity that owns, maintains and provides the Somerton Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Somerton. After more than five years of great voluntary service our current Treasurer, Mr Ray Thompson, has decided to stand down and we now need a new volunteer to take on his duties.

Trust meetings are quarterly and the accounting side generally runs to around 50 transactions per month. These are currently run through Sage but could be transferred to Xero, Quickbooks or another programme if preferred. Some financial knowledge would be beneficial, but full accountancy qualifications are not required. If you feel you might be interested in helping the Trust in this role, or know someone else who might be persuaded, please contact David Osmond on 07876 563411.

## Spring is in the air

Get a spring in your step with all the activities on offer from the Laburnum Drive Residents' Committee. Tuck into bacon butties on Tuesday 4 April 10.00am for just £2. Every Wednesday between 10.00 and 11.00am it's Flexercise and on Thursdays at 2.00pm it's Bingo Fun; both events are free. Also on Wednesday, 5 April, join the flower arranging class from 3.00 to 5.00pm – £7 and you can keep the display you make. On Friday 14 April it's the Easter Tea. There'll be hot cross buns and a prize for the best Easter bonnet. Tickets are £4.50 for adults, £2 for children. So come along from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Finally, on Tuesday 18 April, it's the great Mystery Coach Tour. Tickets are £15 and departure is at 10.00am.





# Have your say

## Pulling together

Are you interested in working with the young people who live in Somerton? If yes, then why not come and join our well established team of volunteers who make up the Archies Xtra team. We meet every Thursday from 7.30 to 9.00pm at the recreation ground where we talk to the young people who are around and offer them free refreshments.



The team of volunteers come from all backgrounds, and the number of sessions they commit to varies from one session a month to more frequently depending on their availability. New volunteers are always welcome.

Our particular need now is for an individual with a car who is prepared to pull our trailer. At the moment, this role currently falls to one volunteer, who would welcome sharing the job. Archies cannot fulfill its role without the trailer!



## Governors do great things

We are looking for two individuals from the community to join our governing board. You don't need particular qualifications or previous experience. No single governor is expected to know everything: governors are part of a corporate body who have the *combined* experience, knowledge, skills and commitment to work together to meet these demands effectively. Governors serve a term of up to four years.

We encourage all members of the local community, regardless of age, experience and background to consider becoming a governor. Being a governor means you can influence decisions which have a direct impact on the education and wellbeing of the pupils and the staff who support them.

If you are interested you will need to be:

- committed to upholding the Christian values and ethos of the school
- able to attend and contribute to meetings of the board of governors:
- free to make occasional and planned visits to the school during the day
- able to analyse information and be proactive

We offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new governor is assigned a mentor. Full training for the role is also available. We want our pupils to understand the importance of their community and play an active role in it. Your participation as a governor can help this to happen. If you want to find out more about being a governor, call 01458 272587 or email [office@kingina.co.uk](mailto:office@kingina.co.uk).



# Have your say

## Cleaning up by Karen Housego

housego20@yahoo.com

In my last article I wrote about how you can cut down on costs by using non-commercial cleaning products, and be environmentally friendly. Check you can use these products on your surfaces before you start.

BICARBONATE OF SODA  
SODA CRYSTALS  
CASTILE LIQUID SOAP  
WHITE VINEGAR  
SALT  
ESSENTIAL OILS  
OLIVE OIL  
CITRIC ACID



### LAUNDRY

Stain Removal: Mix 4 tsp. baking powder with 2 tbsp lukewarm water. Put onto the stain, leave for 10 – 20 minutes. Pat the stain using a damp clean cloth.

For laundry: Pour 30ml or  $\frac{1}{8}$  cup measure of liquid Castile soap into washing machine dispenser. On top of the washing in the drum add 30ml bicarbonate of soda. Wash on 30°C, or less.

### SURFACES

Floors: To one bucket of water add roughly 1 tsp Castile soap and soda crystals. If the floor is not too dirty use cold water with a little white vinegar as a disinfectant. You can add a few drops essential oil if you wish – if you've a dog, check the oils are safe for them.

Furniture, wood: Pour into a glass bottle  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup olive oil (not virgin) and 5 drops lemon essential oil. Shake. Use on a soft cloth.

Windows: add approximately 30ml white vinegar to a bucket of cold water, you can add bicarbonate if very dirty.

### BATHROOM

Toilet: In a glass jar mix 1 cup bicarbonate of soda and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup salt. Mix 1 cup white vinegar and 10 drops tea tree oil in glass spray bottle, shake. Spray liquid around the bowl, the powder mixture in the bowl. Leave 15 mins. Scrub with a brush and flush.

Sinks and shower trays: sprinkle bicarbonate of soda onto the surface, rub clean with a damp cloth and rinse well. If greasy use very hot water.

For many years we have been habitually buying what is bad for the environment and our health. So "To understand a new idea, break an old habit!"

# 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 7.30-9.00pm 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	<a href="mailto:hello@acearts.co.uk">hello@acearts.co.uk</a> <a href="http://acearts.co.uk">acearts.co.uk</a>	01458 273008
Drawing for All	Nina Gronw-Lewis	ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton	Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm	<a href="mailto:hello@acearts.co.uk">hello@acearts.co.uk</a> <a href="http://acearts.co.uk">acearts.co.uk</a>	01458 273008
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
In Stitches	Nina Gronw-Lewis	ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton	Friday 10.30am-12.30pm	<a href="mailto:hello@acearts.co.uk">hello@acearts.co.uk</a> <a href="http://acearts.co.uk">acearts.co.uk</a>	01458 273008
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> <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 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 01458 251228
Somerton and District Bowls Club	Peter Jones	Sports Ground, Gassons Lane	Tuesday 5.45pm Friday 2.00pm	<a href="http://somertonbowlsclub.co.uk">somertonbowlsclub.co.uk</a>	01458 224212
Somerton Gardeners' Club	Pauline Saunders	Edgar Hall £3 for visitors	Second Wednesday of the month 7.30pm	<a href="mailto:somertongardenersclub@gmail.com">somertongardenersclub@gmail.com</a> <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 £5 includes tea or coffee	<a href="mailto:i_dissagree@hotmail.com">i_dissagree@hotmail.com</a>	

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GROUP	CONTACT NAME	MEETING PLACE	MEETING TIME	EMAIL/WEBSITE	TELEPHONE
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>	
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> <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.tennislub@gmail.com">somerton.tennislub@gmail.com</a>	01458 396006
Somerton Town FC	Jason Burton-Tuttiert	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	Justin Davies	Recreation Ground	Various times, please contact for details	<a href="mailto:somertonyfc@hotmail.com">somertonyfc@hotmail.com</a>	
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 <a href="http://u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups">u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups</a>	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	<a href="mailto:sarad53@hotmail.com">sarad53@hotmail.com</a>	01458 273655
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# COMMUNITY Awards



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**Business • Community • Environmental • Sport • Youth**

Nomination forms are available from Somerton Library, Co-op, Cobbs Wholefoods, Stationery House and via the Somerton Town Council Website.

Annual Parish Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 | Closing date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Nominations will be reviewed in April 2023.

The winners of each category will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting where the community award ceremony will take place.

*★ Thank you ★*



# **Celebration of King Charles III Coronation**



**Sunday 7th May  
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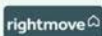
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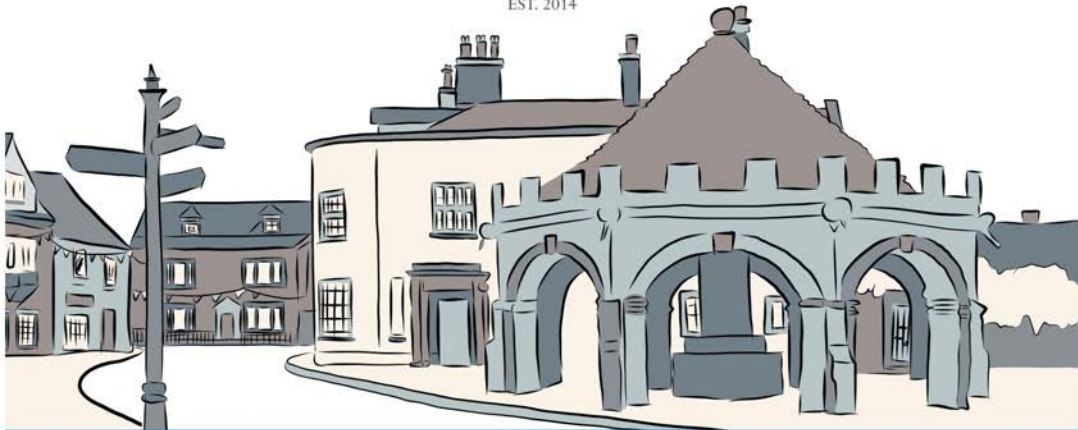
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