

VIADUCT

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Editor's Letter



Hello,

Instead of the season of mists and mellowness, we've been lucky enough to enjoy an Indian summer. If the good weather persists, it's an ideal opportunity for getting out and enjoying yourself. As usual, the Laburnum Drive Community Committee have plenty of ideas to keep you occupied.

There is also an art exhibition on West Street, and the History Society have a guest speaker who'll reveal all about being a kitchen maid in the Tudor times. Your town council, as ever, is working hard for you and, to help you green your garden, there are free trees available – see page 4. And if that's not enough for you, there's a new restaurant in town. Whet your appetite by reading all about it in the Spotlight feature.

Finally, I'd like to thank Mark Patten for his great photograph that's gracing the front cover.

Editor, Viaduct

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News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council meeting (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	10th October 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access and Highways (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	24th October 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Welcome to your October edition of the Viaduct. September brought us the reopening of the Cinema in the Parish Rooms, and a wonderful evening was had by all. The full quota of 90 tickets was sold – welcome back Cinema Society! We also bring you the very sad news that our Deputy Clerk, Claire Lucas, has left the Council due to ill health. Claire's hard work and dedication were much appreciated and she will be greatly missed by all.

Budgeting for 2024/25

The Council are currently undertaking the annual review and setting of next year's budget. The aim is for the precept 2024/25 to be agreed at the full Council meeting on 14th November 2023. The budget review process will look at services which the town Council are responsible for, such as play areas, bus shelters, litter bins, car park, public toilets, cemetery, verges, Market Square and Edgar Hall amongst others. This thorough review will enable us to carry out our duties on behalf of residents as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Magic Mountain ready for play

After extensive repair work following the vandalism earlier this year, we are very pleased to report that the Magic Mountain is now open!

Firework display



The Firework display will be at the recreation ground Saturday 4th November, gates open from 6.00pm for a 7.00pm display. In addition to the display there will be food stalls and a children's disco in the sports club. Photograph courtesy of John Waller, Somerton.

News from your town council

Free trees for you

Somerton Town Council's Promotion and Communication Committee is committed to helping the environment and our community to improve the world around us. We're doing this through helping support residents, schools, and other organisations to plant trees in their front gardens through our latest environmental project. Free trees are being made available for residents and organisations in Somerton. If you're interested, please let us know by 29th February 2024 by contacting Councillor Martyn George at martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Bud on hazel tree" by jepolriier is licensed under CC BY-SA 2.0.

Trees will be available from April 2024. Species of trees which will be made available are a selection of the following: Crab apple, Hazel, Rowan, Elder, Dogwood, Blackthorn, Dog Rose, Goat Willow, Field Maple, Alder, Hawthorn, Silver Birch and Spindle. Through the Council's commitment to the environment, we are currently looking at which species would be best suited to planting at Edgar Hall, the Cemetery, plus other locations. Please note that the trees will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Grants awarded this summer

STC1960: Somerton Recreational Ground Trust

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust grant awarded for the integrated supply and installation of CCTV pole and security camera equipment at the Recreation Ground Trust for the sum of £2,829.58.

STC1961: Somerton Cinema Society

Somerton Cinema Society grant awarded in support of set up costs; purchase of a Blu ray machine, card reader for taking payments, insurance and other start-up costs including first film hire for the sum of £500.00.

STC1962: King Ina Academy PTFA

King Ina Academy PTFA grant awarded to support the cost of the Summer Fair activities and equipment that the school's budget cannot cover for the sum of £285.00.

STC1980: South Somerset Community Speed Watch

South Somerset Community Speed Watch grant awarded for the cost of hire of the Edgar Hall for a community meeting for the sum of £75.00.

STC1981: 1st Somerton Rangers

1st Somerton Rangers grant awarded for support with the cost of purchasing a new tent and cooking equipment for the sum of £200.

News from your town council

Continued... Grants awarded this summer

STC1982: Sir Edward Hext Almshouses

Sir Edward Hext Almshouses grant awarded for support with the cost of commissioning an asbestos survey on the seven Almshouses, for the sum of £875.00.

STC1983: Sir Edward Hext Almshouses

Sir Edward Hext Almshouses grant awarded for support with the cost of reinstating a bollard outside number 1 Hext Almshouses for the sum of £300.00.

New Councillor

The Town Council welcomed its latest Councillor, Gary Maughan, who joined the Town Council at the September meeting as a co-opted Councillor.

Town Plan

Much work is in hand to progress actions identified in the draft Town Plan. A final version of the Plan will be published and made freely available to all residents of the town.

Digital Noticeboards

Our town's Digital Noticeboards are back up and running! If you would like to advertise your Somerton event, please contact Lydia at viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Citizens Advice at Somerton Library, Every Monday
10.00am to 1.00pm, no appointment needed, or visit
www.citizensadvice.southsomerset.org.uk.

We're here to help

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

News from around town

Cracking down on Cybercrime

Megan Haldane of Avon and Somerset Police gave an excellent talk on how to help protect yourself from cybercrime recently. The event was attended by 32 residents and was very well received. Megan left some leaflets which were available in the library for anyone to take home.



Somerton Cary Community Shed

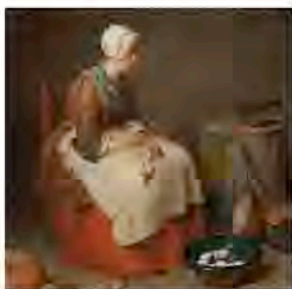
The first committee meeting of The Shed was held on Monday 11th September. We elected Gary Maughan as Chair and Chris Noonan as treasurer. Nine people came along. The next step is to apply for a bank account, grants and insurance. The Shed will be on Bancombe Road in a stable. For more details, please contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198 or at Fletcher080@btinternet.com.

Come sing with us

The Mid-Wessex Singers, Somerton's local choir, have recently resumed after our summer break and are now enjoying rehearsals for the Christmas Concert on Saturday 16th December. We always welcome new singers, whether long-time local residents or new arrivals, so do come and give it a go. We practise at West Street Church, Somerton TA11 7PR (free car park behind the Unicorn very close by) on Tuesday evenings from 7.15 to 9.00pm.



There's no audition and experience of reading music is not essential. We look forward to meeting you soon.



A woman's work...

The next meeting of the Somerton History Society is on Thursday 26th October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm. The speaker this month is Kay Wych who, as a re-enactor, will tell us about how she became a 16th century kitchen maid. There is no charge for members, but guests are very welcome at £2 per head.

News from around town

Remembrance Parade 2023

The Royal British Legion (RBL) Somerton Branch has, for many years, organised the parade and ceremonial aspects of Remembrance Sunday.

After last year's parade, general feedback was the concern that the road during the parade should be closed to vehicular traffic. RBL policy is that branches should not organise, pay for or deploy a Temporary Traffic Management Order (TTMO) and that this should be arranged by the Civil Authority, in our case, Somerton Town Council.

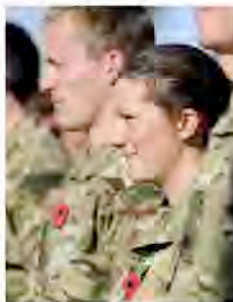
The RBL have approached the Town Council for support but unfortunately, due to time constraints and having to apply to County Council for a Road Closure Licence, it has been agreed that there is not enough time to put this year's parade in place.

Please be assured that next year, the RBL will engage with the Town Council in plenty of time to ensure that all avenues are explored to reinstate the parade as part of the Remembrance Commemoration in 2024.

With the above in mind, it is regrettable that the 2023 Remembrance Parade is postponed.

The other parts of the Commemoration will take place as usual on Sunday 12th November 2023, comprising of the Remembrance Service in St. Michael's Church at 10.00am following with the Act of Remembrance in the town square, the minute's silence, a flypast (weather dependant) and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

Participating organisations have been contacted individually and invited to take part in uniform with standards paraded on the Church approach and for presentation during the Remembrance Service. Armed Forces and Emergency Service personnel are asked to attend in uniform as is customary.



Remembrance Day Service on HMS Bulwark by Defence Images is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0.



Smith, chair of trustees of LSML (on the left), handing over the projector to Philip Bayles, trustee of the 1st Somerton Scout Group.

Projecting happy times ahead

Thanks to a generous grant from the Somerton Community Association, the Lady Smith Memorial Institute (aka the Parish Rooms) has been able to install a new high definition projector enabling cinema quality screenings. The old projector has been recycled to the Somerton Scouts for use in their HQ in the Half Moon car park. Our picture shows Martyn

News from around town



Art on West Street

Three local painters (Ann Fry, Val Sangwine and Lesley Cruickshank) are holding an exhibition of their work at No 1, West Street, Somerton from Monday 2nd October to Sunday 15th October. The exhibition will include oil and watercolour paintings, landscapes, still life and abstracts, framed and unframed. All visitors are welcome – from 10.00am to 4.30pm. There will be watercolour taster sessions for beginners at £15 per two hour session (also includes refreshments). For more information please call 07470 043356 or 07989 437964.

A flowering of talent

The Somerton Flower Show, which is staged by Somerton Gardeners' Club, was a great success this year. There was a total of 480 entries into classes ranging from roses to tomatoes, home-made cakes and jam to handicrafts. The exhibits were of a very high standard and there was a sea of colours and fabulous smells filling the hall.

Visitors were invited to come and see the exhibits in the Edgar Hall after judging was completed in the afternoon, and there was a very good attendance. Tea and cakes were served for everyone before the awards ceremony at 4.00pm.



Councillors Fiona Richardson and Mo Fletcher presented the awards for the Best Kept Front Gardens. These were judged by Somerton Gardeners' Club on behalf of Somerton Town Council. There were four categories of garden – Traditional, Wildlife, Pots and Gravel, and New Build

Garden. Winners were awarded a plaque and a voucher to spend in Overt and Locke.

Visitors were asked to judge their favourite item from the Handicraft Sections, and the winner was Mike Leech for his spectacular Bug Hotel entry. The best overall flower entry was won by Ian Burton for his beautiful Gladioli.

The next meeting of Somerton Gardeners' Club is on 11th October at 7.30pm in Edgar Hall. Visitors are very welcome to the meeting.



News from around town



Photograph by kind permission of Sam Bullion

Lighting up the town

This year's Christmas lights switch on will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023 from 3.00pm until 7.00pm in the Market Place. There will be food, drink and music from DJ Ray, Kingsdon Brass Band, St Cleers' Choir and street entertainment with stalls around the Buttercross and in the Parish Rooms. Father Christmas will be in his grotto with Mrs Christmas and their elves too. If you are interested in having a stall at the event or would like to volunteer to help prior to or on the day, please contact sara.powell@acearts.co.uk for further details.

Another summertime blast

Somerstock 2024 will roll into town on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July with live performances from a diverse range of bands. The 2023 edition was a sell-out and following the success of the extra night, Friday Night Music will become a feature of the event going forward.



This year saw a collaboration with the School in a Bag charity to run the festival bar, raising £4,500 for the local charity. Despite rising costs, Somerstock was also able to donate £250 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance as well as supporting local youth group Archies Extra

Somerstock is part of the annual Somerton Music and Arts Festival which brings together musicians, artists, performers and audiences from across the region for two weeks of live music, dance, creativity and visual arts. The festival, which commences on 5th July, will be preceded by a weeklong art and photography exhibition running from the 24th May to 1st June, providing an opportunity for local artists to exhibit and sell their work.

The 2023 festival was packed full of events from classical music to historical talks and dance nights. "We plan to add even more events for 2024," says festival chairman, Cliff Bassett, "with the aim of attracting younger visitors to the town." You can find out more at somertonartsfestival.co.uk and somerstock.com.

Have your say

Supporting a good cause

Percy Fry would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to the collection for the air ambulance which was held as part of his 80th birthday party in August.

A grand total of £525 was raised on the night towards this fantastic cause – thank you again to everyone who donated.



And support for you when you need it



If you suffer from fibromyalgia, support is at hand. Tracey Gaines runs a support group in Somerton Library every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. It starts at 11.00am and finishes at 12 noon. You can find out more by calling Tracey on 07739 066160 or emailing somertonfibrofighters@gmail.com.

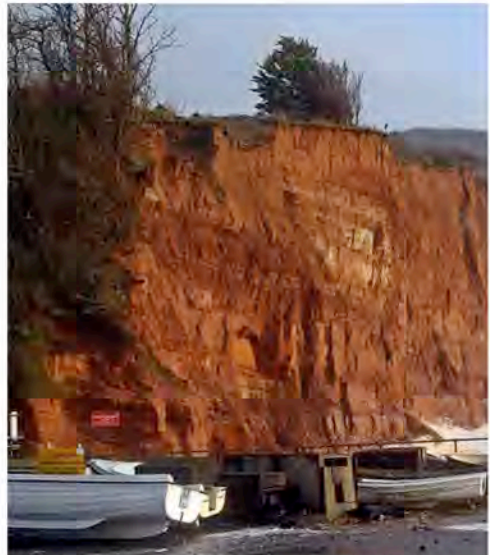
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"Fibromyalgia Motto" by Forsaken Fotos is licensed under CC BY 2.0.

Fun with Laburnum Drive Community Committee

Even in October we know how to enjoy ourselves. Every Tuesday (except when there's a coach outing) from 10.00am we have coffee and a chat, just 50p per person. On the first Tuesday of each month, Bacon Butties and a Cuppa are on offer, just £2. Each Thursday at 2.00pm it's Bingo.

On Tuesday 17th October we're off by coach to Sidmouth. We depart at 10.00am and tickets are £11 each. Friday 27th October join us from 5.00pm to 7.00pm for a two course supper with entertainment supplied by 'Take Note'. The cost is £7 per person.



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Have your say

Speedwatch unedited at author David Cundle's request

As many of you will have noticed Speedwatch teams have been out and about and overall the amount of excessive speeding has shown signs of improvement. The data collected on these watches is sent to a central site at the Road Safety Department at Avon and Somerset Police headquarters where it is analysed. Persistent and high speeders are flagged and the police enforcement teams notified of these vehicles and are then following up with their own speed cameras. One high speeding driver caught doing well over double the 20mph speed limit was fined a four figure amount and points on their licence. We would like to thank many drivers for the recent improvement and the roadside support they show when they see us out. We can always do with a few new members so if you can spare a few hours occasionally please let me know. Many Thanks David Cundle 01458897224



Tricks for treats at the Memory Café

The Somerton Memory Café enjoyed a visit from Brodie the PAT dog, (Pets as Therapy), with his owner Tess at the August Meeting. Brodie met all of the members of the Café and introduced himself. He then did some tricks such as crossing his paws and looking shy in return for some carrot treats, which

he loves. Tess explained how Brodie was a rescue dog from Ireland, who responded very well to special training and loves his work visiting South Petherton Hospital Stroke Unit.

If you would like to join our lively group, please come along to meet us. Meetings are held in the West Street Church Hall on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

There is an opportunity to meet other people with memory problems, join in activities such as dominoes and cards, and enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake. Drop in and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

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

Have your say



A sunny stroll raised over £5,500

The St Margaret's Hospice Care Yeovil Sunflower Stroll, held on Sunday, September 10th 2023, set a new record, nearly doubling its number of supporters from the previous year, with over 150 participants coming together for a day of remembering, sun, and fundraising. The picturesque Aldon Fields provided the backdrop for the 4km stroll, making it a memorable event for all who attended.

The event was organised to support St Margaret's Yeovil Hospice. Participants were treated to stunning views and a delightful stroll through the Aldon Fields, creating a perfect atmosphere for the event, on a beautifully sunny albeit rather hot day.

Participants rewarded themselves by indulging in a scrumptious afternoon cream tea, accompanied by glasses of fizz and delectable cakes provided by the renowned Taunton bakery, Mademoiselle Desserts. As they relaxed in the hospice's charming gardens, the sounds of Yeovil u3a Music Group and the delightful melodies of Flo Parker Bombosch and her father Nick filled the air.

The Yeovil Sunflower Stroll has not only brought joy and community spirit but has also raised vital funds for the Yeovil St Margaret's Sunflower Day Hospice Centre. As of the latest count, the event has successfully raised over £5,500, with more donations expected in the coming days. These funds will go a long way in supporting the hospice to provide exceptional care and support to those in need within the community.

Amy Garland, Head of Engagement and Marketing, and organiser of the event, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses for their incredible support, without which this event would not have been possible.

Amy stated "We are absolutely thrilled with the overwhelming response to this year's Yeovil Sunflower Stroll. The support we've received from our community has been astounding, and it's heart-warming to see so many people coming together for a great cause. The funds raised will make a significant difference in the lives of those under the care of our Yeovil Hospice."



Have your say

It's more than the kindness of strangers

In a heart-warming event that underscored the spirit of dedication and the Somerset community, St Margaret's Hospice Care held two special awards ceremonies to recognise the exceptional contributions of its staff and volunteers. The events were a true celebration of the commitment and compassion that has kept the hospice thriving over the years.



On Thursday 24th August, Ann Lee, CEO of St Margaret's, Joy Milliken, the hospice's Clinical Director, and Mel Merrill, Head of Volunteering, honoured volunteers and staff members who have selflessly devoted 20, 25, 30, and an impressive 35 years to various roles within the hospice with Long Service Awards.

The awards not only celebrated the remarkable achievements of those being honoured, but also highlighted the strong bonds that form within the St Margaret's Hospice community.

St Margaret's has long been a pillar of the community, providing essential care and comfort to patients and their families during challenging times. The charity's ability to do so is significantly indebted to the devotion of its staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to ensure the hospice's operations run smoothly and its patients receive the highest quality of care.

As one of her last actions before her retirement, Ann Lee, CEO, was proud to present the awards and expressed her gratitude and admiration for the long-serving volunteers and staff, stating, "To make time and to take time to care for others is the biggest gift any human being can do for another. It takes dedication, stamina, empathy, courage, bravery, kindness and sacrifice. As a hospice we are nothing without our people, and our volunteers extend our capacity and capability as an organisational wide team to make a difference to people with end-of-life care needs across our county. Their dedication has personally transformed lives, uplifted spirits, and truly exemplified the values of our charity and the very essence and spirit of compassionate person-centred care that we strive to achieve every single day."



The occasion served as a reminder of the hospice's essential role in the local community and the enduring spirit of compassion that drives its mission forward.

Spotlight on Alfredo's



Pizzas, pastas and passion

At sixteen Henry Osmond started working in the then 'Market Bar and Bistro' washing up and waiting on tables. In quieter moments Bill, the then owner, would show him some cooking skills that sparked an interest for life.

Now, fifteen years later, after having trained and cooked in some of the finest restaurants that Sydney, Tokyo, Hong Kong, London and South Petherton have to offer, Henry has returned with his family, wife Ruth and son Alfred, to the town he grew up in to become Chef Patron of Alfredo's, inspired by Alfred and the Italian holidays they have shared.

Firmly settled back in the rolling hills of Somerset, Henry is pouring all of his passion, experience and know how, into creating a truly local restaurant, bakery and bar. Taking the finest local produce and turning it into delicious sharing plates and creating an environment where guests can relax and enjoy great cooking and drinking with superb service.

Handmade sharing pastas, gourmet pizzas produced by Enrico, beautiful Sunday lunches, a bar filled with chilled Italian whites, bold Italian reds and all the drinks you would expect to enjoy on the perfect Italian holiday including Aperol Spritz, Campari, Limoncello, Prosecco and so much more.

Alfredo's will open on 4th October but the bakery and pizza shop connected to it is already open for business. The bakery will be providing authentic rustic breads, freshly made sandwiches and delicate pastries, with Italian coffees, in the perfect place to meet friends and family.



Somerton Events and Clubs October 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the November edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th October 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 11.30am to 12.30pm Parish Rooms, Somerton	Sue Knight 07854 641950 ltissue@mail.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
	Pilates – Inhale to Prepare 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Gill Hampson 07526 534889 gillhampson6@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Tai Chi 9.30am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Women's Institute 2.30pm Parish Rooms – third Tuesday of month	Sue Long 01458 274038 Pauline Saunders 01458 272769
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 5.45pm 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-Tuttiatt 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

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Wednesdays	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk
	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
	Somerton Gardeners' Club 7.30pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB – second Wednesday of the month	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com somertongc.com £3 for visitors
	Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms – second Wednesday of the month	Mandy McAllen mandymcallen1@gmail.com free to members, £5 to visitors including refreshments
	Somerton Probus Club 11.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane – last Wednesday of the month	Barrie Davies 07811 770061 barrie.davies@btinternet.com
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 9.30am 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

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Thursdays	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
	Health Walks 11.30am Somerton Library – first and third Thursday of the month	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
	Friendship Club 10.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane – second Thursday of the month	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
	Somerton History Society 7.30pm at Parish Rooms – fourth Thursday of the month	Joan Banbury j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk
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
	Adventure Babies at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB 10.15am Sitters and Crawlers 11.30am Littlies 12.45pm Mixed Ages	Mel 07947 743278 mel@adventurebabies.co.uk
	Somerton and District Bowls Club	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
	Strictly Jive 7.45pm to 12.30am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB – first Friday of the month	Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
Saturdays	Somerton Group of Artists painting day at Parish Rooms – 10.00am first Saturday of the month	Mandy McAllen mandymcallen1@gmail.com full details at somertonartists.co.uk or Facebook. Workshop £5 on door
	Somerton Cinema Society 6.45pm for 7.30pm start at Parish Rooms – second Saturday of the month	Tickets from Cobbs Wholefoods, £6.00.
	Ballroom Latin Sequence Dance 7.30pm to 11.30pm at Edgar Hall – last Saturday of the month	Peter Withey-Tebby 07738 581292 witheytebby@btinternet.com Admission £6.50/raffle £1 a strip



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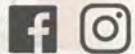
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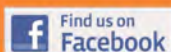
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