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## Somerton Town Council - April 2018

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	10 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access & Highways	17 <sup>th</sup> April	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 and details are 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](http://www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Requests from the public for items to be added to the agenda should be notified to the town clerk in writing by the first Monday of the month.

Did you know Somerton Town Council has a Facebook page? Check it out!

Community Award: nomination forms can be downloaded from the STC website or collected from the library, closing date 30th April 2018.

**New School for Somerton:** Councillor Ruddle (County Councillor) reported that Somerton will get a new school at Northfield, the land for the development is currently being purchased. The scheme which is costing £8.5M is planned to be complete by September 2020.

**West Street Consultation:** Various feedback was received from members of the public, Somerton Town Council accepts a one way system in West Street Somerton and will endeavour to request this is installed on a temporary basis.

**Community Plan:** The Community Plan has been adopted by the Town Council and will be published shortly.

Cllr Dean Ruddle, Chairman Somerton Town Council stated; "We've come a long way as an organisation, and we know that working together - cooperatively - with our community is the best way of working. Everything we do as a council should be about what's going on in Somerton: we listen and work with local people to help them achieve what they want. We recognise the contribution from the community of Somerton in the creation of the Community Plan and are pleased to work with relevant stakeholders to deliver those objectives that fit with the objectives of the Town Council, whilst being mindful of other local authority's plans, policies and objectives."

**Litter pick:** A successful litter pick resulted in over 50 bags of litter being collected around Somerton over the weekend of 10/11 March.

**Somerton Relief Charity:** Councillor Janas appointed as the Somerton Town Council Representative.

**Credit Card Payments:** Credit card payments can now be taken in person at the Somerton Town Council Office at Edgar Hall.

**Ace Art:** A grant for £500 has been given to Ace Arts as part funding for 2 Drawing Inspiration sessions.

### Planning Committee:

- Somerset Strategic Housing Framework Consultation has been issued with a closing date of 30th April 2018.
- National Planning Policy Framework released by the Government on 5th March 2018.
- David Wilson Homes are applying for another 11 houses.

## News

### SOMERTON REMEMBERS - SILENT SOLDIERS 1918 - 2018 WORLD WAR I



Window stickers to commemorate the First World War are now available from the Library or from the Pinney Room on Saturday mornings. They are printed on self-adhesive clear plastic to be displayed on the inside of your window. The cost includes a donation to the British Legion.

A4 (30 cm) minimum donation £4

A3 (42 cm) minimum donation £6

Nancy Schooling: 273859; Email: [nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com](mailto:nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com)

In February I heard from Margaret Fricker about her father, Frank Smith MM who was a sign writer in Leeds; and her grandfather, Herbert Wootton who fought in the Boer War and the Great War and was a photographer.

I heard from Enid Thresher about her grandfather, Jack Greuter, who lived in Walton near Street and served with the Royal Artillery. He worked at Clark's and later became a postman but he was injured in a road accident. Enid sent me a photograph of her grandfather in uniform and one of his wife Mabel taken in 1918 around the time of her marriage.

Do you have a story to tell about a relation who served in the First World War? The stories are being collected in folders in the Library and will be included in a web site. Call me to find out more about the scheme.



### CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS NEWS APRIL 2018

Two new trips to enjoy. Jersey Boys makes a welcome return in November. Our evening trip on Thursday 8th Nov. costs £47 Band B and £63 Band A (no idea why such a huge price difference for this show). Bristol Light Opera Company's musical in September this year is Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Our trip is a matinee on Saturday 22nd September. All Band A at £47.

Trips bookings closing in April: Miss Saigon (Thu. 31 May, £60/£72 and La Fille Mal Gardée (Fri. 6 July, £36/£46).

All bookings can be cancelled without penalty until the tickets are purchased. After this date extra tickets can usually be obtained depending on availability at Bristol, so do ask. All trips pick-up in Curry Rivel, Langport & Somerton. Some then take the Keinton Mandeville/ Shepton Mallet route; others take the Street/Wells route. This is decided based on the addresses of those booking. Book by e-mail to [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com), go to [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) or phone 01458 273085.

### SLIMMING WORLD

Now has a fourth weekly meeting on Tuesday 11.30am at Edgar Hall.

### EASTER WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Easter will bring waste day changes for every household in Somerset. Pick-ups due on Good Friday 30 March will take place on Saturday 31 March, while no collections on Easter Monday 2 April mean all that week's kerbside services are one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 7 April.

All recycling sites remain on their usual schedules, with nine sites open on Good Friday 30 March, and all 16 on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

### ARTISTS 303'S 'ROUTE TO THE SUN' COMING TO ACEARTS

ACEArts will welcome professional West Country art group Artists 303 this month, who are bringing their latest exhibition 'Route to the Sun' to Somerton. The exhibition opens on 17th March and runs until 14th April, with a 'Meet the Artists' event on 14th April, 2-4pm and a Linocut Workshop on 26th March, 10am-4pm.

### SOMERTON WEATHER FOR FEBRUARY

Total Rainfall 30.5 mm - about 1.25 inches.

## **SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB**

This April's 1st XV fixtures are:

7th April Somerton vs Martock 3.00pm (Eirian Williams Shield)

14th April Weston-super-Mare vs Somerton (away) 3.00pm

21st April Somerton vs Tor II 3.00pm

We have two postponed games still to play, Chard & Minehead Barbarians II. Please view website for further details when available

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at The Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Sports Ground Somerton. New players are very welcome. Contact Gary Saunders for details m. 07870 861731. Under 18s & U15s Girls see website for training/fixture details. Visit [www.somertonrfc.co.uk](http://www.somertonrfc.co.uk) and follow the club's latest news, results events.

## **SAMARITANS ARE HERE FOR YOU**

Somerton, like many others communities, is brimming with people who volunteer their time to a variety of causes and in addition there will be those in any community who in their hour of need would welcome a talk with someone who is detached from their immediate surroundings. Find out more about being a Samaritan and our exceptional training programme by coming along to one of our Volunteering Information Sessions held at 25 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DG at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (Mar - Dec inclusive) or leave a message on our answerphone: 01935 414015 or go online at [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) to register your interest.

## **ENGLISH CHURCH BELL RINGING**

This is a historic tradition peculiar to the British Isles. Controlling the bell is a fairly gentle physical exercise, but needs to be learned as a skill. It then becomes a very absorbing pastime. Once you can ring, you will find yourself welcome at towers all over the country in a nationwide fellowship of ringers. At the moment Somerton Parish Church could do with a few more ringers and the present team will be very happy to teach you. If you have any interest please contact John Hayter on 01458 272002 who will arrange a visit to the tower.

## **LIFE CHURCH SOMERTON**

You are welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am for our weekly Sunday Service - all the family welcome with creche and Sunday school for the children. Contact - Office 01458 273568 (Mon/Wed); E: [admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk](mailto:admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk) W: [www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk](http://www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk)

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOMERTON'S HISTORY?**

Would you like to help to look after the collection that is displayed in the Parish Rooms and help to collect old items relating to the town and photographs and people's memories of what it was like long ago? To find out more, please contact Nancy Schooling, Marmaduke Cradock Trust, telephone: 273859, email: [nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com](mailto:nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com).

## **UNSUNG HEROES**

I would like to say thanks to Jude Raybould who is so very helpful and nothing is too much trouble for her when booking the Edgar Hall. We have had a few changes to make and no matter what the issue, Jude is always able to work around it and find a way to accommodate us and does it with a smile and genuine kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you Jude. From Ali and the rest of the Somer Singers. Many elderly residents of Somerton wish to thank all the people who have offered help during the recent bad weather.

## **ACEARTS APPOINTS THREE NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD**

Rob Thompson, Rachael Hartley and Sir Sebastian Chance joined ACEarts this month, and bring a wealth of experience to the charity. Somerton resident Rob is a bespoke furniture maker; Rachael is a businesswoman who has run her own art gallery, and whose mother Vera Sheaf has exhibited at ACEarts; and Sebastian is an artist and retired art teacher, whose work features on ACEarts' 2018 calendar. They join the five existing trustees: Alyson Martin MBE, Frank Martin, Shirley Chapman, Richard Reed, and Andrew Larpent OBE.

## **LOST DOG COLLAR**

Found at Lytes Cary, green braid dog collar with tag on it. Ring Sarah on 01458 272501.

### CARERS CAFE

We have a carers' café once a month where carers in their own home can come along for a social outlet and to exchange ideas.

Caring can feel very isolated - but we are not alone. Come and join us on Wed 11th from 3 - 4pm at the Buttercross Tea Rooms.

### SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

Are you a stall holder looking for a market to sell your goods? Why not try the Somerton Music and Arts Festival Market Day which is the 7th of July, pitches are still available. If you wish to book a pitch please call us on 07928 508700 and leave a message or contact us via the website [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk)

Alternatively if Art or Photography is more your talent then why not enter the Art and Photography Exhibition, which runs from the 29th May to the 2nd of June, details can be found on the website or contact Jade direct on 07807 484083.

Watch this space for the full programme of events to be announced in the May edition of the Viaduct which will include the full programme alongside ticket office information, how to obtain tickets online and much more.

### MADE IN SOMERSET

Event celebrating the best designer-makers and artisan-producers returns for a fourth consecutive year. Co-hosted by the White Hart and ACEarts, both in Market Place, Somerton. To be held on Thursday 10th May from 10am till 3pm, to coincide with the week of celebrations for Somerset Day. Made in Somerset is a fundraising event for local charity Etatu, which aims to improve the lives of children in Kenya through the power of education.

### COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

See the poster and get your nominations in - let us show our appreciation for all our volunteers who make Somerton such an interesting and friendly place to live.

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### **SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR NOV 2018**

Did you enjoy the Christmas lights in Dec 2017? We are planning the display for 2018. We need some more volunteers to be able check, put up and take down the lights in safety. You do not have to be available for all the stages but any help would be appreciated. We have a meeting on Monday 30th April at 7 pm at the Fire Station Community Room. Come along and meet the gang. Look out for the posters around the town. Contact Ian Rodgers on 07890 507452 or on [ianrodgers333@gmail.com](mailto:ianrodgers333@gmail.com) for more info or to join the team.

### **RED CROSS COLLECTORS NEEDED**

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors in the surrounding towns and villages during the 2018 Red Cross Week, Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. Please contact Chris, the group leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).

### **CORRECTION**

Somerton Recreation Ground Management Committee meets on the second Monday of each month and not on the third Monday as stated in the February Viaduct. All residents are welcome to attend.

### **SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB**

We are about to start our outdoor season in early April. Why not give bowls a try? It is friendly, it is fun and will help you keep fit.

Bowls can be supplied and tuition given by our Peter, (all you need is flat shoes.) For more information phone Lizzy on 01458 274439.

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED**

At Long Sutton C of E primary school we are looking for two new governors to join our dedicated team, which helps provide support to our friendly, all-inclusive & inspiring school. A governor is often referred to as a 'critical friend' and your input could help the school thrive now and in the future.

We are especially looking for people with business, financial or IT experience but full training and support are provided.

If you are interested in becoming a valued part of our welcoming school community or would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you, please contact the school office on 01458 241434 or email our clerk Teresa at [TOulds@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:TOulds@educ.somerset.gov.uk).

### **SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

#### **Tennis opportunities for all in Somerton**

The new season starts at Somerton Tennis Club (Gassons Lane) on Sunday 1st April. If you or any family members are keen to get involved in some tennis in a friendly, social environment, please visit our website [www.somertontenniscub.co.uk](http://www.somertontenniscub.co.uk) or contact Neil Driver on 01458 270131.

#### **Coaching courses for juniors**

The new term of junior coaching begins on Tuesday 10th April. Children new to the Club can come along to their first group coaching session for free to see if it's for them. The sessions take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm. For details please contact Luke Andrews at [Latennis@hotmail.com](mailto:Latennis@hotmail.com) or on his mobile 07437 404242.

#### **Coaching courses for Adults**

'Rusty Rackets' - If you're returning to tennis, there is an ideal session on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm

Lady beginners - The 'In It Together' course beginning in May, subsidised by SSDC, will be an ideal way to learn how to play

If you're interested in these courses or keen to have private coaching, please contact Neil Driver at [neilrdriver@gmail.com](mailto:neilrdriver@gmail.com) or on 01458 270131.

#### **Advanced notice**

The Somerton Tennis Club open day will be on either Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th May 2-4.30pm.

Date to be confirmed in the May Viaduct. There'll be a junior session and an adult session, followed by free play & the chance to find out about more opportunities at the Club. If you're interested please contact Bridget Hodsman on 01458 272986.

Public hire of the courts is also available (£6 per court per hour) via Wendy Driver on 01458 270131 or 07788451098.

## POETRY CORNER

Come on you Somerton Poets! We have 2 poems from Ruth Smith who is a Somerton Lady who has lived here all her life.



### FRIENDS

Friends you really need to know.  
It's hard to make them so don't let go.  
They come and visit and have some tea  
And that is really fine by me.  
Birthdays, Christmas we always know  
We will see them all aglow.  
Good news they bring and all best wishes  
And you are left to do the dishes.  
But who would be without a Friend  
With all their blessings they have to lend.  
Friends are truly meant to be  
Otherwise it's just you and me.

### EASTER

Easter's the time we have a rest  
Children have Eggs and all the Best  
Choc ones, fried ones. It's lots of fun.  
We also have an Easter Bun.  
Hot Cross it's called and we all know  
It's not the reason the wind doth blow.  
The Flowering Cherry tree has come out  
And Easter Bunnies are also about.  
It's cold in April and sometimes sunny  
And everyone thinks life is very funny.  
But please remember what it's all about  
Because Jesus died upon the Mount.

## SOMERTON NEWS

We will shortly be seeking information from all the groups in town for what they do and their contact details, for inclusion in Somerton News - the biennial publication of organisations in Somerton. Letters will be sent to the Chair/Secretary of all the organisations we know of, but if you haven't received such a letter/email for your organisation by Friday April 6th, please let us know. Mo Fletcher 274631 or Martyn Smith 273058.

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## Forthcoming Events

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### CITIZEN'S ADVICE

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

### NATWEST COMMUNITY BANKERS

Monday morning 10am until 12pm in Somerton Library. Trudi Henderson Mobile: 07920 414030 Email: trudi.henderson@natwest.com

### WESSEX COUNTRY MARKET

Is held in the Unicorn Skittle Alley each Saturday from 9am until noon.

### WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Coffee mornings Thursdays in April at 10.30am.

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH EVENTS FOR EASTER

Good Friday 30th March 12-3pm three Hours at the cross; a series of meditations.

Sat 31st March 6:30pm Readings and Hymns for Easter in St Michael's.

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday Dawn service at 6:30am in the field at Horsemill Lane, Somerton.

Sunday 1st April 11am Easter Family service with Communion in St Michael's

### WI: TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

Emma Duke, the Art & Design of Driftwood. 7.15pm. the Parish Rooms.

### PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

From 9am - noon at the Parish Rooms. See the advert.

### CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

Beautiful Carole King Musical Trip Thursday 5th April

Tosca Wednesday 11th April



### **ARTHRITIS CARE / ARTHRITIS RESEARCH UK: THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Our double name is because we have now merged and are considering a new name. Thursday 5th April, Alison & Dave, The Making of Midney Gardens. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays April 5th and 19th. 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.

### **LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENT'S COMMITTEE**

We have a great programme lined up for the whole year, so please keep some days free in your diaries so you can join us! All booking lists are in our Hall for dates and times etc. Or call 272620.

Tuesday 3rd April: Easter Bonnet Tea Party, with prizes. 3.0pm. £3.50.

(No bacon butties that day).

Tuesday 17th April: coach to Poole. Depart 10am, £10.

Wednesday 18th breakfasts, 9.30am £3.00. (Day changed from Mondays, to Wednesdays monthly.)

Tuesday 1st May bacon butties, plus talk on Bees. SO fascinating, don't miss it. All welcome.

### **SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Edgar Hall at 7pm. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Caring for your house plants a talk by Michael Smith, April 9th 7.30pm Wessex Rooms, Broad St, Somerton, competition table; a vase of spring flowers.

### **LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The topic will be Music in Edwardian England. To be held in the library at Langport at 7.30pm, visitors very welcome.

### **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>/23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

Join us from 11.00am to 12.00noon, in the West Street Church back room. It's purely for fun, and for all ages and abilities. We sing anything well known, songs from the shows, old English melodies, and songs from the 30's up to date. £1.00 a session including coffee & biscuits (from 10.45am) on Mondays 9th and 23rd April

### **ST MICHAEL'S, SOMERTON - EVENTS IN APRIL**

Tuesday 10th April 2.30pm - T+ This is a monthly event to get together over a cup of tea or coffee and chat the activities vary month to month and this month will be a film show. All are welcome to come and join us.

Friday 20th April 7.30pm - Quiz Night. This event is to raise money for our Christian Aid event, do come along and join us.

Friday 27th April pm - Taize Worship. An evening of contemplative worship with songs, reading prayer and reflection in the style of the Taize Community in France. For more information web address is: [www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk).

### **FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY AGM: TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

To be held at The Unicorn Skittle Alley, Somerton on Tues 10th April. Guest speaker: Pamela Miley at 2:30pm with AGM starting at 3pm. Please come and support your Library Friends. Nomination papers for committee in the library. Please return to the library or email [somertonlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:somertonlibraryfriends@gmail.com) by 6th April. Nominations will also be accepted at the AGM.

### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

2pm Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy the challenge and make friends. £3 on the door.

**SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST: TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Heart of the Levels group talk, Moths in Somerset. John Bebbington FRPS looks at changes over the years. How land management, housing development and climate change have affected moths and moth populations. The Parish Rooms, Somerton, at 7.30pm £2.50 members/£3.00 non-members. Tea and coffee served after the talk.

**U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Restarted in March so meeting Wed 11th and 25th April at West St Church. Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 for more details.

**CARERS CAFÉ: WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Meet at the Buttercross Tea rooms on from 3 - 4 pm.

**SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

10.30am at Somerton Sports Club. Come and join us on second Thursdays of the month for a chat and friendship. Tea 20p coffee 30p free draw ticket. Our activities vary but we mainly socialise and enjoy having fun. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

**DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

At Somerton Parish Rooms Thursdays 12th and 26th April 9am - noon. Rhiannon Gogh 01458 555078

**COFFEE AND MORE: FRIDAYS 13<sup>TH</sup>/27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10am - noon. Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email [levelapps@gmail.com](mailto:levelapps@gmail.com).

**SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS**

Bingo (over 18s) April Sundays 8th and 22nd 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs 29th 8.30pm Teams of up to six.

**BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN APRIL**

Wed Carers Café Wed 11th 3.00 - 4.00pm Buttercross Tea Rooms

Wed MS Group Wed 18th 2.30 - 4.00 Buttercross Health Centre

Thurs 26th Shorter Health Walk 11.30am Sports Ground

Annie Morley, Health Coach, Buttercross Health Centre, 01458 272473,

[Annie.Morley@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk](mailto:Annie.Morley@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk)

**SOMERSET ARTS TALK: TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Velasquez - Magician of Art 10.30am at the Caryford Hall at Castle Cary.

**CC DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

Dean's surgery will be held on, from 9.30am until 11.00am in The White Hart. If you would like to discuss any concerns with Dean please contact 01458 274865 for an appointment or email [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com).

**SOMERTON MOVIOLA SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm FRIENDS of the PARISH ROOMS presents Goodbye Christopher Robin (2017). A behind-the-scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son C.R. Milne. Run time 107 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808. PS Thanks to all who turned out on Saturday 17th March.

**SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY - THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The next meeting of the Society takes place on Thursday 26th in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee and followed, at 7.30pm, with a talk by Bill Murray entitled James IV: the Stuart Dynasty in the 16th Century. Members come for free and visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

### **SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

We meet at 11.30 am at Somerton Sports Club and walk for about 30 minutes returning to the club for refreshments.

### **VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

This month's stapling and folding for the May issue will be at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and team.

### **THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

A talk by Adrian Prior-Sankey on Taunton's Street Pastors. 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.

We apologise for the fact that some people were disappointed when they arrived at the February meeting to find that the advertised session on the history of the harp by John Dalton had been cancelled. Unfortunately Mr Dalton had to deal with a family crisis in the North of England which meant he could not carry out the promised event. However, we had a very interesting talk by Andy Lukers on his time working with the crime squad at Heathrow.

### **SOMERTON DARTS LEAGUE: FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Our Finals and Presentation night - 7.30 for 8pm at Somerton Sports Club.

### **STEPHEN PAGE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on from 11.00am to 12.00 noon in the 'Full of Beans' cafe. 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](mailto:stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephoning 07519 739137.

### **SOMER SINGERS CONCERT: SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Concert that Somer Singers are doing, with guest singer Mary Bateman and singer/guitarist Daryl Browne, on Saturday 28th April 2018 at 7.30pm, at The Seed Factory, Aller in aid of Safe Passage. Tickets are £6 from Cobbs, Somerton, Art Tea Zen and The Angel, Langport.

### **WEA LONG SUTTON: SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

We will be running a day school investigating the landscape archaeology of Long Sutton and the surrounding area. The professional tutor leading the course is Philip Kiberd. Fee: £20, payable on enrolment (cheques to Long Sutton WEA).

Venue: Long Sutton Village Hall. Martock Road. TA10 9NT Timing: 10am to 4pm.

Please bring your own lunch - teas and coffees will be available. For further details or to enrol please contact Doreen Harvey. The Old School House. Catsgore. TA11 7HZ email [doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com](mailto:doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com) Tel: 01458 241711.

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## **What's on In Brief**

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### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **MONDAY**

10.30-11.30am Zumba Gold, low impact dance class for all, West Street Church  
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  
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut  
7.00pm Girl Guides, St Cleers Chapel  
7.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall

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### TUESDAY

9.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall  
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms  
10.00am - 12.00noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church  
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive  
11.30am - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms  
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall  
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe  
6.30pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & Improvers), Wessex Rooms  
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut  
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church

### WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11am Space Yoga (experienced) 11.30am - 12.30pm (beginners) Wessex Rooms  
10.00am - 12noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room  
10.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (All levels), 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

### THURSDAY

9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)  
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms  
10.30am Wessex House coffee morning  
11.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms  
2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive  
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beavers, Scout Hut  
6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Youth Club, Wessex Rooms  
7.00pm - 10.00pm Bridge Club (Duplicate), West Street Church  
7.30pm - 9.00pm Archies Xtra (11-18 years), Recreation Ground  
7.30pm - 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing, West St Church (term time)

### FRIDAY

9.30am - 11.30am St Cleers Toddlers, St Cleers Chapel  
10.45am Flexercise, Laburnum Drive  
7.00pm - 9.00pm 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

### MARCH

Thu 29th LDRC Special Easter Bingo 2pm  
Thu 29th Quiz 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club  
Fri 30th Good Friday three hours at the Cross - a Series of Meditations  
Sat 31st Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Sat 31st Readings and Hymns for Easter 6.30pm at St Michael's Church

### APRIL

Sun 1st Easter Sunday Dawn Service at 6.30am in the field in Horsemill Lane.  
Sun 1st Easter Family Service 11am with Communion at St Michael's Church  
Mon 2nd Nat West Community Banker 10 - noon Somerton library  
Mon 2nd Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West St Church  
Tue 3rd LDRC Easter Bonnet Party 3pm  
Tue 3rd Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms

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Tue 3rd Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms  
Tue 3rd CAB 10am - noon West St Church  
Tue 3rd New Slimming World Meeting 11.30am Edgar Hall  
Tue 3rd WI Art of Design of Driftwood 7.15pm Parish Rooms  
Wed 4th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms  
Thu 5th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library  
Thu 5th Charity Theatre Trip Carole King Musical  
Thu 5th Arthritis Care Midney Gardens Talk 7.15pm Parish Rooms  
Sat 7th West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Sun 8th Bingo (over 18s) Somerset Sports Club  
Mon 9th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church  
Mon 9th Zumba Gold 10.30am - 11.30am West Street Church  
Mon 9th Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library  
Mon 9th Somerton Recreation Ground Committee 7pm Edgar Hall  
Mon 9th Langport History Society Music in Edwardian Somerset 7.30pm Langport Library  
Tue 10th St Michael's Church Tea + 2.30pm  
Tue 10th Tai Chi 9.30am - 10.30am Parish Rooms  
Tue 10th CAB 10am - noon West St Church  
Tue 10th New Slimming World meeting 11.30am Edgar Hall  
Tue 10th Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms  
Tue 10th Somerton Library AGM and Speaker Pamela Miley 2.30pm Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Tue 10th Heart of the Levels Talk Moths 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Wed 11th U3A Scottish Dancing West St Church  
Wed 11th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms  
Wed 11th Carers Café 3pm - 4pm Buttercross Tea Rooms  
Wed 11th Charity Theatre Trip Tosca  
Thu 12th Drop In Financial Clinic 9.30am - 12.30pm Parish Rooms  
Wed 11th Friendship Club 10.30am - noon Somerton Sports Club  
Wed 11th Junior Tennis Coaching begins 4pm  
Fri 13th West St Church Coffee and More 10am - noon  
Sat 14th West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Sat 14th Meet the Artists Event at AceArts 2 - 4pm  
Mon 16th Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library  
Mon 16th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West Street Church  
Tue 17th Somerset Arts Group Talk on Velasquez 10.30am Caryford Hall  
Tue 17th LDRC Coach Trip to Poole leaves at 10am  
Tue 17th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms  
Tue 17th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms  
Tue 17th CAB 10am - noon West St Church  
Tue 17th New Slimming World Meeting 11.30am Edgar Hall  
Wed 18th LDRC Breakfasts 9.30am  
Wed 18th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms  
Wed 18th MS Group Buttercross Health Centre 2.30pm - 4pm  
Thu 19th Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library  
Fri 20th Quiz St Michael's Church 7.30pm  
Sat 21st West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Sat 21st CC & DC Dean Ruddles Surgery 9.30 - 11am White Hart  
Sat 21st Moviola Cinema Goodbye Christopher Robin 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Sun 22nd Bingo 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club  
Mon 23rd Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45pm West St Church  
Mon 23rd Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library  
Mon 23rd Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West St Church  
Mon 23rd Green Gardeners Hanging Baskets 7.30pm Parish Rooms  
Tue 24th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms  
Tue 24th CAB 10am - noon West St Church

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Tue 24th New Slimming World Meeting 11.30am Edgar Hall  
Wed 25th U3A Scottish Dancing West St Church  
Wed 25th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms  
Thu 26th Drop In Financial Clinic 9.30am - 12.30pm Parish Rooms  
Thu 26th Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club  
Thu 26th Somerton History Society James IV 7pm Parish Rooms  
Thu 26th Quiz 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club  
Fri 27th West St Church Coffee and More 10am - noon  
Fri 27th U3A Taunton's Street Pastors 10.30am Edgar Hall  
Fri 27th Viaduct staple and fold 2pm Parish Rooms  
Fri 27th Somerset Darts League Finals and Presentations 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club  
Fri 27th Taize Workshop pm St Michael's Church  
Sat 28th WEA Day School Landscape Archeology 10am - 4pm Long Sutton Village Hall  
Sat 28th West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley  
Sat 28th DC Stephen Page's Surgery 11am - noon Full of Beans café  
Sat 28th Somer Singers Concert 7.30pm the Seed Factory, Aller  
Mon 30th Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library  
Mon 30th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West St Church  
Mon 30th Lights Brigade Meeting 7pm Somerton Fire Station Community Room

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An exciting vacancy has arisen for a Volunteer Secretary to support the work of the PPG. The role includes liaising with members to assemble the draft agenda, circulating meeting papers, attending PPG meetings to prepare minutes and maintaining records of meetings and membership. Estimated time commitment: 5 hours per month.

For further information, or an informal chat about this position contact the PPG Chair at [somppg@gmail.com](mailto:somppg@gmail.com).

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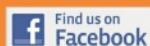
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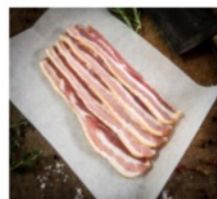


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