

VIADUCT

May 2023



Editor's Letter



Hello,

May is certainly going to be a busy month, so we have a bumper issue of Viaduct. Apologies to all the volunteers who deliver the magazine as I know it'll be heavier than usual but we wouldn't want residents to miss out on all the exciting events that are coming up.

You might also notice we have a new format for the local clubs and organisations – take a look at pages 17 to 19.

Of course, now that spring is finally making herself felt, there is plenty covered in this month's issue for gardeners. The library is looking for a volunteer, activities in Laburnum Drive now come under a new name and RugbyTots kick off with some great tips from the Exeter Chiefs.

Enjoy the Coronation, Somerset Day and everything Somerton has to offer you.

Editor, Viaduct

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News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	9th May 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communications Committee	16th May 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access and Highways Committee (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	23rd May 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Annual Town Assembly	24th May 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

It's a month of celebrations

Welcome to your May edition of the Viaduct. We have an exiting month ahead of us with many local community events for you to enjoy.

Coronation Fayre Sunday 7th May 2023, 12:00pm to 5.00pm

Somerton Town Council is organising a Coronation Fayre for residents to come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The Fayre will be held in the Town Square with the road being closed from the B3165 junction with Broad St to the end of Stationery House. We hope the community will join in with the fancy dress parade, "Britain through the Ages".

We will be enclosing the area of the Fayre with red/white barriers, charging 10p for adult entry, which will raise funds for local charities. The entry points will be by 28, Market Place and Stationery House. Once you enter you will receive a stamp on your hand, and you can come and go as many times as you wish.

The Programme for the day

- 12.00pm Fayre opens
- 12.00pm – 12.30pm Ray's Disco
- 12.30pm – 1.15pm Somerton Concert Band plays
- 1.00pm The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset arrives
- 1.10pm The Lord Lieutenant will dedicate King Charles III Coronation Bench
- 1.20pm The Lord Lieutenant will return to PA point where he will invite those present to sing the National Anthem accompanied by Somerton Concert Band
- 1.30pm – 2.00pm Ilchester Gem Majorettes will perform
- 2.00pm – 2.30pm D'Turbevilles Morris men will perform
- 2.30pm – 3.00pm Mo's and Amanda's Games
- 3.00pm – 3.45pm Somerton Concert Band
- 3.45pm Fancy Dress Parade
- 4.00pm – 4.30pm Somerton's Ukelele Band
- 4.30pm – 5.00pm Ray's Disco



News from your town council

The Town Council wish to thank Chevron Traffic Management for providing free barriers and road closure signage as their contribution to the Somerton Coronation celebrations.

Let us come together to welcome the reign of our new monarch, King Charles III.
Contact Mo Fletcher on 0771 8920198 or at mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk for further information.

Celebrating Somerset Day

Celebrating the best of Somerset's wares, including food and drink. A celebration event is to be held in the Parish rooms on Saturday 13th May 2023 from 10.00am to 2.00pm, tasting and buying local produce. The local businesses who have confirmed so far include Etsome Arms, Cobb's Wholefoods, Nature's Pantry, Jam Shed and Oggy Oggy Pasties Somerset. Please contact Martyn George for further information by calling 07948 602170 or emailing martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.



The Annual Town Assembly and Community Awards

On 24th May at 7.00pm in the Edgar Hall (Main Hall), there will be updates from the council along with reports from local organisations. Refreshments will be available, please do come along and find out what's been going on in our community and what will be happening this coming year.

The boxes for the community award nominations were collected on 21st April 2023 by the Promotion and Communications Committee (P&C). Winners will be notified on 16th May 2023 by the P&C Chair Cllr Martyn George, and will be invited to attend the Annual Assembly 24th May 2023 to collect their award.

Community Plan Survey

The survey has now closed, and the council give thanks to all those who completed the survey. A total of 459 community action plan questionnaires were completed. The results and analysis will be undertaken by the Steering Committee during May, and a report will be made to residents through the council meeting minutes and the June edition of the Viaduct. Please contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198 or at mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk for further information.



News from your town council

Langport Road Crossing

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



Staying abreast of digital

The council is currently reviewing and refining the way we communicate with residents through our digital resources, including the website and notice boards. The Promotion and Communications Committee, with the help of our local website expert Stuart Dent from C27 Media, is working to improve our online communications. Stuart, who has over 30 years' experience in digital media, is currently working with the town council providing free consultancy for the up coming improvements.

We have already made good progress on our website, somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, including adding a community area. Some links, once located at the base of the website, have now been moved to a more prominent location and have been renamed community links (next to home). You will find the bus timetable here as well as a flipbook of the current issue of Viaduct. More improvements will be coming so please take a look and keep your eye on future developments, all designed to help you know your town council better.

We are also working on a solution for improving the digital notice boards around Somerton. A review is currently underway with regards to how we will update and upgrade the noticeboards, with the possibility of making them interactive.

Buttercross Health Centre

The town council have gifted lateral flow tests to Buttercross Health Centre to help support our local medical team.

The practice staff were very appreciative of the gesture, as they continue to test people but find getting hold of the test kits is becoming difficult.



News from your town council

Your town needs you

Calling all community heroes to step up and become a town councillor.

What do councillors do?

Local councillors are the champions of the community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups, and businesses; make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

What do councils do?

Councils lead on community services such as allotments, footpaths, public seating and litter bins, but also larger projects such as the running of local transport, leisure services, youth services and climate change initiatives. These activities are funded by a local tax, called a precept which is determined by the council.

How much time do I have to put in?

Councillors put aside on average, one to three hours a week for council work. Council work often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents, and speaking to local groups and bodies on behalf of the council.

Can I stand for election?

You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by the local council

For further information please contact the Town Clerk at town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk or by calling 01458 272236

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BECOME A
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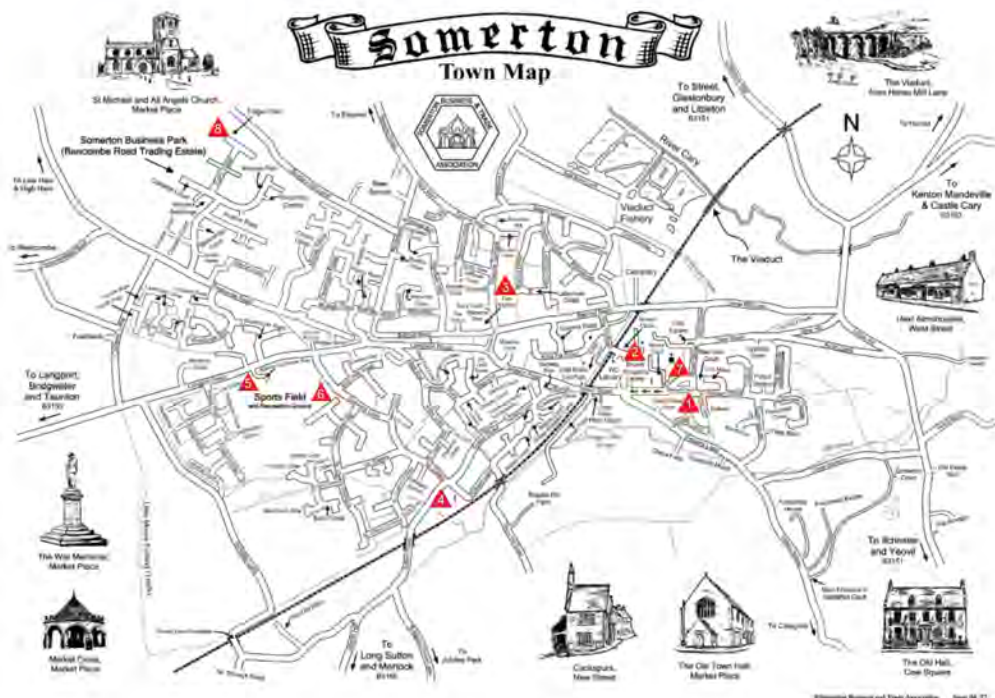


Do you need advice?

The Citizens Advice Bureau is open every Monday on somerton Library from 10.00am to 1.30pm. You can drop in any time for free advice, no appointment is needed.

Alternatively, you can phone or email them, details are at citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk.

News from your town council



Staying alive

There are now eight registered defibrillators available for emergency use in Somerton. They're all plotted on the above map, and further information can be found on defibfinder.uk.

Located externally and available 24/7	
1.	Market Square – telephone box
2.	Brunel Precinct – outside Co-op supermarket
3.	Fire Station
4.	St. Cleers Chapel
5.	Somerton Recreation Ground
6.	Somerton Sports Club
Available during opening hours	
7.	The Parish Rooms/LSMI – Main Hall
8.	Edgar Hall

We're here to help

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

News from around town

It's a busy time for greenfingers

Somerton Gardeners are getting active and will be holding a Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May from 9.30am to 12.00pm outside the Library. If your garden needs brightening up, there will be lots of locally grown plants on sale, with enthusiastic gardeners on hand to give you information and advice. There'll also be tomato plants and vegetables, all ready to plant out so that you can look forward to a bumper harvest later in the year.



Get ready for the Somerton Annual Show

Somerton Annual Show is an established part of the calendar. This year it will be on Saturday 19th August 2023, at the Edgar Hall. While it started with the emphasis on gardening activities, flowers, fruit and vegetables, the show has expanded more widely over the years. There is no entry fee, and we welcome a wide variety of entries. To give competitors as much time to prepare, the list below gives details of photography and handicraft sections. The children's classes are age-restricted, but children are still welcome to enter any items they wish in other classes. The full schedule for the show will be available soon, but we hope some early notice will give you extra time to prepare.

Section E – Children's Classes – Age 16 or under

- 62 Bee made from re-cycled materials
- 63 Garden made from Lego
- 64 Painted Pebble



Section F – Photography, unframed, unmounted. Max 7"x5"

- 65 Water
- 66 Weather
- 67 Country Lane
- 68 Seaside/Coastal Scene
- 69 Wild Bird/s

Section G – Handicraft

- 70 Handmade Card
- 71 Painting or Drawing – any medium
- 72 Handmade Hat – any material
- 73 Cross Stitch Article
- 74 Bug Hotel
- 75 Knitted or Crochet Article
- 76 Handmade Toy – any medium



Toy flower image courtesy Lauren Manning
Bug Hotel image courtesy London Permaculture

News from around town



Brighten up Somerton

Want to brighten up Somerton this year? Then join in with the council's 'Best Front Summer Gardens Competition'. Members of Somerton Gardeners' Club will be out in force surveying gardens during July. Trophies will be awarded to the winners at the Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show, which will be held at Edgar Hall on Saturday 19th August 2023.

Art, quizzes and books

We're looking forward to a busy month in May: our latest exhibition opening on 29th April will be Julia Manning's beautiful and thought-provoking *The Decline of Somerset Eels* which runs until 27th May. Alongside which we have a number of workshops, free drop-ins and some fundraising events. Somerton market will again take place on the first Friday, 5th May and we have more new stall holders signed up. Our first Grand Quiz will be held on Saturday 19th May from 7pm, bookable by table for teams of up to four people with light refreshments included, kindly donated by Burns the Bread. Finally we have a pop-up book sale from 11th to 13th May. All details can be found on our website acearts.co.uk.

As of 1st May, ACEarts will be launching No 1 West Street in the former SomARTon space – it will still be a pop-up space available to artists to rent by the week for exhibitions or as a workshop/teaching space, but all profits will go to ACEarts charity to help fund our community projects. We'll also be able to promote your exhibitions via our social media. For more information, or if you have any questions, you can pop in and ask, call us on 01458 273008 or email hello@acearts.co.uk.



Garden image courtesy [ukgardenphotos](http://ukgardenphotos.com)

News from around town

Flaxing our knowledge

The next meeting of the Somerton History Society will be held on Thursday 25th May in the Parish Rooms. The meeting starts at 7.30pm, but the doors open at 7.00pm for coffee/tea. The speaker this month is Mr Tony Brooks with a talk entitled, 'The Story of Flax'. This is free for society members and guests are very welcome at £2 per person.



Bugs, books and more



On Sunday 7th May Somerton Community Library will be hosting a stall at the Coronation Market Fayre. Wednesday 31st May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm you can Learn to Crochet with Sue McGregor. This is a free event with all materials provided. Call in at the library to pre-book as numbers are limited.

Thursday 1st June it's 'Storytime' as usual at 10:30am. Friday 2nd June we're holding a Butterflies and Bugs Craft Event for children of all ages. It runs from 10.30am until 12.00pm. This is a free event and no booking is required.

The Somerton Library Trust seeks a volunteer to fill the Fundraising Trustee role. If you are interested please contact Jeremy Greenop by email at somertonlibrarytrust@outlook.com.

Details about all events are on the Somerton Community Library website somertonlibrary.com/.

Tea, coffee, cakes and the AGM

Somerton's WI is having its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th May, and it's guaranteed not to be boring. Several new Committee Members will be introduced along with all the plans for the rest of the year. So do join us at 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms for a lively and enjoyable afternoon.



News from around town

Taking care of the festival goers

A medical charity specialising in caring for patients at Glastonbury and other music festivals has opened its new headquarters in Somerton. The opening ceremony was performed by the former Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Annie Maw, who was performing her first official duty since becoming a patron of the charity.

Festival Medical Services (FMS) was founded in 1979 and its doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals and support staff volunteer at major music festivals and other high-profile outdoor events. They offer a full on-site emergency medical service, plus other healthcare services such as dentistry, podiatry, physiotherapy and mental healthcare, and pride themselves on how many patients they are able to treat on site at events and how few need to be transferred to hospital.

The charity raises money for medical projects both in the UK and abroad. It has raised more than a £1 million altogether and each year donates over £100,000 to other good causes. In recognition of this, it was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2020, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.



New Patron for Festival Medical Services

Annie Maw, who was Lord Lieutenant of Somerset from 2012 to October last year, has a special connection to Festival Medical Services. She came to Glastonbury Festival last year to formally present the Queen's Award for voluntary service, which had been delayed during the Festival's absence due to Covid. There she had a surprise reunion with the paramedic who saved her life when she fell from her horse 21 years ago. Since then Mrs Maw has been a wheelchair-user, and in her speech she spoke of how grateful she had been for the best medical care at the scene of the accident, which had saved her life. Little did she know that the first paramedic to reach her on that day was Mike Gray, who is also an FMS volunteer – until he stepped forward to introduce himself. The pair had not met since the day of the accident and both found the reunion a very emotional experience with Mrs Maw saying the event was "the best thing I did" as Lord Lieutenant.

Photograph: At the Festival Medical Services headquarters official opening are (L-R) FMS Chief Operating Officer David Parry, FMS Chief Executive Dr Chris Howes, FMS Trainer Mike Gray, Somerset Councillor Tessa Munt, FMS Chair Nich Woolf, FMS Trustee Dr Neil Rushton with Mrs Annie Maw and Michael Eavis in front.

News from around town

Combatting climate change



A partnership project between Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset County Council, and Farming Wildlife Advisory Group South West has recently launched a brand new Climate Adaptation Toolkit to help communities prepare for ongoing climate change.

Climate change is already affecting everyone in Somerset, with flooding and severe heatwaves impacting communities across the county. Unfortunately, extreme weather such as this is only likely to increase as the climate crisis continues. This makes climate adaptation essential. To help, Adapting the Levels have created a guide to help communities take action into their own hands. The new toolkit includes:

- Information about the need for climate adaptation.
- Actions individuals and communities can take to adapt.
- Advice on funding, consents and permits.
- Resources to help create a locally tailored climate adaptation plan.

You can download the free toolkit from our website somersetwildlife.org/news/adapting-levels-project-launches-its-free-climate-adaptation-toolkit.

Photograph courtesy Somerset Wildlife Trust

News from around town



Bussing about for £2

The Somerset Bus Partnership has welcomed the Government's decision to provide an additional £75 million. This will enable bus operators to continue to cap their single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare introduced in January is now set to continue through to the end of June. Bus users in Somerset will be able to continue to travel on most bus routes in the county and beyond for just £2.

It's worth remembering that this initiative applies to cross-boundary services, which means you can travel for example from Yeovil to Taunton or Chard to Taunton for just £2.

The 13 operators involved in the scheme are: ATWEST, Bakers Dolphin, Community Transport (South West) Ltd, Dartline, Faresaver Buses, First South West (Buses of Somerset), First West of England, Hatch Green Coaches, FromeBus, Libra Travel, Mendip Community Transport, Somerset County Council and South West Coaches. For more information on this scheme: <https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/busit>.

Somerset Bus Partnership is a voluntary organisation formed two years ago. It now has 150 bus champions and works with 125 Parish Councils across Somerset. It ensures the views of bus users are heard on what they need from bus services in our County. However, we need more resources to help us do this. If you can help please get in contact by emailing somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com.

Wilding our gardens

Our gardens can have an extremely positive impact on Somerset's wildlife when managed with nature in mind. Somerset Wildlife Trust want you to look at your garden in a new way this spring and, whether it's by adding a bug hotel, making your own DIY pond, or by getting involved in one of our initiatives, we urge you to start taking action for nature this year.

Your garden can be a safe place for nature to thrive.

Welcome wildlife into your garden by providing food, shelter, and water, and by following the advice on the Somerset Wildlife Trust website. You can then join other Somerset gardeners by signing up for a free 'This is a Wildlife Garden' plaque that you can show off to your friends, family and neighbours. See if your garden is eligible by visiting [somersetwildlife.org/garden](https://www.somersetwildlife.org/garden).



Blue tit photograph courtesy Gillian Day

Have your say

A new name, but the fun's the same

A new name, some new policies but still the same warm, friendly companionship and entertainment. We are now known as the Laburnum Drive Community Centre Committee to reflect that we offer our services to the wider community. And as ever, we've plenty planned for May.

We kick things off with Bacon Butties on the first Tuesday of the month, just £2. Every Thursday at 2.00pm we play Fun Bingo. Due to illness, the Wednesday Flexercises is on hold – the committee will cover your introduction cost, and when we restart, there will be a £3 charge.



Image courtesy @Doug88888 openverse

Tuesday 16th May we've a coach trip to Abbotsbury Swannery and Bridport, the fare is £11 with an additional charge for the Swannery. On Saturday 27th May it's our Great Buffet with entertainment – 2.00pm to 5.00pm, £6.50 per head. Any queries, please call the Secretary on 01458 272620.

Noteworthy news

Somerton and Langport's very own 12-piece vocal harmony group, Somer Singers, are again supporting the local arts and worthy causes with a performance at the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster on Saturday 20th May at the invitation of the Ilminster Community Choir. And joining the Community Choir and Somer Singers, will be the Singing Six, a six-piece group from the Isle Valley.

Covering a range of songs from pop classics to mighty ballads, with a smattering of show tunes and traditional songs thrown in, it promises to be an entertaining evening of delicious vocal harmonies. Friends of Somer Singers who might wish to see the group, can get tickets from the Warehouse Theatre's website (thewarehousetheatre.org.uk), and the proceeds will be helping to further the theatre's development plans. Later in the year, Somer Singers plan more gigs in the locality, so watch this space.



Have your say



Book early, better seat

With several sold-out trips to get 2023 off to a flying start, it has been a busy time recently. We are now booking into 2024 but payment is rarely due until two months before the trip date. But remember, the earlier you book, the better your seats.

New shows just reserved are **Blood Brothers** (in our top five musicals), **Pretty Woman** (mixed reviews), **The Wizard of Oz** (very well received) and a rare chance to see Benjamin Britten's opera 'Death in Venice' with the wonderful Welsh National Opera company.

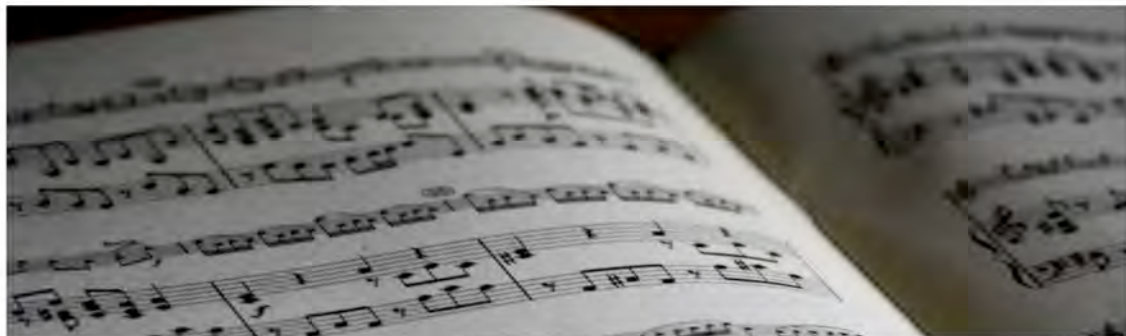
Strictly Ballroom: 11 July £37/£52 | **42nd Street:** 3 August £41/£51 | **Blood Brothers:** 29 August £48/£62
Charlie & The Chocolate Factory: 27 September £62/£70 | **Pretty Woman:** 1 November £40/£63 |
Peter Pan Pantomime: 6 December £40 | **Life of Pi:** 17 January £40/£51 | **Wicked:** 22 February £66/£76
Everyone's Talking About Jamie: March £40/£59 | **The Wizard of Oz:** 3 April £47/£58 |
Death in Venice (Opera): 27 April £51/£71

The best way to keep up to date is on our website, charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form.

Chorister concert

On Monday 12th June at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Somerton, pupils of Millfield are giving a concert. Admission is free (with a retiring collection for St Michael's).

All are most welcome so please come along and encourage the young musicians.



Have your say

The tots take on the Chiefs

Rugbytots were joined by The Exeter Chiefs for their training session at Millfield Prep School last week. On their only day off, before the quarter-finals of the European Cup, these great players volunteered their time to meet and inspire the tots.

The Chiefs were amazed at the children's ability to follow the coach's instructions and their excellent rugby skills at so young an age. The Chiefs were particularly keen to focus on the ubiquitous rugby values of team play, sportsmanship and respect. Over 100 Rugbytots families got the opportunity to get involved.



One parent said "We all had a fab day. Thanks so much to you all for organising such a brilliant morning. We really sensed the commitment of the coaches. I was so proud to see Liam get a medal, considering how shy he has been in the past."

Rugbytots Founder Gareth Turnbull said, "This is a great example of how accessible rugby is, for a world-renowned premiership rugby team to have a culture where their players actively engage with the community. These superstars got stuck in and were incredible role models and heroes for our Rugbytots."

Chief's prop, Billy Keast said, "I'm really happy to be involved with Rugbytots. To see our youth enjoying rugby, having a smile on their face, that is what sport is about. Rugbytots' inclusivity and culture makes the day enjoyable, creating new friendships, learning skills and lessons along the way, all while having a rugby ball in hand."

Rugbytots continue to play each weekend. Their next much-anticipated event is their annual beach tournament, held at Weymouth. They aim to create a great memory for the children involved while breaking the £1 million milestone of funds raised for Wooden Spoon Charity. For more information or to book a free trial at Rugbytots, contact gareth@rugbytots.co.uk or find your closest class at www.rugbytots.co.uk.



Somerton Events and Clubs May 2023

When	Where	Who to contact
Sundays	Life Church Somerton 10.30am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Conrad Lucas 07891 665938 Andy Barton 07530 070555 conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk
Mondays	Tot's Life 9.30am to 11.00am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Kerryanne Lucas 07715 926923 kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com
	Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library	For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 www.citizensadvice-southsomerset.org.uk
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
Tuesdays	Baby Sensory Classes for babies up to 13 months old – 9.00am to 3.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB, during half term only	Kelly Marshall 07970 457688 Advance bookings required southsomerset@babysensory.co.uk www.babysensory.com/chard
	Tai Chi 9.00am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 5.45pm at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Somerton Town FC 6.30pm at Somerton Recreation Ground (Oct to Spring Huish School)	Jason Burton-Tutti 07825 180506 jasonb52s@yahoo.com
	Somerton Runners 6.00pm at Somerton Recreation Ground hardstanding by 5-a-side football pitch	Keith Brackstone 07999 511366 coachkeith53@gmail.com
	Rugby Club under 18s and under 15s 7.00pm at Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Steve Benn 07919 153205
	Mid Wessex Singers 7.15pm to 9.00pm at West Street Church Hall, Somerton	Sheena Smith 07768 704883 info@midwessexsingers.co.uk www.midwessexsingers.co.uk
Wednesdays	Create and Connect 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk
	Martial Arts Self Defence 7.00pm to 8.00pm kids and adults, High Ham Village Hall, Langport	Dan Palmer 07484 849157 info@realitymasd.co.uk

Somerton Events and Clubs May 2023

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Thursdays	Drawing for All 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk
	Tai Chi 9.00am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Martial Arts Self Defence 7.00pm to 8.00pm kids and adults, High Ham Village Hall, Langport	Dan Palmer 07484 849157 info@realitymasd.co.uk
	Strictly Jive 7.45pm to 8.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
	Wessex Junior Youth Club 6.00pm to 7.00pm Wessex Rooms, Broad Street, Somerton	Clive and Sara Dyer 01458 273655 sarad53@hotmail.com
	Somerton Bridge Club 7.00pm at West Street Church, Somerton	Joan Davies 01458 272418 Jim Dawson 01458 251228 joandavies15@rocketmail.com
	Rugby Club under 18s and under 15s 7.00pm at Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Steve Benn 07919 153205
	Archies Xtra (11 to 18 year olds) 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Sports Ground beside MUGA	Alex 01458 272047 Judith 01458 273079
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
Fridays	In Stitches 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 2.00pm at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Flexercise 2.30pm to 3.30pm at Buttercross Surgery, Somerton	
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place

Somerton Monthly Events May 2023

When	Where	Who to contact
Third Tuesday of the month	Women's Institute 2.30pm Parish Rooms	Sue Long 01458 274038 Pauline Saunders 01458 272769
Second Wednesday of the month	Somerton Gardeners' Club 7.30pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	
	Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms	Mandy McAllen i_dissagree@hotmail.com £5 includes tea or coffee
Last Wednesday of the month	Somerton Probus Club 11.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane	Barrie Davies 07811 770061 barrie.davies@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday of the month	Health Walks 11.30am Somerton Library	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
	Memory Café 2.00pm to 4.00pm West Street Church, Somerton	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com
Second Thursday of the month	Friendship Club 10.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
Fourth Thursday of the month	Somerton History Society 7.30pm at Parish Rooms	Joan Banbury j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk
	Somerton Music and Arts Festival 7.30pm at Parish Rooms	Jon Sackett 07928 508700 hello@somertonartsfestival.co.uk www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk
Last Friday of the month	u3a members' coffee morning with guest speaker 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com
Last Saturday of the month	Ballroom Latin Sequence Dance 7.30pm to 11.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Peter Withey-Tebbey 07738 581292 witheytebby@btinternet.com Admission £6.50 (raffle £1 a strip)
Other Somerton Clubs		
When	Where	Who to contact
Various times – contact club for details	Somerton Tennis Club at Somerton Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Membership Secretary 01458 396006 somerton.tenniscub@gmail.com
	Somerton Town Youth Football Club at Recreation Ground, Somerton	Dave Walton 07476 206224 djwalton79@hotmail.com
	Somerton u3a 40 different interest groups	Marilyn Muffett 01458 899773 or 07736 425426 www.u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups
This month's special event		
Sunday 7th May 2023	Coronation Fayre in the Town Square 12.00pm to 5.00pm	Come together to welcome the reign of our new monarch, King Charles III

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Pinney Room | 30th May Tickets: £25

Crochet Workshop

Library | 28th May Tickets: FREE

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Pinney Room | 31st May & 2nd June .. Tickets: £5

Bugs & Butterflies Crafts for Children

Somerton Library | 2nd June Ticket: FREE

Creative Writing Workshop

Somerton Library | 6th July Tickets: FREE

For full details and opening times see
www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk/events

Get your tickets now!

Tickets for the Art & Photography exhibition workshops are online now and will be available from The Stationery House in Somerton from 1st May.

Tickets for the Crochet Workshop and the Creative Writing Workshop are free but must be reserved in advance at the Library.

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About the Festival...

The Somerton Music & Arts Festival is an annual celebration of creativity and community taking place at venues throughout Somerton.

The Festival brings together musicians, artists, performers and audiences from across the region for two weeks of live music, visual arts, workshops and exhibitions to suit all tastes and age groups.

July 2023

Town Events

Twisted Vinyl

Sports Club | 27th May Tickets: £7

Cardiff Strings

St Michaels Church | 30th June Tickets: £14

History Walk

Market Place | 2nd July Tickets: £5

Festival Quiz

Sports Club | 3rd July Tickets: £2.50

BBIC Development Therapy Talk

Parish Rooms | 4th July Tickets: FREE

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Parish Rooms | 5th July Tickets: £5

Naval History Talk

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HMS Heron Band

St Michaels Church | 7th July Tickets: £9

Jive Night

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The awards will be presented at Annual Parish Meeting: Edgar Hall on Wednesday 24th May 2023

Nominations received will be reviewed during April/May 2023 and the winners of each category will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting where the community award ceremony will take place

★ *Thank you* ★



Celebration of King Charles III Coronation



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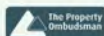
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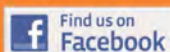
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