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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Accessibility & Highways	5 July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	5 July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	12 July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	19 July	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion & Communications	26 July	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Land & Properties	2 August	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	2 August	7.30pm	Edgar Hall

NB There will be no council meetings in August other than L&P and Planning.

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

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

The Town Council accounts for 2015/16 have been approved and are available on the Town Council website. They can be viewed at the council offices during normal open hours or by appointment with the Town Clerk, Terry Philpott 01458 272236

STC have agreed to support the Recreation Ground Trust with funding to employ a consultant to work on a defined project brief to develop the objectives below.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES RGPG

The Trustees wish to provide an open space that encourages local people to use it, whether informally or as part of organised activity, and that any buildings and equipment meet modern standards and provide accessibility and usability for a wide range of users.

To consider the sale of part of the current Recreation Ground with the proceeds from the sale funding a new Community Hub incorporating a new Recreation Ground and Community Hall as a sole venture or in conjunction with the proposed new school. Providing a detailed report to allow the Town Council and Recreation Ground Trustees to determine the way forward in line with the original project brief.

When the consultant has provided the required details a public meeting will be called to update the community and receive feedback on the proposals.

EDGAR HALL NOT BEING RELOCATED

As part of the Recreation Ground feasibility study the potential relocation of Edgar Hall was reviewed. The District Valuer has advised that a potential £700K could be realised from the sale of the existing site. This income would not be sufficient to fund a new build with similar facilities.

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The usage of Edgar Hall is growing with a 24% sales uplift reported in the 2015/16 financial year. It is envisaged that with the planned marketing campaign, usage will increase with the aspiration of the building contributing to the council budget in the near future.

It has therefore been agreed to remove the option of relocating Edgar Hall from the feasibility study.

CHANGING ROOMS AT THE RECREATION GROUND

The current temporary changing rooms are in need of urgent repair. A scheme to install six new temporary changing rooms to current Football Association standards has been approved, funded by a combination of grant funding, 106 contributions and a contribution from the Recreation Ground development fund held by the Town Council. The total project is c£90K.

- STC have approved a Drone Policy which is available on the Town Council website
- STC have granted the Recreation Ground Trust Annual Maintenance grant request of £12500.
- STC will publish its annual report in August 2016.
- Somerton News will be distributed in late June/early July
- A review of the Town Plan has commenced, more information to follow.
- Thanks given to Cllr Richardson for the cutting back of the railway path
- Thanks given to Cllr Gale for her efforts in organising the Forces Match support through Somerton.
- Investigations ongoing to electric car charging points for Somerton.
- Somerton Recreation Ground: The Recreation Ground mower has been stolen from its storage container this week.

News & Reports

ARTHRITIS CARE OUTING

To Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth, Wednesday, 13th July. Leaving The Triangle at 10am and picking up at the junction of Gassons Lane and Langport Road, returning home by 6pm. Cost £12 per person. If anyone would like to join us, they would be very welcome. Telephone Sue, 274038

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his next morning surgery on Saturday 24th September 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: stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137

THANK YOU FROM SOMER SINGERS

The Somer Singers would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended their recent a capella workshop and gala concert in The Parish Rooms, Somerton to raise money for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. We raised a wonderful sum of £525.00 for the charity, and a good time was had by all. Also thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help with refreshments and setting up the hall.

WELFARE ADVICE

There are still a number of people not receiving the Welfare Advice they are entitled to and 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.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Come and get confidential help and advice in West St Church every Tuesday 10.30am - Noon.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME

The big news this month is that Matthew Bourne's new dance show, The Red Shoes, based on the much loved film, comes to Bristol in April. No surprise that it is selling out fast.

July trips are to Chicago (the musical - our coaches are not up to Atlantic crossing), Tue 5 Jul £43; Guys & Dolls, Wed 13 Jul £42; and The Rocky Horror Show (time to get out my little red dress so I am told), Wed 20 Jul £36.

July also brings the deadline for bookings for Ghost, a fantastic musical based on the film, and just as good and as tear-jerking, with staggering magical effects; Tue 13 Sep £39.

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

Full details of our trips can be found at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or phone Chris on 01458 273085 to request a postal listing. All profits are donated to charity.

SHOWS ARE AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE. SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES ARE NOT LISTED.

DANCE:

Giselle Wed 19 Oct £46

The Red Shoes Tue 4 Apr eve and Thu 6 Apr mat £47 or £39

OPERA:

Macbeth Wed 12 Oct £45

Aida Sat 11 Feb £41

Madam Butterfly Sat 1 Apr £4

MUSICALS:

Fiddler on the Roof (mat.) & theatre tour Sat 8 Oct £39 (10 left);

Kiss Me Kate Sat 15 Oct £45

Billy Elliot Thu 27 Oct (2 left) Tue 8 Nov (4 left) Mon 21 Nov £56;

Blood Brothers (date tbc)

Chitty Bang Bang Wed 1 Feb & Thu 2 Feb (mat.) £47;

The Commitments (soul) Wed 22 Feb £58

Sunny Afternoon (the Kinks) Wed 8 Mar £46;

War Horse 2017 Thu 19 Oct (mat.) Tue 17 Nov £54

PANTO:

Cinderella 5:30 p.m. Sat 7 Jan Ad £40 Ch. £32

RED CROSS COLLECTION WEEK

Although very short of volunteers to collect for us, we raised £2327 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 raised over £150, and several raised over £100.

We are suffering a loss of collectors in our area and are appealing for new volunteers in Somerton, Aller, Babcar, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, Curry Rivel and 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.

Not included in these figures is the £500 we raised at our bucket collection at Langport Tesco on April 31st. This was a pleasure as folk were so generous and the staff made us so very welcome

SOMERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SOMERTON

Would you be interested in becoming a Coordinator or Street Member? The Neighbourhood Watch group is looking to recruit more members within the Police area of Somerton. There is some coverage within our area but there are a lot of streets not covered. As a Co-coordinator you will be the key contact for your street to receive messages regarding any incidents within the area.

How do I sign up?

The first step in setting up a scheme is to speak to your neighbours and find out the interest, the more there are the more successful a scheme will be. To discuss setting up a scheme in your area please contact the numbers below and an appointment will be made to discuss with you how a scheme runs before you commit to anything. Police: Lindsey Stone 01823 363348
Local:nhwatch@uwclub.net. Alternatively speak to your local PCSO.

Do not forget in an emergency call 999 or if it is a non-emergency call 101.

THANK YOU

Jo Gale collected £80.62 at the beacon Event for Her Majesty's Charities. Thank you to everyone for your support.

ANNUAL FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Many people comment on how much they enjoy looking at people's gardens as they walk around Somerton. Judging for this year's competition will be done during the first two weeks of July and the winners will be notified before 22nd July. Gardens are chosen according to their "Wow!" factor, with colour, choice of plants and general tidiness all taken into account. Prizes will be presented on Saturday 27th August at the Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show held at King Ina School.

Forthcoming Events

CHARLTONS VILLAGE DAY: SATURDAY 2 JULY

Saturday July 2nd 1-5pm Village Day in the Charltons at the Memorial Hall and Playing Field, Top Road, Charlton Adam TA11 7BE. There will be a royal theme with a royal fancy dress competition for the children. There will be a family dog show to include pedigree classes as well as fun classes and a classic car show with lots of refreshments and side shows. Do come along and join in the fun.

RIDE OUT FOR ROSIE: SUNDAY 3 JULY

Somerton Sports Club invites you to fund raise for St Margaret's Hospice by a "Ride out for Rosie" on Sunday 3rd July. Arrive at the Club from 10am and then the ride will start at 11 am. It will be a gentle ride to West Bay via Cerne Abbas and the Coast Road, then back to Somerton Sports Club for food and refreshments. £5 per motorbike. Registration forms available from Somerton Sports Club or email somertonsportsclub@yahoo.co.uk

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 4 JULY

Are visiting Rugg Farm garden, Church St., Limington - 6.30pm on Mon 4th July. £4 + the cost of refreshments if wanted.

WI: TUESDAY, 5 JULY

7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Christine Jeavons, Starlit Memories.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 7 JULY

No evening meeting. Wednesday 13th July, outing to Ottery St. Mary & Sidmouth. Anyone wanting to join us, please contact Sue on 274038.

SOMERTON HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 7/21 JULY

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am and walk for an hour then return to the White Hart for refreshments (optional). Walk alongaMoandLinda. Contact Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 for more info.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Tues 12th July Coach Trip Weymouth/Portland. Tel.01458272620 to join our weekly, or monthly events, or call in our Community Centre. All are welcome. Coach trips, bingo, coffee mornings, bacon butties, breakfasts, lunches, parties, knitting, or just nattering! We offer a good programme for you to enjoy.

July 12th coach to Weymouth/Portland £10 depart 10 am.

July 26th fish & chips supper, 5pm, £5 (All catering events need advance payment please). August coach, early on 2nd, Sidmouth Festival week 10am depart, £10.

Aug 6th 2pm carved hog roast, annual charity event, £6. Good food and fun.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 12 JULY

No Rummikub this month. Resumes on August 9th.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 14 JULY

We meet at Somerton Sports Club on the second Thursday of the month so Thursday 14th July at 10.30am - noon for tea (20p)/coffee(30p) and free biscuits and a free draw ticket. It is an opportunity to talk and meet with friendly faces and possibly some healthy gossip! You do not need to be a Sports Club member. Margaret, Judith, Brian and Mo look forward to seeing you.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 16 JULY

The County Councillor's surgery will be held on July, 16th in the White Hart, Somerton, from 9.30am until 11.30am. Anyone wishing to make an appointment with Dean Ruddle can telephone Anne Yates 0145874865 or email anne.yates@btinternet.com.

MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 16 JULY

7.30pm Friends of the Parish Rooms present Somerton Moviola - "Brooklyn" (2015). An Irish immigrant in 1930s New York falls for a tough Italian plumber but faces temptation from another man when she returns to her homeland for a visit. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

A BRISK WALK: MONDAY 18 JULY

10.00am - a brisk walk, starting at the Half Moon car park. The walk will be about five miles aiming to finish by 11.30am in time for coffee in one of the Market Place establishments. Route to be decided on the day, depending on weather/underfoot conditions, but be prepared! No need to book, just turn up. As there is a lot of livestock in the fields at this time of year, please do not bring your dog. Martyn Smith 273058

NADFAS: TUESDAY 19 JULY

Lucien Freud - Paintings to astonish, disturb, seduce & convince. NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 11.00 free parking £6. Information 01963 350 132

THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 22 JULY

The subject of the meeting on Friday 22 July will be the history of the House of Worth presented to us by Gina Merritt-Smith. Gina gave us an excellent presentation on the Victorian artist Marianne North. The history of the House of Worth should be equally fascinating. 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.

THE RED LION AT BABCARY: FRIDAY 22 JULY

Are launching a new event - Music in the Marquee - on Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm. It will showcase seven sensational session musicians who are coming together, here in the south west for one night only, playing popular sounds of soul, funk, jazz and pop. Tickets £15, see website for more details. www.redlionbabcary.co.uk or call 01458 223230

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 28 JULY

Our meeting this month, held in the Parish Rooms, starts with coffee at 7pm. This will be followed at 7.30pm by a talk from James McArthur entitled "The Somerset Light Infantry in the Great War". As always, members of the History Society come for free, with visitors very welcome at £2 each. For more information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Age UK Movement to Music 10.30am–11.30 Parish Rooms
Bridge Club (Chicago) 2–5pm West Street 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
Slimming World 9.30am Edgar Community Hal
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, West Street Church
Treasure Island Toddlers 10am to 11.30am Tuesdays (term time)

WEDNESDAYS

Life Drawing 10am-12noon Parish rooms.
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 West Street Church Hall
Weight Watchers 9.30–10.30am Parish Rooms
Coffee Morning 10.15am Wessex House
Line Dancing (Improvers) 11am–12noon Parish Rooms
Fun Bingo 2pm Laburnum Drive
Beginners Tai Chi 2-3pm Parish Rooms
Messy Church at St Cleers Chapel 3.45pm-5.30pm (first Thursday of the month)
Martial Arts and Self Defence class 6pm Infants School
Junior Youth Club 6pm–7.30pm Wessex Rooms
Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge) 7–10pm West Street Church Hall
Ceroc le Beat 7.30pm Edgar Community Hall

FRIDAYS

Flexercise 10.45am Laburnum Drive
(in term time) ReZound Youth 7.30–9pm Life Church, Northfield
Youth Club at St Cleers Chapel, years 7-11, 7.30–9.30pm (term time)
ReZound Youth - 7pm to 8.30pm Fridays (term time)

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

The Rock Activity Church 10.30am–12noon The Reading Room Charlton Adam
Life Church Sundays - 10.30am every week with Sunday School

JULY

Sat 2nd Charltons Village Day 1 - 5pm playing field and Memorial Hall
Sun 3rd "Ride out with Rosie" for Charity meet at SSC at 10am
SSC Bingo 7.30pm
Mon 4th Som Gardeners Club visit to Rugg Farm garden 6.30pm

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Tue 5th WI Starlit Memories PR 7.15pm

Theatre Trip Chicago

Thu 7th Health Walk 11.30am Library

Fri 8th West St Church Flower Festival

Somerton Music and Arts Festival Starts

Sat 9th West St Church Flower Festival

SMAF Market Fair

Mon 11th Somerton Sings for Fun 11am West St Church

Tue 12th Lab Dr Res Comm Trip to Weymouth/Portland leaving at 10am

Wed 13th Theatre Trip Guys and Dolls

Arthritis Care Group Trip to Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth leaves Gassons Lane at 10am

Thu 14th Friendship Club SSC 10.30am - noon

Sat 16th CC Surgery White Hart 9.30 - 11.30am

Moviola Cinema "Brooklyn" 7.30pm PR

Sun 17th SMAF FUN Day at the Recreation Ground 12 noon - 5pm

SSC Bingo 7.30pm

Mon 18th Brisk Walk leaving Half Moon Car Park at 10am

Tue 19th NADFAS Lucien Freud at Caryford Hall, CC 11am

Wed 20th Theatre Trip Rocky Horror Show

Thu 21st Health Walk 11.30am Library

Fri 22nd Red Lion at Babcary Music Event 7pm

U3A The House of Worth EH 10.30am

Tue 26th Lab Dr Fish and Chip Supper 5pm

Thu 28th Somerton Hist Soc Somerset Light Infantry in WW1 7pm PR

SSC Quiz 8.30pm

Sun 31st SSC Bingo 7.30pm

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