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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	13 th February	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	6 th & 20 th February	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Access & Highways	30 th January	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

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!

**The Precept (local council tax) for 2018/19 will be £334220,
an increase of 1.7%**

Local Government Boundary Commission draft proposals for new SSDC council and ward boundaries: Have your say on new political map of South Somerset

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking people across South Somerset to comment on its draft proposals for new council ward boundaries. The consultation ends on 19 March 2018.

The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the commission's website at this link: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/somerset/south-somerset>.

Have your say directly through the commission's consultation portal:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/10065>.

Link to the dedicated web page for the South Somerset electoral review:

www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/somerset/south-somerset.

- Christmas Lights Award 2017 presented to Mr and Mrs C. Dyer of Behind Berry. Congratulations.
- During 2018 it is planned to permanently site five defibrillators around Somerton, in addition to the two that are already in place. They will be owned and managed by the council.
- Six staff and councillors have received first aid training including the use of defibrillators.
- New grounds maintenance contracts have been agreed for the public areas maintained by Somerton Town Council, the contract will start in April 2018 and last for two years.

News

PLANNING RENOVATIONS THIS YEAR?

If you're thinking of a new extension, a bit of remodelling, or finally knocking down that old garage, have you checked for asbestos? Any property built or refurbished before 2000 could potentially contain ACMs (Asbestos Containing Materials). Commonly found in corrugated roofing sheets, it was also widely used in artex-type paint coatings, insulation material, floor tiles, other construction material, fixtures and fittings. Left undisturbed, these materials don't present a health risk. However, when damaged the fibres easily become airborne and can be inhaled. Exposure to these microscopic fibres can lead to severe lung disease and cancer. In the UK, around 5000 deaths a year are linked to asbestos exposure, and it can take years for symptoms to develop. Invisible to the naked eye and normally blended with other substances, professional testing is needed to ensure asbestos is dealt with safely.

Somerset Scientific Services, part of Somerset County Council, offer free impartial asbestos advice as part of our commitment to public health and safety. We also offer an expert service to identify and project manage the removal of any ACMs. Samples of suspect material can be sent to our lab for analysis and we'll provide impartial advice on your next steps if asbestos is identified. For larger projects surveys can be completed on site by our specialist asbestos team if needed.

Call the team or visit our website for expert advice - and to find out what other services we provide. someretscientificservices.co.uk
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Editor's Note

My husband Billy Fletcher died from mesothelioma - a cancer from asbestos he had worked with 30 years before. So be warned.

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2019/20 CONSULTATION

Have Your Say . School admissions arrangements for children who are due to start or transfer school for the 2019-20 school year, and those moving schools during the 2019-20 school year will be consulted on for a period of six weeks ending 31 January 2018. This consultation applies to a number of schools and academies throughout Somerset. This consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities and the local community to raise any comments or concerns about proposed admission arrangements. To view the admission arrangements and for details of how to make comments, please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the School Admissions Policy page or phone (01823) 356146.

SILENT SOLDIER SCHEME



The Royal British Legion in Surrey has started a "Silent Soldier" campaign in memory of everyone who served in the First World War. It is being taken up across the country.

In Somerton we are looking for information and memories - even photographs - of people who served in the Great War and what they did afterwards. Many who came home had been wounded, crippled, blinded or gassed. Many had shell-shock and other psychological hurts which were not recognised at the

time. They came home and carried on, rarely speaking of the horrors they had experienced.

This month we remember a Somerton man who came home:



In Somerton Cemetery, grave M94, a metal grave marker in the shape of the badge of the Old Contemptibles Association 1914 August 5 to November 22 belongs to W COOPER, 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, Mid Somerset Branch. The Old Contemptibles were the British soldiers who served in the first few months of the Great War. Kaiser Wilhelm II referred to them as a 'Contemptible Little Army'. They were very proud of this name.

William Cooper was 70 when he died in 1955. He lived at the Milllands. His wife, Beatrice, died aged 79 in 1977. He was a plate layer on the railway at Welling in Kent and later for the GWR at Somerton. He married Beatrice in about 1920 and they had several children: William John in 1921, Betty Violet in 1923, John Victor in 1925 and Margaret Mary in 1929.

John Victor Cooper had a draper's shop in West Street - it is now the flower shop by the entrance to Cox's Yard. He lived in Northfield and died in 2009. His widow Doris Cooper left a large endowment to the Marmaduke Cradock Trust which is used to support Somerton History and the mini-museum at the Parish Rooms. We do not yet know about his other children, and we hope you may be able to help. Call at the library for more information or contact Nancy Schooling, tel: 273859; email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com.

SOMERTON LAUNCHING A DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

Organisations in Somerton are joining together to create a Dementia Action Alliance, with the aim of making Somerton a Dementia Friendly Town. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Alliance is welcome to attend our next meeting at 10.30am on Wednesday 31st January at ACEArts in Market Place.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a Women's World Day of Prayer service, held at St Michael's church on 2nd March at 2pm.

All are invited to come and join us. The theme this year is 'All God's Creation is Very Good' and the people of Surinam have put the service together for us. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE

Well, that's another year gone, and we hope you all enjoyed the lights this year. All that remains is for us to say "Thank You" to the following businesses for their help and support - Rob Canvin and Mike Mitchell (our 'cherry picker' heroes), Overt Locke, Stacey's Butchers, Williams Supermarket, Burns the Bread, Midney Gardens, Ian Rodger, Pitney Fabrications and World Horse Welfare (Glenda Spooner Farm).

Lastly a big thank you to anyone that helped out in any shape or form!
Thanks again and Happy New Year!

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 Yarlington Housing Group can also provide advice to local residents on a range of financial and welfare issues.

SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Sally Snaddon, Division Commissioner and Mo Fletcher, Honorary Division President have restarted both units on Mondays:

Rainbows 4.30 - 5.30pm

Brownies 5.30 - 7.00pm

Guides as usual 7.00 - 8.30pm.

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.

ARCHIESXTRA

We are a youth group in Somerton that runs at the sports field every Thursday evening from 7.30pm-9.00pm. We offer cakes, biscuits, drinks and fun activities for 11-18 year olds.

CHALLENGE TO TRANSFORM AGEING IN THE SOUTH-WEST

Innovators urged to come forward with ideas to improve the lives of people in later life by helping people to remain independent, develop and maintain social connections, have improved information, confidence and resilience to deal with life transitions and better support for carers.

The full innovation briefs and more details can be found here: <https://goo.gl/zteF5t>

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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: 01935414015 or go online at www.samaritans.org to register your interest.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

To all Somerton organisations, societies and clubs. Please check to see if your organisation, society or club is listed on the Somerton community website www.somerton.co.uk and that your information is correct. These are listed on the societies and clubs pages free of charge.

Please advise if you have any corrections, deletions or additions

There is a facility to have the following information if required:

The organisation's name; contact name and address including post code; phone number; fax number; mobile number; email address; website address with link.

The website also has an events page and all entries are free of charge.

We are very keen to have listings of any meeting dates with any information you can give, coming events etc. to keep people of Somerton up to date of what's going on in their town. Please email or send any information to the address below. Please help us to keep local people informed.

Also any sporting fixtures that are held in Somerton, that the public can come and watch and support your team, can be listed. When listing any events please state which organisation/club is being represented.

Events diary is free so please do make use of it. Please contact Somerton community website Email: somerton@somerton.co.uk Phone: 01458 272041

Fax: 01458 273515

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME - FEBRUARY NEWS

Benidorm comes to Bristol in November - be good to have some Spanish sunshine then.

Payments due in February for: Take That: The Band (April 18th), Miss Saigon (31st May).

It is not too late to book for Wicked (15th/20th Feb), Brendan Cole (11th Mar), Cilla (14th Mar), and Bourne's Cinderella (22nd Mar), though this depends on availability at Bristol.

Prices for previously advertised trips have increased by £2 to £4 as our coach company discovered they had not put up their hire charge since 2007. I knew that!

We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street, Wells or Keinton Mandeville, Shepton Mallet.

For complete listing (if not printed below) and booking form:

www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk, or e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone 01458 273085.

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

BUS TIMES

Bus timetables are changing on Monday 5th February and copies are in the library for the usual donation to the Air Ambulance.

Martyn Smith

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

Time will whizz by and the Arts Festival will soon be upon us. We had our sponsor and promotional night in the White Hart and there are still a few events to be sponsored, so we'd still love to hear from you. The website will start to advertise acts as from Jan/Feb so look out for what you might be interested in seeing. Tickets will go on sale in May both in Overt Lock and online with early bird offers.

Here I sit on a cold January day looking through events planned for July, we have fun day and market day as usual so please let us know if you want a stall at either. We have a funky folk band called Mawkin with local support artist Nick Parker; festival favourites Twisted Vinyl supporting Hipster which is guaranteed to be a fantastic dance party night; the Cwmbach Welsh Choir; a classical guitarist with an exceptional repertoire Michael C Durrant in the church, plus some day time talks including one about the Somerset and Dorset railway and of course the festival quiz to challenge the brain cells. Don't forget the Art & Photography Exhibition is in May this year so contact Jade early if you wish to showcase your work. Keep warm and safe until summer.

Alex Stannett, Festival Chairman.

SOMERTON MARKETS

Will restart on Friday 2nd Feb and thereafter on the first Friday every month from 10am in the Market Square.

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR DECEMBER

Rainfall for the December was 88 mm or 3.5 inches. Total rainfall in Somerton for the year 2017 was 798mm or 32 inches which is equivalent approximately to 3,200 tons per acre. Using this figure the total weight of water for the year on the 17 acre Sports Field was approximately 54,400 tons! Something to think about!

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at the Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Sports Ground Somerton. New players are welcome.

Contact Gary Saunders for details, 1stXVcaptain@somertonrfc.co.uk. Under 18s & U15s Girls visit website for training/fixture details.

Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

Somerton Rugby Football Club wish all our sponsors and supporters a very happy & peaceful New Year.

Forthcoming Events

CITIZEN'S ADVICE: TUESDAYS

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

ZUMBA GOLD: MONDAYS

Is a low impact dance class for all ages and abilities at West Street Church 10.30-11.30am £5 a session weekly.

NEW YOGA CLASS: WEDNESDAYS

This will be taking place on Wednesdays at the Wessex Rooms. There will be a class for those with some experience from 9.30am – 11.00am costing £9, followed by an all abilities gentle class from 11.30am - 12.30pm costing £6. There will be some price concessions - contact Nadia on 07477747664 or at spaceyogauk@gmail.com

NATWEST COMMUNITY BANKERS

NatWest has introduced a new role in response to the changing ways our customers bank with us. Community Bankers will work in local communities recently affected by branch closures. As part of their role, they will provide customers with personal assistance in accessing the right banking options for their needs across a range of channels weekly but I am now running a drop in centre from the start of this year it has moved to a Monday morning 10am until 12pm in Somerton Library.

I can help customers with looking at ways to bank, any enquiry they may travel to a branch for and generally making customers financially fitter.

I am also running a Digital Safety Morning at Somerton Library on Friday 23rd February from 9:30am until 12:30 which will include a Digital Safety presentation at 10:30am.

Trudi Henderson, Mobile: 07920 414030, Email: trudi.henderson@natwest.com

BEGINNERS TAI CHI

Starting Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am at the Parish Rooms. Contact 01458 270258 for further information.

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS.

Coffee mornings Thursdays in February at 10.30am.

Drop-in Financial Advice Clinic

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday:

Thursday 8th February	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 22nd February	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 8th March	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 12th April	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 26th April	9.30am-	12.30pm

No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser. Retirement & Investment planning, family & business protection, small business financial planning.

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ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Trudi Henderson. Keep safe from On-Line & Telephone Fraud. 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 1ST/15TH FEBRUARY

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays February 1st and Feb 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: THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

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

LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE

Our A.G.M date changed to 5th. Feb. 10.30am. All welcome.

Our 1st Event: 9th.Feb. Fish & Chips supper, 4.45pm. £4.50. Booking & payment two weeks prior. (We are asking for this for all our events this year please).

20th Feb half-day coach trip, Dobbies Garden Centre, £7, (Pensioner meals available). Small charge will be for Tuesday coffee mornings for a trial period. Bacon butties and breakfasts stay the same. Price rises are reflected in our funds, which are used for the good of all. Our Committee of nine devote their time to give residents, and all from our town and beyond, happy times. Come to our A.G.M 5th Feb. and see how we work. All info in Hall or 272620.

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

7.30pm talk by Tom Harris on bells and English church bell-ringing. To be held in the library at Langport, visitors very welcome.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

A talk by John Studley on Vegetable Growing. 7.30pm Mon February 5th Wessex Rooms Broad Street with refreshments.

Meetings, visits, discounts, friendly competitions etc. all for a £10 subscription. Competition "A Flowering Shrub spray".

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

W.I. No evening meeting. Lunch at the Lime Kiln.

PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 6TH/20TH FEBRUARY

9.00am - noon Parish Rooms. See advert.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

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: THURSDAYS 8TH/22ND FEBRUARY

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday 9am - noon. No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser. Retirement & Investment planning, family & business protection, small business financial planning. Rhiannon Gogh 01458 555078.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN: FRIDAY 9TH/23RD FEBRUARY

Drop in at West Street Church anytime, 10.00 to 12.00. 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.

SOMERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY 2018 PANTOMIME

It's Panto time in Somerton again. Come to the Parish Rooms to support our multi-award winning Drama Group's fantastic pantomime: Jack and the Beanstalk.

It's a traditional, family panto full of great music, dance, magic and fun, all delivered by Somerton folks, young and old.

Tickets are on sale at Palmer Snell in the square and the show runs from Friday 9th Feb to Saturday 17th. There are two shows on the Saturdays (2:30 and 7:30). Shows start at 7:30pm on the other days (we have a day off on Sunday and Wednesday!). Book early to avoid disappointment - tickets are selling very fast.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo (over 18s) February Sundays 11th and 25th 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs 22nd 8.30pm Teams of up to 6.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN

Join us from 11.00am to 12.00noon, in the Methodist 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.

RUMMIKUB:

No meeting this month because of Panto.

BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN FEBRUARY

Wed 14/2 Carers Café 3.00 - 4.00pm Buttercross Tea Rooms

Wed 21/2 MS Group 2.30 - 4.00pm Buttercross Health Centre

Thurs 22/2 Shorter Health Walk 11.30am Sports Ground

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

Annie.Morley@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

Thursday 15th Matinee "Wicked".

Tuesday 20th Evening "Wicked".

CHURCHFITTERS' FOLK CONCERT: SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

8pm, doors 7.30pm Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PQ. Folk concert with the Churchfitters Tickets £10 from 01458 447223. If you require further information, please contact me. Alan Riley, 01458 447223.

DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Dean's surgery will be held on Saturday, 17th February, 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.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB VALENTINE'S DANCE: SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY.

Come along for a bit of romance and dance the night away. Live music from duo "142". Entry £5 on the door.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE: MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Will meet at on Monday 19th February at 7pm at the Edgar Hall. All Somerton residents are welcome to attend.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST TALK: TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Ladybirds. Brian Pincen looks at the identification of British Ladybirds, their life cycles, predators, habitats and conservation. Somerton Parish Rooms Market Square TA11 7NB at 7.30pm. SWT members £2.50/ non-members £3.00.

Tea and coffee provided after the talk.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

The next meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd February in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee and followed, at 7.30pm, with a talk by Barry Winetrobe entitled Walter Bagehot, economist and journalist. Bagehot, from Langport, was a journalist, businessman and essayist in the Victorian period and also editor of "The Economist". Members are reminded that their annual subscription of £12 for 2018 is now overdue! Visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

This month's Stapling and Folding for the March issue will be Fri 23rd February in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and Team

THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 23rd February will be The History of the Harp as told by John Dalton. John is a harpist from Glastonbury who plays many different types of harps and very different types of music.

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month so Friday 23rd February 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.

SOMERTON MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

7.30pm Friends of the Parish Rooms presents Victoria & Abdul (2017) starring Judi Dench. Biographical comedy-drama film about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian Muslim servant Abdul Karim. Run time 111 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

STEPHEN PAGE MONTHLY SURGERY: SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

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 February 2018 from 11.00am to 12.00 noon 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.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Monday February 26th 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms Somerton. Talk on Organic Gardening, Pest Control by Paul Harding. Refreshments will be available and visitors are very welcome (£3).

What's on In Brief

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

BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE AND ILCHESTER SURGERY



We would like to thank all our patients and the local community for their ongoing support and patience as we have been bringing services together between Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery.

NEW for 2018!

We are delighted to welcome our new Patient Participation Group Chair, Rev Canon Brian Pearson. Brian will be running our new joint patient group to support both Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery.

What does the PPG do?

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is an essential and valued part of all our practices and helps us to understand what the patient experience is really like.

The group hears about developments at the practice, current challenges and proposed changes. Our enthusiastic PPG volunteers put forward ideas, suggestions and ask questions on behalf of all patients and to support communication.

We are now launching a new joint PPG that supports both Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery and we are looking for new associate and full members to join us. If you would like to have a say and support the future development of your local GP practice, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more about the group, please contact our new PPG Chair, via the website: www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk or email: somppg@gmail.com.



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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 - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church
7.00pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & Improvers), Wessex Rooms

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 (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

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
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

FEBRUARY

Thu 1st Arthritis Care Safety on line 7 for 7.30pm Pinney Room, PRs
Thu 1st Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Mon 5th Zumba Gold 10.30 am - 11.30 am West St Church

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Mon 5th Nat West Financial Help 10 am - noon Somerton Library
Mon 5th Lang & Dist History Soc "Bells and Bell Ringing" Lang Lib 7.30pm
Mon 5th LDRC AGM 10.30am
Mon 5th SGC Growing Vegetables 7.30 pm Wessex Rooms
Tue 6th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30 am PRs
Tue 6th CAB 10 - noon West St Church
Tue 6th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Tue 6th WI No evening meeting but lunch at the Lime Kiln
Wed 7th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 8th Drop in Financial Planning 9.30am Parish Rooms
Thu 8th Friendship Club 10.30am SSC
Fri 9th Drop in Somerton Opportunities West St Church 10am - noon
Fri 9th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 7.30 pm PRs
Fri 9th LDRC Fish and Chip Supper 4.45pm
Sat 10th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Sun 11th SSC Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm
Mon 12th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church
Mon 12th Zumba Gold 10.30am - 11.30am West St Church
Mon 12th Nat West Help 10am - noon Somerton Library
Mon 12th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Tue 13th No Rummikub this month
Tue 13th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am PRs
Tue 13th CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Tue 13th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Wed 14th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 15th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Thu 15th Theatre Trip matinee "Wicked"
Thu 15th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Fri 16th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Sat 17th CC & DC Surgery 9.30am - 11.00am White Hart
Sat 17th Concert by "Churchfitters" 7.30 for 8pm at Meadway Hall Com Dun
Sat 17th Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Sat 17th SSC Valentine's Dance 8pm till late
Mon 19th Zumba Gold 10.30am - 11.30am West St Church
Mon 19th Nat West Help 10am - noon Somerton Library
Mon 19th Recreation Ground Management Committee 7pm Edgar Hall
Tue 20th LDRC Coach Trip to Dobbies
Tue 20th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Tue 20th CAB 10.00am - noon West St Church
Tue 20th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Tue 20th Theatre Trip Evening to "Wicked"
Tue 20th Somerton Wildlife Trust "Ladybirds" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Wed 21st Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 22nd Drop in Financial Planning 9.30 am PRs
Thu 22nd Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club

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Thu 22nd Somerton History Society Walter Bagehot 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Thu 22nd Somerton Sports Club Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm
Fri 23rd Drop in Somerton Opportunities 10am - noon West St Church
Fri 23rd Digital Safety Morning 9.30am - 12.30pm Somerton Library
Fri 23rd Viaduct Staple & Folding 2pm Parish Rooms
Sat 24th Moviola Cinema "Victoria and Abdul" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Sat 24th Stephen Page, monthly surgery, 11.00am - 12.00 Full of Beans café.
Sun 25th SSC Bingo over 18s 7.30pm
Mon 26th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church
Mon 26th Zumba Gold 10.30am - 11.30am West St Church
Mon 26th Nat West Help 10am - noon Somerton Library
Mon 26th Green Gardeners "Organic Gardening and Pest Control" 7.30pm PRs
Tue 27th CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Tue 27th Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Wed 28th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms

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