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# Reports

## SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL REPORT - OCTOBER 2015

CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR

TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning (if required)	3rd November	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Full Council	10th November	7.30pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication	17th November	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Land and Properties	24th November	7:30:00 PM	Edgar Hall

### Recreation Ground Masterplan

Following the feasibility study the master plan will be available for the community to review from

**Monday 9th November at Edgar Hall**

During normal opening hours, other times by appointment.

Councillors will be in attendance at the Remembrance Day Parade which will be held on Sunday 8th November 2015. Parade commences 9.15am from the Infants School.

The Market Square paving around the Buttercross and Old Town Hall is commencing well and is due to finished in time for the Victorian Evening on 27th November. The work is being funded by a generous legacy from Mrs Cooper. The next STC surgery will be held on 31st October at the Library 10.30am to 12 noon.

STC is working with Somerset County Council and seeking to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in West Street, via a Small Improvement Scheme. The process could take up to two years.

In future STC will hold one Planning meeting per month on the first Tuesday of each month at Edgar Hall, commencing 7.30pm. Cllr Harrison has been elected as Chair of Planning Committee.

- The linear drainage in West Street has been jetted but workmen to return for one last section.



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on one of these dates:

22nd October 7.0pm Thursday

31st October 10.am Saturday

26th November 7.0pm Thursday

12th December 10.am Saturday

We are keen to hear from anyone over 18 with time in the evenings and weekends. Call 01935 414015 and let us know when you are coming or email [joinyeovilsams@gmail.com](mailto:joinyeovilsams@gmail.com)

Yeovil Samaritans, 25 The Park, Yeovil,  
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## **WE HAVE MOVED**

**Andrew Roff HPC Registered Chiropodist / Podiatrist.**

Is now practising at:

The Bodyworks Physiotherapy Clinic  
11 Camelot Court,  
Somerton,  
TA11 6SB (opposite Royal Mail).

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**Please Note - Our new phone number is 07773 888440**

- Retaining wall in Pestors Lane has an unstable section, for which County Highways are investigating.
- The mechanical road brush has been replaced with a newer more efficient model.
- Signage for one way system at Brunel Bridge has been installed.
- 3 reports of fly tipping in the last 2 months.
- Removing rubbish costs money - Your Money! Money for funding to remove rubbish is taken from the Council Tax. We must be all vigilant and report the offenders if known.
- New external seating ordered for Edgar Hall
- The Somerton Dramatic Society container will be re-sited from EH in March 2016.
- Work is being undertaken to improve the cemetery skip screening and the cemetery store.
- Cemetery terms and conditions are being worked on and will be issued shortly with a proposed implementation date of 1st April 2016.
- Toilet refurbishment works continue.
- New Town map to be launched in 2016, distributed through the leaflet exchange.
- A review of the previous Town Plan with a plan to update in 2016.
- Community Engagement Policy being worked on.
- Thanks to Jeff Dyer for his hard work in the planting scheme around the town.

## **AUTUMN TIDY UP**

Somerton Old Doctor's Surgery site received an autumn "spruce up" this week from offenders required to "give something back to their local communities". They were all doing unpaid Community Payback work as required by the court. Set up in 2003 the Payback Scheme aims to both punish offenders and achieve something positive. Nationally millions of hours have been spent on useful work and in Somerton the fortnightly programme has seen benefits to the Recreation Ground in the painting of benches, fencing and the dug outs, litter picking and weeding in the Market Place and regular visits to the cemetery where great pride is taken in keeping the space tidy.

Community Payback Supervisor Pete Mellen, manages the programme locally. "We are committed to finding useful jobs so that the project works well and we are always happy to hear about prospective placement opportunities," he expressed. The local contact number for Community Payback is 03000 492622.

## COUNCILS AND COUNCIL TAX IN SOMERSET

People are often heard commenting (usually complaining!) about "The Council", but here in Somerton and Somerset there are three levels of council as well as other organisations that influence our lives (and take a portion of our council tax!)

**Somerset County Council**, based in Taunton (64% of our council tax)

Responsible for the more strategic services across the county such as education, transport and roads, planning, fire and public safety, social care, libraries, waste management, trading standards. It has an annual budget approaching £750 million of which education and social care are the two biggest items. The county is split into 5 districts.

**South Somerset District Council**, based in Yeovil (9%)

Responsible for more local services such as rubbish collection, recycling, council tax collections, voter registration and polls, housing and planning applications. It has an annual budget of about £18 million. The district is split into 4 areas.

**Somerton Town Council**, based in Somerton (11%)

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Responsible for more local matters such as the town's car parking and toilets, provision of play areas, supporting the recreation ground through grant funding, managing the cemetery, managing bookings and maintenance at Edgar Hall and maintaining street lighting. In addition, liaises with the District & County Councils on issues affecting the town such as highway maintenance, streetcleaning and planning matters. It has an annual budget of about £300,000 and has 4 major committees.

**Avon & Somerset Police**, based in Portishead, Bristol (11%)

Responsible for all policing matters including crime reporting and follow up, road traffic accidents, firearms licencing, but NOT parking on roads (responsibility of the County Council). In addition, they provide advice on how to keep you and your home as safe as possible from crime. Also they give advice on schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Speedwatch and Farm Watch.

**Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority**, based in Exeter (5%)

Responsible for much more than putting out fires! They advise on prevention of fires and other safety matters both in the home and for businesses, as well as attending road traffic incidents, flooding and confined space rescues. They operate 24 stations in Somerset, not all of which are permanently manned.

## **PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

### **SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Due to the scheduled refurbishments the public toilet facilities will be closed for 3 days for re-decoration. Work will commence on 26th October 2015.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused during this period.

## **SOMERTON GARDENS COMPETITION**

Somerton Town Council greatly appreciate all the efforts put in by everyone in making their gardens such an attraction for townsfolk. The following homes won prizes of Overt Locke vouchers and the winners a cup:

Large Gardens: 1st 49, St Cleers Orchard, 2nd April Cottage, Polham Lane

Medium Gardens: 1st 10, Paul's Road, 2nd Croftdown, Northfields

Small Gardens: 1st 6, Highfield Way, 2nd 55, Parklands

Containers: 1st 12, Chestnut Close, 2nd 12, Cary Way

Business & Trade, The Ruddle Group, Brunel Precinct

## **SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Do you know somebody who contributes to the success and vitality of our community? The Town Council is very aware of the contribution that many members of our community make to the life of the town. We would like to mark this by presenting awards to these people at the Annual Meeting in May 2016.

The categories for the awards are: Sport, Art, Business, Community, Youth

Nominations will open in January 2016 with a closing date of 31st March, short listed nominees will be invited to the awards ceremony to be held in Somerton during May 2016. Further details will be available in the local press, on our website and Facebook pages from January 2016.

### **MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE MORNING**

Many, many thanks to all those people and local businesses, who contributed to the success of the Coffee Morning held in the Parish Rooms and the Edgar Hall on Fri 25th September. Special thanks go to our sponsors Accounting Angels and the following local businesses and groups:

Avalon Sciences, Ann Mallong, Bernard Stacey, Cobbs, Courtyard Café, Full of Beans, The Gifted company, The Globe, The Head Office, King Ina Academy, Natural Meats, Savannah, Somerton U3A, Stationery House, Tony's Fish and Chips, The Unicorn, Wessex House Volunteers, The White Hart, and Williams Supermarket. My thanks also, to all those who helped on the day. What a wonderful team! Altogether we raised £700!! WOW! Didn't we do well?! Thank you as well, to all those people who came and contributed so generously by taking part in the Coffee Morning, and eating copious amounts of cake!

*Marion Crighton*

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO SOMERTON GROUNDSMEN**

The Somerton Recreation Ground, Gassons Lane, receives another award from the Somerset Playing Fields Association.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Somerset Playing Fields Association, held at Woolavington Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September 2015, the Somerton Recreation Ground was presented with the Silver Award in the category 'Playing Field of the Year' by the Chairman Cllr. D.W.Durdan. (TDBC). This year's Silver award follows on from the previous awards of two bronze, one silver and winner of the Cup in both 2014 and 2010. This showing the consistency of the work done by all concerned and the resulting benefit for the users of the field.

The Somerton Recreation Ground Trustees extended their thanks and congratulations to the two groundsmen, Mr. A. Billing and Mr. W. Foote who manage the Recreation Ground and prepare it for all the sports activities held there; keeping the field tidy for the benefit of the community of Somerton.

The Somerton Recreation Ground Trustees also wish to acknowledge the field maintenance provided by Mr A Bartlett, Evergreen Turf, which supports and enables the groundsmen to achieve the current standard for our pitches.

Councillors Mo Fletcher and Peter Frayne and member of the Recreation Ground Management Committee, Jason Burton, presented the award to Mr Billing and Mr Foote at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 10th October 2015. Cllr Mo Fletcher took this opportunity to convey to both Andy and Wayne, on behalf of the Trustees, their sincere thanks and congratulations.



## **SOMERTON WIVES CLUB**

As we voted at the very last meeting of the Wives in July, the remaining funds have been distributed to the following:

Somerton Group of First Responders - £300.

Yeovil District Hospital Scanner Appeal - £273.63p.

With the distribution of the funds, the Somerton Wives Club is now, sadly, officially closed.

## **FRIENDS OF THE PARISH ROOMS**

A Harvest Supper was held in the Parish Rooms on Saturday October 3rd, when almost 50 people enjoyed a 3 course meal plus coffee, prepared by the ladies of the committee, for which we give great thanks. Special thanks for raffle prizes from Richard Williams, Ronnie May, Stationery House and Blooming in Somerton. Proceeds from such events go towards making the Parish Rooms a better place for everyone.

Martyn Smith, Treasurer

## **RECORD ATTENDANCE AT "BRILLIANT" U3A CONFERENCE**

Eight members of Somerton University of the Third Age (U3A) attended the organisation's South West regional conference at Sherborne on October 2 which was transformed by a record attendance and two owls.

Numbers for these conferences usually hover around the 40 mark. But for this event at the Digby Hall, which had the theme of conservation, more than 150 people from 27 U3As were there, plus Portia, a nine-weeks-old barn owl, and Orion, a tawny owl.

Regional Trustee Diana Holdsworth commented: "It was very successful. The idea of having a theme that linked all the talks really appealed to people." Val Warren, one of the conference organisers, added: "It went absolutely brilliantly. The feedback was very positive."

Chris Sperring, of the Hawk and Owl Trust, who was one of the speakers wisely brought along the two owls. He warned that 59 per cent of British wildlife has declined in the past 40 years and 10 per cent faces imminent extinction.

Ian Caskie spoke about Isambard Kingdom Brunel's history-making steamship the SS Great Britain - at the time of its launch it was the biggest and fastest ship in the world, the first with an iron hull, the first driven by a propeller and the first transatlantic liner.

The conservation theme was completed by Gill Baker and Liz Bodley who worked at Greenway, the summer home of crime writer Agatha Christie, near Brixham, which was left to the National Trust about 10 years ago.

Regional Trustee Diana Holdsworth told the conference she was privileged to represent the best region in the country and looked forward to visiting as many of the U3As as possible in the South West.

### **OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Unfortunately my aunt is unable to make gift tags from the thousands of christmas cards so generously given, because of her failing eyesight and poor health. We do not need any more this year. Thank you for all your support in the past.

*Mel Peppard*

### **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME**

After our hectic five trips in four weeks we have a quiet run up to Christmas. However booking for Mamma Mia, The Last Tango and Swan Lake closes during November so last chance to be certain of a place for those.

Our theatre-goers have now raised £46000 for Somerset Red Cross, The Alzheimer's Society and Italian Twinning. Trip 200 is coming up next autumn. We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport and Somerton, then Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet, or Street, Glastonbury and Wells, depending on bookings.

Full details of all our trips can be found at [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) or phone Chris on 01458 273085 to request a postal listing.

### **SHOWS TO COME, ALL EVENINGS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE:**

Sun 3 Jan Matinee, Snow White (Pantomime), Ad £36 Ch. £29

Thu 7 Jan Matinee Swan Lake (Russian Ballet Company), £29

Thu 21 & Tue 26 Jan The Bodyguard (Whitney Houston musical) £48 (21st Full)

Thu 4 Feb The Last Tango (Flavia & Vincent) £39

Thu 3 Mar Sleeping Beauty (Matthew Bourne Dance) £39

Sat 19 Mar The Marriage of Figaro (Mozart Opera) £42

Tue 5 & Mon 25 Apr Mamma Mia (Abba musical) £46 (5th Full)

Sun 15 May Tell Me on a Sunday (Lloyd Webber Musical) £38

Wed 13 Jul Guys & Dolls (Hollywood Musical) £42

Wed 20 Jul The Rocky Horror Show (Dance in the aisles) £36

### **CHILDREN IN NEED RAMBLE**

Following the request on Countryfile to go out and ramble on the week-end of the 10/11th October, my friend Lin and I decided to walk the Taunton to Bridgwater canal, a total of 15 miles, and collect sponsorship for "Children in Need". We did the walk on Saturday 10th October and completed the walk in just over 4 hours.

People have been more than generous and we are expecting to raise between £200 and £300. Our thanks go to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause. I am glad to say that my aching limbs did not last too long!  
Monica Nicholls.

### **CRACK DOWN ON LITTERING IN YEOVIL TOWN CENTRE**

South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Streetscene and Environmental Health Officers are working together with Avon & Somerset Police in a bid to reduce litter in Yeovil town centre.

A lot of hard work goes in to making sure that towns and villages across South Somerset are kept clean and tidy. In an effort to improve and enhance our street cleaning performance in Yeovil, SSDC's Streetscene services have purchased 3 new vacuum litter collecting wheelie bins and one backpack collector. Officers are confident they will aid in reducing the issue of cigarette ends and broken glass on the streets.

Officers from Environmental Health will also be patrolling and challenging anyone seen dropping litter. Dropping litter on the streets or in a public space is an offence under the Environmental protection Act 1990, and officers have the power to issue a fixed penalty notices of £80 to anyone found flouting these laws. Littering can include dropping crisp packets, cigarette ends and even chewing gum onto the streets.

### **SOMERTON MOVIOLA**

There is not usually a Somerton Moviola in the month of December. However, this year, we have managed to secure a special showing of "Doctor Zhivago", the 1965 blockbuster starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie and highly rated as one of the best love films ever made. The film will be shown as a matinee on Friday 11th December, commencing at 1.30pm. Because this is a lengthy film (193 minutes), at the half way stage there will be a break for afternoon tea (on proper china!), which will be served in the Pinney Room. Tickets will be limited to 60 to ensure a comfortable ambience for all. The "Friends" committee has yet to meet to decide prices, so look out for posters early in November.

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## **News**

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### **DO NOT WASTE YOUR WASTE - GET COMPOSTING THIS AUTUMN**

The warm summer weather and tropical rainstorms this year have helped our gardens to bloom and flourish, but summer is over and the time has come to prune, trim and prepare the garden for next year. So what should you do with all the extra garden waste: Getcomposting, of course?

To encourage residents to get composting, Somerset Waste Partnership has teamed up with Getcomposting.com to offer home compost bins at special offer prices from only £17.98 (RRP £39). There is also a buy one get one half price offer when purchasing a second bin from only £8.99, a massive saving. Getcomposting have exclusive offers on a range of other great green products, including special offer water butts with buy one get one half price and a selection of gardening accessories. To see what is available visit [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) or call 0844 571 4444. (Standard cost from a BT landline is 5ppm plus your phone company's access charge. Other providers may charge more).

### **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN VIADUCT?**

For over 12 years Viaduct, our parish magazine, has been distributed free every month to most homes in Somerton. The aim is to keep residents updated on what is happening at Somerton Town Council and with local organisations. In addition, it is there for individuals and local organisations to report on past local events and inform of forthcoming events.

There have been lots of changes over the years, some of which have been seen as improvements and some not! Do please let the editors know what you think is good and not so good about Viaduct, especially the new format with colour photos and the use of advertising (which helps to finance the publication).

Mo & Neal, editors, [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### **WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TOUR**

We are hoping to run a four day WW1 Battlefields Tour beginning on 6th June 2016 at an approximate cost of £260 inclusive of transport and B & B accommodation. Lunch, evening meals and entrance fees will be extra.

We hope to visit the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, the Somme and Ypres battlefields, the Thiepval Memorial, Polygon Wood, Solesmes and the Flanders Field Museum. Please contact Barbara [bsdvh.sec@gmail.com](mailto:bsdvh.sec@gmail.com) or on 01458 850897 if you are interested.

### **AMATEUR CHRISTIAN THEATRE SOMERTON**

Will be presenting the Christmas Musical "WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED" in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday 16th December, Thursday 17th December, Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Palmer Snell towards the end of November. Price: £8. in advance, £10 on the Door. £6 for under 16s. The ticket includes a cheese and wine supper after the performance. If you require any further information, please contact Monica Nicholls on 272023 or Ruth Tanner on 274096.



## **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 11-18 YEARS**

Youth club session, Monday evenings, Wessex rooms! 7 - 8:30pm Years 7 & 8, 8 - 9:30pm Years 9 and above.

During sessions between 8 - 8:30pm all youth club members are welcome, to allow everyone the opportunity to meet. First session is free! Normal entry fee 50p. We offer a varied activities programme, full of fun for everyone to enjoy! There is a tuck shop and chill out zone, a great opportunity to make new friends. For more information contact Kelly on 07445440897 or email [kelly@cyp.me.uk](mailto:kelly@cyp.me.uk)

## **DON'T STAB YOUR RECYCLING CREW**

The warning comes from Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP), as part of a month-long campaign to improve waste safety. Knives are among the high-risk items left in recycling boxes. Even while wearing safety gloves, collection crews have narrowly escaped injury as they sort recycling boxes by hand. Given the risk to staff and family members, householders are advised not to dispose of anything sharp in their recycling, from knives or scissors to jagged can tops. Sharp-edged metal tops can ideally be trapped inside the cans, while broken glass bottles or jars should be well wrapped in newspaper, put in a carrier bag and disposed of in the rubbish bin.

Those using syringes must contact their council customer services team for details of the clinical waste collection service, which uses specially-designed sharps boxes. Household chemicals left in containers, such as bleach or oven cleaner, can also be a threat; bottles should be completely empty before being put out for collection.

Keeping the public and waste staff safe is a priority for SWP and its collection and recycling site contractors, Kier and Viridor, with regular training and constant monitoring. For more advice about sites, services and safety, see [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

## **LITTLE MOORS FURLONG**

Apparently the track that runs from Langport Road opposite Cartway Lane to Ricksey Lane by the railway bridge has recently been blocked and several people have asked me about it. Although the track is shown on the 1:25000 OS map, it is NOT a public right of way according to the "Definitive Map" held by Somerset County Council. If the landowner wishes to restrict access, he is quite entitled to do so.

Martyn Smith, Parish Paths Liaison Officer

## **DECEMBER VIADUCT**

Can I please remind Religious Groups to let us know of your Services/Events for Christmas by 12th Nov.

Many thanks, Mo Fletcher

## **Forthcoming Events**

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### **FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY: MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

Are delighted to announce that local artist and historian, Kate Lynch, is to be our guest speaker on Mon 2nd November at 2.30pm at the Pinney Room. Kate will give a talk on the rich and surprising history on our doorstep.

Kate has produced 3 books on local farming and trades. She has also worked with a team of people in High Ham collecting old photographs and memories of village life on the Somerset Levels which resulted in a book published in October. Her talk promises to be a fascinating one, not to be missed. Tickets at £4 will be sold at the door on the day or from the Library from 10th Oct. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

### **SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB: MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

West St Church (formerly Methodist) Monday, 2nd November at 7.30pm. A.G.M. and quiz which promises to be informative and entertaining. The subject for the exhibition table is four mince pies - Get baking!

### **WI: TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

7.15pm the Parish Rooms. Speaker: Tim Carson, farming, crop circles and rugby. Competition: Farm Animal

### **LABURNUM DRIVE COMMITTEE**

Gloomy nights coming up, but not for us! We enjoy the good company of our neighbours and friends. Thank you all for joining in, and supporting our events, especially our Macmillan tea which raised £105.32.

Tues November 3rd. Bacon Butties and a cuppa, £1 during Coffee morning. Not unlimited so come early. (Sorry, NOT available Dec.1st.) All welcome, Friday 6th 2pm £5 Vikki's flowers, cakes, tea, prizes, and flowers to take home.

Monthly coach trip is to Ottery (Xmas displays) Tues 17th half day, £7, depart 11am.

Raffle tickets available for big huggable teddy bear. Tel 01458 272620 for info. Next day trips will be February next year.

### **WEA (WORKER'S EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION): AUTUMN 2015**

The subject of our next course is Trees Of The British Isles. 5 weekly meetings starting Tuesday 3rd November. Fee: £31.

Please note the CHANGE OF VENUE: Long Sutton Village Hall. Time: 7pm till 8.45pm. The tutor will be Stephen Parker. Why not join us? For further enquiries or to enrol locally contact: Doreen Harvey, telephone 01458 241711 or e-mail [doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk). You can also enrol on-line at [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

### **SOMERTON & LANGPORT AREA BRANCH RNLI: WED 4 NOVEMBER**

"Delightfully Deceived: 500 years of Trompe L'Oeil Painting" A lecture by Richard Kay, Lawrences Picture Expert. Wednesday 4th November at Long Sutton village hall. 6.30 for 7.15pm. Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine & canapes. In aid of RNLI. Details Mary Mullineux 251057.

### **HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 5/19 NOVEMBER**

Come and join Linda and Mo on a Health Walk for about an hour in the Somerton area. We meet at the Library at 11.30am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month so the 5th and 19th this month. Good shoes or walking boots are recommended and wet weather gear may be necessary. Ring Mo on 01458 274631 for more details.

### **ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER**

Thursday 5th November. AGM & Carol Northover. Nuts & Crackers, 7 for 7.30pm in The Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors very welcome to join us.

### **ARCHIES XTRA**

Are you aged between 11-18 years or do you know someone who is? If so why not pop along, (or encourage them to), to Archies Xtra. A small team of volunteers can be found every Thursday from 7-9pm next to the MUGA at the Somerton Sports Field, armed with hot drinks, biscuits and a warm fire. No strings attached, no obligation to stay all evening just pop along have a drink, eat a biscuit. It is an opportunity to meet with your friends and chat to the volunteers who want to offer a warm hand of friendship to the young people of Somerton. If you want more information please contact Judith Hurley via Somerton Town Council.

### **KING INA ACADEMY**

Sat 7th November, table top sale, junior site, 11am - 1pm - £5 per table, to book a table ring the school office 272587.

Sat 28th November, family bingo, everyone welcome, doors open 5.45 p.m, eyes down 6.30 pm, junior school site

Sat 5th December, Christmas Fair, junior site, 10.30am - 1.30pm, Santa's Grotto open 11am - 12.30 pm.

### **FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

In aid of Guide Dogs. This will be at 5 Camden Road, Somerton on Saturday 7th November 10am - noon. Come and join us and meet the trainee puppies and enjoy a cup of coffee and browse our Christmas cards and gifts. For further information phone 01458 272675.

### **KINGSDON CHURCH BAZAAR: SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

Come to the Kingsdon church bazaar for the best bacon butties in the south west!

Yes, it is that time of year again - Kingsdon's famous church bazaar is being held on Saturday November 7th between 11am and 1pm. Kingsdon Village Hall, Kingsdon. Of course there is lots more going on as well and fun for all ages - from face painting to guessing the weight of the cake to a Treasure Island map hunt and a range of stalls and stands including: Bottle stall, Gift stall (ideas for Xmas gifts etc), Bargain Basement, The big raffle - with a variety of generous hampers as prizes, locally made cakes and preserves.

The village shop will also be open, so come on over to Kingsdon on November 7th. Money raised will help maintain Kingsdon's medieval church and grounds.

### **RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 10th November at 2pm in the Parish Rooms, Somerton. Come for an afternoon of grey cell training! £3 to include tea and cookies. Details: Pam Short 272408

### **SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

The next meeting of the Somerton Group of Artists will take place in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday 11 November at 7.30pm. Paul Weaver will talk about his different working processes for completing a painting in oil, acrylic or watercolour in one session (alla prima). Paul has a new DVD out entitled 'Essential Watercolour - Boats and Harbours'. All are welcome (non-members £5).

### **FIRST WORLD WAR TALK: THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

A WW1 talk by John Little will be held in Barton St David Village Hall 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November. All welcome Address: Broadclose Way, Barton St David TA11 6BS. For more details contact 01458 850897, Website: bartonstdavid.org.uk

### **U3A SINGING FOR FUN: THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

2-4pm at the Methodist Church Hall

### **JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER,**

2-4pm, Charlton's Community Hall. All the usual clothes, toys, games, books and bric-a-brac. Refreshments and Raffle. Entrance 50p. All proceeds to The Charlton's Pre-School. To donate items/arrange collection in Somerton call Zoe on 07784 411870.



## **SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT: SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

Fun Evening & Quiz Night on November 15th at the Britannia Inn, Wells BA5 3LQ  
7.00 FOR 7.30pm.

You're invited to attend the above in support of Pavilion Appeal. Cost £5 per quiz contestant (max 4 per team). Come and experience Brian Pearson's multimedia quiz night or just come as a spectator and sample our home prepared buffet. There will be prizes, buffet supper, raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **NADFAS: TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

Gold of the Gods. NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 11am, free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527

## **SOMERSET VERNACULAR BUILDINGS RESEARCH GROUP: WED 18 NOV**

Mary Ewing: Recording Vernacular Buildings in West Somerset 7.30 £3 Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon TA11 6PQ. William Salmon, Programme Organiser 01823 442212

## **SOMERSET WILDLIFE ORGANISATION: THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

Flora & Fauna of Botswana, A Talk by Mike Parr. The Parish Rooms Market Square, Somerton, TA11 7NB at 7.30pm.

<http://www.somersetwildlife.org/events.html>

## **SOMERTON FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP NIGHT: THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

On the 19th of November we are holding a sponsorship night from 6-p.m. in the White Hart, Somerton. This gives potential supporters an opportunity to see what has been booked to date, pledge financial support for an event and suggest events they may be interested in sponsoring in the future. There is the opportunity to meet the committee and chat about the festival in general. We are aware that local businesses generously support the festival but if you as a person living in Somerton want to support an event or discuss how you could help us then please pop along as we would love to hear from you too.

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

- It is not just the events and acts that we look to our supporters for financial help but also things like: the toilets, hire of the marquee, lighting or security, refreshments for market and fun day, entertainment for the residents of Wessex House, the nursery / pre-schools and schools workshops
- Last year we had joint sponsors for some events
- We only ask for a percentage towards the cost not the full cost of whatever it is you are willing to sponsor BUT if you wish to support something in its entirety then we would love to hear from you

Remember you can visit our website [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook and twitter or call us on 0792 850 8700.

### **CANCER FUND RAISING EVENT WALK: SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

The Langport Health Walks Group is arranging a fund raising event on Saturday 21st November at the Ridgeway Hall in Langport starting at 10:30am. The aim is to raise funds for specialized cancer treatment for a local High Ham resident who is a member of the walking group.

It is proposed that groups of walkers will leave at 10 minute intervals until 11:30 am, for a local no hills easy walk around Langport which will last about an hour. It is hoped that the participating walkers will be able to make a donation towards the fund.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes on sale in the Ridgeway Hall from 10:30am until 2:00pm and all members of the public, as well as the participating walkers, will be welcome. There will also be a fund raising raffle.

### **SOMERTON MOVIOLO: SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

"A Little Chaos" - Two talented landscape artists become romantically entangled while building a garden in the palace at Versailles. Saturday 21st November 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or on the door.

### **SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

The Green Gardeners will be inviting Ted Pitman to give us a talk titled: "Beautiful Fungi - A Pictorial Exploration of Our Native Fungi". The meeting in the Parish Rooms, Somerton, will be at 7.30 pm and non-members are most welcome. The cost to non-members is £2.00 and refreshments will be available during the evening.

### **HUISH & LANGPORT CRICKET CLUB**

#### **XMAS PRIZE BINGO NIGHT: WED 25 NOVEMBER**

At Langport Arms 7 for 7.30PM. Please come along and support this popular event, mince pies will be supplied during the evening

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

Our November meeting, held in the Parish Rooms, starts at 7pm with coffee. This will be followed at 7.30pm by a talk from Joseph Lewis of SSDC Museums Service about the Diary of Louisa Harris, a young lady who lived in Yeovil in the late Victorian period. Members of the History Society come for free, visitors are very welcome at £2 each. For more information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

### **MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

The Promotions and Communications Committee are pleased to announce that following the last P. and C. meeting, it was decided to trial monthly Councillor Surgeries which will commence in the autumn. These will be held in the Library

on a Saturday morning once a month from 10.30 - 12 midday. They will be on the Saturday which falls 2 weeks prior to the Full Council meeting, to allow time for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda if appropriate.

Dates for surgeries as follows: Sat 31st October, Sat 28th November, Sat 3rd January. Further dates will be published in the New Year.

### **SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

The Somerton U3A meeting on Friday 27 November will be a talk by Yvonne Bell entitled Edwardian Christmas. 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.

### **VICTORIAN FAYRE AND SWITCHING ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

6pm town square. Come along and start your Christmas festivities with the Lights Brigade and Sedgemoor Lions. Victorian Fayre with a talent show, stalls, food and kiddy rides and Hamish the donkey. Fund raising is for local charities.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER**

Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on Saturday 28th November from 11am to 12.30pm 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](mailto:stephenpage@southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephoning 07519 739137

### **THE SOMERSET GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN: SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER**

The Somerset Guild of Craftsmen has now moved its home gallery and shop to Wells. We'd like to thank all our customers and Friends in Somerton for their support over the years and we look forward to welcoming everyone to our new premises in Wells, at 23a Broad Street, BA5 2DJ (through the arch beside Pickwicks), tel 01749 671112, open 7 days a week 10am - 4pm. You will be especially welcome at our official opening, all day Saturday October 31. Our website is as before [www.somersetguild.co.uk](http://www.somersetguild.co.uk) and you can now 'like' us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter.

You will be pleased to hear that the Guild will keep a presence in Somerton within the exciting new developments planned for the Old Town Hall.

### **BEGINNERS TAI CHI**

At the Parish Rooms on Thursdays 2-3pm. Beginners Tai Chi is for everyone. Its slow, precise movements have proved very effective in developing bone

strength, supple joints, improved circulation and a host of other benefits. Additional classes are available for those more wobbly on their feet. Please phone Jacqui on 01458 270258, for details.

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## What's on In Brief

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

Age UK Movement to Music 10.30am–11.30 Parish Rooms  
Bridge Club (Chicago) 2–5pm Methodist 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  
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, Methodist 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 Methodist Ch Hall  
Weight Watchers 9.30–10.30am Parish Rooms  
Coffee Morning 10.15am Wessex House  
Line Dancing (Improvers) 11am–12noon Parish Rooms  
NetBuddies 2–4.30pm Methodist Ch Hall  
Fun Bingo 2.30pm Laburnum Drive  
Beginners Tai Chi 2-3pm Parish Rooms  
Credit Union (LLAST) 5–6.30pm Methodist Ch Hall  
Martial Arts and Self Defence class 6pm Infants School  
Junior Youth Club 6pm–7.30pm Wessex Rooms  
Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge) 7–10pm Methodist 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 Wessex Rooms

**NOVEMBER**

Mon 2nd Friends of Somerton Library Talk at 2.30 pm in the Pinney Rm, PR

Somerton Gardeners Club Quiz & AGM 7.30pm URC

Tue 3rd Theatre Trip to Mary Poppins

WEA Course on Trees 7pm Long Sutton Village Hall

Laburnham Drive Bacon Butties 10am

WI Talk Tim Carson "Crop Circles, Farming & Rugby 7.15pm PR

Wed 4th RNLI Talk "Trompe L'Oeil Painting 7.15pm Long Sutton Village Hall

Thu 5th Arthritis Care AGM & Nuts & Crackers 7pm Pinney Rm PR

Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Archies 7pm Somerton Sports Field

Fri 6th LDRC Vickie's Flowers 2pm LDRC Hall

Sat 7th Guide Dogs Fundraising Coffee Morning 10am - noon. 5, Camden RD

King Ina Academy Table Top Sale 11am - 1pm

Kingsdon Bazaar 11am - 1pm Kingsdon Village Hall

Mon 9th Somerton Sings for Fun 11am Methodist Ch Hall

Tue 10th Rummikub 2pm PR

Wed 11th Somerton Group of Artists Speaker Paul Weaver 7.30pm PR

Thu 12th U3A Sings for Fun 2-4pm Methodist Ch Hall

WW1 Talk 7.30pm Barton St David Village Hall

Archie 7pm Somerton Sports Field

Sun 15th SSCC Mid Area Quiz Night 7.30 pm Britannia Inn, Wells

Tue 17th NADFAS Talk Gold of the Gods 11am Caryford Hall, Castle Cary

LDRC Coach Trip to Ottery for Xmas Decoration 11am

Wed 18th Somerset Vernacular Building group Talk 7.30pm Meadway Hall

Compton Dundon

Thu 19th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Heart of Levels Talk Flora & Fauna of Botswana 7.30pm PR

Theatre Trip Mary Poppins

Somerton Festival Sponsorship Evening 6pm White Hart

Archies 7pm Somerton Sports Field

Sun 21st Cancer Fund Raising Walk 10.30am Ridgeway Hall Langport

Mon 23rd Somerton Sings for Fun 11am Meth Ch Hall

Green Gardeners "Beautiful Fungi" 7.30 pm PR

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Wed 25th Huish & Langport CC Annual Christmas Bingo 7.30 pm Langport Arms

Thu 26th Som History Soc "Diary of Louisa Harris" 7pm PR

Archies 6pm Somerton Sports Field

Fri 27th U3A meeting Edwardian Christmas 10am Edgar Hall

Lions Victorian Fayre and Turning on of Christmas lights 6pm Town Sq

Sat 28th Christmas Bazaar 10am Methodist Ch Hall

Somerton Town Council Surgery 10.30am - 12 noon

King Ina Academy Family Bingo 5.45 for 6.30pm at the School

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Councillors Mo Fletcher and Peter Frayne with Recreation Ground Management Committee Member Jason Burton presenting Silver Certificate for Best Kept Sports Field to Groundsmen Mr Andy Billings and Mr Wayne Foote at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 10th October 2015 and they took this opportunity to convey to both Andy and Wayne, on behalf of the Trustees, their sincere thanks and congratulations.



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