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Editor's Letter



Hello,

First and foremost, what a start to July, and the cover says it all. Headlining this year's Somerstock is none other than the fabulous Blockheads. Thank you Somerstock!

And there's a lot more in store for you. The Town Council has been very busy with bringing to life many of the ideas and suggestions put forward in the Community Survey. Cricket, movie nights and a shed, what more could you want?

Of course the Laburnum Drive Community Committee haven't been idle either, as you'll see on page 12. Plus there's crime and punishment to ponder over, a delicious serving of tantalising food related articles and, of course, the big Community Fun Day.

Finally, we've brought back the Spotlight feature, an opportunity for local organisations to bring their light from under the bushel.

Let's hope the sun continues to shine on everyone's venture.

Editor, Viaduct

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News from your town council

| Meeting | Date | Time | Venue |
|--|----------------|--------|------------|
| Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm) | 11th July 2023 | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |
| Promotion and Communication | 18th July 2023 | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |
| Access and Highways (Planning if required at 6.30pm) | 25th July 2023 | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall |

Welcome to your July edition of the Viaduct. June brought us many meetings and formulation of plans for the coming months and years; further information below on some of the initiatives.

A life-long commemoration

The trees commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebration have now been planted. The ceremony took place at King Ina School in the presence of some of the pupils, school staff and members of Somerton Town Council.



Commemorative Trees

Somerton Town Council are continuing to plant commemorative trees in celebration of the Queen's 70th Jubilee. We have made progress but still have several trees to site. We're asking Somerton residents if they would consider having a tree or trees planted by us on their property.

The trees will be a mixture of native British trees, and the planting needs to be in a front garden within Somerton. The Council will plant the trees but after that the welfare of the tree will be the responsibility of the recipient. The reason for the front garden planting would be so that the whole community can appreciate the trees, and their beauty for years to come.

If you are interested in this scheme, please contact amanda.worsdale@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

On a larger scale, if you are a landowner in Somerton, would you consider having trees planted on your land? If you are, please contact the Town Clerk on town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Commonwealth Graves

Somerton Cemetery, which contains four war graves, is to become a recognised Commonwealth War Graves cemetery.

News from your town council

Community Awards and Annual Town Meeting

There was excellent attendance by residents and clubs, supported by the Somerton Guides who assisted with refreshments. Chairs of the Town Council's committees and the chair of the Council provided overviews of the previous year and presentations were given by the following groups.

Somerset and Avon Police outlined the neighbourhood policing and emergency response for Somerton. Over the last 12 months, Somerton recorded a flat crime level. Online reporting can be done anonymously and the police work with various organisations to reduce crime and enable more people to feel safe.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) returned to the Library in February, Mondays 10.00am to 1.00pm. Benefits, debt, and homelessness are the top issues raised. Over a six-week period CAB helped 37 clients, addressing 137 different issues. The CAB service includes providing information, advice, and casework support. A money worries programme and an evening support service which helps working people in financial difficulties to access help is also available.

Grant Recipients

St Cleers Community Kitchen - incorporating the Warm Hub.

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust – contribution to the maintenance of the sports field, hedge cutting, cleaning of public toilets.

St John Ambulance – in support of a new community support vehicle.

Lady Smith Memorial Institute – annual insurance.

Community Speed Watch – room hires.

Somerton Guides Association – contribution towards camping equipment.

Somerton Scout group – landscaping the grounds to be used for camping and outdoor games.

Somerton Good Neighbours – the scheme started during covid, collecting prescriptions and shopping for vulnerable people. Last year they launched a transport scheme and in January 2023 a memory café for those with dementia and their carers. The grant provided covered their insurance.

Winners of the community awards were presented with trophies, and certificates were given to the nominees on the evening.

Grants awarded April, May, and June 2023

Ace Arts – for promotion and publicity to improve footfall and bring visitors to the Somerton monthly market held on the first Friday of the month in Market Place.

Gardeners' Club – use of Edgar Hall for the Annual Summer flower show - 19th August 2023.

Supporting the gardening club awards with use of Edgar Hall and as we have in previous years with trophies, certificates, and vouchers for the winners of the front garden competition.

Football Club – to support the cost of training for coaches and obtaining football coaching certificates.

News from your town council

Grants awarded April, May, and June 2023 continued

ArchiesXtra – support refreshments and a listening ear within a safe space for young people to come to whilst using facilities such as the skate park and leisure facilities at the recreational ground.

Somerton Rugby Club – the club would like to address the limited opportunities for girls' and ladies' rugby in the local area and increase inclusivity at the club, enabling people with disabilities to watch and participate. Locally there is little for those who are disabled, and the rugby club would like to ensure disabled participants and supporters can be a part of the rugby club and the community.

Somerset Food Trail Festival – the festival is held over a two-week period and in 2023 runs from 14th to 30th July 2023. The festival promotes nature friendly food and farming. The grant is to help promote the food trail festival as our local Somerton businesses are promoted as part of the trail.

Pedestrian crossing update

Vistry Housebuilding Site Adoptions team have confirmed they are actively looking to erect the missing streetlight column. However, they were unable to position the column in its original position due to several factors. These include overhead cables and underground services, which have impacted the installation. A new street lighting position has been agreed, and detail provided to an appointed contractor, and they are now waiting for quotes to be submitted. Once the quotes have been received and agreed, they will proceed with commissioning the works. The new light will be installed as soon as practically possible. Update to follow in August.

Water, water, water

We'd like to remind residents that only storm water is allowed to enter the drainage system. Please do not pour anything else into the drainage system.

Vistry Housebuilding South West has reported that whilst conducting routine servicing to the storm water pumping station, they discovered a film of oil on the surface of the water. They conducted checks and the only route by which the oil could have found its way into the chamber is via road gullies. They do not know the exact location of where the oil entered; however, this can only be from the Somerton development. Had conditions have been wet, then this oil could have found its way into a local river. Please can we stress the importance of disposing of oil, or any detergents, in a safe way so as not to cause an environmental incident, contamination, or cause harm to the local environment or wildlife. You can dispose of oil via your local waste recycling centre.



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Bag it, and bag it again

A polite reminder that if dog waste bins are full and you use an alternative street bin to dispose of your dog's business, please ensure you double bag it.

News from your town council



On the buses

A presentation was given on the Bus Service Improvement Plan by the Somerset Council Transport and Highways project team members at the full town council meeting on 13th June 2023.

The rural mobility hub in Somerton is intended to give bus passengers an interchange facility between services, and provide live information on bus times. The location for the hub is proposed at Market Place, with other elements such as bike parking potentially to be located at the Brunel precinct area. If the budget allows, they would also like to include elements within or close to the hub to facilitate other modes of onward travel. There are many options for what could be included, for example e-bike hire and/or parking. The aim of the hub is to increase the opportunity for local travel, reduce cost, improve control, provide easily accessible transport, and contribute to decarbonisation plans. Somerset Council have received funding to put in a rural mobility hub in Somerton involving digital demand responsive transport to link up transport and make it more accessible. Proposed to be delivered in 2024, the next steps include consultation with various associations to identify components of the hub. Further updates in coming months.

Community Plan 2023-2028

The Steering Committee is in the process of drafting a mini report which will highlight popular suggestions from within the community. Feedback from the community included bringing back a Somerton Cricket club, introducing a community shed and cinema. Town Council members initiated some of the town's projects such as the community shed, movie night, and Christmas lights, and are now seeking volunteers to assist and progress the development of these projects. Please contact Cllr Mo Fletcher for further information on mo.fletcher@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk or 07718 920198.

A volunteer evening is currently being planned and it is hoped this will be held in September in the Parish rooms. Further information to be provided in August.

Movie nights are back

One of the popular outcomes of the community plan was to restart a movie night in the parish rooms. Initially to be held one evening a month from September 2023, and if the movie nights do prove popular this will expand. Volunteers are needed to help set up the movie nights, so if you're interested, please contact Cllr Martyn George at martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

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

Bread and pastries in the Chapel

On 29th June, a new pop-up bakery opened at The Chapel in the White Hart. You can pop in and buy freshly baked sourdough, pastries and a range of other tasty baked goods. The Chapel Pop-up Bakery is open every Thursday from 8.00am to 3.00pm. You can also pop online at shop.atthechapel.co.uk and pre-order your goodies to then collect at the White Hart when it suits you.



A tasty trail to follow

Good news, the Somerset Food Trail is back. Running from 14th to 30th July, there's plenty of delicious foods and events for you to discover. And on your doorstep there is:

- Nature's Pantry – doing local cheese tastings
- Cobbs – local specials and blackboard detailing the 'food miles' of their nearest, most nature-friendly local suppliers
- Melbury Farm – 'open farm' event with tastings and rapeseed pressing demonstration and cake!
- Etsome Arms – local ciders, ales and bar snacks
- Staceys butchers – local pasture-fed meat, eggs, cheeses, free-range chicken, chutney

Pitney Farm – organic farm producing outdoor reared pork, beef, and lamb, free-range eggs, and a huge range of fresh organic vegetables

Find out more at somersetfoodtrail.org.

Crime and punishment

The next meeting of the Somerton History Society is on Thursday 27th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Refreshments are available from 7.00pm. The speaker this month is Jane de Gruchy from the Somerset Archives and her talk is entitled Crime and Punishment in Somerset. There is no charge for members, but guests are very welcome at £2 each. There will be no meeting in August.



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News from around town

Fun and games for our community

Hello to all Somerton Families, why not come along to the Community Day on Sunday 16th July 2023 between 12.00 noon and 6.00pm? The event will be at the Community Field at The Club, Somerton.

So far on the field there will be a climbing wall, a bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course. There's also Sumo wrestling for adults and children, oversized garden games, circus workshops and shows, vintage cars, a variety of stalls, a BBQ, cream teas, ice cream and loads more.

If you would like to book a stall, just email somertoncommunityday2023@gmail.com.



Anyone for tennis?

Somerton Tennis Club's next "Open House" event is running alongside the Community Day on 16th July. Just drop in to the tennis club on Gasson's Lane, Somerton and try tennis for free.

We'll be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm and racquets and balls will be provided. Whether you've never been on court before, or if you're a seasoned regular, there is lot's fun to be had.

Sessions on offer include:

Junior Coaching: 10.00-11.00am

Cardio Tennis: 11.00-12.00 noon

Adult Coaching: 12.00-1.00pm

Free Play: 1.00-2.00pm

For more details or to reserve your place in one or more of the sessions, please visit: somertontennisclub.co.uk.

An enchanted summer's evening

Somerton Gardeners' Club July meeting on Wednesday 12th July is a visit to a garden in Martock. We meet at 6.00pm at Yews Farm, East Street, Martock, TA12 6NF. The cost is £12 which will include tea/ coffee/ cider/ apple juice and cake. There is a wheelchair route around the garden which should make it accessible for everyone. We would be delighted to see you, but it would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to come. Our contact details are on page 15.



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News from around town



There's a million things I haven't done...

So says Alexander Hamilton in the eponymous Broadway hit, but here's something you can do. Come along and see the show.

The hit musical 'Hamilton' is at Bristol Hippodrome next spring. We have good stalls seats available for the evenings of Thursday 2nd May and Monday 24th June at £85 and £95 ("ouch") including the coach (not golden, though you might wonder).

The best way to keep up to date is online at charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form. All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

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 | **Hamilton:** 2 May/24 June £85/£95

Flying high for the WI

Most of us are aware, in general terms, of what a pilot has to do to get us to our destination. But what about the other members of the crew who look after us, and who have much greater responsibilities than simply serving our drinks?

Clive Linham was a Senior Purser for British Airways, working on prestigious routes, the most famous being Concorde, whose name still brings a thrill. Passengers expected, and received, the highest standards and Clive has much to tell about his experiences. He also worked on the 747 which was introduced as the largest passenger aircraft. For a very interesting afternoon, do join us at Somerton WI in the Parish Rooms at 2.30pm on Tuesday 18th July.



Spotlight on Somerton Town YFC

Who are we?

Somerton Town Youth Football Club was established in 2001. We are a volunteer organisation that provides activities to children aged four to sixteen through the game of football. We are an FA accredited youth football club that is affiliated with Somerset FA and play competitive matches in the Yeovil and District league.



We are based at Somerton Recreational Ground. However we have a very large catchment area. We have players covering the following area: Street, Queen Camel, Martock and Curry Rivel.

Our volunteer organisation is administered by our committee. Almost all of our volunteers are parents with children at the club. They manage teams, coach players, organise social activities and manage the administration of the club.

What do we do?

Somerton Town Youth Football Club is dedicated to providing an inclusive, positive and engaging experience for children. We offer activities for children across a wide age range, which ensures that every child has the opportunity to participate and learn at their own pace. Whether it's introducing the basics of the game to the youngest members or honing the skills of the more experienced players, the club caters to the diverse needs and abilities of all its participants.



Spotlight on Somerton Town YFC

Our soccer school, for children aged four to six, allows children to learn basic skills in a fun, friendly and playful environment. Children then progress into teams U7 to U16. Through a combination of structured training sessions, matches and tournaments, young players have the chance to refine their technique, improve their physical fitness, and enhance their tactical understanding of the game. Our dedicated volunteers provide expert guidance, creating a supportive and nurturing environment that helps players reach their full potential.

Somerton Town Youth Football Club also fosters valuable life skills beyond the football pitch. By promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play, the club instils important values in its members. Children learn the importance of collaboration, communication, and respect for both teammates and opponents.

Our plans for the future?

Our volunteers are working to improve and grow the club so we can provide more opportunities to children in our community. We have been supported by parents, many local businesses, Somerton Recreational Ground and Somerton Town Council. A recent grant from Somerton Town Council will provide training for volunteers to improve safeguarding, first aid and coaching skills, with the aim of implementing safeguarding best practice.

We have many more improvements planned and would like to become a registered charity.

If you would like to support our club, volunteer to coach or would like more information please email somertonyfcsecretary@hotmail.com.

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Have your say



A shed load of fun

Following on from the Town Plan survey, it is hoped to be able to start up a Somerton Community Shed. Many of those who responded, offered to donate tools and help with organising it. There is a meeting on Wednesday July 19th at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms to see if a group of volunteers can investigate this possibility. Brian Bastable, Somerset's Man/Community Shed Ambassador, will be present to answer questions and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please come along and find out more.

Contact Mo Fletcher for more information on Fletcher080@btinternet.com or 07718 920198.

Owzat!

Following the Town Community Plan Survey, one of the popular outcomes was to restart a cricket club. Are you interested in taking part in cricket? It is hoped that a group of volunteers will step up and organise, participate and assist with running the club. Cricket will be played at the recreational ground for all age groups and sexes, with a soft ball for young players and hard ball for older participants. It is hoped that the group will be set up in time for the April – September 2024 season. If you're willing to get involved, email martyngearge@hotmail.co.uk.



A day out at the seaside

Laburnum Drive Community Centre Committee have come up trumps again. They've organised a host of eating and entertaining events including the usual coffee mornings. On Tuesday 4th July at 10.00am, there are bacon butties on sale.

On Friday 14th July from 5.00pm to 7.00pm, you can indulge with a Ploughman's Supper while being entertained by the Ukulele Band, all for £6.50. And on Tuesday 25th July, you'll be whisked away to Weymouth. The coach departs at 10.00am and the fare is just £11. Finally, Thursday night is Bingo Night, but please bring cash as there is no facility for debit and credit cards.

Fun for the young

Wessex Junior Youth Club happens every Thursday evening during term time from 6.00-7.30pm in the Wessex Rooms, Broad Street. The youth club is open to all children aged 7 years upwards. It's £1.00 entry, but the first night is free. There are many activities the children can get involved in or they can just come and socialise and have fun. Contact Clive or Sara 01458 273655 or email sarad53@hotmail.com.

Somerton Events and Clubs July 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the August edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th July 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 |
| | Yoga Classes 10.00am to 12.00pm Parish Rooms, Somerton | Sue Knight 07854 641950 Itsue@mail.com |
| | Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library | For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 www.citizensadviceSouthSomerset.org.uk |
| | Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton | Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place |
| | Pilates – Inhale to Prepare 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB | Gill Hampson 07526 534889 gillhampson6@gmail.com |
| Tuesdays | 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-Tuttielt 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 | Meditation and Mindfulness 9.25am to 10.30am Parish Rooms, Somerton | 07803 497496 Facebook Wessex Sessions brotheryonten@gmail.com |
| | In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB | Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk |

Somerton Events and Clubs July 2023

| When | Where | Who to contact |
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| Wednesday | 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 |
| 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 |
| | Strictly Jive 7.45pm for beginners 9.00pm for improvers/intermediates at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB | Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page |
| | Wessex Junior Youth Club 6.00pm to 7.30pm Wessex Rooms, Broad Street, Somerton | Clive and Sara Dyer 01458 273655 07970 180608 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 July 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 | Pauline Saunders 01458 272769 somertongardenersclub@gmail.com somertongc.com £3 for visitors |
| | 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 |
| 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 |
| First Friday of the month | Strictly Jive 8.00pm to 12.30am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB | Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page |
| 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.tennisclub@gmail.com |
| | Somerton Town Youth Football Club at Recreation Ground, Somerton | Justin and Mark somertonycsecretary@hotmail.com |
| | Somerton u3a 40 different interest groups | Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com www.u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups |
| This month's special events | | |
| Friday 14th July | Strictly Jive's SMAF Jive Night 7.30pm to 11.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB | Enjoy a night of rockin' and rollin' to all the great hits |
| Friday 28th July | u3a coffee members' morning with invited speaker 9.00am to 12.30pm at Edgar Hall TA11 6SB | Listen to author Brian Wright in his illustrated talk, The Dragons of Somerset |

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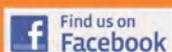


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