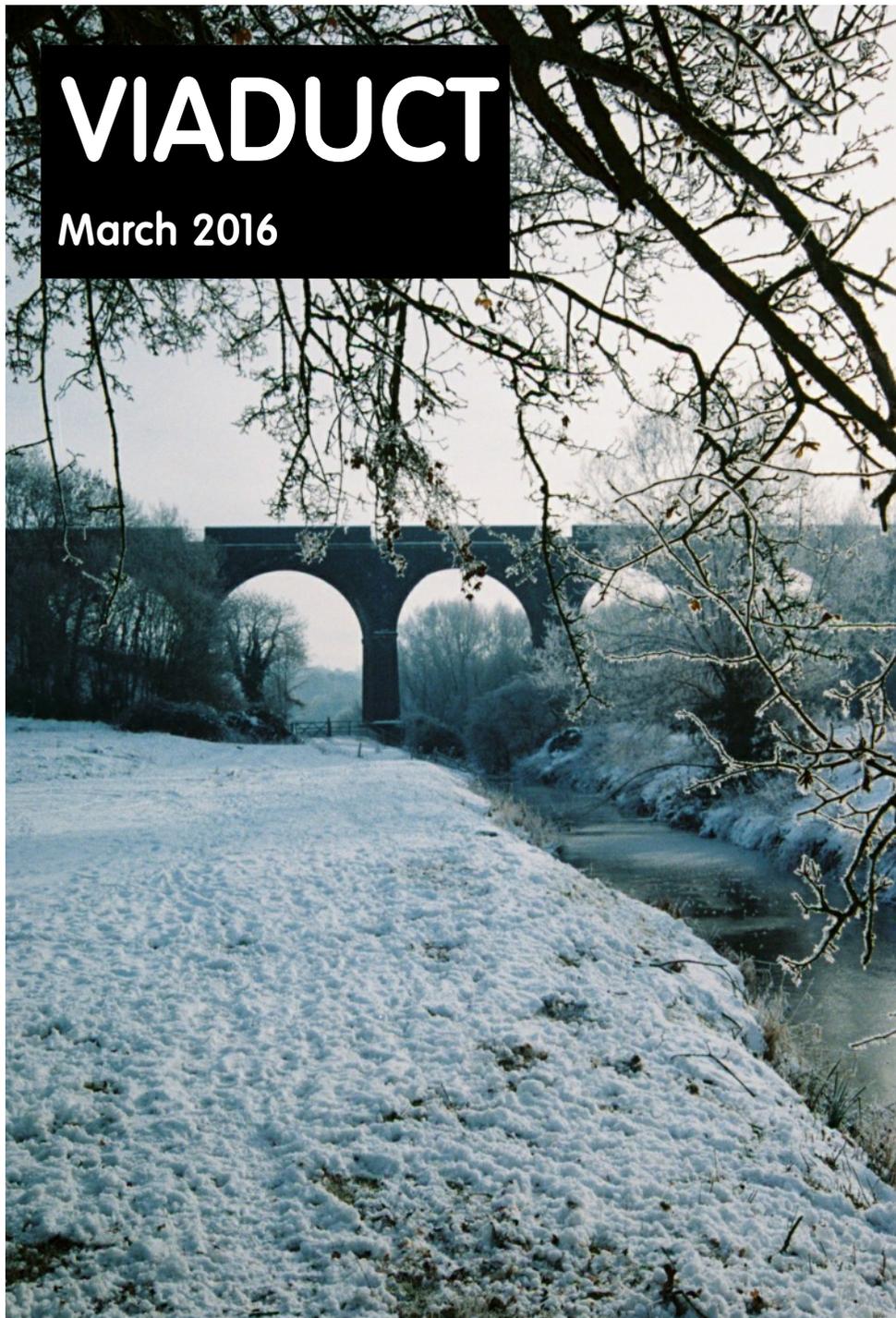


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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning (if required)	1 March	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	8 March	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion & Communication	15 March	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Land & Properties	22 March	7.30pm	Edgar Hall

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 meeting schedule for STC commencing May 2016, until April 2017 has been approved and is available on the STC website.
- Tour of Wessex is not being hosted at the Recreation Ground in 2016, the organisers will shortly be making an announcement about an alternative venue.
- A Youth Questionnaire was launched at very successful 'Fun Day' on Friday 12th at the Recreation Ground and in the Sports Club by kind invitation of the S.C.Committee.

CAR PARK STRATEGY

STC would like to confirm that all parking in Somerton's Car Parks will continue to be free, except for Paddock house where there will be a minimal charge.

The strategy will be reviewed 12 months after the implementation which will become effective when the Surgery site is developed with 44 additional spaces

Yarlington car Park now operational 14 additional spaces

Market Square Car Park: Tree to be replaced and area resurfaced early 2016.

Doctors Surgery site: Bat Survey completed with planned mitigation. Planning application submitted to be accepted with slight revision to bay sizes. Demolition and car park surfacing anticipated mid 2016.

All current timings will be left as they currently are with the new surgery site designated for three hour parking

New proposal: To remove the requirement for permits and allocate 39 long stay free parking bays Yarlington Car Park (x14), Half Moon Car Park (x15), Unicorn (10)

Paddock House charges: £1 charge for up to 5 hours parking and £2 charge for up to 12 hours parking within Paddock house.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A series of 50 union flags will be positioned in central Somerton

A birthday beacon will be sited at Horsemill Lane on 21st April, the event will include entertainment, fireworks, food and drink

INCONSIDERATE PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT

Police leaflets have been distributed , explaining and warning the reasons why you should not park on pavements causing an obstruction, also the possibility of a Police prosecution if found

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guilty. These leaflets have been written in conjunction with the Police and various Town Councils who have the same parking problems as STC. If a vehicle has not moved in 24 hrs after placing a warning leaflet on a vehicle, the police will come and view the offending vehicle and can then issue an official warning or on the spot fine.

GRANTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO:

The Salvation Army providing food and shelter at Christmas for the homeless .£105

The Somerton Arts Festival £200 to site a Marquee

Fun Day Youth Event on 12th February 2016 for £200 for activity hire for the event.

Reports

SEDGEMOOR LIONS' VICTORIAN EVENING.

Thank you for all your support. From funds raised we will be making donations to: King Ina Academy; Long Sutton School; High Ham School and Simon Champion who organised the children's entertainment in the Old Town Hall.

THE TRUSTEES AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We wish to thank those businesses and traders who have sponsored the pitches and recreation ground for the 2015-2016 season.

A number of local businesses and traders have generously sponsored the pitches on the recreation ground for the season of 2015-2016. Their logo's and the pitch that each of these businesses or traders have sponsored is clearly shown on the display boards at the recreation ground. Further to this a number of businesses and traders have made donations to the recreation ground. Their logos

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Could you spare some time?

A new fundraising group are in need of more help!

Macmillan on The Levels is a new group that meets on the first Wednesday of every month at The Longport Arms, 7.30pm. Please drop in if you can help.

Or you can contact Genevieve:

g44@macmillan.org.uk
07801 307 024

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can also be seen on the display boards at the recreation ground. For safety and security reasons the display boards are only in situ on match days.

Part of the money generated from these contributions has already been spent. A number of items have been ordered on behalf of the groundsmen to enable them to update some tired equipment. These items have included football nets and corner flags.

The balance of the money received will go towards further equipment that will benefit the sports users on the field.

Our thanks must go to our pitch sponsors: Hollands Garage; Avalon Sciences Ltd; Accounting Angels; Somerton Plastering Service; Somerton Windows; Williams Supermarket; Oliver Raybould and Edgar Builders.

And a thank you also to those who have given a donation:

AKW Tyre Services; Acorn Day Nursery; Evergreen Turf; Flash Electrical; Higos Insurance Services; H&M Motors; M&M Contractors (SW) Ltd; Somerton Cabs; Turner Windows; E. Bagg; Jason Brain; C. R. Brett; P. C. Electricals; Mike Cox.

Tony Jotcham, Vice-Chair of R.G.M.C.

INDOOR CHARITY GALA FOR GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

At Huish Leisure Centre on Sun 7th Feb. An amazing £1,530 was raised on the day, all to be donated to The Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The Gala was an amazing success, and far busier than I could ever imagined. Lots of hard work, planning and organising all paid off when I looked around and saw how busy the hall was and how much fun the kids were having. I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped to make the event a huge success, especially Huish Leisure for allowing the event to be held there and the use of the bouncy castle, one of the kids' favourites! The centre managers James and Jane, were fabulous and extremely helpful. All the businesses that made donations for the raffle which was super.

Thanks to the businesses that sponsored some of the stalls to enable all of the money taken on the day to be donated to The Guide Dogs, especially H & M Motors and George James Properties Ltd, and all the people that made games, baked cakes and loaned me items to use on the day. Thanks to all my family and friends and team of helpers - without them there simply wouldn't have been a Gala. But most of all thank you to everyone that came along and had fun and supported me in raising money for this amazing charity. Thanks to the Western Gazette and BBC Radio Somerset for advertising and supporting me. Next is to clock up the miles - ready for the Yeovil Half Marathon as part of my training for the London Marathon. The picture on the front of last month's Viaduct of Dad, me and Webster the dog in front of King Ina Infants was very kindly taken by Phil Flowers who has been a great support in my fundraising. Jo Andrews

SLIMMER SOMERTON - WITHOUT ANY HUNGER!

Just over two years ago, I was given the opportunity of taking on the Slimming World group in Somerton.

Based up at Edgar Hall on a Monday evening, within a matter of weeks, the group became too large for just the 7.30pm session and so we opened a 5.30pm group too. Now the evening is so busy, I will have opened a morning session by the time you are reading this! Tuesdays at 9.30am, also at Edgar Hall is the new session time which will maybe appeal to those who struggle to make the Monday evening groups, or would simply find it more convenient.

Slimming World's unique Food Optimising Plan allows your appetite to be completely satisfied while still losing the extra pounds you do not wish to carry around with you. Men, women and teenagers have all seen their wellbeing and health improve as their weight comes off in these fun and friendly sessions. There is no humiliation and the setting is completely confidential - there are

no strangers there - just friends you haven't met yet - all there for the same reason and that is to lose weight and feel great.

So whichever session suits you best, if you have 7lbs or more to lose why not come along and see what a warm welcome you'll get at Slimming World, Somerton. Together we can achieve amazing results, For more information call Anya on 07971 957691

SOMERSET LEVELS AND MOORS SHEDS (SLAMS)

The Men's Shed Project aims to reduce the social isolation that older men experience when there is an upheaval in their life, and improve their physical and mental wellbeing, by giving them an interest with some practical activities where they can work 'shoulder to shoulder' with other men. It will eventually operate across the Levels and Moors and now has a Hub Shed (opening 29 January) at Burrowbridge.

You can read more about SLaMS on their website <http://levelopportunities.org.uk/sheds> or for further information, contact: Ivor Dixon T: 01458 250603 mobile: 07976 308302

The national UK Men's Shed Association is here: <http://menssheds.org.uk/>

News

EXTRA RECYCLING PLANNED TO REDUCE RUBBISH

Residents in Somerset could see changes to their recycling and refuse collection service in the next few years if plans by the county's six councils go ahead.

Proposals for extra recycling materials - plastic pots, tubs and trays; Tetra Pak-style cartons; small electrical items; household batteries - to be collected weekly would see far less in rubbish bins. Trials of three-weekly collections with the extra recycling achieved significant success, with much more recycled, far less rubbish and an overwhelming majority of those taking part backing the new system. Landfilling Somerset's rubbish costs £12 million a year.

General contact: Customer Services 01823 625700.

ABBIE'S CHARITY HAIR CUT

Our seven year old daughter, Abbie Faith Astall is raising money by having seven inches of her gorgeous long dark hair cut off. The hair will be donated to the Little Princess Trust, a charity who make and provide wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer and other illnesses.

The haircut will take place on 26 March 2016. It was Abbie Faith's idea - she came to us just before Christmas, saying she would love to give her hair to poorly children. Here are Abbie Faith's sponsor details: www.justgiving.com/Jennie-Goodland TEXT: TLPT59 to 70070

Abbie Faith attends King Ina Infant School in Somerton and within the school we are organising a fundraising event (cake sale, raffle and tombola - date to be announced after half term).

If you require any more information please contact me on: 07590 909 275

WARNING TO RESIDENTS: POTENTIAL SCAM PHONE CALLS

It has been brought to our attention that scam phone calls are taking place in South Somerset, mainly around the Wincanton area.

A gentleman from a phone number which cannot be traced is calling residents claiming to be from either "South Somerset District Council", "Wincanton Town Council" or "South Somerset County Council" and wanting to speak about a recent accident you may have had.

If you have given over personal details, we would advise you to call the Police straight away on 101 and report the matter as an identity theft scam. The Police will also direct you to the Action Fraud helpline". Action Fraud can be contacted directly on 0300 123 2040.

THANK YOU

Margaret, Sandra, Michael Plowman and Family and Poppy the dog would like to thank everybody for the messages of sympathy after the sudden death of Geoff. They would also like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and for the kind donations received; £450 was raised for the British Heart Foundation.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY AWARDS 2016

Nominations are invited for Somerton Community Awards 2016

Please complete the form below and return to Town Clerk by 31st March or scan and email to town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, or complete on line at www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

There are 5 categories - Art, Business, Community, Sport & Youth

Your name	
Your address	
Your telephone	
Your email	
Category	
Name of nominee	
Reason for nomination (100 words maximum please)	

ALADDIN'S CAVE

At least 25% discount off of everything. Christmas items at 50% off. Everything must go before 26th March which will be the last day of trading. There are a fridge and a pair of Avery Scales with lead weights for sale. Offers welcomed for the business as a going concern. If interested please ring Delyth on 07855 093 719.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

To date British Red Cross, Alzheimer's Society and Italian Twinning have received donations from my charity theatre trips of £47,235.

We seem to be booking evermore into the future, but until tickets are bought cancellation at no charge is OK, so the sooner you book the better your seats and you have the certainty of a place. New bookings have been made for Chicago on Tuesday 5th July, Footloose on Thursday 4th August, Fiddler on the Roof + behind the scenes tour of the theatre on Saturday 8th October and in 2017, Peter Pan pantomime matinee on Saturday 7th January, Sunny Afternoon (the story of The Kinks and their music) on Wednesday 8th March, and War Horse on Thursday 19th October matinee and on Tuesday 7th November evening. We are now going to Yeovil Octagon to see Jodie Prenger in Tell Me on a Sunday on Monday 6th June 2016, and the planned trip to Bristol to see it has been cancelled.

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

Marriage of Figaro 7:00 p.m. Sat 19 Mar £46

Guys & Dolls Wed 13 Jul £42

Mamma Mia Mon 25 Apr £46

Rocky Horror Show Wed 20 Jul £36

Tell Me on a Sunday (Yeovil) Mon 6 Jun £25

Footloose Thu 4 Aug £42

The Mikado Thu 23 Jun £45

Fiddler on the Roof & Theatre Tour Sat morning
& matinee 8 Oct £39

Chicago Tue 5 Jul £43

THANK YOU

The family of Eddie Davey would like to say thank you for the generous donations given at Ed's funeral on 21st January. A total of £1,000 was raised which will be shared between MND and the Sunflower club at St Margaret's Hospice.

SAVE THE DATES

SOMER SINGERS

Local acapella singing group Somer Singers are performing a concert for a local charity on the evening of Saturday 28th May 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Somerton, with refreshments served in the interval. Songs sung in close harmony to suit all tastes. Ticket sales locally. More details to follow.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION OF "ANNIE"

After the disappointment of not being able to present the Pantomime, we are very glad to report that the musical production of "Annie" is well on track and tickets are now available in Palmer Snell. There will be 5 performances, 4 evening and one matinee on the Saturday, during the schools Easter holidays in April. The dates are: Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th. Evening performances will commence at 7.30pm and the matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are £8, with concessions for children 12 and under at £6.

Annie has lived in an Orphanage for 11 years, and decides to escape to look for her long lost parents. She befriends a dog and names her Sandy - however the police pick her up and return her to the Orphanage. Before she receives a beating from the tyrannical spinster in charge of the Orphanage, Grace Farrell, secretary to the billionaire industrialist Oliver Warbucks, arrives to choose a child to spend Christmas at this home. Annie is chosen and is driven off to the Warbucks' Fifth Avenue Mansion. This is the start of a magical time for Annie, so just sit back and enjoy our production as we bring this story to life.



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A CONCERT WITH SIMEON WOOD

Following the overwhelming success of the performance by The Sons of Pitches in January, Somerton Music and Arts Festival are excited to announce that our next event is a concert with the immensely talented Simeon Wood. Simeon is a brilliant multi-instrumentalist who studied at Trinity College of Music in London, and now performs professionally all over the world.

Each piece of music is introduced by an interesting and often amusing anecdote be it a light classical piece, a well-known contemporary tune or something of his own composition, these played on instruments as diverse as the penny whistle or the mighty bass flute, via the panpipes and the didgeridoo. Simeon is a talented musician and this concert in St Michaels' Church on Saturday 16th April starting at 7.30 pm is one not to be missed. Tickets at £8 from Palmer Snell from Saturday 12th March. Tickets will be £10 on the door.

LONG SUTTON VILLAGE HALL.

Adrian Tinniswood will be giving a talk on The Lost Weekend, Life in an English Country House, 1918-1934. This will be on April 30th, 9.30 -4.30, cost £18 to include coffee, lunch and tea. Contact Doreen 01458 241711 for tickets.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK - FEBRUARY 1 - 7

Will you be able to vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner's election in May? Thursday May 5th will see voters going to the polls to have their say on who will be the next Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset Police. Hundreds of people in South Somerset could miss their chance to vote in the election this May if they don't take action now, Roger Quantock, Senior Democratic Services Officer for South Somerset District Council has warned. The deadline to register is Monday 18th April. The easiest way to register is by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by calling South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACON CELEBRATION

Somerton Town Council are organising a beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on Thursday 21st April. It will be on the field by The Lynch Country House Hotel, Behind Berry, between 6 and 8.30pm. We are grateful to Mr Copeland for letting us use his field. There will be refreshments provided by Parrett House Catering and beer/cider by Glastonbury Ales. Entertainment will be from Somer Singers, and possibly Kingsbury Episcopi Band and some children singing from King Ina School. Master of Ceremonies will be Mr Steve Davis in full Town Crier regalia. Union Flag and Jack supplied by Squadron Leader (ret'd) Peter Richardson. There will be a professional firework salute organised by Rocketman Fireworks of Bridgwater. The beacon will be lit by Mr Neil Taylor in honour of his company's, (Overt Locke) 90th Anniversary in the town.

The beacon tributes will be happening across the country and we will be given a set time in March to light ours. We hope you can come and join the celebrations. Please use the town car parks. For more info please contact Mo Fletcher 01458 274631.

Forthcoming Events

WI: TUESDAY 1 MARCH

7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Speaker Sarah Bailey, Party Caricatures. Competition: Family Caricature

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

What's happening at Buttercross Health Centre?: We invite you to a presentation: Buttercross Health Centre - now and in the future. March 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Rooms Somerton. If you have any questions you would like us to answer during the presentation please send them to the Patient Participation Group (somppg@gmail.com) or directly to the surgery (info@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk).

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 3/17 MARCH

We walk on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, so 3rd and 17th March, leaving the Library at 11.30 am and walk for about an hour and then go for refreshments to the White Hart Inn (optional). Wear good shoes/wellies and clothing suitable for wet weather. Come along for exercise and a social chat as we go. Mo & Linda. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

Mark Green, Freewheelers Voluntary Service. 7 for 7.30pm in The Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome.

WEST STREET CHURCH

We have Lent Lunches on Fridays 4th, 11th and 18th March in the Schoolroom from 12 noon.

Our Easter Services are :-

Maundy Thursday 24th March Tenebrae Service 7.30pm Rev. Craig Manley

Good Friday 25th March Meditation led by Barry King

Easter Sunday 27th March Service at 11am led by Rev. Craig Manley

WINE TASTING EVENING: FRIDAY 4 MARCH

The Twinning Association is holding a wine tasting in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm on Friday 4th March. Tickets are £10 each and available by calling 01458 273867. This is not a commercial wine tasting to encourage you to purchase, instead it is a social event with six different wines to discover during the evening, with conversation and information about each wine we taste. This is an annual event for Somerton Twinning Association and has always been very much enjoyed. You don't need to be a twinning member; it is an event for anyone who has an interest in wine. Buy your ticket in advance then come along and enjoy the evening.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 4 MARCH

The Women's World Day of Prayer 2016 service will be celebrated at St Cleers Chapel, Polham Lane, Somerton at 2pm on Friday 4th March The service has been compiled by Christian women of Cuba under the title "Receive children. Receive Me", although men, women and children are welcome to join us. This is a worldwide wave of prayer that begins with the first service when the sun rises over Samoa and concludes with the last service as the sun sets over American Samoa.

FRIENDS OF PARISH ROOMS: SATURDAY 5 MARCH

End of Winter lunch 12 noon - 1.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Somerton. Baked potato, choice of sweet and tea/coffee £7.00 Tickets (limited to 60) from Cobbs Wholefoods, Brunel precinct.

FAIRTRADE OPEN DAY: SAT 5 MARCH

Martin Luther King Jr said 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning you have depended on more than half the world'. If when you shop you change to Fairtrade tea, coffee, orange juice, cereal or bananas then millions of farmers and workers in developing countries who work hard to grow our food and often do not earn enough to know where their next meal is coming from would have their lives improved.

Sue Slade, Fairtrade organiser for this area, will be having an Open Day on Saturday 5th March from 10am-5pm to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, 29 Feb.-13 March. She will have Easter cards and eggs (to order), loads on offer for Easter presents including clearance prices on jewellery and bags and baskets, Traidcraft's spring catalogue and many new items from it will have arrived.

There will be a welcome for you in her kitchen at The Paddock, Barton Road, Butleigh, BA6 8TH of Fairtrade tea and coffee.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

SOMERTON ANNUAL LITTER COLLECTING EVENT: 5/6 MARCH

This year's litter collecting event has been arranged to coincide with a national campaign to mark The Queen's 90th birthday. The event is being held over two days on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th March and if you would like to help clean up our town, please either contact John Watts on 272327 (email jwatts@tesco.net) or Somerton Town Council on 272236. Long-reach tongs, gloves, hi-viz jackets, bags etc will be supplied and you won't need to handle the rubbish directly. For more information about the campaign see www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 7 MARCH

On 7th March at 7.30pm 'Gardens for Bees and Butterflies', a talk by Steve from Castle Gardens. Members free, visitors £2 at the West St Church Hall. Show Table - all are invited to display any of the following: A basket of plants/flowers/veg from your garden; Photograph of bees and/or butterflies; Club members bulb competition.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 8 MARCH

2.00 pm RUMMIKUB £3 to include tea & cookies. Details 272408

CAB: TUESDAY 8 MARCH

This will now start on Tuesday 8th March at 10am in the West Street Church.

JAZZ AT THE PHILARMONIC: FRIDAY 11 MARCH

Fri 11th March at the Edgar Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, concert starts at 7.30pm. Pete Long and his 9 piece jazz band recreate the legendary jazz concerts of the 1940s. Bar available. Tickets £17.50 payable in advance from www.draytonevents.com

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 12 MARCH

The County Councillors Surgery for March will be held on Saturday 12th from 9.30 am until 11.30.am at the White Hart. Appointments can be made to see Dean Ruddle via email to anne.yates@bitinternet.com or by telephone to 01458 274865

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB

Bingo on Sun 13th and 27th (over 18s) 7.30pm at the club

Quiz on Thurs 31st (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm at the club

A BRISK WALK IN COMPANY: MONDAY 14TH MARCH

Monday 14th March starting at 10 am from the Half Moon car park. A brisk walk of about 5 miles aiming to finish by 11.30 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!

Martyn Smith 273058

NADFAS: TUESDAY 15 MARCH

15 March The Story of the Restoration of Barholm Castle. NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 11.00am. Free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527

SOMERSET VERNACULAR BUILDINGS RESEARCH GROUP: WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

Wed 16 March Dr Sue Shaw: The Vernacular Buildings of Trent, Dorset 7.30pm £3, Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon TA116PQ. All welcome

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 18 MARCH

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 18 March will be a talk on The History of Sea Shanties by David Milton. He is the Town Crier of Watchet and an amusing speaker with a fine singing voice. Please note that although the U3A meetings are normally on the fourth Friday of each month, this will take place a week earlier due to Easter. The meetings start at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

KING INA INFANTS: FRIDAY 18 MARCH

Easter Bingo night being held in the parish rooms on 18th March in aid of King Ina Infants. All family welcome, drinks available and prizes including cash. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm.

STEPHEN PAGE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERY: SATURDAY 19 MARCH

Stephen Page will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 19th March 2016 from 11.00am 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

MOVIOLA CINEMA: SATURDAY 19 MARCH

Saturday 19th March 7.30 pm Parish Rooms SOMERTON MOVIOLA "The Lady in the Van" (Nov 2015). A man forms an unexpected bond with a transient woman living in her car that's parked in his driveway. Written by Alan Bennett and starring Maggie Smith. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. Moviola in April will be "The Dressmaker"

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Back from our Xmas break. Nice 2016 plans being made. Parties/Coach trips (some old, some new) or....some always enjoyed, and some hopefully will be! Coach trip, March 22nd. Depart Laburnum Drive 10am fare £10. Buckfast Abbey, Devon. Our charity money this year will go to Somerton First Responders and Yeovil Hospital. Bingo starts at 2pm at present. Info on all our get-togethers tel 272620, or visit our Community Hall. All welcome.

TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY: SATURDAY 28 MARCH

This will take place in Somerton Library from 10.30 am - noon on Sat 26th. Look out for our new signs.

We're opening for Easter Come and see our fantastic display of Narcissus!

Midney Gardens re-opens for the 2016 season on Thursday 24th March and will be open afternoons 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday
Mondays until Sunday 2nd October.
Entrance: Adults £4.50, Children £1.50



Also we will be continuing our series of garden learning days:
"In the Garden with Dave" - 2016

Pruning Fruit Trees & Soft Fruit Bushes - Wednesday 16th March
Redesign and Plant a Shady Border - Wednesday 20th April
Planting & Care of a Garden for Wildlife - Wednesday 18th May

If you want to know more about the practical skills of gardening, these workshops will provide a good opportunity to learn as well as a fun day out!
Further information from Dave or Alison on 01458-274250 or by email at:
davidandalison@midneygardens.co.uk

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 28TH MARCH

The Green Gardeners will be welcoming Les Cloutman to our meeting for a talk on The Folklore of Somerset. The meeting will be in the Parish Rooms, Somerton at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments after the talk and visitors are most welcome (£2). This promises to be a fascinating talk so do join us!

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

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 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 2.30pm Laburnum Drive
Beginners Tai Chi 2-3pm Parish Rooms
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

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

MARCH

Tue 1st Wl "Party Caricatures" 7.15 pm PR
Wed 2nd Buttercross Health centre Public Presentation 7pm PR
Thu 3rd Health Walk Som Lib 11.30 am
Theatre Trip Sleeping Beauty
Arthritis Care Mark Green of the Freewheelers VS 7.30 pm PR
Fri 4th West St Church Lent Lunch 12 noon
Women's World Day of Prayer St Cleers Chapel 2pm
Somerton Twinning Association Wine Tasting Evening 7.30 pm PR

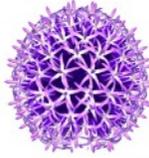
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- Sat 5th Friends of Parish Rooms Winter Lunch 12 noon - 1.30pm
Clean for the Queen Event
- Sun 6th Clean for the Queen Event
- Mon 7th Somerton Gardeners Club "Garden for Bees and Butterflies" West St Church 7.30pm
- Tue 8th CAB West St Church 10am
Rummikub 2pm PR
- Fri 11th West St Church Lent Lunch 12noon
Jazz at the Philharmonic EH doors 6.30pm concert starts 7.30pm
- Sat 12th CC Surgery The White Hart 9.30pm
- Sun 13th Somerton Sports Club Bingo (over 18s only) &.30 pm SSC
- Mon 14th Somerton Sings for Fun 11am West St Church
Brisk Walk leaving Half Moon Car Park 10am
- Tue 15th NADFAS Lecture "The Restoration of Barholm Castle" 11am Caryford Hall Castle Cary
- Wed 16th Somerset Vernacular Res Gp The Vern Bdgs of Trent, Dorset Meadway Hall CD
7.30pm
- Thu 17th Health Walk Somerton Library 11.30am
- Fri 18th West St Church Lent Lunch 12 noon
U3A History of Sea Shanties EH 10am
King Ina Infants Easter Bingo. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7.00pm
- Sat 19th Theatre Trip The Marriage of Figaro
Moviola Cinema "The Lady in the Van" 7.30pm PR
DC's Stephen Page's Surgery 11am Full of Beans Café
- Tue 22nd Laburnham Drive R C coach trip leaving 10am
- Thu 24th West St Church Tenebrae Service 7.30pm
- Fri 25th West St Church Good Friday Meditation led by Barry King
- Sat 26th STC Surgery Library 10.30am
- Sun 27th West St Church Easter Service 11am
Somerton Sports Club Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm
- Mon 28th Green Gardeners Club "The Folklore or Somerset" PR 7.30pm
- Thu 31st Somerton Sports Club Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm
- Sat 2nd April West St Church Path Sale 10am

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