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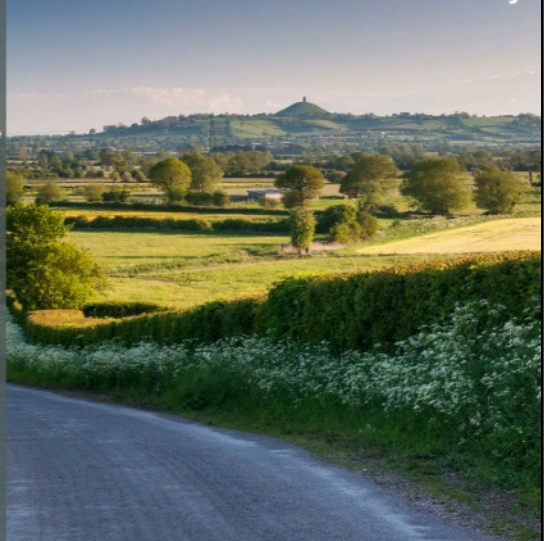
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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	13 th March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
West St Public Consultation	13 th March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	6 th & 20 th March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land & Properties	20 th March	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

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

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk
Requests from the public for items to be added to the agenda should be notified to the town clerk in writing by the first Monday of the month.

Did you know Somerton Town Council has a Facebook page? Check it out!

Steve Bomers has stepped down from his position as councillor, we thank Steve for his commitment over the last year.

Community Award nomination forms can be downloaded from the STC website or collected from the library, closing date 30th April 2018.

West Street Somerton One way system

A consultation is taking place related to a proposed one way system in West Street Somerton. Further information is available on the Town Council website, STC notice boards and via the Town Council office.

Please send any feedback to Terry Philpott, Town Clerk town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 9th March 2018

The proposal will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on 13th March 2018, 7pm at Edgar Hall with members of the public encouraged to put forward their views.

A303 Consultation

There is a consultation related to the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester which closes on 9th March. A further consultation re the A303 at Stonehenge closes on 6th April. Details on Highways England website.

Steve Davis has been appointed as Somerton Town Crier and was presented with a bell in recognition of his role!

Silent Soldier scheme to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 will be supported by STC. In addition a commemorative inscription will be installed at the war memorial.

Promoting Somerton: Somerton is now included in The Coach Buddy guide and What's on in Somerset.

Somerton News will be published in June/July 2018

Community Plan will be published in April 2018

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on 31st May 2018 at Edgar Hall.

Brocante Market will not continue to operate under the current management, if a potential operator is interested the market may be resurrected. Please contact Terry Philpott, Town Clerk for more information.

Pavement works adjacent to the White Hart have been completed, proposed work on the pavements adjacent to the stationery shop are being planned for 2018.

Damaged car park signs will be relocated in the Unicorn Car Park.

Parking permits at the parish rooms have been reviewed and it was agreed to leave the regime as it is.

Cow Square light has been refurbished

Lynch Lane (off Cedar Grove) - near Somerton Viaduct may be closed by Network Rail for short periods of time to allow them to deal with a flooding issue, local signage will advise

The bar at Edgar Hall has been refurbished

Repairs to the shelter at the play Area (Recreation Ground) have been approved following the vandalism to the existing structure. The situation will be monitored, future repairs may not take place if they are vandalised again.

News

SILENT SOLDIER SCHEME



The Royal British Legion in Surrey has started a "Silent Soldier" campaign in memory of everyone who served in the First World War. It is being taken up across the country. In Somerton we are looking for information and memories - even photographs - of people who served in the Great War and what they did afterwards. Many who came home had been wounded, crippled, blinded or gassed. Many had shell-shock and other psychological hurts which were not recognised at the time. They came home and carried on, rarely speaking of the horrors they had experienced.

Last month we told you about William Cooper, and two of his grandchildren contacted me and provided photographs and information about William and his four children.

This month we remember a Somerton man who came home: John Hutchins, a baker who lived and had his shop in the house now called 'Manna' in West Street/Langport Road. Last year his granddaughter came from Fareham, Surrey, and brought photographs of the family and letters and diaries. John Hutchins and his wife Ethel came from the Salisbury area and they had four children, Jack, Kathleen, Norah and Philip. In WW1 John served in 12 Field Bakery, Army Service Corps. After the War, he came home and resumed baking in West Street. Unfortunately, Ethel died in 1925, so he had to bring up the children on his own. The family were enthusiastic members of the Congregational Church (now closed) and his daughters were close friends of the Cox sisters while they were growing up.



In 1944 John was found to have stomach cancer and he died at Kathleen's home in Oxfordshire. He is buried with Ethel on the right hand side of the central path in the cemetery, not far from the cremations area.

Did your grandfather or great uncles serve in the Great War? Do you have stories or pictures or letters? We hope to record memories of all men wherever

they lived at the time. Call at the library for more information or contact Nancy Schooling, tel: 273859; email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com.

WASTE COLLECTIONS EASTER, MAY AND AUGUST 2018

Usual collection day: Good Friday 30th March Revised day: Saturday 31 March

The following week's collections one day later, with Fridays collected on Saturday:

Easter Monday 2 April; Early May Bank Holiday Monday 7 May; Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28 May; Summer Bank Holiday Monday 27 August.

ACEARTS NEWS

Somerton's Somerset Coffee Company is relocating to the centre of the town next month, when it moves into the first floor of ACEarts alongside the exhibition space. The company specialises in roasting and serving the finest coffee beans from across the planet and offers a coffee tasting menu with over ten different coffees to try at any one time - from a Colombian organic house roast to specialities from Java, South America and Vietnam.

Acearts' outreach work receives a boost from Skipton Building Society

ACEarts' outreach art projects at a local care home will continue this year, thanks to a £600 donation from the Skipton Building Society.

Artists 303's 'Route to the Sun' exhibition coming to Acearts next month

ACEArts will welcome professional West Country art group Artists 303 next month, who are bringing their latest exhibition 'Route to the Sun' to Somerton. The exhibition opens on 17th March and runs until 14th April, with a 'Meet the Artists' event on 14th April, 2-4pm and a Linocut Workshop on 26th March, 10am-4pm.

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR JANUARY

Total Rainfall 86 mm or 3.5 inches. We had rain on 23 days!

BRAINWAVE CHARITY SHOP

Please pop in and see us. We have moved to a shop in the old Half Moon car park. We have plenty for you to browse through and our charity needs funds to help those recovering from brain injury.

APOLOGY FROM THE EDITORS

We did not put the correct version of the advertisement for Natural Meats in the January and February issues. Apologies from Mo and Neal.

SOMERTON RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Mondays: Rainbows 4.30 - 5.30pm; Brownies 5.30 - 7.00pm; Guides as usual 7.00 - 8.30pm. This is held at St Cleers Chapel. Come and join the Fun. Contact Sally on 01458 250879

WESSEX JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Thursday evenings 6.00-7.30 pm in the Wessex Rooms. The youth club is open to all children from 7 years upwards in Somerton and the surrounding area. First night is free, £1 after that.

The Wessex Rooms Management Committee would like to thank "Peking House" for nominating the Junior Youth Club as the recipients of their "penny collection" and are most grateful for the subsequent donation of £143!

The Youth Club have also received a generous donation of £250 from The Rotary Club which will enable the Youth Club to purchase new sports equipment for use by its members.

Wessex Junior Youth club, would like to thank the Somerton Community Association. Through them we have managed to get a new carpet, curtains and blinds for the hall and update our alarm system. Thank you very much.

The Youth Club greatly appreciates the generosity of these local businesses and the support of the local community - thank you from all the children!!

ARCHIESXTRA

We are a youth group in Somerton that runs at the sports field every Thursday evening from 7.30pm-9.00pm. We offer cakes, biscuits, drinks and fun activities for 11-18 year olds.

REZOUND YOUTH (LIFE CHURCH)

For Year 6 upwards - meeting Fridays in term time from 7pm to 9pm. Games, socialising, x-box, tuck shop and time with friends. Everyone welcome!

Contact - Office 01458 273568 (Mon/Wed); Email: admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk, Website: www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

This March's 1st XV fixtures are:

3rd March Minehead Barbarians II vs Somerton (away) 2.15pm

10th March Somerton vs Yeovil II 2.15pm

24th March Bridgwater & Albion III vs Somerton (away) 2.15pm

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at The Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Sports Ground Somerton. New players are very welcome. Contact Gary Saunders for details 07870 861731. Under 18s & U15s girls visit website for training/fixture details. Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

ENGLISH CHURCH BELL RINGING

This is a historic tradition peculiar to the British Isles. Controlling the bell is a fairly gentle physical exercise, but needs to be learned as a skill. It then becomes a very absorbing pastime. Once you can ring, you will find yourself welcome at towers all over the country in a nationwide fellowship of ringers.

At the moment Somerton Parish Church could do with a few more ringers and the present team will be very happy to teach you. If you have any interest please contact John Hayter on 01458 272002 who will arrange a visit to the tower.

LIFE CHURCH SOMERTON

Edgar Hall, Sundays. You are welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am for our weekly Sunday Service - all the family welcome with crèche and Sunday school for the children.

Contact - Office 01458 273568 (Mon/Wed); Email: admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk, www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME - MARCH NEWS

We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street, Wells or Keinton Mandeville, Shepton Mallet. For complete listing and booking form: www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk, or e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone 01458 273085.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOMERTON'S HISTORY?

Would you like to help to look after the collection that is displayed in the Parish Rooms and help to collect old items relating to the town and photographs and people's memories of what it was like long ago? To find out more, please contact Nancy Schooling, Marmaduke Cradock Trust, telephone: 273859, email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

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SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

Time is whizzing by and so are the days to the Arts Festival 2018. If you love 80's music then don't miss our opening night with Retroelectro supported by Becky who will be entertaining us with the best the 80's had to offer. To keep you in the dancing mood we have a jive night which includes a lesson and music from the Defibulators or if you prefer to travel the world try Berties Big Band, who will be playing a wide range of music from around the globe. We also have a musical satire performed by Peter Gill, who has entertained before at the festival and is keen to come back to meet old friends. As is Chris Sperring, who will be taking you on another walk around the beautiful Somerset countryside. We also have fun and market days, and if you wish to have stalls at either day please contact us via the website as we would love to hear from you. Keep an eye out in early May for the programme of events with the ticket office opening on the 26th May with a two week early bird period in Overt Locke.

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018

Did you enjoy the Christmas lights in 2017? We are planning the display for 2018. We need some more volunteers to be able to prepare, 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. We have a meeting on Monday 30th April at 7pm at the Fire Station Community Room. Come along and meet the gang. Contact Ian Rodgers on 07890 507 452 or on ianrodgers333@gmail.com for more info or to join the team.

SOMERTON NEEDS YOU!

With the current media focus on plastic waste damaging our environment, I request your help. Volunteers are required to help with the 3rd Annual Clean for the Queen, Keep Britain Tidy Campaign weekend over 10/11 March. This campaign has been very successful in and around Somerton in previous years. Would you be prepared to give a little of your time to help keep our lovely town of Somerton tidy and enable our environment to flourish? All you need is enthusiasm, good footwear and a waterproof jacket; all other equipment is provided. If so please contact me, Cllr Fiona Richardson, tel: 07884 313 296 or email: fiona.richardson@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. Please leave your details and I will get back to you. Thank you, Fiona Richardson

RED CROSS COLLECTORS NEEDED

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors in the surrounding towns and villages during the 2018 Red Cross Week, Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. We do bucket collections in Langport & Somerton and house-to-house in any of the villages in South Somerset where we can find volunteers. As the last remaining volunteer run Red Cross Centre in Somerset it is very important that we continue to raise funds to justify us remaining in operation. Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to cox.cj@btinternet.com.

WEA LONG SUTTON

We will be running a Day School on Saturday April 28th on Investigating the landscape archaeology of Long Sutton and the surrounding area. Please bring your own lunch - teas and coffees will be available. For further details or to enrol please contact Doreen Harvey. The Old School House, Catsgore. TA11 7HZ email doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com Tel: 01458241711.

NOTICE ABOUT TOWN PLAN

The Town Plan (2018 - 2023) in draft form is being presented to Somerton Town Council for their discussion and adoption at their meeting on Tuesday 13th March 7 pm at the Edgar Hall. Please come along as you have all given such support to the Steering Group led by Judith Hurley. This Town Plan reflects the aspirations of the Residents of Somerton for the next five years.

Forthcoming Events

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

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

NATWEST COMMUNITY BANKERS

Monday mornings 10am until 12pm in Somerton Library. Trudi Henderson Mobile: 07920 414030
Email: trudi.henderson@natwest.com

WESSEX COUNTRY MARKET

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

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Coffee mornings Thursdays in February at 10.30am.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH EVENTS FOR MARCH AND EASTER

Tuesday 6th March 2:30pm T+ in St Michaels, a short act of worship followed by tea and coffee.

Good Friday 30th March 12-3pm three hours at the cross a series of meditations.

Sat 31st March 6:30pm Readings and Hymns for Easter in St Michael's.

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday Dawn service at 6:30am in the field at Horsemill Lane, Somerton.

Sunday 1st April 11am Easter Family service with Communion in St Michael's.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

"The Life & Times of a Stupid Boy", Steve Derby, 7 for 7.30pm in The Pinney Room, Parish Rooms.
Visitors welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

There will be a Women's World Day of Prayer service, held at St Michael's church on 2nd March at 2pm. All are invited to come and join us. The theme this year is 'All God's Creation is Very Good' and the people of Surinam have put the service together for us. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 1ST/15TH MARCH

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30am. This month the walks are on Thursdays March 1st and 15th. 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.

LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE

At our A.G.M, the members standing for re-election agreed to devote their time to the year ahead. More parties, entertainment, food outings, coach trips, speakers, etc. So watch this space! Our charity donations were to Somerton First Responders, and King Ina Church of England School. Their acknowledgement letters are in our Hall.

6th March: Bacon butties, cuppa. 10am, £1.70.

13th March: Pizza and Pud, Quiz night, 5pm £5.

20th March: Coach, Salisbury Market, & Wilton. Depart 10am, £10.

29th Special Easter Bingo, 2pm.

3rd April, Easter Bonnet party, 3pm. (No bacon butties that day).

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 5TH MARCH

7.30pm. Talk by Philip Unwin on The incredible journey of the SS Great Britain. To be held in the library at Langport, visitors very welcome.

WI: TUESDAY 6TH MARCH

Women's Institute Birthday Party and Beetle Drive. 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 5TH MARCH

7.30pm Wessex Rooms. Castle Gardens will talking about 'Pruning Ornamental Shrubs'. The Competition Table item is a daffodil bulb - congratulations to anyone who got it to flower.

PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 6TH/20TH MARCH

9am - noon Parish Rooms. See advert.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

10.30am 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.

DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAY 8TH/22ND MARCH

At Somerton Parish Rooms Thursdays March 8th and 22nd 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.

COFFEE AND MORE: FRIDAY 9TH/23RD MARCH

There's coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10AM - 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.

DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 10TH MARCH

Dean's surgery will be held on Saturday, 10th March, 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 SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo (over 18s) March Sundays 11th and 25th 7.30pm

Quiz Thurs 29th 8.30pm Teams of up to six.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 12TH/26TH MARCH

Join us from 11.00am to noon, in the West St Church back room. It's purely for fun, and for all ages and abilities. We sing anything well known, songs from the shows, old English melodies, and songs from the 30's up to date. £1.00 a session including coffee & biscuits (from 10.45am) on Mondays 12th & 26th March.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

2 pm Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy the challenge and make friends. £3 on the door including tea and cookies.

HEART OF THE LEVELS TALK: TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

Hérons and Heronries Talk. The RSPB Swell Wood reserve is home to the largest heronry in SW England with up to 150 heron nests in some years. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about the heronry and the wider reserve from the RSPB Warden, Steve Ross, just as the herons are starting a new nesting season. Somerton Parish Rooms TA11 7NB at 7.30pm. SWT members £2.50/others £3.00. Tea and coffee afterwards.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS

Sunday 11th Evening Brendan Cole

Wednesday 14th Evening "Cilla"

Thursday 22nd, Evening Bourne's "Cinderella"

BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN MARCH

Wed 14/3 Carers Café 3.00 - 4.00 Buttercross Tea Rooms

Wed 21/3 MS Group 2.30 - 4.00 Buttercross Health Centre

Thurs 22/3 Shorter Health Walk 11.30 Sports Ground

Annie Morley, Health Coach, Buttercross Health Centre 01458 272473,

Annie.Morley@buttercrosshc.nhs.uk

SOMERTON U3A: WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

Is hosting an Information Day at the Edgar Community Hall from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be representatives from many organisations such as Mind South Somerset, Age UK, Somerset Sight, Stroke Association, Motor Neurone Disease Association, and Action on Hearing Loss.

Refreshments will be available throughout the morning and everyone is welcome (not just U3A members) to attend this free event which offers advice and/or support from many of the voluntary organisations which operate throughout the community.

EASTER BINGO: FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

Wessex Rooms, Broad Street. Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm, refreshments, raffle, tombola.

SOMERTON MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

7.30pm Friends of the Parish Rooms presents My Cousin Rachel (2017) starring Rachel Weisz based on the 1951 novel by Daphne du Maurier. A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the spell of her charms. Run time 106 minutes. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 19TH MARCH

Will meet at 7pm at the Edgar Hall. All Somerton residents are welcome to attend.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY - THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

The next meeting of the Society takes place on Thursday 22nd March in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm for coffee and followed, at 7.30pm, with a very short Annual General Meeting (we are renowned for our short AGMs!). Our speaker for the evening, John Youe, then follows with a talk about the Huguenots. Members are reminded that their annual subscription of £12 for 2018 is now very overdue! Visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

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

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 23 March will be a musical story by Tim Lewis - The Wind in the Willows.

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.

STEPHEN PAGE MONTHLY SURGERY: SATURDAY 24TH MARCH

District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 24th March 2018 from 11.00 to 12.00 in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 26TH MARCH

The Green Gardeners will welcome Clare Hart to our meeting for a talk 'Growing Up - Vertical Gardening'. Venue is the Parish Rooms, Somerton at 7.30pm. Refreshments after the talk and visitors very welcome (£3).

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: TUESDAY 27TH MARCH

This month's Stapling and Folding for the April issue will be Tuesday 27th March in the Parish Rooms. See you then.

Mo and Team.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

Somerton Scout Group would like to invite you to our Family Bingo Night at the Somerton Sports Club on the 31st March from 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, all funds raised will go towards supporting the scout group.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10.30-11.30am Zumba Gold, low impact dance class for all, West Street Church
10.30am -11.30am Age UK Movement to Music, Parish Rooms
2.00pm - 5.00pm Bridge Club (Chicago) West Street Church
5.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall
4.30pm - 5.30pm Rainbows, St Cleers Chapel
5.30pm - 7.00pm Brownies, St Cleers Chapel
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut
7.00pm Girl Guides, St Cleers Chapel
7.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall

TUESDAY

9.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
10.00am - 12.00noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
11.30am - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church
7.00pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & Improvers), Wessex Rooms

WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11am Space Yoga (experienced) 11.30am - 12.30pm (beginners) Wessex Rooms
10.00am - 12noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room
10.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (Intermediate), Edgar Hall
12.30pm 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 - 12noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms
2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beavers, Scout Hut
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)

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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

MARCH

Thu 1st Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Thu 1st Arthritis Care "Life and Times of a Silly Boy" 7 for 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms
Fri 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer 2pm St Michael's Church
Sat 3rd Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Mon 5th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West Street Church
Mon 5th Somerton Gardeners Castle Gardens Talk 7.30pm Wessex Rooms
Mon 5th Lang & Dist Hist Soc SS Great Britain 7.30 pm Langport Library
Tue 6th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Tue 6th CAB 10am - noon West Street Church
Tue 6th Tai Chi 9.30am - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Tue 6th LDRC Bacon Butties 10am
Tue 6th WI Birthday Party & Beetle Drive 7.15pm Parish Rooms
Wed 7th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 8th Drop In Financial Planning 9.30am Parish Rooms
Thu 8th Friendship Club 10.30am - noon Somerton Sports Club
Fri 9th Coffee and More 10am - noon West Street Church
Sat 10th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Sat 10th Great Litter Pick in Somerton Day 1
Sat 10th Dean Ruddle's surgery 9.30 - 11am White Hart
Sun 11th Charity Theatre Trip Brendan Cole Evening
Sun 11th Great Litter Pick in Somerton Day 2
Sun 11th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Mon 12th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West Street Church
Mon 12th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West Street Church
Tue 13th CAB 10am - noon West Street Church
Tue 13th Tai Chi 9.30am - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Tue 13th LDRC Pizza & Pud 5pm
Tue 13th Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms
Tue 13th Heart of the Levels talk "Herons" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Wed 14th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Wed 14th U3A Information Day 10am - 12.30pm Edgar Hall
Wed 14th Carers Café 3 - 4pm Buttercross Tea Rooms
Wed 14th Charity Theatre Trip Cilla Evening
Thu 15th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Fri 16th Memorial Ceilidh 7.30pm Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon
Fri 16th Easter Bingo 7pm Wessex Rooms
Sat 17th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Sat 17th Moviola Cinema "My Cousin Rachel" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Mon 19th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West Street Church
Mon 19th Somerton Recreation Ground Management Committee 7pm Edgar Hall
Tue 20th Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Tue 20th CAB 10am - noon West Street Church

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Tue 20th Tai Chi 9.30am - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Tue 20th LDRC Coach Trip to Salisbury 10am
Wed 21st Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Wed 21st MS Group 2.30 - 4pm Buttercross Health Centre
Thu 22nd Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club
Thu 22nd Charity Theatre Trip "Bourne's Cinderella" Evening
Thu 22nd History Society AGM and talk on Huguenots 7 for 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Fri 23rd Coffee and More 10am - noon West Street Church
Fri 23rd U3A "Musical Story" 10am Edgar Hall
Sat 24th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Sat 24th DC Stephen Page's surgery 11am - noon Full of Beans cafe
Sun 25th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30 pm Somerton Sports Club
Mon 26th Zumba Gold 10.30 - 11.30am West Street Church
Mon 26th Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West Street Church
Mon 26th Green Gardeners "Growing Up" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Tue 27th CAB 10am - noon West Street Church
Tue 27th Tai Chi 9.30am - 10.30am Parish Rooms
Wed 28th Yoga 9.30am - 12.30pm Wessex Rooms
Thu 29th LDRC Special Easter Bingo 2pm
Thu 29th Quiz 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Sat 31st Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Sat 31st Scouts Family Bingo 7pm Somerton Sports Club

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Drop-in Financial Advice Clinic

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday:

Thursday 8th February	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 22nd February	9.30am-	12.30pm
Thursday 8th March	9.30am-	12.30pm
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Thursday 26th April	9.30am-	12.30pm

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The groups are run on a drop-in basis - there is no need to book or to be referred. Or perhaps you would like to become a volunteer to help run these groups?
St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton TA1 5HA Thursdays 2pm-4pm
Octagon Theatre, Yeovil BA20 1UX 10.30am - 12.30.
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Joint PPG group - Volunteer Secretary position

Our joint Patient Participation Group (PPG) is an essential and valued part of all our practices and helps us to understand what the patient experience is really like.

The group hears about developments at the practices, current challenges and proposed changes. Our enthusiastic PPG volunteers put forward ideas, suggestions and ask questions on behalf of all patients and to support communication.

An exciting vacancy has arisen for a Volunteer Secretary to support the work of the PPG. The role includes liaising with members to assemble the draft agenda, circulating meeting papers, attending PPG meetings to prepare minutes and maintaining records of meetings and membership.

Estimated time commitment: 5 hours per month

For further information, or an informal chat about this position contact the PPG Chair at somppg@gmail.com.



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Community**

**Nomination forms are available in the Viaduct, Somerton Library and via
the Somerton Town Council Website**

- **The closing date for nominations will be 30th April 2018**
- **Nominations will be viewed early May 2018**
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This continues in the summer term and ends in November with 'Art of the Great War across the Divide' to coincide with the centenary of the armistice in 1918.

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