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# **Somerton Town Council - January 2018**

#### CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

| Meeting                     | Date                                       | Time   | Venue        |
|-----------------------------|--|--------|--------------|
| Full Council                | 9 <sup>th</sup> January                    | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall   |
| Planning (if required)      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> January | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall   |
| Land & Properties           | 16 <sup>th</sup> January                   | 7.00pm | Edgar Hall   |
| Promotions & Communications | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                   | 7.00pm | Parish Rooms |
| Access & Highways           | 30 <sup>th</sup> 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!

## SOUTH SOMERSET LOCAL PLAN

#### **REVIEW: ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The District Council is undertaking a review of its Local Plan (2006-2028), adopted in March 2015. The Council committed itself to a review of the Local Plan (2006-2028) following concerns raised by the Inspector at the examination phase, regarding the housing and employment land allocations at Wincanton. The review has been used as an opportunity to ensure that the whole Local Plan remains effective and up to date, and will result in a new Local Plan covering the period 2014 - 2034.

The Local Plan Review is currently at the Issues and Options consultation stage.



The Council has prepared an Issues and Options document which can be viewed electronically. Hard copies of the document are also available during normal office hours in the District Council's offices or libraries across the district. The 'Issues and Options' document sets out the issues identified by the Council's evidence base and makes suggestions to address them. To stimulate debate, questions are asked throughout the document about the issues and options covered.

The consultation period on this phase runs from 26th October to midday on 11th January 2018. In this period, comments can be made in the following ways:

- Online via the website:http://consult.southsomerset.gov.uk/consult.ti
- Email: planningpolicy@southsomerset.gov.uk
- In writing to: Spatial Policy Team, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT

In submitting your comments by email or in writing, you may find it helpful to use the consultation response form.

# News

## SOMERTON LAUNCHING 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.

Work towards forming an alliance began early this year, and its founder members are ACEArts, Close Care Homes, and the Somerton Scout Group. Volunteers are currently canvassing local businesses and community groups to sign up to the alliance.

The Dementia Action Alliance is a nationwide initiative supported by The Alzheimer's Society and aims to create greater awareness of the problems people living with dementia face, so that communities can adapt to help them and their carers. One of the initiatives which the Dementia Action Alliance organises is 'Safe Places', which identifies local facilities where vulnerable individuals can be taken and kept safe until a friend or family member can be notified of their whereabouts. The Somerton Dementia Action Alliance members are in the process of sourcing safe places in the town with the support of Neighbourhood Beat Manager Toni Lines, and more information on these will be available in the New Year.

Alyson Martin, Trustee of ACEArts, said, "ACEarts are leading the initiative for Somerton to become a dementia friendly town and are keen that other local businesses and individuals join the alliance. Further information on what's involved is available at ACEArts Gallery, and 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."

# CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME - JANUARY NEWS

With 19 trips planned to March 2019 and trip 250 just over the horizon we are spoilt for choice. New bookings are for the musical This is Elvis, telling the story of Elvis's comeback and his Las Vegas concert, with many of his top hits, the comedy ballet with the clog dancing dame La Fille Mal Gardée (Friday 6th July) and the musical Kinky Boots based on (but better than) the hit film (7th March 2019).

February brings Wicked (half-term matinee 15 Feb & evening 20 Feb).

Bookings closing in January for Brendan Cole (11 Mar), Bourne's Cinderella (22 Mar), & Tosca (11 Apr)

Due to sell outs we plan second trips to Beautiful: The Carole King Story (5 Apr), to Take That: The Band (18 Apr), and to Miss Saigon (31 May).

Pick-ups in Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street, Wells or Keinton Mandeville, Shepton Mallet.

For complete listing and booking form: www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk,

or e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone 01458 273085.

# WHISTLE BLOWER PRODUCTION FOR CHARITY AT SWAN THEATRE

Can I please ask for support with publication of this event? I have tickets available to sell now and giving a raffle prizes for the charity night at the Swan Theatre on Monday 15th January 2018, I want to fill the theatre that night (It holds 128), and I want to raise over £1k on the evening, (we raised £800 last year.) We will be running the coffee bar and also a raffle.

100% of what I raise on the night will go towards the fundraising I am doing for the trek to Southern India for St Margaret's Hospice in February 2019.

# CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMP APPEAL TO SUPPORT MARIE CURIE NURSES

Christmas is fast approaching, so please may I remind you to save your Christmas cards stamps for Marie Curie. All types of stamps are wanted - specials, ordinary and overseas - and in any quantity from just a few to a large bag as each one counts. Stamps are just torn/cut off the envelopes leaving a little paper around the stamp to avoid damage to the stamp. You can either pop your stamps into Jane at Cobbs Wholefoods, in Brunel Shopping Centre, or put them through my letter box - The Old Saddlery, New Street. I am also happy to collect from you. This is a long term appeal, so please always save your stamps. Perhaps businesses or clubs may like to start collecting. We CAN also raise funds from any unwanted mobile phones, coins, broken jewellery and old post cards. But we cannot use old Christmas cards.

All the proceeds raised will be used to help support the 31 Marie Curie Nurses in Somerset. Our nurses provide hands-on nursing care in the home to people with a terminal illness and give emotional support to their families, completely free of charge, 365 days a year. Judy Glossop, The Old Saddlery, New Street, Somerton.

#### **CHRISTMAS WASTE COLLECTIONS & RECYCLING**

Week commencing Monday January 1st, all collections will be one day later. No garden waste collection.

Week commencing Monday January 8th all back to normal

Recycling centres open to normal schedule except closed on December 25th/26th & January 1st.

#### SOMERTON SCOUT GROUP

The Scout group is growing from strength to strength and we have opened new sections to keep up with demand. In January we want to open an Explorer section to support the 14 - 18 age group where we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme as well as lots of fun and adventure. If you would like to register your interest in your child joining our Explorer section then please send an email to fiona.bayles@gmail.com with your child's name, date of birth, address and contact details or complete the online form on our website www.somertonscoutgroup.org.uk under get in touch!

News Flash! We have been selected to be part of the Tesco Bags of Help scheme in the Langport Store from the 2nd Jan - 28th Feb so please support us so that we can purchase new camping equipment so that more young people can take part in our adventure. Thanking you in advance for your support.

#### SOMERTON MARKETS

Somerton Market will not be held in January but we look forward to seeing you on February 2nd Brocante market is taking a break until March. Watch for further details.

#### SOMERTON WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER

Rainfall for the month was 75 mm or 3 inches.

# **Reports**

#### CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING

South Somerset District Council in partnership with Somerton Town Council. Start the New Year off sustainably by recycling your tree into mulch! Bare (free of ornaments, metal, stands), real trees of all shapes and sizes accepted. Drop off before 15th January 2018. Drop off location Edgar Hall.

#### SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Sally Snaddon, Division Commissioner and Mo Fletcher, Honorary Division President have restarted both units 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.

#### 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.

## 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.

Transform Ageing is funded by Big Lottery Fund.

The experience of ageing in the south-west is set to be transformed with the announcement of six innovation briefs for ambitious social entrepreneurs to apply their creative expertise in Somerset, Devon, Torbay and Cornwall. The innovation briefs are part of Transform Ageing, a first of its kind initiative to change the way we approach and design services for people in later life. The full innovation briefs and more details can be found here: https://goo.gl/zteF5t

# LOVE SOMERTON CHRISTMAS EVENT

Congratulations to you all - Love Somerton and the Lights Brigade especially - for a wonderful magical evening.



Santa's Reindeer were beautiful. It was great to see so many shops taking part and so many volunteers helping in some way.

Thank you to Somerton Town Council for their grant.

What a marvellous turnout by Somerton folk and many others from Langport, Wells, Street and Yeovil. Congratulations once again.

# THANK YOU FROM LOVE SOMERTON

On behalf of LOVE SOMERTON we'd like to thank you all for the overwhelming support shown on 1st December. Well done to the lights brigade who have once again made out town look so pretty at Christmas time. The wonderful atmosphere tells us that we have so much to be proud about, when our community comes together we can make some lasting memories.

Over the course of the forthcoming year we hope to put together some exciting and fun events, some of which will be fundraisers for larger events. We hope that we will all come together and enjoy our community spirit many times in 2018! Season's Greetings. Mary Hossack

# SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

This January's 1st XV fixtures are:

6th January: Somerton vs Wiveliscombe II 2.30pm

13th January: Castle Cary vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

20th January: Somerton vs Burnham-on-Sea II 2.30pm

27th January: Chard II vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

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.

# 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 to register your interest.

# SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE

A big thank you from all the volunteers of the Somerton lights Brigade, to Bernard Stacey Butchers, Burns the Bread and Williams Supermarket for providing food and beverages for all the volunteers. Fiona Richardson STC

# **BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN JANUARY**

Carers' Café - at Buttercross tea rooms - Wed 10th 3.00 - 4.00pm Shorter Health Walk - Thurs 25th - Somerton Sports Club 11.30am MS Support Group Wed 24th 2.30 - 4.00pm Buttercross Health Centre Annie Morley, Health Coach, Buttercross Health Centre, 01458 272473 Annie.Morley@buttercrosshc.nhs.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.

# **Forthcoming Events**

# **CITIZEN'S ADVICE**

Problems, questions? CA volunteers are available to help every Tuesday morning from 10am - 12 noon in West Street Church. Closed January 2nd 2018. Reopen on Tuesday January 9th.

# SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY

John Saunders, Chalk Under The Finger Nails. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

#### **ZUMBA GOLD: MONDAYS**

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**

This will be taking place on Wednesdays at the Wessex Rooms. There will be a class for practitioners 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 07477 747664 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 at the West Street Church Rooms on a Wednesday from 9:30am until 12:30pm.

# **ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY**

No Meeting, restarts on Thursday, 1st February.

#### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 4TH & 18TH JANUARY**

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays January 4th and Jan 18th. 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.

# SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 8TH & 22ND JANUARY

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 8th & 22nd January.

# SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 8TH JANUARY

More Plants Less Litter, 7.30pm January 8<sup>th</sup>, Wessex Rooms, Broad St, A.G.M. A social evening with refreshments. meetings, visits, discounts, friendly competitions etc. all for a £10 subscription. Somerton Gardeners' club wish everyone a Happy New Year and urge all who can to help improve our environment.

#### **BEGINNERS TAI CHI**

Starting Tuesdays from Jan 9th 9.30 - 10.30am at the Parish Rooms. Contact 01458 270258 for further information.

#### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY**

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

# DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAY 11TH & 25TH JANUARY

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday: January 11th and 25th, 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

#### LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Our committee of nine devote their time to give residents, and all from our town and beyond, happy times. Our funds are used solely for this, and charities. Thank you all for your support. Our New Year party is 13th January 3.00pm - 5.30pm, £5. Come to our AGM 6th February and see how we work. First coach trip 20th February. All info in hall or on 272620. Thank you all Viaduct team, for bringing Somerton news to us all.

## SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST TALK: TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY

The Good the Bad & the Ugly (Fungi). Everything (almost) you wanted to know about fungi, but didn't know who to ask - what's the difference between mushrooms and toadstools? What use are they? Can I eat them? (Yes, but some only once). What are fairy rings? How do I get rid of them from my lawn? Michal Jordan supplies the answers. The Parish Rooms, 7.30pm. SWT members £2.50/non-members £3.00. Tea/coffee afterwards

#### WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS: THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY

Coffee mornings start Thursday 11th January at 10.30am.



# SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL: THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY

Time will whizz by and the Arts Festival will soon be upon us. We have our sponsor and promotional night on Thursday the 11th of Jan between 6-8 pm in the White Hart, if you are interested in sponsoring an event please feel free to pop in for a chat, we would 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 on 26th May both in Overt Lock and online with early bird offers.

## SOMERTON OPPORTUNITIES: FRIDAY 12TH/26TH JANUARY

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.

## SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sun 7.30pm at the club. For over 18's only. Quiz Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm Teams of up to six.

#### **RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 15TH JANUARY**

Will meet at on Monday 15th January at 7pm at the Edgar Hall. All Somerton residents are welcome to attend.

#### PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY

9 am - noon Parish Rooms. See advert.

#### COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEAN RUDDLE: SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY

Will be holding his January Surgery in the White Hart, Somerton, on January, 20th, 2018 from 9.30 until 11.00am.

If you have any issues you wish to raise with Dean please telephone 01458 274865, or email anne.yates@btinternet.com for an appointment.

#### SOMERTON MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY

7.30pm Friends of the Parish Rooms present The Exception (2017): drama starring Christopher Plummer.

A German soldier tries to determine if the Dutch resistance has planted a spy to infiltrate the home of Kaiser Wilhelm in Holland during the onset of World War II, but falls for a young Jewish Dutch woman during his investigation. Run time 107 minutes Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

#### **GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 22ND JANUARY**

7.30pm in the Parish Rooms Somerton. Simpsons Seeds will be giving us a talk and bringing samples of their chilli sauces and seeds to purchase. Refreshments will be available and visitors are very welcome (£3).

#### SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY.

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

# SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY - THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

The first meeting of the New Year takes place on Thursday 25th January in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee and followed, at 7.30pm, with a talk by Janet Few entitled "Toleration and Turmoil in the 17th Century" about the impact of non-conformity on our ancestors and their communities. Members are reminded that their annual subscription of £12 is due in January. Visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

# THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

On Friday 26th January will be Royal Naval yarns from the wardroom by Commander J Holt. 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.

# VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

2pm Parish Rooms.

# STEPHEN PAGE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

Will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 27th January 2018 from 11.00am 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 emailing stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

# 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 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 Yarlington 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

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#### SATURDAY

9.00am Yeovil Parkrun, Montacute House

9.30am - 12noon Wessex Market, Unicorn Skittle Alley

#### SUNDAY

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

#### JANUARY

Tue 2nd WI John Saunders Chalk under the Fingernails 7.15pm Parish Rooms Wed 3rd Yoga Exp 9.30am New 11.30am Wessex Rooms Wed 3rd Community Banker 9.30am West St Church Thu 4th Health Walk 11.30 am Somerton Library Mon 8th Zumba Gold 10.30 am West St Church Mon 8th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45 am West St Church Mon 8th Somerton Gardeners Club AGM 7.30pm Wessex Rooms Tue 9th CAB 10.00am - noon West St Church Tue 9th Beginners Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms Tue 9th Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms Tue 9th Somerset Wildlife Trust, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (Fungi) 7.30pm PRs Wed 10th Yoga Exp 9.30am New 11.30 am Wessex Rooms Wed 10th Community Banker 9.30am West St Church Wed 10th Carers Café 3 - 4pm Buttercross Tearooms Thu 11th Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club Thu 11th Drop in Financial Clinic 9.30am - noon Parish Rooms Thu 11th Somerton Festival Sponsorship Evening 6 - 8pm at the White Hart Fri 12th Community Drop In 10 am - noon West St Church Sat 13th LDRC New Year Party 3 - 5.30 pm Mon 15th Whistleblower Fundraiser Swan Theatre Mon 15th Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church Mon 15th Last Date for dropping off Christmas trees for recycling Mon 15th Somerton Recreation Ground Management Committee meet 7pm Edgar Hall Tue 16th CAB 10.00am - noon West St Church Tue 16th Pardoes 9am - noon Parish Rooms Tue 16th Beginners Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms Wed 17th Yoga Exp 9.30 am New 11.30am Wessex Rooms Wed 17th Community Banker 9.30am West St Church

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Thu 18th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dean Ruddle monthly surgery 9.30 - 11.00am White Hart Sat 20th Somerton Moviola, The Exception, 7.30pm, Parish Rooms Mon 22nd Green Gardeners Simpson Seeds Talk 7.30pm Parish Rooms Mon 22nd Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church Mon 22nd Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church Tue 23rd Beginners Tai Chi 9.30 - 10.30am Parish Rooms Tue 23rd CAB 10am - noon West St Church Wed 24th Yoga 9.30 and 11.30am Wessex Rooms Wed 24th Community Banker 10.30am West St Church Thu 25th Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club Thu 25th Somerton History Society "Toleration and Turmoil" 7.00pm Parish Rooms Fri 26th U3A, Royal Naval Yarns 7.00pm Edgar Community Hall Sat 27th Stephen Page, monthly surgery, 11.00am - 12.00 Full of Beans café.

#### MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS IN SOMERTON AT WWW.SOMERTON.CO.UK





#### Working together

We are now running joint services for our registered patients across two locations; Somerton and Ilchester. Both GP practices are part of Symphony Healthcare Services; a larger NHS organisation and subsidiary of Yeovil Hospital. By providing joint services across two locations we can continue to provide a wide range of local healthcare services in both Ilchester and Somerton for the surrounding community.

Our opening hours are:

Buttercross Health Centre: Monday - Friday between 8.00am and 6.30pm. Ilchester Surgery: Monday - Friday between 9.00am - 4.00pm

(Ilchester Surgery is currently closed between 1-2 pm daily, for staff training and essential adminstration)

When you require an appointment or medical advice, please call our joint surgery phone numbers on: 01458 272473 or 01935 840207, or visit: www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk / www.ilchestersurgery.co.uk. Pre-bookable appointments and telephone consultations will be available at both locations.

We would like to thank all our patients and the local community for their support and patience over the past few weeks as we have been bringing services together between Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery. We have now extended the team that manages the joint surgery switchboard so that we can get to your call more quickly. You can also book appointments and repeat prescriptions online.

For more information on the changes, please visit the surgery, or visit: www.buttercrosshc.nhs.uk Alternatively, if you have a specific question or a concern, please email: SHS.AdminTeam@ydh.nhs.uk



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History of Art The Bigger Picture with Joanna Cobb, MA, Independent art historian, researcher and lecturer

4th lecture in the series: 'Judith Leyster 'Tulip'. Politics, trade, art and contradiction in the Dutch Golden Age'.

Monday 15th January 2018 West Street Church Somerton 7pm - 9pm

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