



SOMERTON VIADUCT

March 2024

Town Council

Welcome,

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Welcome to your March edition of the Somerton Viaduct, February brought us the celebration and reflection of Cllr Dean Ruddle's life. The celebration was a poignant array of memories, laughter and tears, beautifully reflecting the essence of a remarkable man who left an incredible mark on the hearts of many. Wonderful presentations were given by family, friends and

colleagues. Amidst the stories shared and the silence filled with unspoken love, it was evident that Cllr Ruddle's spirit and legacy would forever live in the lives of those he touched. A lovely selection of photographs of Cllr Ruddle and his family were displayed and fond memories shared. Guests were also able to join Cllr Ruddle's celebration of life via a livestream and we were joined by many including ex Town Councillor Sue Pither, from Australia.

Your March edition is full of information and up and coming events, which have been sent in by local groups, there is plenty to join in with during March and beyond.

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

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All articles for inclusion in the April edition must be received by 10th March 2024 at viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Council

Council Meetings	Date	Time
Full Council (Planning if required at 18:30)	12th March 2024	19:00
Promotions and Communications	19th March 2024	19:00
Access & Highways (Planning if required at 18:30)	26th March 2024	19:00

All council meetings are held at Edgar Hall

You can find detail of the work the council are undertaking in the minutes of the town council meetings on the council's website. [somertontowncouncil.gov.uk /agen-das-and-minutes](http://somertontowncouncil.gov.uk/agen-das-and-minutes).

Grants awarded January and February 2024

STC2030: Somerton Music and Arts Festival

Somerton music and arts festival were awarded a grant for advertising in the Viaduct for events run in the Town, the sum of up to £900.00 as been awarded.

STC2042: Somerton Library Trust

The Town Council confirmed its committment to support the Somerton Library Trust and will continue to hold funds in Reserves of £18,000.00 as financial support for library operation as required during financial year 2024/25.

STC2043: Citizens Advice Bureau

Due to the closure of the Citizens Advice Bureau's base in Somerton Library in March 2024, the refund of £ 370.00 will be returned to the Town Council. Being the unspent balance of the Grant issued in 2023 minute reference: STC2015.



Citizens Advice at Somerton Library is closing. The last day is Monday 25th March 2024. Opening hours are Monday's 10.00–13.00 (No appointment needed)

visit www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk

Their in person services will still be available but they are moving to a new Community Access Point at the Crispin Centre in Street.

Somerset Advice-line on 0808 27 87842. Monday & Friday 10:00 to 16:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10:00 to 20:00

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.

Citizens advice can offer you support and guidance; benefits, work, debt and money, consumer, family, housing, law and courts, immigration and health.

Town Council

Please pick up after your dogs

A polite reminder that if dog waste bins are full and you use an alternative street bin, please ensure you double bag your waste. **Placing dog mess in normal litter bins is generally accepted by most local councils unless there are signs to the contrary.** However, a lack of a nearby bin is no excuse. To bag it and leave it is also completely unacceptable as this is extremely bad for the environment.

Most dog walkers clean up after their dogs, but some people still do not. Dog fouling is the offence of being in charge of a dog and failing to remove the dog mess from a public place. Dog owners or walkers must, by law, immediately remove their dog's mess from land where people have the right to walk or enjoy. The law applies almost everywhere once you are outside your own garden. It covers parks, footpaths, open spaces, verges, alleyways, playing fields, beaches and any other public place. There are now many signs up in these areas, but the law applies whether there are signs or not. If you cannot find a dog waste bin, you must take the bag home and dispose of the waste appropriately. Dog fouling is one of the problems many people complain about across the country. Dog mess looks horrible, smells and can spread disease. Contact with dog mess can cause an infection called *Toxocara canis* that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

It is every dog owner's duty to clear up after their dog. You can make this easier by thinking and planning ahead. To report dog fouling and for further information please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/environment-and-food-safety/report-dog-fouling

Volunteering in 2024 and beyond

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community by supporting a meaningful cause. By volunteering you can meet new people, gain new skills, and expand your horizons. You can find more information about volunteer roles by calling the Town Council on 01458 272236 or by emailing town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, by visiting volunteering.somerset.gov.uk, or by visiting Sparkachange.org.uk, many organisations are seeking support across Somerset.

Volunteering can be a rewarding experience; you can give as much or as little time as you have available.

The Town Council are still seeking new councillors. Town Councillors are officially 'elected' members, but these roles are also effectively voluntary positions too. If you have a vision or a project for Somerton you can make a positive difference by stepping forward. If you would like an informal conversation to find out more about becoming a councillor please call your Town Clerk Laura Bolter on 01458 272236

Town Council

D-Day Commemoration Events

Somerton Town Council are planning several events starting Thursday 6th June to Sunday 9th June. Volunteers are being sought to help make the events successful. If you are able to offer your help please contact Councillor Mo Fletcher and the Councillors' and Volunteers' team on 07718 920198. A Selection of activities will be taking place over the commemorative weekend and will include, Beacon lighting, D Day Dance (40s Dress optional) at Edgar Hall and a Family Picnic and Funday at the Recreation Ground.

Changes ahead for Waste collection days

For detail of changes coming please visit somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/re-route-of-waste-collections

Changes are being brought in by the council's contractor, Suez recycling and recovery UK, the new routes will make rounds more efficient, more manageable for crews whilst reducing mileage and carbon emissions. The changes come at no cost to the council. Residents may have a change to collection day / a change in the week that their rubbish is collected (it will still be collected once every three weeks). You will receive a letter followed by a service guide. Please look out for this and save it for future reference as this will show your new collection day.

Wales and West Utilities will be carrying out further work

This additional work will result in the road closure of West Street, planned between 20th March and 18th April, 2024.

Somerton is very much open for business during this period and the Council will lend its support to local traders in publicising that it wants to encourage everyone, residents and visitors to continue to visit our beautiful town and enjoy everything it has to offer. The road closure period covers Easter and Wales and West Utilities have said that they will aim to be in a position where they are able to lift the closure for Easter weekend, provided it is safe to do so.

We are here to support our residents

If residents have any comments or questions regarding anything within this report, or questions in general, please direct them to your editor by emailing **Lydia at viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk**. Or by contacting your Clerk's office by calling **01458 272236** or by emailing **Scarlett office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk**, **Laura town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk**, **Steph deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk**

Please note that the office staff work part time hours, and the office opening times are **9.00 am to 12.00 midday on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. We endeavour to respond as promptly as possible.

About Town

Somerton Cary Community Shed - News and update.



**Somerton & Cary
Community Shed**

Shedding is coming to Somerton! **Open Day** Wednesday **23rd March 2024**. The shed is located at Wild Meadow Farm, Park Lane and access is secured. We plan to open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 13:00 and will be open to our members from April onwards, with our Open Day on Saturday March 23rd from 10:00 to 13:00. Membership subscriptions are £25.00 per annum, or after people have tried up to 2 taster sessions. £5 per attendance, cash, or card. We hope that the membership fees will cover next year's insurance and the daily attendance fee will cover the monthly rental and electricity costs. Thank you for all the donations which include furnishings, tools and a vacuum. If anyone wishes to help with fitting out the shed (your help would be very welcome) or to request a membership form, please contact Mo Fletcher by calling 07718 920198 or by emailing fletcher080@btinternet.com

Mid Wessex Singers to celebrate 25 years

In 2024 the Mid Wessex Singers are marking the 25th anniversary of the choir's formation and we invite local people to join us at our celebratory concert on the evening of Saturday 4th May 2024 at St Michael's Church in Somerton. In the choir, conducted by our Musical Director, Alice Dicker, are three founder members and amongst the audience will be previous members and Musical Directors.

The programme reflects the range of music we have sung across the years, including some of our favourites such as Vivaldi's Gloria and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, as well as looking to the future with modern compositions such as some Motets by Karl Jenkins. For this special occasion we are expecting to be joined by Malcolm Archer, Louise Innes and Eloise Routledge. Please visit our website www.midwessexsingers.co.uk, calling our Secretary, Sheena on 07768 704883 or e-mail info@midwessexsingers.co.uk.

Somerton Community Association (SCA)

Founded in 1997, the prime advocates were Sherry Briggs and the late David Yeates. Funds came from a shop in the Half Moon car park and Westcombe Waste (our local landfill operator) who pay some of their landfill tax liability to not-for-profit organisations for projects benefiting communities and environments near their landfill site. So far, SCA have given almost £250,000 to local organisations. We give thanks to Sherry for her hard work and dedication as she steps down as chair and hands the baton onto Jeremy Greenop.

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Somerton Library to celebrate 5th year

The 1st of April marks the 5th anniversary of Somerton's Community Library Partnership (CLP) with Somerset Council. The library plans to celebrate the 5th year milestone on Saturday, 6th April 2024. Please pop in to help us celebrate. As usual the library will be open from 10:00 to 13:00. Members and prospective members will be made welcome. More information about events on the day will be advertised on the electronic noticeboards, our website and the Love Somerton Facebook page.

Monday	Closed all day	
Tuesday	Closed am	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Closed pm
Thursday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Closed pm

The library is managed by the Somerton Library Trust with support from the Town Council. The day-to-day operations are undertaken by a professional librarian who is supported by a dedicated group of welcoming volunteers who are essential to the continued operation of the Library.

The partnership has enhanced the facilities over the last 5 years and the library now has energy efficient LED lighting, enhanced loft insulation, and will soon be installing reversible fans to improve the circulation of air both hot and cold. For many of the enhancements the Trust is indebted to the Somerton Community Association.

The Library now boasts solar panels, 2 electronic noticeboards (funded in part by the Town Council, the Co-op Community Fund and the Market Town Investment Group) and a comprehensive **website: somertonlibrary.com**.

Over the last 5 years in addition to the traditional library services of book and audio book loans, a home library service and support of local book clubs forming the core of daily operations, the library's community activities have expanded to include: Story Time every Thursday morning; Knit and Natter sessions; regular craft events; the King Ina Library Club; RSPCA sponsored events; a monthly Lego club; ad hoc Mindfulness Classes; monthly changing treasure hunt; and digital drop-in sessions on Thursdays. At no cost, the Library lends out blood pressure monitors and will book the thermal imaging camera for individual's use to help identify thermal leakage hotspots in properties. There are 2 desktop computers and WiFi is available to members.

Access to the Library is open to all and we have a 'warm space' seating area for use by the community. Membership is FREE and includes the benefits of all 'LibrariesWest' services, including e-books, magazines and comics, as well as an online reference library.

The March Treasure Hunt theme is "Julia Donaldson Characters". Ten pictures of characters that feature in Julia Donaldson's books will be 'secreted' around the library.

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Somerton Merry Widows

We next meet on Tuesday March 5th at 10:30 in The White Hart in Somerton, where we will be planning our Sunday Lunch Groups and discussing a midweek break at The Manor Crafting Hotel in Devon. A warm welcome awaits you all. Contact Dru perrydruscula@gmail.com 07799 262047.

Somerton History Society to meet 28th March 2024

Do you find old objects fascinating? At the next meeting of the Somerton History Society, we will hear about the work of the South Somerset Heritage Collection from Joseph Lewis, who heads the heritage team. The collection has over 30,000 objects and 6,000 photos reflecting the heritage of Yeovil and South Somerset from a Roman Mosaic to a recent Yeovil Town football programme! The meeting will be held in the Parish Rooms and starts at 19:30 with refreshments available from 19:00. Members attend for free, with guests very welcome at £4.00 per person.

Laburnum Drive committee

Our AGM resulted in two members standing down and we thank them for their hard work which was greatly appreciated, and we welcome in three new members. Our regular events and prices remain unchanged: Tuesdays: Coffee at 10:00 (if no Coach Trip). Bacon Butties 1st Tuesday of Month at 10:00, Bingo Thursdays at 14:00. Parties, Suppers, or Teas Monthly you will find notices and payment forms in Hall with full detail.

March events Special: 8th March - Sausage & Mash Supper costing £5.00 From 17:00 -19:00 which includes our Kamikaze Bingo. 19th March - Coach Trip, departing at 10:00 to CRIBBS Causeway £11.00. 27th March - Floral class, details in Hall. A very warm welcome awaits you!

Royal British Legion

The total for our 2023 Poppy Appeal in Somerton raised £3,503,31. We would like to thank all those who donated to the appeal and give thanks to our wonderful Volunteers, Veterans and non-Military residents who collected outside the Co Op. If anyone would like to join the RBL and become a member, give support in the future and help with things such as future Poppy Collections (children can help too) or if you would like a Wreath to take to any War Memorials through the year, please contact Jo Gale 01458 274543. For the organisations that have a Wreath every year please note that you do not need to request one each year, we have your order recorded until you notify us you no longer wish to have one.

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Somerton Business and Trade Association

Every year SBTA run a 'Spot the Christmas Object' competition; the 2023 theme being a stylised reindeer hand made by ACEarts from recycled bobbins. Open for 5- to 16-year-olds (and 17 – 116 but no prize!), entrants had to find 41 hand-made reindeer displayed in the windows of member businesses all around the town and complete an entry form for a chance of winning a chocolate stocking. The response was fantastic! And we thank everyone who took part in the competition. We were delighted that the competition was so well received. It's been a difficult few months for local businesses, so we are very grateful to everyone that took the time to come into town and search for the elusive reindeer and we thank ACEarts for providing room for the presentation in the gallery. This year's winners, selected at random from all the correct entries, were Skyler (L) and Riley (R – plus little sister!) both of whom are pictured here being awarded their prizes by Colin Powell at the ACEarts Gallery just before Christmas Eve. We are all looking forward to next year's competition!



If any local businesses would like to join SBTA and help us support members and the town, please contact sbta@cphm.co.uk

Somerton Group of Artists

Meetings resume on 13th March with an opportunity to learn more about the work of club member Kevin Pickles. Doors open 19:00 for a 19:30 start at Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton.

When Kevin was 15 he decided to become a professional comic book artist - though it took many years to eventually get to that point! From painting portraits and pets; tattoo designs; logos for local businesses he started to build up a few professional relationships with independent comics publishers that continue to this day. Kevin's work is entirely hand drawn with pens and pencils and he will talk about his process of work - from script to finished page. Members free, -guests always welcome -£5 on the door.



Wessex House - Easter Bingo

Thursday 21st March. Doors open 18:30 with eyes down at 19:00. Please come along and have a fun evening. Funds raised will contribute to the purchase of a "Digital Rainbow Table" for our residents, it will give them endless pleasure and stimulation.

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ACEarts

The Royal Society of Sculptors is bringing a new exhibition of contemporary sculptures to Somerton. Casting Shadows will feature works by some of the most talented and innovative sculptors working today.

The exhibition showcases a variety of styles and themes, from abstract sculptures that play with light

and shadow to figurative sculptures that capture the beauty and complexity of the human form. Visitors will be able to view the sculptures up close and gain a deeper appreciation for the skill and artistry that goes into creating these magnificent works.

We invite you to join us for the opening of the exhibition on Saturday 2nd March at 11 am, where you will have the opportunity to meet some of the artists and learn more about their work. The exhibition will be open to the public from 2 March to 6 April, and admission is free. For further information please visit our website acearts.co.uk



Somerstock Tier 2 Tickets On Sale Now

Following a fantastic reception at the ticket launch in December, the family friendly Somerstock music festival has now sold out of Tier 1 tickets. Some Tier 2 tickets are still available at discounted prices and Somerton residents are advised to snap them up before they move to our full price Tier 3 tickets.

Somerstock 2024 which takes place at the Somerton Recreational ground on 12th and 13th July will be headlined by super-star jazz-funk band Shakatak, and brings over 14 live bands to Somerton, along with a fully licenced bar, street food and children's activities.

St Michael and All Angels

Saturday 2nd March, Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00

Sunday 3rd March, Morning Worship 11.00am

Sunday 10th March, Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday 11.00am

Sunday 17th March, Holy Communion 11.00am

Sunday 24th March, Cafe Praise 11.00am Palm Sunday

Thursday 28th March, Benefice Holy Communion 7pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 29th March, Good Friday Service 12 Noon

Sunday 31st March Holy Communion for Easter Day 11.00am

On Wednesdays Service at 10.00am which alternate between Holy Communion/Morning Worship

Have your say....

Somerton SpeedWatch

Somerton Speedwatch is formed of volunteers. 24 other towns and villages in South Somerset have Speedwatch groups who are managed by Avon and Somerset Police. With ever expanding towns and more traffic, the group's aim is to remind drivers to keep within the speed limits. Back in the 1970s 86% of children walked to school, now it's less than 25% and if you live in Somerton the roads around the school are dangerously busy at certain times. Cars have been witnessed queuing and stopping on zig zag lines approaching the school crossing with engines idling. This is illegal and extremely unpleasant for pedestrians. Does this really matter? Please ask yourself if the fumes and chaos are the type of environment in which you want your children to grow up in and endure each day. For further information on community speed watch please visit. www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch

The History of Charity Theatre Trips

In 2004 Chris Cox organised a minibus trip to an Italian Concert at Wells Cathedral for the local Italian Twinning Association for which he is treasurer. This was such a success and enjoyed by all that he was asked to organise a trip to see an Italian opera at the Bristol Hippodrome. The word got round and before he knew it, he was asked to arrange other trips to Bristol Hippodrome shows. Gradually this grew in popularity, which was helped by advertising in local publications and by setting up a website www.CharityTheatreTrips.com where you can book your next theatre trip.

Charity Theatre Trips have now run 281 trips and counting, with nearly 800 theatregoers on his database, some attending most of the trips, others only occasionally. Not initially planned as a fund-raising exercise, the price charged per ticket was designed to cover costs based on twenty people booking for each theatre trip. The maximum number for any trip being fifty-three, so when more than twenty people started booking each trip, profits were made. Chris then decided to donate all profits to charity. As Chris is the Group Leader of the Langport & District Red Cross he donates most of the funds raised to The Red Cross. He has raised a total of £70,500 to date, of which nearly £63,000 has been donated to The Red Cross, and the remaining donated to The Alzheimer's Society and of course to the Italian Twinning which started the theatre trips in the first place.

The Red Cross have a Shop in Langport which opens every morning for companionship, refreshments, and the sale of bric-a-brac.

Have your say....

Young People to Take Action

To improve Somerset's coasts and rivers in the new blue influencers scheme. Ambitious plans to improve the environment in and around Somerset's coast and rivers will be spearheaded by young people, thanks to a new scheme which has brought funding into the county.



Somerset
Wildlife Trust

Somerset Wildlife Trust was among 22 charities to successfully bid for funding from the Blue Influencers Scheme and is being awarded £20,000 a year for three years.

The grant will help pay for the employment of a Blue Mentor whose role is to recruit young people to become 'Blue Influencers'. These young people, aged 10 to 14, with the support of their Blue Mentor, will create and run social action schemes to improve the environment of their schools, neighbourhoods and communities.

The mission of the Blue Influencers Scheme is to assist young people to create deep, lasting and meaningful connections with the natural environment. Through this scheme young people will learn and build skills which will help them contribute to the local community through environmental action. for further information please visit www.somersetwildlife.org

Somerset Sight brings more services to the heart of Somerton

Somerset Sight, your local sight loss charity, provides specialist practical and emotional support for 3,000 people across Somerset who are blind or visually impaired. Services now brought to Somerton include the Mobile Advisory Service (MAS), Volunteer Visiting Service, the NHS Low Vision Service and soon a monthly social. On the MAS you will discover a wealth of specialist items designed for those with visual impairment. Donna, who has managed the MAS for more than 12 years, will be able to give you advice and demonstrate the fantastic items available to help with everyday life.

The next visits are Weds 13th March and Weds 17th April, between 10.30am – 3.30pm, at Cox's yard. No appointment is necessary.

Somerset Sight is expanding services and seeking dedicated volunteers to assist. Could you help someone with sight loss on a 1:1 basis in your locality for an hour or two a week? Full training and support is given. Do you know someone who needs help with their sight loss? Helping an individual with sight loss is highly rewarding and makes a real difference to their life – just imagine the difficulties if you cannot read correspondence or see the contents of the fridge. A rewarding friendship can develop and volunteers report that they enjoy the visits as much as the service user. Please call 01823 333818 for more information or to refer someone needing help.

Events and Clubs March 2024

If you would like your event to be included in the April 2024 edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th March 2024

When	Who and Where	Contact
Sunday	Life Church at Edgar Hall. 10:30 to 12:00	Conrad Lucas - 07891665938 Andy Barton- 07530 070555 E: conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk
	Somerton Saxons U6 Rugby at Gassons Lane - Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch. 9:30 to 11:00	Dan Dury - 07970 770946
	Girls Cluster Rugby U12+.	Dan Dury - 07970 770946 Keiron Wilce 07419 995866
Monday	Tot's Life at Edgar Hall 9:30 to 11:00	Kerryanne Lucas - 07715 926923 E: kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com
	Yoga Classes in the Parish Rooms. 11:30 to 12:30	Sue Knight 07854 641950 E: itsue@mail.com
	Citizens Advice - Somerton Library 10:00 to 13:00	For advice freephone 0808 2787842 W: citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk
	Pilates - Inhale to Prepare Edgar Hall. 18:00 to 19:00	Gill Hampson 07526 534889 E: gill-hampson6@gmail.com
Tuesday	Women's Institute (WI) in the Parish Rooms. 14:30 - Third Tuesday of the month only	Sue Long and 01458 274038 and Ray Loveall 01458 272095
	Squirrels Ages 4-6 years 16:30 – 17:30 Somerton Scout Hall	Fiona E: info@somertonscout-group.org.uk
	Somerton and District Bowls Club at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane. 17:45	Peter Jones 01458 224212 W: somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Somerton Town FC at Huish School (Oct - Spring) 18:30	Jason Burton-Tuttiett 07825 180506 E: jasonb52s@yahoo.com
	Somerton Runners at the Recreational Ground - hardstanding. 18:00	Keith Brackstone - 07999 511366 E: coachkeith53@gmail.com
	Men's over 18s Rugby Club Gassons Lane. Elrian Williams Memorial Pitch. 19:00	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Chris Burrows 07957 091627
	Mid Wessex Singers at West Street Church Hall. 19:00 to 21:00	Sheena Smith 07768 704833 E: info@midwessexsingers.co.uk

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When	Who and Where	Contact
Wednesday	Meditation & Mindfulness at the Parish Rooms. 9:25 to 10:30	07803 497496 E: brotheriyonten@gmail.com
	In Line We Dance 10:00 to 12:00 at Edgar Hall	Mat on 07548 601518 info@inlinedance.co.uk
	Create and Connect at ACEarts 10:30 to 12:20	Nina Gromw-Lewis 01458 273008 E: hello@acearts.co.uk W: acearts.co.uk
	Beavers Ages 6-8 years 17:00 to 18:15 Somerton Scout Hall	Fiona E:info@somertonscoutgroup.org.uk
	Somerton Group of Artists at the Parish Rooms. 19:30 - Second Wednesday of the month only	Mandy McAllen E: mandymcallen1@gmail.com Free to members or £5 to visitors
	Somerton Probus Club at the Sports Club. 11:30 - Last Wednesday of the month only	Barrie Davies 07811 770061 E: barrie.davies@btinternet.com
	Somerton Saxons Rugby Club at Gassons Lane - Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch. 19:00 to 20:30	Dan Dury 07970 770946 Julia Holland 07934 641544 U9s (yr 4), U10s (yr 5), & U11s (yr 6)
Thursday	Drawing for all at ACEarts 10:30 to 12:30	Nina Gromw-Lewis 01458 273008 E: hello@acearts.co.uk W: acearts.co.uk
	Tai Chi at the Parish Rooms 9:30 to 10:30	Jacqui - 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Friendship Club at the Sports Club. 10:30 - Second Thursday of the Month only	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 E: fletcher080@brinternet.com
	Health Walks Somerton Library 11:30 - First and Third Thursday of the Month only	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 E: fletcher080@brinternet.com
	Girls Rugby Club (10-16 yrs) at Gassons Lane - Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch. 18:00 to 19:30	E: crc@somertonrfc.co.uk
	Wessex Junior Youth Club at the Wessex Rooms. 18:00 to 19:30	Clive and Sara Dyer 01458 273655 or 07970180608 E: sarad53@hotmail.com

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Thursday cont..	Somerton Bridge Club at West Street Church. 19:00	Joan Davies & Jim Dawon 01458 272418 & 251228 E: joandavies15@rocketmail
	Rugby Club - Men's over 18s at Gassons Lane - Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch. 19:00	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Chris Burrows 07957 091627
	Archies Xtra (11-18 Yrs) Sports Ground beside MUGA 19:30 to 21:30	Alex and Judith 01458 272047 and 01458 273079
	Somerton History Society at the Parish Rooms. 19:30 - Fourth Thursday of the Month only	Joan Banbury E: j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk
	Strictly Jive at Edgar Hall 19:45 beginners & 21:00 improver/Intermediates	Roy Wary 07811 018284 E: roywary42@gmail.com FaceBook - Strictly Jive
	Strong & Steady with Age UK Somerset at the Parish Rooms - Please contact Age UK for referral	To self refer call 01823 345614 E: fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk
Friday	In Stitches at ACEarts. 10:30 to 12:30	Nina Gromw-Lewis 01458 273008 E: hello@acearts.co.uk W: acearts.co.uk
	Somerton and District Bowls Club at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane. 14:00	Peter Jones 01458 224212 W: somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Gentle Pilates with Age UK Somerset in the Parish Rooms 11:30 to 12:30	Age UK Somerset 01823 345624 E: ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk
	Strictly Jive at Edgar Hall 19:45 to 00:30 - First Friday of the month only	Roy Wary 07811 018284 E: roywary42@gmail.com FaceBook - Strictly Jive
Saturday	The Langport Cycle Club 9:00 The Bridge Cafe in Langport	07775 670546 E: tvb@btinternet.com W: langportcycleclub.com
	Somerton Cinema Society at the Parish Rooms. 16:15 for a 17:00 start - Second Saturday of the month only	Tickets available from cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. £6.00

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12th & 13th July 2024



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Matt Owens & the Delusional Vanity Project * That Brit Pop Band

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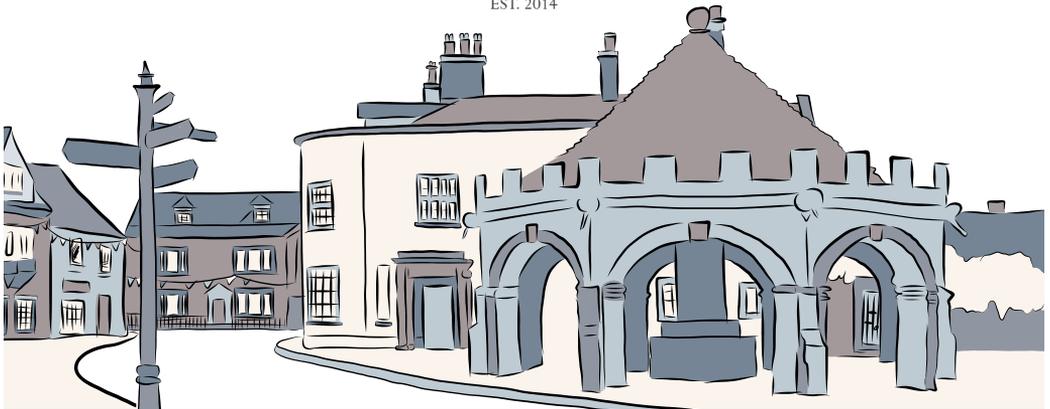
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- Education
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- Highways – Roads, travel and parking
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EMERGENCY 999
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SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL (STC)



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- Verge Maintenance (only those managed by STC)
- Edgar Community Hall
- Market Square (Cobbled Area)
- Somerton War Memorial in the Market Square
- Water Trough in Cow Square
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- Information pertaining to STC Meetings
- Information pertaining to STC

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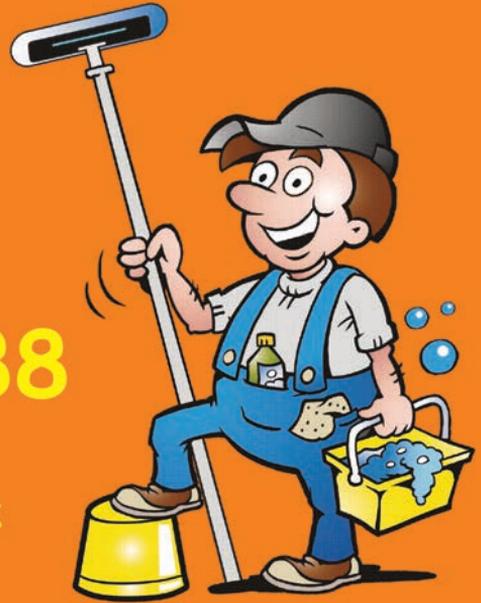
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