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Somerton Town Council June 2017

CONTACT: Town Clerk on 272236 - town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council Inc presentation of annual accounts	13th June	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land and Properties	20th June	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	6th & 20th June	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website with application details displayed on the notice board outside the Parish rooms and on the STC website.

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website

www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

The meeting schedule for 2017/18 has been approved and is on the Town Council website.

Somerton Town Council have a vacancy for a Town Councillor, interested residents should contact Terry Philpott, Town Clerk for more information.

Somerton Town Council expressed thanks to Councillor Pat Colyer and Judith Hurley who have resigned as Councillors for their commitment to Somerton Town Council. Claire Lucas has been coopted as a Councillor for Somerton Town Council. Dean Ruddle was elected County Councillor in the elections held on 4th May 2017 and elected Chairman of Somerton Town Council at the annual meeting on 9th May 2017. Clive Wilson was elected Vice Chair for Somerton Town Council for the 2017/18 year

Committee councillors for the 2017/18 year (Chair of each committee in bold)

A&H	L&P	P&C	Planning
Fiona Richardson	Pete Frayne	Martyn Smith	David Harrison
Jo Gale	Tim Bown	Jo Gale	Tim Bown
Brian Raybould	Brian Raybould	Steve Bomers	Brian Raybould
Clive Wilson	David Harrison	Pete Frayne	Pete Frayne
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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL GROUPS

Recreation Ground Trust Chair:	Cllr Ruddle
Recreation Ground Management Committee:	RGMC Cllrs Frayne, Raybould & Bomers
Market Towns Investment Group:	Cllr M. Smith & Terry Philpott
Wessex Rooms Trustee:	Cllr Raybould and Cllr Gale
Hext Almshouses:	Ian Neale and Cllr Frayne
Somerton Education Trust:	Cllr Bown
Tree Warden:	Cllr Raybould and Judith Hurley
Footpaths Officer:	Cllr M. Smith
Environment Warden:	Cllr Richardson & Gale
Street Footpaths Officer:	Cllr Richardson & Gale
Street Light coordinator:	Cllr Richardson & Gale
Disabled Access Coordinator:	Cllr Richardson & Gale
LSMI Trust:	Cllr Raybould & Cllr M. Smith
Friends of Edgar Hall:	Cllr Bown & Cllr Harrison
SBTA:	Cllr Smith & Cllr Gale
Love Somerton:	Cllr Gale
Lights Brigade:	Cllr Gale & Cllr Richardson

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2017/18

TOWN COUNCIL

- Update the Community Plan
- Half Moon Car Park refurbishment
- Cemetery Works
- Electronic media, including Electronic notice board
- Recruitment of new Councillors

ADMINISTRATION

- Disaster recovery plan / Operating Manual for the office .
- Debtors Control
- Electronic media, including Electronic notice board
- Recruitment of new Councillors
- Online banking
- Creation of a Three and Ten Year financial plan

ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS

- Completion of STC Car Park Strategy,
- Half Moon Car Park resurfaced with extra bays included.
- Priority System by the Railway Bridge, Behind Berry
- In-depth survey to be completed for possible On-Way-System for West Street
- Pavement works Market Square

LAND AND PROPERTIES

- Cemetery New Road / Burial Area
- Edgar Hall Bar Improvement
- Grounds maintenance contract specification

Sat 24th

DC Stephen Page's Surgery 11 am – noon Full of Beans Café

Mon 26th

Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Ch

Tues 27th

CAB 10 am – noon West St Ch
Pardoes Legal Clinic 9 am – noon PR
Crochet/Knitting Group Full of Beans Café 2pm

Thurs 29th

Quiz SSC 8.30 pm Teams of up to 6.
Stapling and Folding of the Viaduct 2 pm PR
Charity Theatre Trip Coppelia evening

This month's cover photo was taken at this year's May Day Festival, Somerton Market Square by Steve Davis.

Photos can be sent as email attachments to

viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Please included some details about the picture: place, subject and date taken, and your full name.

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Tues 6th	Crochet/Knitting Group Full of Beans Café 2pm
Wed 7th	Street Theatre "Inspector Drake and the Black Widow" 7.30 pm EH
Thurs 8th	GENERAL ELECTION Friendship Club 10.30 am Som Sports Club
Fri 9th	Somerton Opportunities 10 am – noon West St Ch LDRC Wine and Cheese Do starting at 4.30 pm
Sat 10th	CC and DC Dean Ruddle's Surgery at the White Hart at 9.30am – 11.30 am
Mon 12th	Somerton Sings for Fun 11 am West St Ch
Tues 13th	Rummikub 2 pm PR CAB 10 am – noon West St Ch Crochet/Knitting Group Full of Beans Café 2pm
Thurs 15th	Charity Theatre Trip Curious Incident evening Health Walk 11.30 am Som Lib
Fri 16th	Children's African Choir Concert St Michael's Church 7.30 pm
Sat 17th	Moviola Cinema "A United Kingdom" 7.30 pm PR
Sun 18th	Bingo SSC 7.30 pm over 18s
Tues 20th	Lab Dr Mystery Coach Tour. departs 10 am CAB 10 am – noon West St Ch Crochet/Knitting Group Full of Beans Café 2pm
Wed 21st	Charity Theatre Trip Thoroughly Modern Millie evening
Thurs 22nd	Short Health Walk 11.30 am Som Sports Club
Fri 23rd	U3A meeting at 10 am "My Travels in Nepal" EH Somerton Opportunities 10 am – noon West St Ch

PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION

- Electronic notice board
- Developing digital media strategy
- Community Tree Planting
- Encouraging more visitors to Somerton
- Health Transport links

GRANTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO:

Somerton Gardeners flower show £125
Laburnum Drive Community Hall towards building works £499
ArchiesXtra (youth provisions) for refreshments for the year £200

Temporary closure of Pestors Lane at the request of Wessex Water. This road will be closed from 26 June 2017 and is expected to last for 5 days to enable supply separation / x 2 to be carried out in this road. An alternative route will be signposted. For any further information please contact Wessex Water on 0345600 4600.

BUS TIMES

Bus times will be changing from Monday 29th May. Composite timetables will be available in the LiC in the library for a 10p donation to Air Ambulance.

Congratulations to the organisers of Love Somerton for a fantastic May Fayre
Christmas Plans are underway for a Christmas Event organised by Love Somerton.

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News

SOUTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (FORMERLY LINKS)

SSCT is alive and well, contrary to popular belief! Although the office in Langport is closed, we can still organise affordable transport for a hospital visit, a trip to the supermarket or just a visit to see Aunt Ethel. Telephone 01935 477399 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) at least 24 hours in advance and we'll try to help.

PS Volunteer drivers are always needed. Contact the office for details.

THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR ARE COMING TO THE UK

After stealing the hearts of the world during their uplifting performance of the number one single 'Sing' with Gary Barlow at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the famous African Children's Choir have been invited back to tour their inspirational talents, and may be coming to a city near you!

Music for Life, the official fundraising charity of the African Children's Choir, work in seven African countries, and have educated over 52,000 children as well as impacting the lives of over 100,000 people through relief and development programmes during its 32 year history.

The African Children's Choir travels the world, acting as the ambassador for Africa's most vulnerable children, raising much needed awareness as they go. Funds raised contribute towards not only the entire education and care of all the touring children, but also to the continued development and support of the Music for Life programmes that help some of the continent's most in-need children, providing them with better opportunities; creating ChangeMakers for the future of Africa.

The Choir has attracted fans from all over the world, including some celebrity admirers. Talking about the Choir, International superstar Annie Lennox said "I first encountered the African Children's Choir as they were heading towards the stage to perform for Nelson Mandela's 46664 campaign ... Since then I've come to appreciate more and more, just how uniquely special they are."

The concerts reflect the energy, beauty, dignity and unlimited ability of these incredible children through song, music and dance. Many of the Choir Children have lost one or both parents to poverty and disease. The performances are both uplifting and humbling and are an opportunity to experience the vitality of the youth from this challenged continent.

The Choir will be performing at St Michael and All Angels Church, Market Square, Somerton On Friday 16th June at 7.30pm - Tickets £5.00

Available from Jan Turner, Telephone 01458 270096 Or email jturner.cw2@talktalk.net

SPECIAL SHOW - SOMERTON MOVIOLA MATINEE FRIDAY 21 JULY 2.00 PM

(doors open 1.30 pm) with posh tea

Friends of the Parish Rooms presents "South Pacific"(1958). Blockbuster movie based on the 1949 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. On a South Pacific island during World War II, love blooms between a young nurse and a secretive Frenchman who's being courted for a dangerous military mission.

Tickets £10 (to include afternoon tea during the interval) on sale from June 5th at Cobbs Wholefoods

More details: 241808

THURSDAY

9.00am - 11.00am Weightwatchers, Parish Rooms

9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)

9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms

11.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms

2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive

6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Youth Club, Wessex Rooms

7.00pm - 10.00pm Bridge Club (Duplicate), New Room, West Street Church

7.30pm - 9.00pm Archies Xtra (11-18 years), Recreation Ground

7.30pm - 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing, West Street Church (term time)

FRIDAY

9.30am - 11.30am St Cleers Toddlers, St Cleers Chapel

10.45am Flexercise, Laburnum Drive

7.00pm - 8.30pm Rezound Youth, Edgar Hall

7.30pm - 9.00pm St Cleers Youth, St Cleers Chapel

SATURDAY

9.00am Yeovil Parkrun, Montacute House

9.30am - 12noon Wessex Market, Unicorn Skittle Alley

SUNDAY

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

What's on in Brief

Thurs 1st – Sat 24th	ACE ARTS wood exhibition The Old Town Hll 10am – 5pm Arthritis Care Chocolate Heaven 7.30 pm Pinney Rm, PR Health Walk 11.30 am Som Lib
Sat 3rd	David Warburton, local MP will be in Somerton outside Williams.
Sun 4th	Bingo SSC 7.30 pm over 18s West Street Church Anniversary Lunch for first year of West Street Church
Mon 5th	Langport & Dist Hist Soc Talk on "Legacy of Somerset & Dorset Railway. 7.30 pm Lang Lib
Tues 6th	WI "National Animal welfare Trust 7.15 pm PR LDRC Bacon Butties 10 am CAB 10 am – noon West St Ch Pardoes Legal Clinic 9 am – noon PR

WEST STREET CHURCH NEWS

Rev Craig's ordination in Coventry Cathedral

STAPLING AD FOLDING FOR THE VIADUCT

Thursday 29th 2 pm at the Parish Rooms

What's on in Brief**WEEKLY EVENTS****MONDAY**

10.30am -11.30am Age UK Movement to Music, Parish Rooms
 2.00pm - 5.00pm Bridge Club (Chicago) West Street Church
 5.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall
 4.30pm - 5.30pm Rainbows, St Cleers Chapel
 5.30pm - 7.00pm Brownies, St Cleers Chapel
 7.00pm Girl Guides, St Cleers Chapel
 7.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall

TUESDAY

9.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
 9.30am - 1030am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
 10.00am - 12.00noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
 11.30am - 12.30am Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
 10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
 5.15pm - 6.15pm Rainbows, Keinton Village Hall (term time)
 6.15pm - 7.45pm Brownies, Keinton Village Hall (term time)
 6.30pm - 7.30pm Line Dancing (Beginners), Junior School
 7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
 7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church
 7.30pm - 9.00pm Line Dancing (Improvers), Junior School

WEDNESDAY

10.00am - 12noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room
 10.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Intermediate), Edgar Hall
 12.30pm Yarlinton lunch (pre-order), Laburnum Drive
 2.00pm Knitting afternoon, Laburnum Drive
 2.30pm -4.00pm Foodbank at the Angel, Langport
 5.00pm - 6.15pm Beavers, Scout Hut
 6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut

YOUTH SECTION**SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES**

Sally Snaddon, Division Commissioner and Mo Fletcher, Honorary Division President have to re-opened both units in January on Mondays :-

Rainbows 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Brownies 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Guides as usual 7.00 – 8.30 pm.

This is held at St Cleers Chapel.

They hope that some mums will join them as helpers on a regular basis.

Come and join the Fun. Contact Sally on 01458 250879

WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Thursday evenings 6.00-7.30 pm in the Wessex Rooms. The youth club is open to all children from 7 years upwards in Somerton and the surrounding area. First night is free, £1 after that. There are many activities the children can get involved in or they can just come and socialise and meet new friends.

For more information phone Clive or Sara - 01458 273655

WELFARE ADVICE

There are still a number of people not receiving the Welfare Advice they are entitled to and subsequently are missing out on various benefits. The South Somerset District Council Welfare Advice Team can provide valuable advice and assistance. So, if you are unsure and want further advice then please call 01935 462462. Somerset Citizen's Advice, Age UK and Yarlinton Housing Group can also provide advice to local residents on a range of financial and welfare issues.

NEW MODEL OF CARE- SYMPHONY HEALTH SERVICES- SOMERSET.

With the advent of the Vanguard projects across the UK, here in Somerset we took the opportunity to look at how we could deliver "Intermediate" level specialist care in a faster more direct route (and closer to home!). Buttercross Health Centre has been our pilot surgery for this and the respiratory service, the first specialist service to work this way.

This means that for some problems, such as difficult to control asthma, COPD or oxygen issues, when a referral would have been made by your GP or practice nurse to Yeovil Hospital we now have access to a Clinical Nurse Specialist to see you at Buttercross –usually within two weeks. Many problems are able to be resolved for the patient at this level as our team of clinical nurse specialist are also independent prescribers– if more complex intervention is thought to be needed, then of course the patient would still be referred to see a consultant physician.

So far we have seen around 50 Somerton area patients in this way and patient feedback has been very positive indeed. The next stages for symphony working in this way are to see other specialities and to be able to see patients from other surgeries, but still in that location.

Kate Brookman - Nurse Consultant, symphony health care services. 5.5.17

POETRY CORNER

Come on you budding poets! If anyone has a poem written by their selves, please send it in and it could get printed here. Don't send in poems which could have copyright implications.

GARDENERS' CORNER

If you have any good gardening tips, please send them in for us all to share!

REPORTS

DETAILS FOR SPONSORSHIP LETTER FOR SOMERTON FIRE STATION COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

To commemorate Somerton Fire Station's 120 Years of Service a volunteer group including Mo Fletcher, George and Pat Turner, Phil Flowers, Brian Tiffin, Nancy Scholing, Anthony Best of the Printery and Somerton Fire Fighters past and present are writing a book which will use the station archive and memories of service personnel and their families.

The book will be A4 size and come in a hard back and a soft back version. It is hoped to release the book in July when The Somerton Music and Arts Festival is on. A softback version will cost £15 and a hardback version £20. Profits will go to The Fire Fighters' Charity.

For a further information please contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or fletcher080@btinternet.com

SOMERSINGERS

'Somer Singers, local a cappella group are looking for a singer to join them in the alto part of the group. Please contact us for more information by emailing on info@somersingers.org.uk or calling on 07849 335961'

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL ART SHOW

Do you enjoy painting or drawing? Perhaps you are a sculptor? Do you make your own cards? Would you like to show off your needlework? Or maybe you're a photographer? If so, we would like you to exhibit in our Art and Photography Exhibition as part of Somerton Music and Arts Festival 2017. Please get in touch if you would like to know more by contacting Jade Farmer on 07807484083 or e-mailing x.jdx@hotmail.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

SOMERTON WEATHER REPORT

Our local resident has recorded ONLY 19.5 mm of rainfall for the month of April, about ¾ inch! Last month was 66.5 mm so it shows just how dry it has been!

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

If you missed Shrek last time, the great green ogre is back in August 2018 – and then there is a strong rumour that Matilda will be at Bristol Hippodrome in the spring of 2019. Matthew Bourne's dance version of Cinderella makes a very welcome return in 2018. We plan to go on March 22nd. Some folk live in the past – I live in the future!

Back to the present, and to be certain of a ticket you need to book now for the following

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

- Thursday 15th June Curious Incident evening
- Wed 21st June Thoroughly Modern Millie evening
- Thurs 29th June Coppelia

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

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On Friday 16th June at 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00

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SOMERTON MOVIOLA SATURDAY 17 JUNE 7.30PM

Friends of the Parish Rooms presents "A United Kingdom" (February 2017) starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike. The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, put his kingdom into diplomatic and political turmoil. Run time 111 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

Laburnmam Drive mystery coach trip. Tuesday 20th June - Departs at 10 am

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY – THURSDAY 22nd June 2017

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd June in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee. This will be followed at 7.30 pm with a talk about Glastonbury Abbey given by one of their Living History team. Members come for free but guests are always welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

THE SOMERTON U3A

Meeting on Friday 23 June is entitled "My Adventures in Nepal" - a talk by Ian Williamson with an insight to his adventures, trials and tribulations during his time in that country. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

STEPHEN PAGE, DC, SURGERY

Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 24th June 2017 from 11.00 to 12.00 in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing: stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

COMPTON DUNDON CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR COACHING

This will continue on Friday evenings from 6 – 7 pm at the ground in Hayes Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PR on June 9, 16, 30, and July 30th.

Each session costs £1 per person, payable on the night.

Under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

SOMERTON OPPORTUNITIES - COMMUNITY DROP-IN: FRIDAY 9TH/23RD JUNE

Drop in at West Street Church anytime, 10 to 12. Meet friends and make new ones, share a skill or hobby or just have a coffee and chat. Free internet access and help getting online. Somerton Opportunities will be open at West Street Church for a drop-in session on the first of a series on second and fourth Fridays each month. From 10 until 12 there will be various social activities including table games, crafts, coffee, free internet access and help if you need to get online to check something. It's an opportunity to meet your friends, or make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere. We are happy to welcome anyone with disabilities and their carers, there is level access and a disabled toilet. If you have a skill you are prepared to share, or would like to help the group grow and flourish, we need additional volunteers. For more information, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

CC AND DC SURGERY

Dean Ruddle will hold his County Council and District Council Surgery, in the White Hart Inn, Market Place, Somerton, on Saturday, 10th June, 2017, from 9.30 until 11.30. If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to bring to Dean's attention he would be happy to meet with you and discuss these with you in confidence. Appointments can be made by telephone to 01458 274865 or email anne.yates@btinternet.com.

Dean would also like to say 'Thank you' to the 2,340 residents of Somerton, Compton Dundon, Barton St David, The Charltons, Keinton Mandeville, Kingsdon, Kingweston, Long Sutton, Upton, who overwhelmingly re-elected him as County Councillor.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN

Monday 12th June and Monday 26th June West Street Church 11 am – noon. Come along and enjoy singing together.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2.00 PM

Friends of the Parish Rooms present Rummikub. £3 on the door to include tea and Pam's cookies. More info: 272408.

• Take That – The Band. Thu 26 Apr 18 A new musical follow-on from the TV programme Let It Shine starring the winners. It is expected to sell out fast so you need to reserve your seats now

• Dreamboats and Petticoats. Tue 25 Jul 17 (yes, this year!). This musical features the greatest hit songs of the Rock'n'Roll era- pure nostalgia, for some of us anyway.

• Sister Act Thu 10 Aug 17 is still available as was given a month's grace. Stars Alexandra Burke.

Finally there are still tickets available for The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time on Thursday 15th June and for Thoroughly Modern Millie on Wed 21st June. That's this June so skates on...

Although some trips seem a long way ahead to book, you will get the best seats by booking early, and you can cancel without charge until the payment date, which is shown in the table if printed here, or on line at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk Book on the website, or e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone 01458 273085.

Full Listing. Where two prices are shown these are for Band A and Band B tickets.

Date	Show	Cost	Pay by
Thursday 15th June	Curious Incident	£37/£41	On Booking
Wednesday 21st June	Thoroughly Modern Millie	£40/£41	On Booking
Tuesday 25th July	Dreamboats & Petticoats	£34/£41	On Booking
Thursday 10th August	Sister Act	£45/£53	3rd June
Saturday 30th September	Morning theatre Tour	£10	25th July
Saturday 30th September	My Fair Lady Matinee	£34/£39	25th July
Wednesday 11th October	Crazy For You	£43/£49	11th July
Thursday 19th October	War Horse Matinee	£54	19th August
Tuesday 7th November	War Horse Evening	£54	7th September
Saturday 18th November	Die Fledermaus	£39/£45	23rd November
Thursday 23rd November	Romeo & Juliet	£42/£49	31st July
Sunday 7th January	Aladdin Matinee	£38/£30	4th September
Thursday 15th February	Wicked Matinee	£57/67	20th November
Wednesday 11th April	Tosca	£39/£45	18th November
Saturday 14th April	Forza del Destino	£39/£45	18th November
Thursday 26th April	The Band	£48/58	2nd June (t.b.c)
Thursday 16th August	Shrek the Musical	t.b.c	t.b.c

Forthcoming Events

BEAUTY IN WOOD

Thursday 1st June - Saturday 24th 10 am – 5 pm Tues - Sat
Wood Exhibition for ACE ARTS in Old Town Hall. Stephen Stokes explores the unique attributes of wood.

HEALTH WALKS

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am.
This month the walks are on Thursdays 1st and 15th. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time.
Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions.
At the end those that wish go to a local pub for refreshments.
For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.
Short Health Walk on Thursday 22nd June.
We meet at 11.30 am at Somerton Sports Club and walk for about 30 mins returning to the Club for refreshments.

ARTHRITIS CARE,

Thursday 1st June, Jane Swayne, Chocolate Heaven. 7 for 7.30pm. The Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

VISIT OF LOCAL MP DAVID Warburton

David Warburton, Member of Parliament for Somerton & Frome will be visiting Somerton, on Saturday, 3rd June, 2017.

He will be based outside William's Supermarket in the Brunel Precinct and timings will be given closer to the event on town notice boards and Somerton website.

WEST STREET CHURCH

Sunday 4th June Pentecost Anniversary Lunch celebrating the first anniversary of West Street Church.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun 4th June and Sun 18th June at the club 7.30 pm over 18s only
Quiz Thurs 29th June at the club 8.30 pm (Teams of up to 6).

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 5TH JUNE.

7.30 pm. A talk by Mike Beale on the legacy of the Somerset and Dorset railway. To be held in the library at Langport, visitors very welcome.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

Problems, questions? CA volunteers are available to help every Tuesday morning from 10am - 12 noon in West Street Church

CROCHET/KNITTING AND CRAFT GROUP

meets every Tuesday 2 pm in Full of Beans Café.

PARDOES SOLICITORS LLP

Need advice about wills, probate, powers of attorney, tax planning or trusts?
Come to one of our legal clinics in the Pinney Room at the Parish Rooms between 9am and 12 noon on Tuesday 6th and 27th June for a free chat with one of our solicitors.

LABURNUM COMMITTEE.

Hope you enjoy our hall flowers displayed, when you visit us next.! Bacon butties are being served on Tuesday 6th.at 10.0am.(with a free cuppa).
On 9th, we have a cheese and wine 'do' starting at 4.30 pm, and a mystery coach trip on 20th. Departure 10.0am. £10. (Names EARLY please). July trip is to Weymouth, Portland. Thanks to Jo Jo for the Hot X Buns, and Edna for her scones, at our parties, and also Williams Supermarket for donating the cream. SO appreciated. We are grateful for all the help we receive, donations for sale, or raffles etc.people are so kind.(Enquiries to 272620)

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Tuesday 6th June. Michelle Young, National Animal Welfare Trust (Heavens Gate) 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

INSPECTOR DRAKE AND THE BLACK WIDOW

Street Theatre is back with this hilarious comedy at Edgar Hall Somerton on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm
Box Office: George James Properties, West Street, TA11 7PS. 01458 274153
For any further information: sherry.briggs@lineone.net

GENERAL ELECTION - Thursday 8th June Please don't forget to vote.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet at Somerton Sports Club at 10.30 am on Thursday 8th June and chat and enjoy each other's company – all welcome.
Tea 20 p ;Coffee 30p; Biscuits free and free ticket for the raffle.
For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

Somerton Music and Arts Festival

July 7th-16th 2017

Somerton Music and Arts Festival is a community run event which aims to bring a variety of high quality events to the people of Somerton and the surrounding area.

This year we have a full programme of music for all tastes, talks by interesting people on fascinating subjects and a splash of drama as well. The Festival is built around two open events - a Market Day based in Somerton Market place on the first Saturday and a Fun Day at the Recreation Ground on the last Sunday. In between you will find events at the Edgar Hall, St Michael's Church, the Old Town Hall, the Parish Rooms and at the Festival Marquee.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and advertisers without whom we could not run the Festival.

More details about the Festival, specific events and timings can be found on our Web, Facebook and Twitter sites and in our freely available Programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Festival!

The Somerton Music & Arts Festival Committee



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Festival Events – at a Glance

- Fri 7th July:** Confessions of an Archbishop's Bag Carrier with Brian Pearson
Rock'n'Roll with The Firebirds & The Champions Duo
- Sat 8th July:** Festival Market Day
Life at the Palace of Westminster with David Warburton
Renewal Gospel Choir
Rock the Edgar! with Hercules Morse - Painkillers - Alphabet City
- Sun 9th July:** Lazy Sunday Afternoon at Midney with Val Stones - Dave Chase
No Fixed Abode
The Blacksmith at the Bridge of Bones with Ben Haggarty
- Mon 10th July:** Fifty Bees: The Interconnectedness of All Things with Lydia Needle
Festival Quiz Night
- Tues 11th July:** Art and Photography Exhibition (to Sat 15th)
Music from the Golden Age of Hollywood with Bertie's Big Band
- Wed 12th July:** 30th Anniversary Cèilidh with The Somerset Levellers
- Thur 13th July:** Classical at St Michaels with The Abbey Quartet
'Queen' Supported by The King with The Great Pretender & Tim Bassett
- Fri 14th July:** Write Here! - Creative Writing
Party-on! with Hipster & Bowie-Fashion
- Sat 15th July:** Nature Ramble with Chris Sperring
A Skanking Good Night! with The Decatonics & The Intercepteurs
- Sun 16th July:** Festival Fun Day with New Ocean & Jay

Tickets on Sale

from

Saturday 3rd June 2017

at

Overt Locke

Somerton - TA11 7PS

(10am till 1pm Mon-Fri & 10am till 2pm Sat)

and

www.eventbrite.co.uk

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NO online surcharges

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tickets**

June 3rd to June 10th