

## **Editor's Letter**



# Hello.

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As you can imagine, in the run up to Christmas, there is plenty going on in and around Somerton, and people have been kind enough to keep us in the know. There are concerts, exhibitions, a treasure hunt and Mr and Mrs Santa Claus to look forward to.

Don't forget to join in the big Christmas Lights Switch On in the Market Place on Sunday 3rd December, starting at 3.00pm. And please remember, the deadline for contributions for the January 2024 issue of Viaduct is very early... please send your article to me by end of day on 6th December 2023.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Editor, Viaduct

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue	
There is no full council meeting during December. The next full meeting will be on 9th January 2024.				
Planning if required	12th December 2023	6.30pm	Edgar Hall	

Welcome to your December edition of the Viaduct and please let us start with wishing you all a very merry, healthy, peaceful Christmas, and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. During November, the Council set the budget for 2024/25, and have actively been chasing and communicating with Vistry Housing regarding the Langport Road crossing. We have also supported the Somerton Lights Brigade for the installation of Christmas trees and lights. Please read on for further information.

### 2024/25 budget set

We are sure you have heard in the news that Somerset Council are now under special measures, due to financial concerns, and taking into account the Asset Devolution letter which was received by the Town council on 8th November 2023, we have set the Town Council's budget for 2024/25. Please refer to our website somertontowncouncil.gov.uk/meetings/full-council/#155-1009-wpfd-budget-2024-25 for further information and to read the letter from Somerset Council. The Town Council are still reviewing which services we can take on to ensure we keep our town tidy. The precept is due to be set in January 2024, once the tax base has been set by Somerset Council (due to be received by the clerk's office during December). Through the Budget for 2024/25 you will see an increase which will reflect some services which we will be taking over from Somerset Council, but please rest assured that we are all working hard to ensure that we keep the precept as low as possible, but also ensuring we set the budget realistically to keep the town clean and tidy. Councillors, of course, wish to hear from and hold conversations with local groups and organisations in the community with regards to how we can best protect those services which our residents most use and value. Please contact the Town Clerk by emailing town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk with your thoughts.

## Langport Road Crossing update

We have actively been chasing for the completion of the Langport Road crossing. We are very pleased to report that progress is now being made and the lighting should be installed and the crossing safe to use soon. Vistry's Engineering manager has been in regular contact with us and keeping us updated with their progress. Vistry have now had the columns and lamps agreed with

## Langport Road Crossing update cont'd

Somerset Highways and their new contractor and we are waiting for notification of a confirmed date for commencement of the works. We have been informed that the works will be completed in two phases with stage one hopefully being completed before Christmas and phase two running into the early part of 2024. Please rest assured that an end is now in sight, and we will have our crossing open and safe to use shortly. As always, we will keep you updated when we know more.



Somerton Town Council are still urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue, to put themselves forward as a councillor for the opportunity to make a real difference.

Councillors have four main areas of responsibility:

- To determine council policy and provide community leadership.
- To monitor and review council performance in implementing policies and delivering services.
- . To represent the council externally.
- · To act as advocates for their constituents.

To become a Somerton Town Councillor, you must be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however the criteria has changed now that the UK has left the European Union. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections.
- At least 18 years old.
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

Further eligibility criteria is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england. The council are seeking two new councillors for co-option onto the council, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Town Clerk by emailing town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

## A big thank you

We would like to thank our town's wonderful volunteers for their selfless dedication and hard work. Their contributions make a positive difference in our community; and we would like to warmly invite them to join us for a mulled wine and mince pies evening as an extension of our appreciation of their services. The event will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.



#### Volunteers needed

The council are always seeking volunteers to join working groups to progress projects. We are currently seeking volunteer support for the opening and closing at Edgar Hall, this could be midweek or a weekend. The lights Brigade are also looking for volunteers to help with the town's wonderful Christmas Lights. There are many other local groups who would like support and new members. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Town Clerk, Laura Bolter, at town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

## Let's make Somerton greener

The Town Council have acquired 150 trees for our residents, businesses and organisations to plant in their front gardens. Having proved a popular project, with almost half already reserved, we strongly encourage you to contact Martyn.George@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk if you wish to reserve a tree and help make Somerton a greener place to live.

#### Let's do our part to make the cemetery greener too

We understand the importance for families to place floral tributes on the grave sites of loved ones; especially at poignant times of the year such as Christmas. The Land & Properties committee would like to encourage recycling which would ultimately reduce the amount of waste which is sent to landfill. Separate recycling bins are available within the cemetery, so we encourage you to separate green waste, compost, and recyclable materials whenever possible. Please place all flowers, plants and leaves in the bin marked for flowers and green waste only. The green waste will then be composted. There is also a separate bin for paper and recyclable plastic. When disposing of wreaths or floral displays, please remove any non-green matter to avoid contamination. Non-green matter includes plastics, florists' foam, metal and other non-compostable materials. The non-green matter can be placed in the appropriate bin located within the cemetery which will ultimately be sent to landfill. By working together, we can make our cemetery more sustainable for the future.

#### Somerton festivities

The Somerton festivities begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, where our annual Christmas Lights switch on will take place between 3.00pm and 7.00pm in the Market Place. The switch on will be accompanied by a Fayre comprising of street entertainment, craft stalls and not forgetting Father Christmas himself!

#### November grants awarded

#### STC2015: GRANT APPLICATION - CITIZENS ADVICE SOMERSET

Citizen's Advice Somerset grant awarded to support the rental fee for the use of the Library for the Community access drop in each week for the sum of £930.00.

#### STC2016: GRANT APPLICATION - SOMERTON CARY COMMUNITY SHED

Somerton Cary Community Shed grant awarded to contribute towards the provision of a facility, tools, and equipment in the sum of £3,000.00. The facility is for local people who wish to socialise and share skills in an informal and friendly environment. Initially the community shed will be open twice a week for half a day.

#### Your Somerton

This is a directory of local groups, organisations and businesses in and around the Somerton area. The booklet is produced biennially with three objectives:-

- to provide an update on the work of Somerton Town Council
- to promote businesses and other organisations in the town and surrounding area
- to provide brief details of local clubs, societies and other organisations for residents

The publication is delivered free to every household in the parish, and for 2024 we intend to distribute the booklet by the end of March 2024. The closing date for all adverts is 19th January 2024, please email yoursomerton@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk for further information on how to advertise.

#### D-Day Public Organisation Meeting

On Wednesday 24th January 2024 a public organisational meeting will be held at Edgar Hall to discuss the D-Day 80th Commemoration Weekend scheduled on 6th/8th/9th June 2024. This meeting will take place in the conference room at 7.30pm.



#### Citizens Advice at Somerton Library

Every Monday 10.00am to 1.30pm (no appointment needed).

Alternatively, please call Somerset Adviceline on 0808 27 87842. Monday and Friday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. We are now running longer hours on:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10.00 am - 8.00 pm

Or please visit www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk for email and other advice options

#### Are you deaf or hard of hearing?

Clients who are deaf or hard of hearing can call the Relay UK Text service using prefix 18001 and then dialling 0808 27 87842.

#### Somerton Town Council are here to support you

For further information and detail regarding the workload of the council, and for minutes of our meetings, please refer to our website somertontowncouncil.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes.

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 Scarlett at office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Please note that office staff work part time hours, and the office opening times are 9.00am to 12.00 noon. We endeavour to respond as promptly as possible.

## Hear Gregory sing

Professional tenor, Gregory Steward, will be singing in West Street Church, Somerton on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. His repertoire will include O Holy Night, White Christmas, In the Bleak Midwinter, Ave Maria and many more seasonal favourites. Refreshments will be on offer and tickets are just £12. To book your place call Gregory on 01458 211197 or email gregorystewardtenor@gmail.com or you can simply pay at the door.





ACEarts would like to thank all local businesses, artists and visitors for their continued support this year. Somerton is a fantastic little town and we love being here with so many other wonderful independents, talented artisans and so many great supporters. Our last day of the year is Saturday 23 December and we will reopen on Tuesday 2 January. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and here's to 2024.

#### Festive floral art

Somerton Gardeners' Club enjoyed a superb demonstration of floral art at their November meeting. In preparation for Christmas invited speaker, Myra Cox, demonstrated six ideas for floral decorations. This included a decoration



encasing a wine bottle, a basket arrangement, a three tiered decoration and a tied bouquet. She then added some PG tips toy monkeys to set off the display.

There was also a competition amongst members for the best floral arrangement depicting Firework Night. The evening was rounded off with a raffle and welcome cup of tea.

Somerton Gardners' Club meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Edgar Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome to join us and if any keen gardeners would like to join the club, please contact Annette Sparks on 01458 892547 for details of the 2024 programme of events.

## More than just a library

A community library is much more than just books. Below is a summary of what's been going on, and what's coming up. Remember, we're here for you, so drop in and make the most of us.



- The Summer Reading Challenge was a huge success for Somerton Library. This year there was a 58% increase in registrations, 160 children registered for the challenge and 61% completed it.
- The Christmas Craft Event will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 10.30am, the Library closes at 1.00pm.
- December's Treasure Hunt will feature Christmas.
- 'Knit and Natter' is held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Somerton Library from 10.30am to midday. Turn up and join the group.
- The Somerton Library Trust seeks a Volunteer to fill the Fundraising Trustee role. Anyone interested should contact Jeremy Greenop by email at somertonlibrarytrust@outlook.com.
- What's Your Story Somerset Libraries are encouraging users to share their stories about their Library and how the Library has either made a difference to their lives or provided services that support the community. We always like good news stories, but this information will be used to substantiate the role of community libraries such as ours. Explaining the effect or outcome of an interaction is most important.



## of Artists Rounding off the year

Our final meeting of 2024 will take place on December 13th at The Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton. Titled Show and Tell, it promises to be a fun filled evening celebrating a busy year with members presenting their various projects, paintings and experiences, and featuring Jackie Sherlock reading her Christmas poem and showing the beautiful illustrations she has made to go with it.

Beginning at 7.30pm, it's free to members and guests are welcome for £5 on the door which includes refreshments.

## Singing festive joy

The Somerton based Mid-Wessex Singers are delighted to present 'A Christmas Journey', our annual festive concert on Saturday 16th December 2023. We will be sharing the joy of singing together at St Michael's Church, Somerton at 7.30pm. Advance tickets (£10 each) are available from Cobbs in Somerton or any member of the choir, or can be purchased on the door for £12, For more information contact info@midwessexsingers.co.uk.

## Christmas at St Michael and All Angels

Please do join us to celebrate Christmas.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10.00am to 12 noon Coffee morning with stalls packed with Christmas goodies – worth taking a look

Saturday 9th December 7.00pm Town Carol Service

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion



Somerton Church (St. Michael & All Angels) by hugh llewelyn is licensed under CC BY-SA 2.0.



#### Loving later life

Local charity, Age UK Somerset, want you to 'Love Later Life'. That's why residents of Somerton can take part in Gentle Pilates and Strong & Steady strength and balance classes.

Gentle Pilates is on Fridays at Somerton Parish Rooms at 11.30am. It is a mat-based class with simple but effective exercises that will strengthen the whole body, improving balance and posture. Strong and Steady sessions are ideal

for people who feel less confident on their feet and want to work on their strength and balance. The evidence-based programme helps prevent falls. See pages 17 and 18 for registration details. And if you'd like to take classes at home online, go to ageuksomerset.org.uk/onlineexercisesessions.

## High tea and praise for these volunteers

The "amazing" unsung heroes of a Somerset-based medical charity deserve huge acclaim for their worldwide work. That's the verdict of the former Lord Lieutenant of the county, Annie Maw, who hosted a tea party for friends and supporters in her new role as patron of Festival Medical Services (FMS) at their HQ in Somerton.

She said most of the audience would be aware of what FMS volunteers do at Glastonbury Festival – where they are responsible for delivering nursing and medical care to ticket-holders and staff – but that their wider role supporting medical projects in the UK and around the world was much less well-known.

Mrs Maw said some small charities might be very wary of supporting projects in unstable or far-flung parts of the world, but that FMS had a long-established track record of choosing projects very carefully and ethically and had donated nearly £1.5 million altogether.

One current project is funding, preparing and sending trauma boxes of lifesaving medical kit to war-torn Ukraine, in partnership with World Extreme Medicine. FMS has sent nearly £1 million worth of these since the war began in February 2022.

It also works on a long-term basis supporting medical projects in India, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Kenya and Zanzibar, as well as in the UK helping children, cancer patients and adults recovering from addiction.

Mrs Maw, who was Lord Lieutenant of Somerset from 2015 to 2022, has a special and very personal connection to Festival Medical Services. She first came into contact with the charity in 2021 when she came to Glastonbury Festival to formally present FMS with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Former nurse, Mrs Maw, has been a wheelchair-user since she fell from her horse in an accident on the Mendip Hills in 2002.

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 at the award presentation. FMS Chief Executive Dr Chris Howes said: "The fact that so many friends and supporters came along to Annie's tea party shows the respect and affection in which she is held throughout the county – we are extremely fortunate to have her as our patron.



### Speedwatch unedited at author David Cundle's request

Another month passes and although the weather hasn't been kind Speedwatch has been out reminding motorists to drive within the speed limits. Most accidents are caused by speed so each and everyone who drives has the power to reduce the high number of accidents that occur on our roads. Every day people leave their homes ,say goodbye to the family assuming that they will be home later . Sadly some do not return due to serious accidents and lives are ruined. It is therefore in your hands to ensure that we can almost eradicate serious injury and deaths on our roads by driving with consideration and within the limits .With the season of Kindness and Goodwill now upon us please remember that drinking and driving is illegal and accidents can happen to anyone. We hope you all have a safe, happy and peaceful time this Christmas. David Cundle



## We'll always remember

Thank you to all those who came to Somerton's Remembrance Day Event. It was a special occasion with youth groups, town groups and many others showing respect and laying wreaths.

Next year we will be parading again with the support of Somerton Town Council, the Somerton Royal British

Legion and Chevron marshalling the road march. Chevron will provide their services for free.

## Tooling up at the Shed

Somerton and Cary Community Shed now have a bank account and have applied for grants to set up the shed for early 2024. If you wish to join us, the annual fee will be £25.00. We are also happy to accept donations of hand tools and power tools such as a bench drill, sander, grinder, jig saw or angle grinder.

Larger pieces such as wood lathes or dust extractors would also add to the range of opportunities which our members could use.

On entering the site, our location is accessible for people in wheelchairs or buggies. For further information please contact Mo Fletcher at fletcher080@btinternet.com or on 07718 920198.

#### We couldn't do it without you

Thank you to the Lights Brigade and Somerton Volunteers for all their hard work in decorating the town ready for the special arrival of Mr and Mrs Christmas on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3.00pm – 6.00pm in the Town Square.



Meet Santa and Mrs Claus by Alpharetta CVB is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.



## Lighting up

Thanks to a grant from the Somerton Community Association, the Lady Smith Memorial Institute (aka the Parish Rooms) has been equipped with new ceiling tile LED lighting. The new lights replace the aged fluorescent tubes and will provide a more even lighting pattern and use less than one quarter of the electricity.

Chair of the trustees of LSMI, Martyn Smith, commented "Thanks to the generous grant from SCA, we are keeping our much-loved facility up to date"

## Thank you for another great year

Laburnum Drive Community Centre Committee would like to express our thanks to all who have so regularly supported us this year and have shared all our events each month. We have appreciated your company and your interest in our work, which is for the benefit of all.

The Viaduct is to be thanked, all the team work hard, and the benefit of keeping us all informed and in touch with each other is priceless. Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.



### Good neighbours

The third AGM for the Somerton Good Neighbours was held on the 31st October and fourteen volunteers braved the wind and rain to attend the meeting.

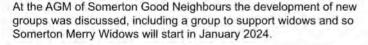
Chairman, Annette Sparks, thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to Somerton residents. Annette noted that whilst shopping and prescription collection for residents is still ongoing, most of the work is now centred on transportation to medical appointments and running the Memory Café in West Street Church.

The Memory Café has been a great success with 25 members attending regularly. Finances for running the café are very healthy due to generous donations from the Mid Wessex Choir, the One Stop Shop raffle and from Pawsability Dog Training. In addition, funds have been received from the Somerton in Need Relief Fund. Without this amazing support, the Memory Café would have struggled to continue.

Looking to the future, the volunteers agreed that there is need for a support group for widows. Dru Perry has agreed to take the lead on this.

All officers were re-elected to the committee and then the meeting was closed. Afterwards, volunteers enjoyed some refreshments and spent time catching up.

## Helping each other





We will meet over coffee, give each other much needed support, listen without judging and respect everyone's grief journey. There is no right or wrong way of doing this journey and there is no instruction book. Too many of us struggle and flounder on our way. Look out for more details in and around town, I'll be there to greet you. Dru Perry.



#### Art on West Street

From 11<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, three artists will be exhibiting at No. 1 West Street. Bob is a digital artist creating geometric and graphic abstract images, and will have a large monitor that will show, in real time, ongoing projects. Garry is a sculptor of Energy Enhancing Functional art and will be offering hands on demonstrations on site. Sharon will be

showing her mixed media artworks including a seascape, which comprises a real beach. This should be an interesting exhibition and an ideal time to find those unique gifts for Christmas.

## Calling all clubs, societies and organisations

Is your organisation, society or club listed on the Somerton Community Website (somerton.co.uk)? If it is, is your information correct? To check, or add your organisation, take a look at the Societies and Clubs pages.



Image by John Schnobrich, unsplash.com.

This is a list of the details you can include on the website.

- The organisation's name
- Contact name and address including post code
- Phone number
- Fax number
- Mobile number
- Email address
- Website address with link

The website also has an Events Page and all entries are free of charge. We are very keen to have listings of any meetings or events you'd like to promote to keep people of Somerton up to date of what's going on in their town. To be included on the website, Societies and Clubs page and/or Events page, please email somerton@somerton.co.uk. You can also call 01458 272041 if you have any questions.



#### A night at the theatre

Two new trips are now planned, although ticket prices continue to inflate. In July we have seats reserved for Disney's Aladdin, a fantastic musical and visual experience, then the musical celebrating the popular comedy series Only Fools and Horses arrives in February 2025.

Our May trip to see the hit musical 'Hamilton' is full. No surprise there. If there is enough demand to cover the coach hire we will run a second trip, probably in June.

The best way to keep up to date is at www.charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form. You can also book by e-mailing charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phoning Chris on 01458 273085.

All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

Hoping to see you on the coach sometime soon.

## Somerton Events and Clubs December 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the January 2024 edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 4<sup>th</sup> December 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 Itssue@mail.com	
	Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library	For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk	
	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-Tuttiett 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	

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Create and Connect 10.30am to12.30pm 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	
Drawing for All 10.30am to12.30pm 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 9.00pm at Sports Ground beside MUGA	Alex 01458 272047 Judith 01458 273079	
Strong and Steady with Age UK Somerset, Parish Rooms. There is no set time as you must contact or email to book	Please contact Age UK Somerset on 01823 345614 or by email at fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk	
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	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 to12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk	
	Somerton and District Bowls Club	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk	
	Gentle Pilates with Age UK Somerset, 11.30am to 12.30pm, 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 Cinema Society 6.45pm for 7.30pm start at Parish Rooms – various dates, see local advertising	Tickets from Cobbs Wholefoods, £6.00 adults, £3.00 children	
	Nourishing Community Food Conference 10.00am to 3.00pm in Edgar Hall, Somerton – third Saturday of the month	Free for community workers and volunteers. Book with Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nourishing-community-food-conference-2023-tickets-694794046697?aff=oddtdtcreator	
	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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