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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	12 th June	7.00pm (after planning)	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	12 th & 26 th June	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land & Properties	26 th June	7.00pm (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 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!

TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have 2 vacancies for Councillors, if you are interested in an informal discussion please contact Terry Philpott, Town Clerk 01458 272236.

At the Annual Town meeting in May the following Councillors were elected to specific roles within the council

Chairman: Dean Ruddle

Vice Chairman: Martyn Smith

Committee Chairman

Access and Highways: Fiona Richardson

Land and Properties: Pete Frayne

Promotion and Communications: Laura Briggs

Planning: Tim Bown

Thanks expressed to Cllr Wilson for all his hard work as Vice Chair in the previous year from the Chairman.

Councillor Lucas has resigned from the Council today. Thanks given to Councillor Lucas for her contribution to the Council.

Grants have been provided for

- Somerton Gardeners (£125) flower show being held on Saturday 1st September.
- ArchiesXtra (£250) Project for refreshments and general maintenance
- King Ina Academy (£875) Royal Wedding Celebration mugs

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2018/19

Town Council

- Library Project

Administration

- Recruitment of new Councillors 2019 election
- Local Council Award Gold level
- Jude Raybould personal development (18CPD points)
- Photocopy contract
- Edgar Hall management (events / supervision / process)
- Disaster Recovery phase 2

Access and Highways

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- Completion of STC Car Park Strategy,
 - ❑ Half Moon Car Park resurfaced with extra bays included.
- In-depth survey to be completed for possible On-Way-System for West Street
- Pavement works Market Square and adjacent to Stationery House
- Unicorn bays white lining
- Tree works at Langport Road / Great Western Terrace

Land and Properties

- Cemetery Garden of Rest
- Grounds maintenance new contractor supervision
- Gassons Lane Play areas (Zip Wire / Adult exercise equipment)
- New chairs EH conference room
- EH external painting
- EH White lining car park
- EH Window decals / external signage
- Cow Square trough painting

Promotion and Communication

- Develop electronic notice board
- Somerton News publication
- Consultation facilitation
- Youth Provision

News

SOMERTON REMEMBERS - SILENT SOLDIERS



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

A4 (30 cm) minimum donation £4

A3 (42 cm) minimum donation £6

Nancy Schooling: 273859; Email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

CAN YOU HELP?

I have been looking at the family records of the men whose names are recorded on a list in the Parish Rooms and I can find very little information about some of them.

THANK YOU!

Pat Turner looked up William Cooper. He was born in 1894. His father was a metal turner at Woolwich Arsenal. By 1901 his father had died and his mother was living with four children in Plumstead. William joined the Dragoon Guards and in 1911 he was serving in India. Read more about him in the folder in the Library. Thank you, Pat, for looking him up.

Diana Wright looked up George Budd; she found a William George Budd who was born in the Langport area in 1894, possibly the Wm R Budd listed in 1911 living with his brother-in-law, William Bennett, in West End. However, Wm G Budd married a Dorothy in Shepton Mallet, but Wm R Budd married Florence. They lived at 23 Etsome Terrace in 1939. Thank you, Diana, for this information. Does anyone remember Phyllis Budd, their daughter who was 17 in 1939?

No news yet about Sydney Richard Crabbe, a gardener, who lived in New Street or about George and Lucy Cross who were living in Sutton Road in 1918. He was an engineer on active service. And there are lots more men whose lives are unknown except for a mention on a list of Somerton Men who served. Have you seen the Town Council's Silent Soldier on the gate on the road in from Langport? You can buy a Silent Soldier window sticker from the Library or the Museum (Pinney Room, Saturday mornings) for as little as £3. At least a third of the cost is a donation to the British Legion.

Do you have a story to tell about a relation from anywhere in the world who served in the First World War? The stories are being collected in folders in the Library and will be included in a web site.

Call me to find out more about the scheme: Nancy Schooling Tel: 273 859;
email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS NEWS JUNE 2018

English National Ballet's production of Swan Lake in in Bristol on 29th November 2018. Matilda is booking up fast for spring 2019; Reserve now but pay next year.

Our coach starts at Curry Rivel, picking up in Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet. For more details of all other trips please visit

www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk, e-mail

coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a printed brochure.

Fri 6 Jul La Fille Mal Gardée (Ballet) £36/£46

Thu 19 Jul The Play That Goes Wrong £38/£42

Wed 25 Jul This is Elvis £38/£45

Thu 2 Aug An Officer and a Gentleman £46/£55

Thu 16 Aug Shrek the Musical (Mat.) Ad £43 Ch. £33

Sat 22 Sep Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Mat.) £47

SOMERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Much thanks to the Committee and members for all their hard work in hosting our twinning Friends from Sille le Guillaume the weekend 10th/13th May.

Our visitors really enjoyed our events especially the trip to Slimbridge and the Garden Sports and English Tea chez Marion and Hugh. We finished with a champagne cocktail followed by a fantastic meal prepared by Kathy Fewings and her ladies at Keinton Mandeville Village Hall. All my thanks to a superb twinning team. Mo Fletcher, Chairman.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY PLAN 2018 - 2023

Has now been published and delivered! The steering group would like to thank all who helped sort and deliver the plans, especially all the kind volunteers who regularly deliver the Viaduct around the town, without whom the plans could not be circulated so widely. There will be copies available in the library/LIC and Edgar Hall. A big THANK YOU on behalf of the community!

ALL YOU COULD WANT FROM A QUIZ NIGHT AND MORE!

Devised and presented by local multi-media quizzing experts Brian and Althea Pearson with the added value of 'Not-the-Quiz', prizes, a donations bar; all to be enjoyed in the wonderful exhibition space of ACEarts at The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton, TA11 7NB.

Friday 27 July open from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Booking essential (01458 273008); £10 per table of four.

SLIMMING WORLD

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

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Somerton Gardener's Club are inviting adults and children from Somerton and surrounding area to exhibit in the Somerton Flower, Veg and Craft Show to be held at King Ina Academy on Saturday, 1st September 2018. Exhibits are judged on the morning of the show and viewing open to the public from 2.00pm. Schedules will be available from end of April in the library and Overt Locke. Further information available from Ian Burton 01458 273668 (show secretary).

recognise? Do you have any similar photos or stories about Somerton from before 1980 that you can share?

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR APRIL

Total Rainfall 61 mm - nearly 2.5 inches.

SOMERTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

There are some allotments now available. Half plots are 10m by 12m and cost £30 per annum. For more information please contact secretary on itselly@hotmail.com

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Sessions led by Shirley Chapman, Trustee of ACE and Dementia Champion. What is Dementia Friends? Dementia Friends aims to give people a better understanding of dementia and the small things we can all do to make a difference to the lives of people affected by dementia. Dementia Friends is led by the Alzheimer's Society and is one strand of its work to create Dementia Friendly Communities. By attending a Dementia Friends Information Session you have the opportunity to join this national social action movement to change the way people think, speak and act about dementia.

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What to expect from the Information Session

Information Sessions are led by volunteer Dementia Friends Champions and last 45-60 minutes. Each session covers five things everyone should know about dementia through some fun activities. At the end of an Information Session participants have the opportunity to turn their understanding into action by committing to a dementia friendly action. No action is too big or small - from wearing a Dementia Friends badge to spreading the word on social media.

Everyone who has attended an Information Session and has committed to an action becomes a Dementia Friend and will receive a badge, info card and action mailer. Tuesdays 25 June 10.30, 17 July 6pm. Sessions held at ACEarts

UNSUNG HERO FEATURE.

Chris Cox has organised Charity Theatre Trips for the local Communities and fundraised for the Red Cross. Many Somerton folk have been on his trips. Well done Chris.

SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

Are you a stall holder looking for a market to sell your goods? Why not try the Somerton Music and Arts Festival Market Day which is the 7th of July, pitches are still available. If you wish to book a pitch please call us on 07928508700 and leave a message or contact us via the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk

Alternatively if art or photography is more your talent then why not enter the Art and Photography Exhibition, which runs from the 29th May to the 2nd of June, details can be found on the website or contact Jade direct on 07807484083.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

The Somerton Music and Arts Festival is soon with us, hopefully you will have seen the information in the previous Viaduct, picked up one of our programmes or tri fold and are now busily deciding what to come to. Don't forget you can buy tickets from Overt Lock Wed - Sat 10-1 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/somerton-music-and-arts-festival with early bird finishing on the 9th of June. We have thoroughly enjoyed putting the programme together and hope that you will find something that you want to come to. You can also visit our website for more information at www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk.

Don't forget the Art and Photography exhibition opens on the 29th of May so pop along and vote for your favourite pieces. I would like to thank all those on the committee who have been involved with this year's festival, all are volunteers who not only give their time but loads of enthusiasm in putting the event together, plus those not on the committee but who also give their time and support. A huge thank you from me. Alex

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR NOV 2018

Did you enjoy the Christmas lights in Dec 2017? We are planning the display for 2018.

We need some more volunteers to be able put up and take down the lights in safety. You do not have to be available for all the stages but any help would be appreciated. Look out for the posters around the town. Contact Ian Rodgers on 07890 507452 for more info or to join the team.

SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

The Bowling Season is in full swing. We have a diverse programme of bowling, consisting of roll-ups: friendly matches and leagues. Our games are mixed as well as ladies and gentlemen's games. We cater for all abilities and ages.

We welcome new members to the game and get great pleasure in showing the joy of a game of bowls.

Why not give BOWLS a try? We can arrange a one to one try, to show you the basics. Only flat shoes required - we can supply you with bowls. Tuition given by our Peter or we can arrange a bowling buddy for you. For more information phone Lizzy on 01458 274439 who is only too willing to help you. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you on our green.

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB NEWS

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

COACHING COURSES FOR JUNIORS

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

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

WELL BEING SOUTH SOMERSET

Spark, with support from the NHS Symphony Programme, have launched a new website to promote wellbeing in South Somerset. The site, Wellbeing South Somerset, features a comprehensive directory of support, where people can search through hundreds of local services, groups and activities that could improve their wellbeing, as well as health-boosting self-management tools and tips.

The directory, which is based on Health Connections Mendip's successful model, will be a link that connects people with a wide range of community resources that could help them feel better, from lunch clubs and walking groups, to condition-specific support groups, and even housing and debt advice. You can access the website at www.wellbeingsouthsomerset.org

POETRY CORNER

Come on you Somerton Poets. This month we are privileged to have permission from the family of the late Judy Hurdman. This poem was written by Judy about her struggle with Parkinson's disease.

"Written by Judy"

I don't want you to feel sorry,
I don't want you to feel sad,
I have all the pity that I need
More than I should have,
I would like to be treated how I used to be,
When I was able to do the things the same as you.
You see
I don't like to be called disabled
I don't want to wear that badge
But can see it on the faces of old friends I used to have.
Scroungers and spongers is what I think
Do they think I would choose to be like this?
So, if I see you old friends
Remember how I was before.
Cranky and bloody minded and stubborn to the core,
Come and have a laugh with me
At the good things we did before.

SOMERTON SURGERY PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

We are in desperate need of a Secretary. If anyone is interested please contact Brian Pearson at somppg@gmail.com.

Time is running out to have your say

Anyone with an interest in Somerset's libraries has one more month to take part in the County Council's consultation on the future of its Library Service. The consultation ends on Wednesday 13 June and more than 4,000 responses have been received so far.

Somerset County Council is keen for anyone yet to complete the questionnaire to go online at www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation, view the proposal on the future of the library they visit most often and give their feedback. Alternatively, complete the survey at your local library. A final decision on Somerset's library service is expected later this year.

SCOUTS CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

On Friday 15th June 19:00 - 22:00 Somerton Scouts are holding a cheese and wine evening at Edgar Hall to raise funds for the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. There will be an opportunity to taste six wines, three red and three white followed by a ploughman's meal with a glass of wine. Tickets cost £13 per person or £25 for two people and are available from Cobbs Wholefoods or Group Chair Barrie Knowles on somertonscouts@uwclub.net.

BYGONE DAYS IN SOMERTON

Here is a photo courtesy of the Western Gazette in September 1967 showing many volunteers preparing for a sponsored walk at the Butter Cross fundraising for the Somerton Playing Field Development Fund. Owen Plowman has let us use it, as has the Western Gazette. Who can you recognise? Do you have any similar photos or stories about Somerton from before 1980 that you can share?



Forthcoming Events

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

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

WESSEX COUNTRY MARKET

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

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Coffee mornings Thursdays in May at 10.30am.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE.

Fingers crossed, June will be as great as May, weather-wise. Rain or shine, join us and enjoy yourself regardless.

Tues 5th 10am our hall. Di's Little Clothes Shop visits. Easier than struggling to shops. Good value and selection from shoes to tops.

Friday 15th June, 5pm-7pm. Lasagne Supper Party, £6. With fun and music from 'John the General'.

Coach trip on Tues 19th is a mystery trip. Depart 10am, £13.50, including a cream tea.

July 3rd Red X visit with a special inter-active demo. You will learn a lot about saving lives, including your own!

Forms in our hall to sign up if you want to join in.

EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SOMERTON - JUNE 2018

COFFEE IN CHURCH WITH STALLS

This month's Coffee Morning is in aid of Church Funds and is being organised by The Social Committee. There will be additional stalls with cakes, crafts, plants, books and bathroom items. Saturday 2nd June at 10am. Do come along and give us your support and enjoy some time together over a cup of coffee.

AT ST MICHAEL'S TUESDAY 5th June OUR MONTHLY T +

At 2.30pm an opportunity to get together over a cup of tea, to meet and chat with each other. The programme will vary and may include a film, speaker, and discussion on some topic in the news or just the time to chat/play board games. There will also be a short time of worship.

This month we are being asked to bring along a CD of a favourite item of music and to share with the group why it is so special to us. Do come and join us and bring your friends.

The Sunset Cafe Stompers

St Michael's Church, Somerton, Friday 22nd June at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 (Available from Jan Turner 01458270096 or email jamesw.turner@talktalk.net). The Sunset Cafe Stompers are making a return visit to St Michael's with their popular style of Classic Jazz, Blues and Ragtime rooted in the bars, dance halls and street parades of New Orleans in the 1910's and 20's, and later in the clubs and speakeasies of Chicago and New York as musicians migrated to the big cities. This was a very popular concert on their last visit to St Michael's, so please book your tickets early. For more information web address is: www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 5TH JUNE

Ellie Humphrey, World Horse Welfare. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

THE TRANSFORMED LAND' COMING TO ACEARTS THIS MONTH

ACEArts will welcome work from a group of artists later this month, when the exhibition 'The Transformed Land', curated by Paul Newman, opens on 26th May.

'The Transformed Land' brings together work from various artists who are interested in place. Some frequently return to the same place, others are visitors, some are residents, and some are creators of imagined places. The work which will be exhibited involves various processes, with some artists actively participate in the place through walking or collecting material, and others observing. The resulting work is as varied in material and form as the land that has inspired it, including painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, text, film and photography. 'The Transformed Land' will run until 16th June, with a special 'Curator Q & A' event on 8th June, 6-8pm.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 4TH JUNE

Garden visit to Cherry Bolberry Farm, Furge Lane, Henstridge, 6-30pm. You may get a cherry bolberry!

June 9th PLANT SALE 10am outside the library.

Please could all contributions be priced and labelled. Thank you. Somerton Gardeners' Club - Monday Come and buy your bedding plants and much more. Helpful friendly advice available. Check out our Facebook page Somerton for upcoming events and for further information about the club. New revamped website coming soon.

BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN MAY: WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE

Wed 6th Carers Chatterbox Café 3pm - 4pm Buttercross Tea Rooms. Do you want to meet people within your community? Come along and join the Chatterbox Café. Meet the Health Coach from the Buttercross Health Centre. Come along for a chat, meet us and enjoy some refreshment and exchange experiences - share information.

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE

Join us in the exhibition space and make alongside other makers. Bring a project that you are working on, knitting, drawing, collage, crochet. Grab a coffee and enjoy the surroundings. First Wednesday of the month 11-1 & 2-4. Wed 6 June.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 7TH/21ST JUNE

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays June 7th and 21st. 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.

ARTHRITIS CARE/ RESEARCH UK: THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

Chris Burt. The History of Saltaire Village. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAYS 7TH AND 21ST

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

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo (over 18s) Sundays 3rd and 17th June 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs 28th 8.30pm Teams of up to 6pm.

WEST STREET CHURCH: COFFEE AND MORE..... FRIDAY 8TH/22ND JUNE

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8th and 22nd 10 - noon. Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

LOVE SOMERTON'S JAZZ IN THE GARDEN: SUNDAY JUNE 10TH

See Advert. We are holding an afternoon of Jazz in the Garden at Crane Farm, Somerton - profits will be kindly donated to Love Somerton for future events. We are featuring music from Delta Swing, a Jazz Trio from Somerset. Cream Teas, Prosecco Bar. Bring own blankets and garden chairs. Tickets are £8 each on sale at Another Sky and Cobbs Whole Food.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 11TH/25TH JUNE

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 Monday 11th and 25th June.

SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 11TH JUNE

They will meet on Monday 11th at the Edgar Hall at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 12TH JUNE

2.00pm. Friends of the Parish Rooms present Rummikub. £3 on the door to include tea and Pam's cookies. More info: 272408.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST: WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE

Heart of the Levels Group Event - Summer Migrant Meander - 17:00 - 19:00

A gentle walk from St Mary's Church, Charlton Mackrell to Green Down to find summer migrants along the way. Binoculars recommended and a telescope will be brought. The walk starts and ends on a minor road without footpath and there is a steep section leading to the reserve. Dogs welcome, but must be on leads.

Where: Car park of Church of St Mary the Virgin, Charlton Mackrell. Booking/Contact information: Booking essential. Please contact Roger Dickey by calling 07973534282 or email roger.dickey52@gmail.com. Cost: Free, but donations welcome.

U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 13TH/27TH JUNE

Now meeting Wed 13th and 27th June 1.30 pm at West St Church. Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 for more details.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 14TH JUNE

10.30 am 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.

SCOUTS CHEESE AND WINE EVENING: FRIDAY 15TH JUNE

19:00 - 22:00 Edgar Hall. Tickets £13 per person or £25 for two people available from Cobbs Wholefoods or Group Chair Barrie Knowles on somertonscouts@uwclub.net.

CC DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

Dean's surgery will be held on Saturday 16th, 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 MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

7.30pm FRIENDS of the PARISH ROOMS presents "The Post" (2018) starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government. Run time 116 mins. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808. Next on Friday 20th July OKLAHOMA! Matinee with posh tea. Note the date!

LANGPORT FESTIVAL OF WALKING: 16TH AND 17TH JUNE

All walkers be aware of this event you are welcome to join in. There are walks of 5, 10,20 and 42km on both days. The Sunday walk takes you to Muchelney Abbey and is buggy/wheelchair friendly. Some beautiful countryside, route descriptions refreshments and some excellent cake
<http://www.slamstrollers.co.uk>. Any queries do call Hans or Deryl Rennie 01935 864523.

SOMERSET ARTS TALK: TUESDAY 19TH JUNE

Three Great Families and their Gardens. The Arts Society illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, 1100, free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 132.

GREEN GARDENERS: SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

Saturday 23rd June. Green Gardeners are sharing a coach for a day at RHS Wisley. Seats have to be pre-booked but we do still have a few available. Call 01458 273753 if you would like to join us.

THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 22ND JUNE

The next meeting will take place on Friday 22nd. 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. It is a talk by Commander Brian Parker on Admiral Blake. 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.

LANGPORT FLOWER CLUB: SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

Present Floral Exhibits in The Parish Rooms, Somerton On Saturday, 23rd June 10am - 2pm. Refreshments, tombola, admission free.

RIDE OUT FOR ROSIE: SUNDAY 24TH JUNE

Somerton Sports Club invites you to Ride out for Rosie on the Annual Pilgrimage to the sea. Arrive from 10am, ride out starts at 11am. We take a gentle ride to West Bay then back to Somerton Sports Club for food and refreshments.

£5 per motorbike pre-registered or £10 on the day. Registration forms available from Somerton Sports Club or Somertonsportsclubplc@gmail.com or online at <https://www.somerset-hospice.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/community-events>. Funds raised are for St Margaret's Hospice.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

Many thanks to the Viaduct Deliverers for all their time and weight lifting in delivering the Town Plans. This month's stapling and folding for the July issue will be Wednesday 27th June at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and Team.

SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

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

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

The next meeting of the Society takes place on Thursday 28th in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee. This will be followed, at 7.30pm, by a talk from Nigel Saul, entitled "What's the age of chivalry done for me". Nigel invites you to view the world of castles and cathedrals, tournaments and round tables with fresh eyes.

Members come for free, but visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

STEPHEN PAGE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERY: SATURDAY 30TH JUNE

Will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 30th June 2018 from 11am to 12 noon in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 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.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10.00-12noon NatWest mobile banking. Library
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
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 - 10.30am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
10.00am - 12.00 noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
11.30am - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe
6.30pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & improvers), Wessex Rooms
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church

WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11am Space Yoga (experienced) 11.30am - 12.30pm (beginners) Wessex Rooms
10.00am - 12 noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room
10.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (All levels), Edgar Hall
12.30pm Yarlinton lunch (pre-order), Laburnum Drive
2.00pm Knitting afternoon, Laburnum Drive
2.30pm -4.00pm Foodbank at the Angel, Langport
5.00pm - 6.15pm Beavers, Scout Hut
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut

THURSDAY

9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms
10.30am Wessex House coffee morning
11.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beavers, Scout Hut

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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

JUNE

Sat 2nd West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Coffee in Church with stalls 10am St Michaels Church
Sun 3rd Bingo 7.30 pm (over 18s) Somerton Sports Club
Mon 4th Nat West Community Banker 10 am - noon Somerton Library
Somerton Gardeners trip to Bolberry Farm, Henstridge 6.30pm
Tue 5th WI "World Horse Welfare" 7.15pm Parish Rooms
CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Laburnum Drive Residents Committee Little Di's Clothes Shop 10am
T+ St Michael's Church 2.30pm
Wed 6th AceArts Create & Connect 11am - 1pm and 2 - 4pm
Thu 7th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Arthritis Care "History of Saltaire Village" 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms
Wessex House Coffee Morning 10.30am
Fri 8th Coffee and More 10am - noon West Street Church
Ace Arts Art Exhibition Curator's Question Session 6 - 8pm
Sat 9th West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Somerton Gardeners Plant Sale outside Somerton Library 10am
Sun 10th Love Somerton Jazz in the Garden at Crane Farm
Open Gardens at the Charltons 12 noon - 6pm
Mon 11th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church
Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library
Tue 12th CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
Wed 13th Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church
Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Somerset Wildlife Trust Summer Migrant Meander 5 - 7pm St Mary's Church, Charlton Mackrell
Thu 14th Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club
Wessex House Coffee Morning 10.30am
Fri 15th Laburnum Drive Residents Committee Lasagne Supper Party 5 - 7pm
Scouts Cheese & Wine evening 7pm - 10pm Edgar Hall
Sat 16th Moviola Cinema "The Post" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Dean Ruddle's Surgery 9.30am - 11am the White Hart
Langport Festival of Walking
Sun 17th Bingo 7.30 pm (over 18s) Somerton Sports Club
Langport Festival of Walking
Mon 18th Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library
CAB 10 am - noon West St Church

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Laburnum Drive Residents Committee Mystery Coach Trip 10am
Somerset Art Talk "Three Great Families and their Gardens" 11am Caryford Hall, Castle Cary
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
Wed 20th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 21st Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Wessex House Coffee Morning 10.30am
Fri 22nd Coffee and More 10am - noon West St Church
U3A "Admiral Blake" 10.30am Edgar Hall
Sunset Café Stompers 7.30pm St Michael's Church
Sat 23rd Green Gardeners Trip to RHS Wisley
West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Langport Flower Club Floral Exhibits 10am - 2pm Parish Rooms
Sun 24th Ride Out for Rosie 10am Somerton Sports Club
Mon 25th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church
AceArts Dementia Friends 10.30am
Nat West Community Banker 10am - noon Somerton Library
Tue 26th CAB 10 am - noon West St Church
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
Wed 27th Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church
Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thu 28th Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club
Wessex House Coffee Morning 10.30am
History Society "What's the Age of Chivalry Done for Me?" 7pm Parish Rooms
Sat 30th Charltons Village Day 1 - 5pm
West Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Stephen Page's Surgery Full of Beans Café 11am - noon

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