



VIADUCT

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Editor's Letter



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Hello,

Well July was a mixture of sizzling heat and wild, wet and windy days. Let's hope August is a little more settled with balmy sunshine and warm evenings. As usual, there is plenty to entertain you both in this magazine and in the many events it highlights.

There is cricket, movie nights, art exhibitions and a selection of days out hosted by Somerset Wildlife Trust. Don't forget Somerton's Show of Flowers, Produce and Crafts is on this month, and the Laburnum Drive Community Centre Committee always have an excellent selection of events to keep you busy. There's also a new bike club gearing up for fun – see page 10.

Finally, I'd just like to thank Liz and Johnny for their fantastic cover photograph of Dunster Beach near Minehead. It's enough to tempt me to visit and maybe join in with Somerset Wildlife Trust's events there.

Editor, Viaduct

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News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning if required at 6.30pm	15th August 2023	6.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning if required at 6.30pm	29th August 2023	6.30pm	Edgar Hall

Welcome to your August edition of the Viaduct. July brought us the fabulous community day with fun had by all. There was also the resignation of Cllr Stephen Tate and the co-option of our newest councillor, Cllr Jackie Buckle. Welcome Cllr Buckle.

Vandals will be thwarted

Following on from the vandalism of the play equipment (Magic Mountain) at the start of the year, additional CCTV is being installed at the recreational ground. The ground works have already been completed, with the posts and cameras due to be installed during August.

Floodlighting will also be installed to further enhance the enjoyment and use of the Skate Park. The Council have been working hard with our insurers and the supplier of Magic Mountain to proceed with the repairs as soon as possible.



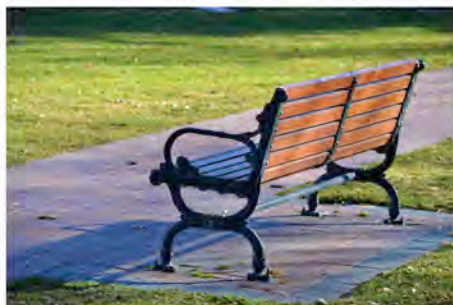
A better venue than ever

A working group is being formed to improve the lighting, staging and bar operation at Edgar Hall. The Council wish to capitalise on what we have, making the system easier to use and more accessible to hirers of the hall.

News from your town council

Take a moment or two

It was agreed at the Council meeting on 11th July 2023 to install a bench on the grass area at Lawrence Close, Somerton. The Council recognise this space is being used by families and that by adding a bench, this will further benefit the users of the space.



Display your event digitally

Our town's Digital Noticeboards are back up and running. If you would like to advertise your Somerton event, please contact Lydia at viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk. The deadline for the September slideshow is Friday 18th August 2023.



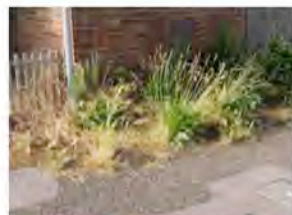
Always double bag in ordinary bins

A polite reminder that if dog waste bins are full and you use an alternative street bin, please ensure you double bag your waste.

Dodgy roads and weedy streets

Please report your road concerns; anything from gullies and potholes, damaged road signs or bollards, even mud and weeds on our roads and pavements or broken drains and drain covers.

All you need to do is call Somerset Council on 0300 123 2224 or you can go online at somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road.



News from your town council

In need of a helping hand?

Seeking support or struggling with bills? You can apply to the Household Support Fund. The fund is designed to provide short term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials such as food and paying bills. To qualify you must have a total household income between £0 and £1,349 per month, or £16,190 per year. You cannot apply if you have savings over £2,000. You can apply if you are:



- 1) Temporarily out of work
- 2) Unable to work due to illness
- 3) Long term unemployed
- 4) Chronic illness
- 5) In receipt of pension credit

There are other qualifying factors, please take a look at somerset.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/somerset-household-support-fund/ for further information or call Somerset Council on 0300 123 2224. If you do not qualify for this funding and are a Somerset resident, there may be other help available. Find out more at Citizens Advice.

Citizens Advice at Somerton Library, Every Monday 10.00am to 1.00pm, no appointment needed, or visit www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk.



Lights...camera...action



The newly formed 'Somerton Cinema Society' will restart movie nights on 9th September in the Parish Rooms. Open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start and tickets are £6 per person, available from Cobbs Wholefoods in Brunel Precinct. Refreshments will be served before the film

The Society is grateful to the town council for their generous grant of £500. Also, if you're interested in volunteering for the Society, please email martyn.george@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

We're here to help

If you have any questions about anything in this report, please call the Clerk's Office on 01458 272236 or email Laura.town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, Steph.deputy.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk Lydia viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk, or Claire.office@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

News from around town

A summer of exhibitions

ACEarts, located in Market Place have three new exhibitions this month. Uncharted by Robert and Julie McKenzie and running from 29th July to 12th August features maps, words, images, hope, and echoes of the sea (see image). This is followed by The Dementia Darnings from Jenni Dutton starting on 15th August and running until 2nd September. Jenni returns with a series of large-scale portraits of the artist's mother reflecting the aging process as well as the effect of dementia on the individual. Alongside these two in the main gallery, the Make Space is hosting Alison Baxter's The Hidden Histories of Women: Researching, Reflecting and Responding to our Grandmothers' Histories through a growing collection of miniature vessels celebrating grandmothers and their legacies. People share memories of their grandmothers and Alison visually interprets through these abstracted female forms, each grandmother's different characteristics and what they are remembered for.



More details of these exciting free exhibitions and our programme of workshops and events complementing them can be found on our website acearts.co.uk or by popping in to see what's going on, we're open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm.



Having fun with our French friends

Somerton Twinning Association has been very much alive and thriving since 1987, and linked happily with the small French town of Sillé-le-Guillaume. This town is about 25 miles north of Le Mans in the attractive rural department of Sarthe and, like Somerton, it has its old town and new estates.

We have a lot in common. We visit each other in turn in alternate years – the photograph shows us boating in La Ferté-Bernard in May 2023.

Having just visited Sillé this year, we next host their residents in Somerton in June 2024. Our programme now will be to organise meetings and activities during the year (skittles, quizzes, wine tastings etc) to raise funds to help us entertain our French friends while they are with us.

Are you interested in getting involved? Would you like to join us? You don't speak French... that is not a barrier. Why not get in touch by emailing mrjtsaunders@gmail.com.

News from around town

Raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice

From meandering through glorious gardens to taking a stroll in aid of our Sunflower Centres, we invite you to help us raise much needed funds for St Margaret's Hospice.

Throughout August 16 garden owners across Somerset are generously opening their gardens for people to come and walk in and enjoy their delights. To whet your appetite, go to st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/glorious-gardens.



Then, on 10th September in Yeovil and 24th September in Taunton, we are hosting two special Sunflower Strolls in aid of our Sunflower Day Service Centres. You can find out more about these at st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/sunflower-stroll-2023.

We do hope you'll support these events and help us continue providing the care our patients and their families need.



Update on Kirkham Street Field Community Trust

Since our January update, the local planning authority has been approached by Anna and Sam's team to present the scheme for the Field as residential one third and two thirds community green space. This is an ongoing process to gain planning consent for the best possible outcome for the scheme. In view of the current changes

to the Unitary Authority this process has, of necessity, taken longer than usual.

Anna and Sam's team, together with the very experienced local Planning Consultant, has had some initial engagement with the Council Planning Teams who are undertaking the assessment of planning requirements. We hope to be able to report more progress by the end of the summer and thank you all for your patience and support.

News from around town

All things bright and beautiful

This June, Somerset Wildlife Trust hosted its biggest citizen science event of the year, The Big Count, and an incredible 1,400 people from across Somerset signed up to help the Trust learn more about their local wildlife.

The count took place between 16th and 25th June, and this year was sponsored by Southern Co-op. It challenged participants to get outside and help collect vital information about the wildlife on their doorsteps, in their parks, and outside their schools and workplaces.

Since last year nearly 1,000 records of species including goldfinches, butterflies, snails, and spiders have been received. The next event run under the Great Somerset Wildlife Count initiative will be The Fantastic Fungi Focus, which is scheduled to take place in October half term. In the meantime, you can find out more about citizen science and events on the Somerset Wildlife Trust website at somersetwildlife.org/get-involved/citizen-science.



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Don't get scammed

Megan Haldane, Cyber Protect Officer at Avon and Somerset Police, Exeter, is coming to talk to us about scamming. The event will be at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane on Thursday 14th September at 10.45am until 11.45am. If you're interested in how to stay safe in the digital world, do come along – there'll be free refreshments and all are welcome. For more information, contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198.

Take bat!

Fancy playing cricket next year? There will be a 'Register Your Interest' event outside the Coop in the Brunel Precinct. Just come along on Saturday 26th August between 10.00am and 12 noon. The invitation is open to everyone – men, women, girls and boys. For more information, email martyngearge@hotmail.co.uk or philflowerscpl@icloud.com.



News from around town

Weird, wild and wonderful

This August, Somerset Wildlife Trust are organising a number of excellent days – and nights – out. So what better way to entertain yourself and your family through the summer holidays?

On Friday 4th August there are two seaside events you can choose from. Both at Dunster Beach near Minehead, the first is Young People's Marine Science Day. This starts at 10.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is aimed at 14 to 18 year olds who are interested in a career in the marine sciences. You can find out more at somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-08-04-young-peoples-marine-science-day.

The second event, in celebration of National Marine Week, starts at 12 noon and finishes at 4.00pm. This is the Shoresearch Survey of flora and fauna inter-tidal habitats. For more information, go to somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-08-04-shoresearch-august-survey-2023-dunster-beach.

There are also two Big Bat Counts – one on 18th August in Yeovil and the other on 26 August in Bridgwater. You see all the details at somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-08-18-big-bat-count-yeovil or somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-08-26-big-bat-count-bridgwater.

Finally, if you're in want of a little relaxation, there is the Wellbeing Walk in the Mendip Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This takes place on Tuesday 22nd August from 1.00pm to 3.00pm and full details are at somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-08-22-wellbeing-walk-mendip-hills-aonb.



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Have your say



Get on your bike

There's a new bike club on the horizon. The Somerton Cycle Club is looking for sociable, like-minded people to join. Open to everyone, so long as you can keep an average pace of 12mph and cycle from 15 to 30 miles, why not get in touch? There'll be stops for cake and coffee along the way.

The meeting point will be Buttercross in Somerton, and trips will be mid-week and weekends. To find out more, contact Brian

Manning on 07763 878032 or briansetten@gmail.com.

Come with us...

Our latest booking is for the multi-award winning musical 'Come From Away'. Based on the true story of the tragic events of 9/11, this is a heart-warming example of how people can and will come together in times of crises. Several of our patrons who saw the production in London have sung its praises to the sky and are looking forward to seeing it again. One wrote '*It was such an uplifting warm show. We loved it.*' If you would like to see the show, we are going on Monday 26th August 2024.



Photograph courtesy Douglas Sprott

The hit musical 'Hamilton' is booking up fast, so if you want to come, don't put it off.

The best way to keep up to date with all our trips is online at charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form. You can also send an e-mail to charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone Chris on 01458 273085.

All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

42nd Street: 3 August 2023 £41/£51 | **Blood Brothers:** 29 August 2023 £48/£62 |
Charlie & The Chocolate Factory: 27 September 2023 £62/£70 | **Pretty Woman:** 1 November 2023 £40/£63 |
Peter Pan Pantomime: 6 December 2023 £40 | **Life of Pi:** 17 January 2024 £40/£51 |
Wicked: 22 February 2024 £66/£76 | **Everyone's Talking About Jamie:** March 2024 £40/£59 |
The Wizard of Oz: 3 April 2024 £47/£58 | **Death in Venice (Opera):** 27 April 2024 £51/£71 |
Hamilton: 2 May/24 June 2024 £85/£95 | **Come From Away:** 26 August 2024 £43/£68

Have your say

Speedwatch – unedited at author's request

SpeedWatch as many of you are aware is active in Somerton. It seems that there might be some confusion amongst residents that the Town Council is involved with the running of SpeedWatch so I would like to make it clear that it is Avon and Somerset Police that controls SpeedWatch and any questions about SpeedWatch should be directed to the police. They issue equipment for our use and although we do have members of the local council who are volunteers they do so independently. The Town Council has invested in Speed Indicators in various locations but again are independently monitored by the the council and who are responsible for their maintenance. The traffic has not unsurprisingly increased considerably in town since the amount of new housing and it is therefore more important than ever that drivers adhere to the speed limits. With more children and more elderly around they deserve to be able to enjoy a safe environment. Can you therefore please do your best to observe the speed limits and also switch engines off rather than let them idle which is illegal and creates a bad environment for us all. If any one has a few hours a month and would like to join us please contact David Cundle on 01458897224.



Drumming up some fun

Archies Xtra is having an Activity Day on Friday 4th August from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Recreation Ground. There'll be an inflatable Obstacle Course and the big, yellow Drum Bus. The whole event, including food and drinks, is free to everyone between the ages of 11 and 18 years old, so come along and join the fun.

Cream teas and charity

Several of our Women's Institute members have helped in our town's charity shops, but what's it like working there full time? On Tuesday 15th August, at 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms, our speaker will be Donna Stuckey who is manager of Somerton's St Margaret's Hospice shop. She will give us the inside view, no doubt including some thought-provoking (and maybe even amusing) insights. An interesting afternoon is promised – and there's a cream tea too.



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Have your say

Garden Victoriana

Our next Gardeners' Club meeting is at the Edgar Hall on Wednesday 9th August at 7.30pm. Our guest, Dr Burroughes, is taking a look back in time to the life of a Victorian Head Gardener.



Few of us have a team of helpers, or such large gardens, and there have been many changes and developments since then. Perhaps we may question whether all changes have been for the better, but it will certainly be an interesting insight into the times of earlier generations.



It's showtime

Saturday 19th August is a date to remember as the Edgar Hall will be the venue for Somerton's Show of Flowers, Produce and Crafts.

Although organised by Gardeners' Club it is open to anyone. There is no charge for entries and you can pick up a schedule listing all the classes from Overt Locke's or from the Library. You can enter as few or

as many classes as you like. It is a friendly and fun afternoon, with refreshments and a tombola – and the perfect opportunity to admire what other people have produced, while picking their brains and getting good advice. Do come and enjoy the afternoon.

Sizzlin' good times

Laburnum Drive Community Centre Committee are hotting up for the summer. As usual, there'll be the regular coffee morning every Tuesday from 10.00am, and on the 1st August, there'll be bacon butties too – just £2 each.

On Wednesdays you can join in from 10.00am to 11.00am with Flexicises at £3 per person and on Thursdays starting at 2.00pm, there's Bingo – please bring cash as we cannot take debit or credit cards.

On Saturday 12th August from 2.00pm to 5.00pm it's BBQ time. The bar-b-que will be fired up and good food will be cooked by John. There'll also be entertainment. So come along, it'll be a great afternoon and only costs £7 per person.

And to round the month off, on Tuesday 22nd August there's an Executive Coach Trip to Exmouth. The coach leaves at 10.00am, the fare is £11 for adults and £7 for children. Please note, there'll be no coffee morning on that day. We look forward to your company.



Have your say

Summer fun at the library

The main Library event for August is the Summer Reading Challenge. This nationwide scheme runs during the school summer holidays. It started on Saturday 8th July and runs through to Saturday 9th September. This year's theme – Ready, Set, Read! – is all about games and sports and has been developed in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust. It encourages 4 to 11 year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.



Children will join a fictional team – with their animal mascots – as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them. Ready, Set, Read! will showcase how reading can be active and engaging, and can itself involve teamwork and community.

On completion of the challenge, all the children will receive a medal and certificate for reading all six books. You can find out more online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#online or by popping in to Somerton Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and take part in exciting activities.

Image above courtesy [vecteezy.com](https://www.vecteezy.com)

Support local children

Route1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors is a service that supports children and young people who are in care or have a social worker. They do this by matching volunteers with young people as either short term Advocates, or longer-term Independent Visitors.



Independent Visitors make a long-term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to the child or young person – and their Independent Visitor.

Advocates work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are taken into account when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long-term commitment to any particular child.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued, and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills.

If you're interested and want to find out more about volunteering with Somerset Council, please visit volunteering.somerset.gov.uk.

Somerton Events and Clubs August 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the September edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th August 2023

When	Where	Who to contact
Sundays	Life Church Somerton 10.30am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Conrad Lucas 07891 665938 Andy Barton 07530 070555 conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk
Mondays	Tot's Life 9.30am to 11.00am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Kerryanne Lucas 07715 926923 kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com
	Yoga Classes 11.30am to 12.30pm Parish Rooms, Somerton	Sue Knight 07854 641950 lttsue@mail.com
	Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library	For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 www.citizensadvice.southsomerset.org.uk
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
	Pilates – Inhale to Prepare 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Gill Hampson 07526 534889 gillhampson6@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Tai Chi 9.00am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 5.45pm at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Somerton Town FC 6.30pm at Somerton Recreation Ground (Oct to Spring Huish School)	Jason Burton-Tuttielt 07825 180506 jasonb52s@yahoo.com
	Somerton Runners 6.00pm at Somerton Recreation Ground hardstanding by 5-a-side football pitch	Keith Brackstone 07999 511366 coachkeith53@gmail.com
	Rugby Club under 18s and under 15s 7.00pm at Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Steve Benn 07919 153205
	Mid Wessex Singers 7.15pm to 9.00pm at West Street Church Hall, Somerton	Sheena Smith 07768 704883 info@midwessexsingers.co.uk www.midwessexsingers.co.uk
Wednesdays	Meditation and Mindfulness 9.25am to 10.30am Parish Rooms, Somerton	07803 497496 Facebook Wessex Sessions brotheryonten@gmail.com
	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk

Somerton Events and Clubs August 2023

When	Where	Who to contact
Wednesday	Create and Connect 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
Thursdays	Drawing for All 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk
	Tai Chi 9.00am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Strictly Jive 7.45pm for beginners 9.00pm for improvers/intermediates at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
	Wessex Junior Youth Club 6.00pm to 7.30pm Wessex Rooms, Broad Street, Somerton	Clive and Sara Dyer 01458 273655 07970 180608 sarad53@hotmail.com
	Somerton Bridge Club 7.00pm at West Street Church, Somerton	Joan Davies 01458 272418 Jim Dawson 01458 251228 joandavies15@rocketmail.com
	Rugby Club under 18s and under 15s 7.00pm at Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Gary Saunders 07870 861731 Steve Benn 07919 153205
	Archies Xtra (11 to 18 year olds) 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Sports Ground beside MUGA	Alex 01458 272047 Judith 01458 273079
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place
Fridays	In Stitches 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 hello@acearts.co.uk www.acearts.co.uk
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 2.00pm at Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Flexercise 2.30pm to 3.30pm at Buttercross Surgery, Somerton	
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk for more information and to book a place

Somerton Monthly Events August 2023

When	Where	Who to contact
Third Tuesday of the month	Women's Institute 2.30pm Parish Rooms	Sue Long 01458 274038 Pauline Saunders 01458 272769
Second Wednesday of the month	Somerton Gardeners' Club 7.30pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Pauline Saunders 01458 272769 somertongardenersclub@gmail.com somertongc.com £3 for visitors
	Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms	Mandy McAllen i_dissagree@hotmail.com £5 includes tea or coffee
Last Wednesday of the month	Somerton Probus Club 11.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane	Barrie Davies 07811 770061 barrie.davies@btinternet.com
First and third Thursday of the month	Health Walks 11.30am Somerton Library	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
Second Thursday of the month	Friendship Club 10.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 fletcher080@btinternet.com
Fourth Thursday of the month	Somerton History Society 7.30pm at Parish Rooms	Joan Banbury j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk
First Friday of the month	Strictly Jive 8.00pm to 12.30am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
Last Saturday of the month	Ballroom Latin Sequence Dance 7.30pm to 11.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Peter Withey-Tebbey 07738 581292 witheytebby@btinternet.com Admission £6.50 (raffle £1 a strip)
Other Somerton Clubs		
When	Where	Who to contact
Various times – contact club for details	Somerton Tennis Club at Somerton Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Membership Secretary 01458 396006 somerton.tennisclub@gmail.com
	Somerton Town Youth Football Club at Recreation Ground, Somerton	Justin and Mark somertonycsecretary@hotmail.com
	Somerton u3a 40 different interest groups	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com www.u3asites.org.uk/somerton/groups
This month's special events		
Friday 11th and 18th August	Adventure Babies 10.15am Sitters and Crawlers 11.30am Littlies 12.45pm Mixed Ages at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mel 07947 743278 mel@adventurebabies.co.uk



Wastewater Treatment Plant Installers

Our septic tank was replaced under the Phosphate scheme and they gave us £3,000! Happy days!”

If you have a septic tank and live in Somerset, you can benefit from funding secured from the house building sector by Burrow Environmental.

House builders have faced delays since 2021 due to the “Phosphate Issue”. More new homes cannot be built unless the planning applicant can show they have balanced the environmental impact of the development.

Somerset Council and Natural England now allow



developers to achieve ‘nutrient neutrality’ by funding the replacement of septic tanks.

Register for your free site survey so that you can be matched to funding and receive your £3,000 cash payment after work is complete. All installations are inspected by Somerset Council.



burrow-environmental.com

01935 507 508

The septic tank replacement scheme is privately funded and does not involve public funding. It is not a government or council initiative. The scheme involves Burrow Environmental Ltd. working with planning applicants to secure funding, and with Somerset Council to enable the scheme to function within a legal framework.



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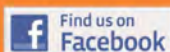
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