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**1 May 2018, 15 May 2018
5 June 2018, 19 June 2018**

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	8 th May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	8 th & 22 nd May	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Parish Meeting	31 st May	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!

- Community Awards will be presented at the parish meeting on 31st May at Edgar Hall starting at 7pm.
- The Community Plan has been adopted by the Town Council and will be published in May 2018.
- STC presented a cheque for £150 to South Somerset Mind to assist in the development of a community network for mental health awareness and support in Somerset and local projects including Music for the Mind and Driving Challenge and raising employer awareness.
- Recreation Ground Management Committee received a grant for £6440.00 towards grounds maintenance.
- STC provided a grant to The Wessex Room (Youth Club) for contribution towards the rent:
- Two digital notice boards will be installed in Somerton to aid communication between the Town Council, resident and visitors to Somerton. The exact locations have not been finalised but are likely to be near the library and in the Market Place.
- The STC meeting schedule for 2018/19 has been approved and is available on the STC website.

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.

G Budd (probably George) is listed as serving in WW1, but the census and other records show only a William Budd whose young son William died in 1932. He was related to the Bennetts. In 1911 Reginald Burt was 13 and worked as an errand boy. He lived with his widowed mother in one of the tiny cottages at Leavers Court. I have found no record of him after 1918. Do you know what happened to him?

In May 1918, Frances Jessie Butler was christened and her sister Louisa in 1921. Their father, Frank William Butler, served in the Army Service Corps as a driver of motor transport. In 1968 his widow Florence was living in Northfield. Does anyone know what happened to Frank? 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.

For more information about the scheme contact: Nancy Schooling tel: 273859 email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

TRAIN4ALL

Train4All is a Building Trades Training Centre just on the edge of Somerton and hosted 30 apprentices and their trainers from Brittany for a day on Wednesday 4th April.

David and Pam Harrison represented Somerton Town Council and Mo Fletcher and Pauline Saunders represented Somerton Twinning Association with Jon and Rachel Allen of Train4All at their welcome. See the photo on the front cover taken by Rachel Allen.

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS NEWS

Bristol Hippodrome has been busy booking in new shows. So have !! We now have tickets for five new trips.

Two Welsh National operas, both light hearted ones (nobody dies!):

Rossini's take on Cinderella, 'La Cenerentola' (Fri 26 Oct, £55) and Mozart's much loved 'The Magic Flute' (Thu 11 Apr, £55).

As a complete contrast we have the story and the music of 'Motown' (Wed 16 Jan, £48/£58), and the comedy musical featuring many hit rock anthems Rock of Ages (Thu 18 Apr, £41/£50) At last 'Matilda' reaches Bristol in 2019 and is likely to sell out fast. We have a half-term matinee trip (Wed 26 May) and two evenings (Tue 21 May & Thu 6 Jun) All at £72 plus a few rear stalls at £62.

For more details of these and all other trips please log on to www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 to request a printed brochure.

ACEARTS TO OFFER MORE 'BIG DRAW' SESSIONS

'The Big Draw' is the world's largest drawing festival, which is open to all ages and takes place in October. Last year ACEArts participated by holding a free drawing session in the first floor gallery space, and people who attended asked for more sessions to be held. A grant from Somerton Town Council will enable this to happen, with ACEArts planning a total of 4 'Big Draw' sessions throughout this year.

SOMERTON GARDENER'S CLUB

Somerton Gardener's Club invite 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. There are lots of sections covering flowers, pot plants, vegetables, and handicrafts as well as specialist classes for children and home brew. 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).

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR MARCH

Total rainfall was 129mm - just over 5 inches and there was rain or snow on 20 days! It was the wettest March for 20 years in Somerton.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ROY WARRY AND FRIENDS

On March 25th a Tea Dance was held at Edgar Hall in Somerton in aid of Guide Dogs. This was organized by Roy Warry who runs the 'Strictly Jive' dance class at the Edgar Hall. Many friends attended and met Alfie, a working guide dog and Mike who is a puppy in training. We raised the princely sum of £840 for the Guide Dog Association. Many thanks to Somerton Town Council who help support the event through their Defibrillator fund and Nikkis Cakes from Langport.

Liz Roddie, organiser for Somerton and District Branch of Guide Dogs.

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.

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 Elaine on 07717 783 957

BUSES OF SOMERSET

The current 54/77 timetables (5th Feb) will be valid "until further notice" according to their website.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

Our rugby season has now finished with success for both the Men's first XV finishing in 4th position in the Tribute Somerset 2 League and our Girl's U18 team with 3 girls receiving their Somerset RFC County Caps Emily Foster-Godley has been selected for the England Rugby 'Centre Of Excellence Programme'

The club would like to thank its loyal sponsors and supporters for their support throughout the season and we shall look forward to seeing you all in September. Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and keep up to date with all current events surrounding the club.

SAMARITANS ARE HERE FOR YOU

Somerton, like many others communities, is brimming with people who volunteer their time to a variety of causes and in addition there will be those in any community who in their hour of need would welcome a talk with someone who is detached from their immediate surroundings. Find out more about being a Samaritan and our exceptional training programme by coming along to one of our Volunteering Information Sessions held at 25 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DG at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (Mar - Dec inclusive) or leave a message on our answerphone: 01935 414015 or go online at www.samaritans.org to register your interest.

SOMERTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

This website has an Events Page and all entries are free of charge. Also any sporting fixtures that are held in Somerton, that the public can come and watch and support your team, can be listed. When listing any events please state which organisation/club is being represented. Email: somerton@somerton.co.uk tel: 272041

'WEATHER REPORT' COMING TO ACEARTS NEXT MONTH

ACEArts will welcome Royal West of England Academy member Deborah Westmancoat next month, whose exhibition 'Weather Report' runs from 21st April until 19th May. Deborah is a contemporary artist based in Somerset, who graduated from Plymouth University with a first class honours degree in Fine Art in 2014. The paintings in her show attempt to understand landscape and our place within it, and are created using site and weather specific waters combined with pigment.

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 on 7th July? Pitches are still available and if you wish to book call us on 07928 508 700 and leave a message or contact us via the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk

If Art or Photography is more your talent then why not enter the exhibition running from 29th May to 2nd June. Details can be found on the website or contact Jade direct on 07807 484 083.

Watch this space for the full programme of events to be announced in the May edition of Viaduct which will include the full programme alongside ticket office information, how to obtain tickets online and much more.

COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

See the poster and get your nominations in - let us show our appreciation for all our volunteers who make Somerton such an interesting and friendly place to live.

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.

Our Centre in the main Langport Car Park is open every morning, except Sunday, where we sell donated goods and provide friendship and company over a hot, or cold, drink and a biscuit (or two!). Donations of items for sale are always welcomed. We also carry a small stock of disability aids for loan or purchase.

Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to cox.cj@btinternet.com.

SOMERTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Our outdoor season has started! Why not give BOWLS a try? It is friendly, it is fun and will help you keep fit. All abilities catered for. Only flat shoes required - we can supply you with bowls.

Tuition given by our Peter or we can arrange a bowling buddy for you. More info from Lizzy on 01458 274439.

WELL BEING SOUTH SOMERSET

Spark, with support from the NHS Symphony Programme, have launched a new website to promote wellbeing in South Somerset. It features a comprehensive Directory of Support, where people can search through hundreds of local services, groups and activities from lunch clubs & walking groups, to condition-specific support groups, that could improve their wellbeing, as well as health-boosting self-management tools and tips. See www.wellbeingsouthsomerset.org

POETRY CORNER

Come on you Somerton poets!

DUSTY

The snow has gone the sun is out
There are still some things to think about
My computer is printing photographs from the past
Better than laboratory prints so they should last.

According to my printer blurb
Which I think is not absurd.
Photos printed are better than the lab.
If they are I will be quite glad.

Printers finished time to look and see
Certainly as good as, they'll do for me
Movement outside so I look out the window.
A flash of white and a ball caught from a throw.

Our spaniel named Dusty chases her ball that's thrown
She sometimes gives it up though it is her own.
She's chased her ball and brought it within
If dogs could smile her face would be a big grin

John Waller March 2018

Forthcoming Events

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE: MONDAY 30TH APRIL

7.00pm Fire Station Community Room. Did you enjoy the Christmas lights in Dec 2017? We are planning the display for 2018 and we need more volunteers to help put up the lights in safety. Our programme starts with:

- a) Checking the strings of lights in Oct/Nov
- b) Putting the lights around the trees late Nov
- c) Putting up the lights and trees over 2 weekends in Nov
- d) Taking them down over a weekend in Jan

You do not have to be available for all the stages but any help would be appreciated.
Come along and meet the gang. Look out for the posters around the Town.
More info: Ian Rodgers 07890 507 452 email: [ianrodgers333@gmail](mailto:ianrodgers333@gmail.com)

PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 1ST AND 15TH MAY

9.00am-12noon Parish Rooms. See our advert.

LABURNUM DRIVE: TUESDAY 1ST MAY

10.00am Bacon butties, plus talk on bees. SO fascinating, don't miss it. All welcome.
We have a great programme lined up for the whole year, so please keep some days free in your diaries so you can join us! All booking lists are in our Hall for dates and times etc. Or tel 272620.

MONTHLY T+: TUESDAY 1ST MAY

2.30pm St Michael's An opportunity to meet and chat over a cup of tea. This month will be a games afternoon. Board games will be available but if you want to bring some of your own that would be helpful. There will also be a short time of worship,

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 1ST MAY

7.15pm Parish Rooms. AGM and Musical Evening.

CREATE AND CONNECT: WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY

11.00am-1.00pm & 2.00pm-4.00pm ACEarts. Join us and make alongside other makers. Bring a project that you are working on, knitting, drawing, collage, crochet. Grab a coffee and enjoy the surroundings.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 3RD AND 17TH MAY

11.30am Somerton Library. 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. Weather permitting on May 3rd we may go to Midney gardens for refreshments. More info from Mo 274631.

ARTHRITIS CARE / ARTHRITIS RESEARCH UK: THURSDAY 3RD MAY

Our double name is because we have now merged and are considering a new name. 7 for 7.30pm Pinney Room, Parish Rooms "A Trip To The Philippines" by Martyn Smith. Visitors welcome.

COFFEE IN CHURCH: SATURDAY 5TH MAY

10.00am-12noon St Michael's. Coffee morning in aid of church funds organised by the Flower Ladies

BINGO: SUNDAY 6TH MAY

7.30pm Sports Club (over 18s only, please)

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 8TH MAY

2.00pm-4.30pm Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy the challenge and eat Pam's cookies. £3 on the door

DEMENTIA FRIENDS: TUESDAY 8TH MAY

6.00pm ACEarts. Led by Shirley Chapman, Trustee of ACE and Dementia Champion. Led by the Alzheimer's Society, 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. Sessions last 45-60 minutes and covers 5 things everyone should know about dementia through some fun activities. More sessions: 25 June 10.30am and 17 July 6pm

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST: TUESDAY 8TH MAY

Counting Somerset's Wildlife, Parish Rooms 7.30pm. Somerset Environmental Records centre (SERC) records Somerset's animals plants and invertebrates. Staff of SERC will explain their role in nature conservation, and talk on the scope of their work, giving a fascinating insight into our flora and fauna. Members £3.00/non members £4.00. Tea and coffee served after the talk.

U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAYS 9TH AND 23RD MAY

1.30pm West St Church. Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 for more details.

CARER'S CAFÉ: WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

3.00pm-4.00pm Buttercross Tea Rooms. Carers in their own home can sometimes feel very isolated - but we are not alone, so come along for a social outlet and to exchange ideas.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB THURSDAY 10TH MAY

10.30am Somerton Sports Club. Come and join us on second Thursday of the month for a chat and friendship. Our activities vary but we mainly socialise and enjoy having fun. Tea 20p Coffee 30p. Free draw ticket. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAYS 10TH AND 24TH MAY

9.00am-12noon Parish Rooms. 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

MADE IN SOMERSET: THURSDAY 10TH MAY

10.00am-3.00pm The White Hart and ACEarts. This event, celebrating the best designer-makers and artisan-producers, returns for a fourth consecutive year. Made in Somerset is a fundraising event for local charity Etatu, which aims to improve the lives of children in Kenya through the power of education.

COFFEE AND MORE.....: FRIDAYS 11TH AND 25TH MAY

10.00am-12noon West Street Church. 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.

More info, or to volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

SOMERSET DAY CELEBRATIONS: FRIDAY 11TH MAY

10.00am-5.00pm The Alfred Gillett Trust invite you to join them at The Grange in Street for a free day of heritage care demonstrations and information. Access is from Clarks Village car park 4. Entrance is free, but donations towards the care and future display of their collections would be gratefully received.

For more details: www.alfredgilletttrust.org or 01458 444060

RECREATION GROUND, GASSONS LANE: SATURDAY 12TH MAY

April brought two football cup finals to Somerton and on May 12th there will be 3 divisional cup finals. These matches will draw a lot of visitors to Somerton. Inevitably there will be parking problems and we ask for your patience for a few hours. Spectators from Somerton are asked to walk to the ground. Also please ask visiting friends to park at your house and then walk to the match. Refreshments will be available.

In early June, there will be end of season maintenance. Wet weather has delayed matches as well as regular maintenance work so please be prepared for disruption around the Recreation Ground some weekends. Apologies and thank you for your patience.

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB: SATURDAY 12TH MAY

2.00pm-4.30pm OPEN DAY. There'll be a junior (2.00-3.00) and adult (3.00-4.00) sessions, followed by free play & the chance to find out about more opportunities. If you're interested please contact Bridget 272986.

Coaching courses for Juniors

New term of junior coaching started on April 10th. Details from Luke.Latennis@hotmail.com or 07437 404 242.

Coaching courses for Adults

'Rusty Rackets' - If you're returning to tennis, there's ideal sessions on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm & Fridays 12noon-1.00pm

Lady beginners - The 'In It Together' course beginning in May, at £3 per session subsidised by SSDC

If you're interested in these courses or keen to have private coaching, please contact Neil Driver as above.

Summer holidays for Juniors

There will be an LTA 'Tennis for Kids' course - 6 sessions over 6 weeks - which starts on Monday 30th July 10.30am-11.30am. Please contact Luke or see www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids for the exciting details.

Public hire of the courts (£6/hr per court) via Wendy Driver on 01458 270131 or 07788 451 098.

ORCHIDS AT BABCARY: SATURDAY 12TH MAY

10:30 am Red Lion Car Park, Babcary A relaxed walk around the Babcary Meadows reserve to find marsh and green-winged orchids and other meadow flowers to the accompaniment of bird song. This will be part of the Trust's commitment to Naturally Healthy Month. More details: www.somersetwildlife.org/Orchids_at_Babcary

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 14TH MAY

11.00am to 12noon West Street 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.

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 14TH MAY

7.30pm Langport Library. 'A glimpse of stocking' a talk by Rob Curtis. Visitors very welcome.

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 14TH MAY

7.00pm Edgar Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Correction: Recreation Ground Management Committee meets on the second Monday of each month and not on the third Monday as stated in the February Viaduct. All residents are welcome to attend.

SOMERTON GARDENERS': CLUB MONDAY 14TH MAY

7.00pm Brimsmore Garden Centre. Members only discount evening.

LABURNUM DRIVE: TUESDAY 15TH MAY

10.00am Annual bring & buy sale

SOMERSET ARTS SOCIETY: TUESDAY 15TH MAY

11.00am Caryford Hall, Castle Cary. Illustrated lecture: "Charles Saatchi - a modern Medici" Admission £6. Information 01963 350132

BUTTERCROSS CARERS MS GROUP: WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY

2.30pm-4.00pm Buttercross Health Centre More info: Annie Morley tel: 272473

CC DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 19TH MAY

9.30am-11.00am 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.

SWT CREAM TEA FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY 19TH MAY

2.00pm-4.30pm Roche Bridge Cottage, Sutton Road, Somerton, TA11 6QP Fundraising event to support the Somerset Wildlife Trust through the sale of cream teas and plant sales. A pleasant afternoon in a Somerton garden. No booking required but a donation to the Trust would be most welcome. Assistance dogs only please as bantams and resident dogs roam freely.

SOMERTON MOVIE: SATURDAY 19TH MAY

7.30pm Parish Rooms. FotPR presents "Finding Your Feet" (2018) with an all-star cast. On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

Run time 111 mins. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door. More info: 241808

LOVE SOMERTON'S MAY FAYRE: SUNDAY 20TH MAY

2.30pm-5.30pm in St Michael's church yard. There will be street food, bar, market stalls, games, competitions and dancing. Follow our Facebook page and shop windows for regular updates.

BINGO: SUNDAY 20TH MAY

7.30pm Sports Club (over 18s only, please)

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 21ST MAY

Green Gardeners start their summer programme of outdoor meetings with a wildflower walk at Batcombe Downs. Chris Cornell will be leading the walk and members are having a 'Bring and Share' picnic afterwards. The event is pre-booked but any visitors wanting to join us please contact Ron or Jen tel: 899581.

LABURNUM DRIVE: TUESDAY 22ND MAY

10.00am Coach trip to Weston-super-Mare and Sanders' World. £10.

SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 24TH MAY

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

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 24TH MAY

7.00pm for 7.30pm Parish Rooms. "The Somerset Rajahs of Sarawak" by John Page. Members free, but visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. More info: Nancy Schooling 273859.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 25TH MAY

2.00pm Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and Team

SOMERTON U3A AGM: FRIDAY 25TH MAY

10.00am Edgar Hall. AGM followed by a performance of The Abbey Quartet, a local group who were a great success at last year's Somerton Music and Arts Festival. All members are urged to attend as we need to have a 20% attendance in order for the AGM to take place. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at Edgar Hall, Somerton starting at 10.00am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

STEPHEN PAGE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: SATURDAY 26TH MAY

11.00am-12.00noon '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.

LABURNUM DRIVE: WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY

2.00pm we'll be up to our elbows in compost, planting our hall baskets and tubs. Tea and cakes for all. Want to help?

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS: THURSDAY 31ST MAY

5.30pm departure for Bristol. "Miss Saigon" Contact Chris 273085.

QUIZ NIGHT: THURSDAY 31ST MAY

8.30pm Sports Club. Teams of up to 6.

SOMERTON GARDENER'S CLUB: SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

10.00am Outside Somerton Library. Reminder of plant sale - come and buy your bedding plants and much more. Helpful friendly advice available. Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and for further information about the club. New revamped website coming soon.

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

Crane Farm, Somerton. An afternoon of Jazz in the Garden featuring music from Delta Swing. Profits will be donated to Love Somerton for future events. Cream teas, Prosecco Bar. Bring own blankets and garden chairs.
Tickets £8 each on sale at Another Sky and Cobbs Wholefoods.

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 - 1030am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
10.00am - 12.00noon 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 - 12noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room

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10.00am - 12noon Line Dancing (All levels), Edgar Hall
12.30pm Yarlington 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
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
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)

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

MAY

Mon 30th April Somerton Lights Brigade 7.00pm Fire Station
Tue 1st May Pardoes Legal Clinic 9.00am Parish Rooms
 Bacon Butties & Talk 10.00am Laburnum Dr
 Monthly T+ 2,30pm St Michael's
 Somerton WI AGM 7.15pm Parish Rooms
Wed 2nd May Create and Connect 11.00am/2.00pm Acearts
Thu 3rd May Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Thu 3rd May Arthritis Care 7.00pm Pinney Room
Sat 5th May Coffee in Church 10.00am St Michael's
Sun 6th May Bingo 7.30pm Sports Club
Tue 8th May Rummikub 2.00pm Parish Rooms
 Dementia Friends 6.00pm Acearts
 SW Trust 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Wed 9th May U3A Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church
 Carer's Café 3.00pm Buttercross Tea Rooms

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Thu 10th May Friendship Club 10.30am Sports Club
Finance Clinic 9.00am Parish Rooms
Made In Somerset 10.00am White Hart & Acearts
Fri 11th May Coffee And More 10.00am West St Church
Sat 12th May Divisional Cup Finals Recreation Ground
Tennis Club Open Day 2.00pm Sports Club
Mon 14th May Somerton Sings for Fun 11.00am West St Church
Rec Gd Mgt Comm 7.00pm Edgar Hall
Gardener's Club Members 7.00pm Brimsmore Gardens
Tue 15th May Pardoes Legal Clinic 9.00am Parish Rooms
Laburnum Dr Bring & Buy 10.00am Laburnum Dr
Somerset Arts Society 11.00am Caryford Hall
Wed 16th May MS Group 2.30pm Buttercross Health Centre
Thu 17th May Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library
Sat 19th May CC Ruddle Surgery 9.30am White Hart
SWT Cream Teas 2.00pm Roche Bridge Cottage
Moviola "Finding Your Feet" 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Sun 20th May Love Somerton's May Fayre 2.30pm St Michael's
Bingo 7.30pm Sports Club
Mon 21st May Green Gardeners Wildflower Walk
Tue 22nd May Coach Trip 10.00am Laburnum Drive
Wed 23rd May U3A Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church
Thu 24th May Finance Clinic 9.00am Parish Rooms
Short Health Walk 11.30am Sports Club
Somerton History Society 7.00pm Parish Rooms
Fri 25th May Coffee and More 10.00am West St Church
Somerton U3A AGM 10.00am Edgar Hall
Viaduct S&F 2.00pm Parish Rooms
Sat 26th May DC Page Surgery 11.00am Full Of Beans
Wed 30th May Planting 2.00pm Laburnum Drive
Thu 31st May "Miss Saigon" 5.30pm Coach
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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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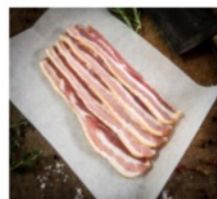
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