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News

VIADUCT COPY DEADLINES AND ADVERTS

These are now changing to 12th of month previous so for August issue we need copy by 12th July. Can adverts please be sent in correctly sized and framed. Many thanks, Mo and Neal - Editors

WEEKLY EVENTS UPDATE

Could people or organisations advertising weekly events, please check that their listing in the weekly events section is correct and up to date. Please advise of any corrections by email to viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. Many thanks, Mo and Neal - Editors

COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARD

Community Council for Somerset's "Somerset Village Agent Project" was one of the five finalists for the Prince of Wales Award, which will be presented at the Bath and West Show on Wednesday 27th May, 2015. This is in recognition of the Village Agents work across the county and during / after the Somerset flooding last year.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

We invite you to join us on our fund raising trips to the Bristol Hippodrome. All profits are donated to The British Red Cross. We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport and Somerton. Then Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet, or Street, Glastonbury and Wells, depending on bookings. Reserve with no penalty for cancellation up to the payment date. Book by e-mail to coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, on line at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or phone Chris Cox on 01458 273085.

New reservations are for the musical Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and the Vincent & Flavia dance show Last Tango.

Bookings closing in July (though sometimes it is possible to buy extra tickets later) are for: Sunset Boulevard A rare chance to watch this gem of a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber on Thu 24th September.

Mary Poppins. Flying back into Bristol – 29 October, 3rd & 19th November trips are Planned. Depending on the ticket sales at Bristol, Jesus Christ Superstar is still available. See website for full listings.

WI CENTENARY

There will be a display in Longmires window throughout July to celebrate the Centenary of the WI. Watch this space!

COLLECTION DURING RED CROSS WEEK 2015.

We raised £2607 thanks to the generosity of our local communities who clearly appreciate the service provided by the Red Cross to those in crisis and, of course, to some very dedicated volunteer collectors. One volunteer single handedly

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Saturday 27th June 10.00

Thursdays 9th July & 23rd July 19.00

We are keen to hear from anyone over 18 with time in the evenings and weekends. Call 01935 414015 and let us know when you are coming or email joinyeovilsams@gmail.com
Yeovil Samaritans, 25 The Park, Yeovil,
www.samaritans.org

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raised over £200, and several raised over £100. We are suffering a loss of collectors in our area and are appealing for new volunteers in Somerton, Babcary, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, Curry Rivel & Pitney. All we ask is a few hours once a year, during the first full week of May. New volunteers are assured of a very warm welcome if they phone me on 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com. The Somerton Street collection raised £194.01 – a slight fall on last year's £197.08.

SOMERTON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

It has finally arrived - the Somerton Music and Arts Festival 2015 has come to town. I hope you have brought a programme and planned your week of music, talks and art. There is still time, subject to availability, tickets available for most events but don't leave it to chance get them in advance. We have loads of exciting things to see this year with music in the marquee for all ages with local bands supporting tribute bands, the church hosts the welcome return of the Cwmbach choir, the Old Town Hall holds a varied selection of talks or why not mooch round the Art & Photography Exhibition, plus if you fancy some exercise some walks. Alternatively join us for market day. Due to circumstances beyond our control the vintage aspect of the market will not be taking place as previously advertised, but there will be lots to do throughout the day. Fun-day is packed full of family entertainment and well worth a visit. For the full programme either visit the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk or pop into the box office at Overt Lock and have a chat with one of the festival committee and pick up a souvenir programme. We hope you enjoy the nine night festival and we would love to see you. Alex

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL MARKET FAYRE SAT 4TH JULY

Come and enjoy the market stalls and free entertainment from 10.30am to 4pm in the Market Square. Paul Atterbury of the Antique Road Show will open the Fayre at 11am. There will be refreshments available by the Parish Rooms.

The entertainment line up is, at this moment:

10.30 am Jigsaw Morris Men

11.00 am Opening by Paul Atterbury

11.05 am Scottish Country Dancing

11.35 am Somerton Drama Group perform

12.00 noon Krazy Kev's Balloons

12.30 pm Phoenix Voices

2.00 pm Nigel Turner sings.

Programmes and Show tickets for Festival Week will also be available.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL FUN DAY SUN 5TH JULY

Come along and enjoy the family fun from 12.00 noon to 5pm at Somerton Sports Field. Entry Free. Only display dogs allowed on the Field.

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There will be a junior football tournament; a dog agility show from 1pm to 1.30 pm; kiddy entertainment and rides; a free show (see programme below) from 1.45pm – 4.30pm in the marquee; a car boot sale – entry £5 per car; a hog roast, cold food and hot drinks, a bar and much more for you to enjoy.

SHOW ACTS:

Nigel Turner will sing from 1.45 to 2.15pm; Somerton's Samba Band will play from 2.15 – 2.30pm; Linda's Line Dancers will give a display from 2.30 – 2.50pm; The Von Corbetts will entertain you from 2.50 – 3.10pm; The Somerton Youth Drama group will sing for you from 3.10 -3.30pm followed by Somersingers from 3.30 – 3.50pm and then Twisted Vinyl will finish our show from 3.50pm - 4.30pm. Come and take part in our free special family event.

TWO NEW JOB VACANCIES WITH CCS.

Finance Officer – We are seeking an experienced finance person with excellent Excel and IT skills. Suitable accounting qualification and experience and knowledge of Sage accounting systems. Charity finance knowledge essential. 21 hours per week (worked over a minimum of 3 days).

Salary £24,472 – £27,924 p.a. pro-rata (depending on experience)

Application deadline 12 noon 30th June 2015

Management Support Officer – Experienced office administrator needed with additional book-keeping/accounts knowledge. Good Excel and IT skills and attention to detail are a must.

24 hours per week (worked over minimum of 4 days). Salary £21,519 p.a. pro-rata

Application deadline 12 noon 30th June 2015

Download the Finance Officer & Management Support Officer job descriptions, application form and person specification here: website <http://somesetrcc.org.uk> or call 01823 331222

EARLY NOTICE: MCMILLAN CANCER CARE BIG COFFEE MORNING

This year the Big Coffee Morning is being held on Fri Sept 26th.

Please make sure you put this date in your diary. Venue and time to be confirmed.

For further information contact Marion on 01458 270934.

Reports

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL REPORT - JUNE 2015

Contact: Town Clerk 272236 or town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

July Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning (if required)	14th July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	14th July	7.30pm (after planning)	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication	21st July	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Planning (if required)	28th July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Land and Properties	28th July	7.30pm (after planning)	Edgar Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website or at the Town council's office during normal opening hours (other times by appointment). Office opening hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 12 noon.

To contact the Town Council, call Terry Philpott, Town Clerk, or Jude Raybould, Assistant Clerk on 01458 272236, email: town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. All Agendas and Minutes of the Town Council and its Committees are available on the website: www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Town events and local information are also available on: www.somerton.co.uk

- Tim Waldron has been elected Vice Chairman of Somerton Town Council for 2015/16.
- Solar Panels have been fixed to Edgar Hall, they are now operational. In the first day of operation they created approx £18 worth of electricity.
- The second Bat survey has taken place at the Doctors Surgery
- STC have agreed to fund the feasibility study on the Recreation Ground.
- A proposal for a Street market in Somerton has been submitted, this has been reviewed by Full Council and passed to Promotions and Communications to review further.

- A grant for £450 has been made to Somerton Football Club in recognition of their league and cup success and to aid their progress in the higher tier of the league they now play in. The cheque will be presented at the Recreation Ground AGM due to be held on 23rd July.
- Work on the new Yarlinton Car Park is nearly complete adding an additional 15 spaces.
- A request to change the boundary between Somerton and Pitney has been turned down by STC, the change related to a single property situated on the border.
- STC have completed the end of year accounts which appear on the STC website, they have been sent to the external auditor for approval. members of the public can view the accounts and discuss the content of the report by contacting Terry Philpott, Town Clerk at the STC office.

TOUR OF WESSEX CYCLE EVENT

This year the Recreation Ground Trust again hosted the Pendragon Cycle event, Tour of Wessex, which took place over the May Bank Holiday weekend of 23rd May to 25th May 2015.

The weather for the event was mostly dry and all the entrants enjoyed the three days and commented on how well signed the routes were. The security, provided by 3D Security of Taunton, advised that on the four evenings/nights they were on duty no major incidents arose. The general consensus is that they manage the security very professionally.

The two groundsmen supervised the use of the field both by those camping on site for the duration of the event and the Pendragon organiser. We thank them for their work in preparing for the event, in conjunction with the Sports Club, and protecting our pitches.

The Rotary tent, manned by volunteers from both Langport & Somerton Rotary Club and Brue Valley Rotary Club, were busy providing breakfasts and lunches for the eventers and their families. The two charities these Rotary Clubs are supporting this year are:

- a) The National Association of Blood Bikes.
- b) Wheelpower. This charity provides opportunities for disabled people to live healthy active lifestyles through sport. They support the Para Olympics.

The amount raised for these charities has not currently been calculated.

The role of the Recreation Ground Management Committee, on the three mornings of the event, was to provide parking off site and both volunteer marshalls and signage to manage the parking. The volunteer marshalls were on site from 6.00am - 8.00am on each of the three mornings. It will be of interest to the community that the marshalls parked 400 cars on Saturday, 360 cars on Sunday and 280 cars on Monday. As an indication of the need for the support from our volunteer marshalls;

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on the Saturday morning of the event they parked 6 cars between 6.00am - 6.30am, 30 cars between 6.30am - 7.00am but by 7.45am they had parked 400 cars. The event could not go ahead without the volunteer marshalls and the off-site car parking. A big thank you must go to the 10 people who gave up their time to benefit others. This year the cycle event organiser, Mr Nick Bourne, has provided £300.00 to be donated to either the charities or local clubs identified by the volunteer marshalls. This gesture is much appreciated. At the time of writing this report the charities and clubs identified that will benefit from the volunteer marshalls' generosity are:
Help for Heroes

Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The Nepal Earthquake appeal (Through British Red Cross).

Children's Hospice South West.

Water Aid.

Veterans Charity. Force March.

Somerton Senior Football Club.

Gift Aid will be added to all the charity donations.

Sincere thanks to all those that helped on the three mornings.

Tony Jotcham. Chair of R.G.M.C.

LANGPORT & SOMERTON AREA BRANCH OF THE RNLI

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the house to house collection in the area or to our boxes on Flag Day. The amount raised was £3,406.25

The money raised will go to the RNLI for their invaluable life saving work. Your help and support is much appreciated. In 2014, there were 24 rescues EVERY DAY.

The RNLI will come to your school or group to give free life saving advice & the skills to stay safe in and around the water. If you would like a visit arranged please contact Mary Mullineux. Secretary to Langport & Somerton Area branch RNLI (251057)

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

A few days ago, I took my wife to Castle Cary station to catch a train. Whilst we were there, a man came in and bought a single ticket to London Paddington with a Senior Railcard in first class, which cost £102.50. With longer train journeys "Advance" tickets are available for a much-reduced price - the downside being that you must travel on the train you have chosen, you must purchase before 6pm on the day before travel and there are effectively no refunds if you do not travel. Such tickets are also not available on every train, so you may need to be flexible. However, an "Advance" first class single for the same London Paddington train could have cost as little as £38.30!

I use the train much more these days - driving is not the pleasure it used to be. If you need any advice or assistance on finding trains (or buses) don't hesitate to get in touch. Martyn Smith T: 273058 e: martynandsue@hotmail.com

BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE

As many of you know, the Patient Participation Group is working hard alongside the practice to bring changes and ensure the voice of the patient is heard. There are many challenges faced by Doctors surgeries in the UK and Somerton is no exception. We are delighted for Dr Rachel Boyland that her family will be expanding and that she will go on maternity leave this August - Also some great news for Dr Joanne Cummings, that she has been appointed to be the clinical lead at Yeovil District Hospital for the Complex Care Project, which is a new initiative for Primary Care in the local area. In order to cover these changes in our Practice, the partners from within the group will be based at the Buttercross whilst some recruiting is taking place.

In response to patient requests for a male GP to be in clinic regularly, Dr Pro Sarker (partner), will be offering clinics until Dr Martin Minogue (partner), joins the team at the Buttercross. Dr Becky Sales will go to cover Dr Sarkers clinics while he is with us in Somerton.

The clinical team will be expanding at the Buttercross from July 1st, when Sharyn Rayner, the Lead Nursing Practitioner will take up her post. She will be working alongside Dr Zoe Fox who will be the clinical lead and is also a partner in the practice.

We are confident that our Health Centre Management team is making some solid appointments.

The newly introduced telephone consultation scheme, although having had a few teething difficulties, is now working well and has freed up the GP's diaries so that all patients are being seen in a timely manner by the clinician who can best serve their needs. The PPG have been actively seeking feedback from the patients. The Nurse Practitioners, who have specialisms in various areas, will often be able to give us, as patients, specific care, answers and advice and we can trust their training and professionalism. This enhanced primary care service will continue to grow, bringing along a whole range of specialisms working at the practice alongside our GPs.

The PPG would like to hear from you if you feel you have anything to offer in terms of ideas or feedback about the Buttercross. However, if you have any specific feedback, good or bad then please contact the Practice Administration Manager, Sarah Pearce. There are feedback forms available at reception – please use them. Let's get our Health Centre Healthy!

Written on behalf of the Buttercross PPG.

Forthcoming Events

THEATRE TRIP: WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

The Sound of Music Wed 1st July

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL - FRI 3 JULY TO SAT 11 JULY.

Ticket Office now open in Overt Locke's Conservatory.

ARTHRITIS CARE: TUESDAY 14 JULY

No evening meeting on 2nd July. Outing to Weymouth on Tuesday 14th July.

SOMERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: FRIDAY 3 JULY

Life in Flowers on Fri July 3rd; Sat July 4th and Sun July 5th

Fri/Sat open 10.30 am – 4pm. Sun open 2.30 pm – 4pm.

Lunch and cream teas available on Fri/Sat and cream teas on Sun.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL MARKET FAIR: SATURDAY 4 JULY

10.30 am till 4pm Market Square, Somerton. To be opened by Paul Atterbury of the Antiques Road Show at 11am.

SOMERTON SCOUT GROUP: SATURDAY 4 JULY

Did you know that Somerton Scout Group is turning 60 this year? To celebrate this exciting milestone, we're having a birthday party where everyone is invited. We would love for you to share with us all your memories of past scouting adventures or just come along and see what the group is doing today. Please join us at the Unicorn Skittle Alley on the 4th of July from 10am-2pm.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL: FAMILY FUN DAY SUN 5TH JULY

Noon – 5pm Somerton Sports Field

SOMERTON GARDENERS: MONDAY 6 JULY

Visit to the Old Rectory at Limington near Ilchester at 6.30pm.

WI: TUESDAY 7 JULY

Wall Shrubs & Climbers, Christine Brain. The URC Hall, West Street. 7.15pm (Note change of venue)

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL: SATURDAY 11 JULY

Last day Sat 11th July Cabaret Night in the Marquee 7.30pm

SOMERTON SINGS: MONDAY 13 JULY

Methodist Hall at 11am.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 14 JULY

Friends of the Parish Rooms will be holding an afternoon of Rummikub (bring a set if you have one) on Tuesday 14th July from 2.00pm-4.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Entry £3 to include tea & cookies. Further details from Pam Short 272408

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Here's to a Happy Summer together.

Please visit us at the Somerton Festival Sports Ground on Sun 5th July at 12 noon. We will have, fun, games, prizes, bargain jumble and homemade cakes (while they last!). Come and see us at home too, we enjoy lots of good things every week. Full programme in our Hall. Limited occasional transport may be available if necessary. Tuesday 14th - sausage & mash supper and quiz. Call 272620 for availability. Tuesday 21st - coach trip to Sidmouth. Depart Laburnum Hall 10am, £10 fare. All welcome.

August 15th is our Annual BBQ, do support us. (August coach trip is to Exmouth).

ARTHRITIS CARE: TUESDAY 14 JULY

Trip to Weymouth.

THEATRE TRIP: WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

Oklahoma.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, SURGERY: SAT 18 JULY

David Warburton, Member of Parliament, for Somerton & Frome will be attending the surgery, on Saturday, 18th July, from 9.30am - noon, in the White Hart, Somerton. Appointments for David Warburton and Dean Ruddell can be made by telephone to Anne Yates, 01458 274865 or by email to anne.yates@btinternet.com. We expect the surgery to be busy and appointments will be necessary.

SOMERTON CINEMA: SATURDAY 18 JULY

7.30pm Parish Rooms "the Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (2015). The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is the expansionist dream of Sonny, and it's making more claims on his time than he has available, considering his imminent marriage to the love of his life, Sunaina. Tickets (£6) are available from Cobbs Wholefoods in the Brunel Precinct, Somerton, or on the door.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB: BINGO SUNDAY 19 JULY

Sun 19th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm at the club

NADFAS: TUESDAY 21 JULY

Klimt and the Viennese Secession. NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 1100. Free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 23 JULY

Our July meeting will, as usual, be held in The Parish Rooms, beginning at 7.00pm for coffee with a 7.30pm start. The speaker this month will be David Sutcliffe whose talk is entitled "Popular Music in Edwardian Somerset". Members of the History Society come for free, visitors are very welcome at £2 each. Please note that there will be no meeting in August. Members are reminded of the Somerton Past Exhibition in the

Parish Rooms on 4th July as part of the Somerton Arts Festival. For more information about these events please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST AGM: THURSDAY 23 JULY

Annual General Meeting 2015, 7.30pm 23rd July 2015 at Edgar Hall. To include, an update of the feasibility study, reports from the Chairman and others plus presentation of accounts.

THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 24 JULY

Have a meeting on Friday 24 July will be John Highnam's account of Mosquitoes and Canoes on the Danube. 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.

SOMERTON FESTIVAL BAND: FRIDAY 24 JULY

Presents a Summer Concert at Long Sutton Village Hall on Friday 24th July 2015 at 7.30pm. Tickets £6, under 16's free (to include refreshments), available from 01935 321330, 07871 189849 or on the door. An evening of musical entertainment for all the family.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 25 JULY

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 25th July from 11.00 to 12.30 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 stephenpage@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

Stephen would like to thank everyone who voted in the local elections in May 2015 and he will work with local people and community groups to achieve the best result for everyone living in Somerton and Compton Dundon.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB QUIZ: THURSDAY 30 JULY

Thursday 30th at 8.30 pm – Teams of up to 6.

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS: TUESDAY 4 AUGUST

Cream teas are being held on Tuesday 4th August at 2.30pm. There will be a raffle, tombola and a cake stall. Hope to see you there.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Age UK Movement to Music 11am–12noon Parish Rooms
Bridge Club (Chicago) 2–5pm Methodist Church Hall
Slimming World 5.30pm and 7.30pm Edgar Community Hall
Senior Youth Club 7–9pm Wessex Rooms

TUESDAYS

Therapeutic Art Group 10am–noon Wessex Rooms
Coffee Morning 10.30am Laburnum Drive
Fitness League Exercise Class 11.30am–12.30pm Parish Rooms
Line Dancing (Beginners & Improvers) 7 - 9pm Monteclefe Academy
Mid Wessex Singers, 7.30pm, Methodist Church

WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing 10am–12noon Edgar Community Hall
Knitting afternoon 2pm Laburnum Drive
FOODBANK at the Angel, Langport, 2.30 - 4.30

THURSDAYS

Rainbow Rascals 9am–11.45am Methodist Ch Hall
Weight Watchers 9.30–10.30am Parish Rooms
Coffee Morning 10.15am Wessex House
Line Dancing (Improvers) 11am–12noon Parish Rooms
NetBuddies 2–4.30pm Methodist Ch Hall
Fun Bingo 2.30pm Laburnum Drive
Credit Union (LLAST) 5–6.30pm Methodist Ch Hall
Martial Arts and Self Defence class 6pm Infants School
Junior Youth Club 6pm–7.30pm Wessex Rooms
Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge) 7–10pm Methodist Church Hall
Ceroc le Beat 7.30pm Edgar Community Hall

FRIDAYS

Flexercise 10.45am Laburnum Drive
Ceroc Le Beat 6.30–11pm Edgar Community Hall
(in term time) ReZound Youth 7.30–9pm Life Church, Northfield

SATURDAYS

Yeovil Parkrun 9am Montacute House
Wessex Market 9.30am–12 noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

SUNDAYS

The Rock Activity Church 10.30am–12noon Wessex Rooms

July

Wed 1st Theatre Trip The Sound of Music

Fri 3rd Somerton Music and Arts Festival begins till Sat 11th July

Life in Flowers Festival 10.30 – 4pm URC

Sat 4th Somerton Music and Arts Festival Market Fair 10.30am

Life in Flowers Festival 10.30 – 4pm URC

Scouts 60th Party 10am – 2pm Unicorn Skittle Alley

Sun 5th Somerton Music and Arts Festival Fun Day noon – 5pm

Life in Flowers Festival 2.30 – 4pm URC

Mon 6th Som Gardeners visit The Old Rectory, Limington 6.30pm

Tue 7th WI talk on Wall Shrubs and Climbers 7.15pm URC

Sat 11th Somerton Music and Arts Festival last day with Cabaret Show in Marquee

Mon 13th Somerton Sings 11am Meth Ch Hall

Tue 14th Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms

Arthritis Care Trip to Weymouth

LDRC Sausage and Mash Supper

Thu 15th Theatre Trip Oklahoma

Sat 18th CC & DC Dean Ruddle's Surgery 9.30am – 12.00 noon The White Hart

Somerton Cinema "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Sun 19th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

Tue 21st NADFAS Talk Klimt 11am the Caryford Hall C Cary

LDRC Coach Trip to Sidmouth leaving at 10am

Thu 23rd Somerton History Soc "Popular Music in Edwardian Somerset" 7.30pm PR

Fri 24th U3A Talk "Mosquitoes and Canoes on the Danube" 10.30am Edgar Hall

Fest Band Concert 7.30pm Long Sutton V Hall

Sat 25th District Councillor, Stephen Page's Surgery 11am Full of Beans Cafe

Thu 30th Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club

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Mon 3rd Som Gardeners Where our Plants Come From 7.30pm URC

Tues 4th Wessex House Cream Teas 2.30pm Wessex House

KING INA



CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Academy Name: King Ina Academy (Infants)

Academy Address: Etsome Terrace, Somerton, Somerset TA11 6LY

Establishment number and UPIN: 933 2064 / 10047153

Local Authority: Somerset County Council

CHANGE OF LOWER AGE LIMIT FROM 4 YEARS OLD TO 2 YEARS OLD

ADDING AN EARLY YEARS PROVISION

Proposal Summary

King Ina Academy (Infants) is an education provider for 4 to 7 year olds with 117 pupils on roll.

On 28th April 2015 Roundabouts Pre-School approached the Headteacher with a proposal for King Ina Academy (Infants) to take over the pre-school. The current management of the pre-school falls under the responsibility of a voluntary committee. Committee members generally stay in post for a period of one year and in recent years it has become increasingly difficult to recruit new members.

Whilst the staffing structure of the pre-school remains consistent, ranging from 4 years' service to 24 years' service, the constant struggle for and change of management provides a lack of security for staff and children in Somerton.

The aim of the Directors of the academy is to extend their age range by 2 years to incorporate the pre-school by 1st September 2015. Combining the expertise of all Early Years staff, facilities and resources across the entire phase will provide an extremely high standard of education for children from the age of 2, enable effective progression and a smooth transition to Key Stage 1.

There will be an information meeting held at the school on 15th July 2015 where the proposal will be explained in more detail and people will have the opportunity to express their views in person

These can also be expressed in writing to the Board of Directors by completing the accompanying short consultation response form.

Local Context

Somerton is approximately in the middle of Somerset, set in a rural area. The nearest town, Langport, has only one childcare provision which is not / only marginally sufficient for the needs of its town. There are pre-school provisions in neighbouring villages, though these are not open over a full working day and are unlikely to meet the needs of working parents. There are two childcare provisions in Somerton: One is on the infant school site in the middle of town, and the other is open full day on an industrial estate to the north-east of the town outside the main urban area.

The setting on the outskirts is more popular with parents coming into the area, probably because it is open all day and meets the needs of working parents. The children who attend this setting go on to primary schools all over the area further suggesting that this provision attracts working parents. Children attending the setting in town tend to go on to King Ina Academy (Infants).

There are plans to construct 133 new houses at Northfield Farm, which will be roughly equidistant from both provisions. Approximately 19 children aged 0-4 are expected to arise from the new development, requiring 6 childcare places.

Child population

The 0-4 (inclusive) population in the above area is:

0	1	2	3	4	Total
43	41	43	51	51	229

Figures come from the GP register (November 2014). The number of 0-yr old children always appears lower than it actually is due to delays in children being registered with a GP.

Summary of places

Child-minders – Sufficient– 6 excess places

0-2 group places – Insufficient (marginally) – 4 places required

3-4 group places – Sufficient (marginally) – 3 excess places

EYE places – Marginally sufficient in the summer term

Overall, Somerton has only just enough childcare places, so the loss of one provision would create substantial problems for the local community. The new housing development will add to the local demand

School performance

King Ina Academy (Infants) received an outstanding Ofsted rating in January 2014, Roundabout Pre-School were inspected in November 2014 and were considered to be in need of improvement. By combining the expertise of all Early Years staff, facilities and resources across the entire phase it will

provide an extremely high standard of education for children from the age of 2 also enabling effective progression and a smooth transition to Key Stage 1.

Governing Body

King Ina Academy (Infants) is governed by the Board of Directors of King Ina Church of England MAT. Therefore, there would be no change of governance implication.

Admissions over subscription criteria

A change of lower age limit from 4 years old to 2 years old will not affect the school's admissions over subscription criteria. Therefore, there will be no change.

Finance and accommodation

Roundabout Pre-School is a well-established, financially viable going concern which has been running successfully since 1988.

Maximum floor capacity is 26 children, offering morning and afternoon sessions, providing a maximum of 52 sessions per day.

Working within current staff limitations occupancy for the summer term 2015 is 87%.

In a bid to increase business a lunch time session was introduced in April 2014. As anticipated this increased demand for places and with the latest government changes to increase funded hours for working parents, providing staffing hours were increased, the pre-school would be in a position to achieve a maximum occupancy rate of 52 sessions per day from September 2015. Roundabout Pre-School currently operates from a new building, erected in April 2014, situated on a piece of land adjacent to the infant school under the ownership of Somerset County Council. Upon completion SCC will transfer these assets to the academy. There are no outstanding liabilities.

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM – JUNE 2015
KING INA ACADEMY (INFANTS)

CHANGE OF LOWER AGE LIMIT FROM 4 YEARS OLD TO 2 YEARS OLD
ADDING AN EARLY YEARS PROVISION

Please let us know your views by completing a response form.
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forms can be emailed to you and returned to the school office.
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Your name:

Please tell us your interest in the school by ticking the appropriate box(es):

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Please indicate your views on the proposal for King Ina Academy (Infants) to change the lower age limit from 4 years old to 2 years old adding Early Years provision

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

Any comments:

I support the proposal

Signed:

Kind Ina Academy (Infants) - consultation document

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KING INA ACADEMY (INFANTS)

PROGRESSING TO AN ACADEMY OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND DESIGNATION CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Introduction

King Ina Academy (Infants) joined Monteclefe Church of England Academy to form a Multi Academy Trust (MAT), named King Ina Church of England Academy on 1st September 2014. The MAT provides primary education for the children of Somerton and the surrounding rural areas. The directors of the trust have been considering the long-term future of the schools as part of their continuing commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for the children and the local community. Following discussion the directors of the trust have concluded that in the interest of the children, parents and the school would be best served by exploring the possibility of a change of category from non-denominational to a Church of England designated school.

There will be an information meeting held at the school on 17/06/15 at 4pm where the proposal will be explained in more detail and people will have the opportunity to express their views in person.

These can also be expressed in writing to the Board of Directors by completing the accompanying short consultation response form.

Why Change?

In March 2013 King Ina C of E Academy, formerly Monteclefe C of E Academy, were inspected by the National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and rated as "Outstanding". The schools strengths were recognised as:

- The headteacher's creative Christian vision for the school, which is well supported by the governors and inspires both staff and pupils
- The close links between the local church and the school which include, currently, shared use of the school building for Sunday services
- The confidence, happiness and progress of the children

'The school's Christian values shine out in its daily life and each child is seen as unique.'

The directors of the trust would like to ensure the opportunities provided to the junior children are extended, in their entirety, to the infant children.

The Board of Directors aim is to build a new school to accommodate the infants and the juniors on one site and formally merge the two schools to one primary school. To form a primary school the infant school adopting Church of England designation is a Diocesan prerequisite.

What would change and what would not change?

Staffing

King Ina Church of England MAT is the employer of all staff across the two schools. Therefore, there would be no staff change implications.

Religious Education

The syllabus for RE is decided by the Board of Directors. At King Ina Academy (infants/juniors) RE is currently taught using Somerset's Agreed Syllabus and this would continue for the foreseeable future.

Governing Body

King Ina Academy (Infants) is governed by the Board of Directors of the MAT. Therefore, there would be no change of governance implication.

Collective Worship

The collective worship of the school already reflects the wide range of Christian resources and ethos of the Junior School including assemblies being regularly led by the local clergy. Therefore, there will be no changes in the content of collective worship.

Inclusion

King Ina Academy (Infants) is, and will continue to be, an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and of all faiths or none. This is the aspiration for all Church of England schools in the country. As such, Church of England schools are not 'faith schools'.

Ethos

It was noted in the SIAS report that the Junior School, 'through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners and that the Headteacher's outstanding vision has the children at its heart and fully reflects the school's Christian values. It demonstrates and inspires both appreciation of life and love of learning and is fully endorsed by the governors'. As the headteacher and board of directors are now leading both schools the positive Christian ethos is already shared across the infant school, having a significant impact. A change to religious designation status will help to ensure this ethos prevails into the future.

Admissions

As an academy the school is responsible for admissions. There would be no change.

Buildings

The buildings and land are currently owned by Somerset County Council. Upon change of designation ownership would be transferred to the Diocesan Board of Finance. In the event of disposal the land would return to its original ownership, Somerset County Council.

Finance

The school will receive the same income for education from the Education Funding Agency based on the number and characteristics of the children as it did before.

The New National Curriculum

All the requirements of the National Curriculum still apply in Church of England designated schools; therefore there will be no changes in the general curriculum of the school. We shall continue to work to the same high standards that we have now.

In Conclusion

The Board of Directors believe that a change to Church of England designation status would enable King Ina C of E Academy continuity of its current Christian ethos and close relationships with the local Church now and in the future.

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CHANGE OF STATUS TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND DESIGNATION

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Please indicate your views on the proposal for King Ina Academy (Infants) to obtain Church of England designation

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Don't Know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

I support the proposal

Signed:

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