

VIADUCT

September 2023



Editor's Letter



Hello,

September, the beginning of the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. And a time to ponder. The council are seeking your opinion on the siting of a new cemetery, the Laburnum Drive Community Committee want your feedback on what they do for you and the Buttercross Health Centre are seeking your questions on the service they offer.

This month's Spotlight is on Somerton Rugby Football Club – an illuminating read on how this noble sport can do so much to help individuals and the community.

Finally, First Bus announce minor changes to timings on the 54 route from Yeovil to Taunton from Monday 4th September. To improve punctuality, buses from Taunton will leave five minutes earlier. Buses from Yeovil will leave at the same times, but will arrive in Taunton five minutes later. New composite timetables will be on the STC website and paper copies are available in the library for which a donation for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance would be much appreciated. And just to sign off, I'd like to thank Sibling Yonten for his lovely cover shot.



Editor, Viaduct

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News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	12th September 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication	13th September 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land and Properties (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	26th September 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Welcome to your September edition of the Viaduct. August brought us the Annual Flower Show and Garden Awards. The awards included best garden, wildlife friendly, pots and gravel, traditional and newbuild homes. Such a wonderful selection of gardens and well done to all who were awarded trophies as nominated by the Somerton Gardening Club.

Sadly, this month, we received the resignation of Cllr Robert Reed, and are now looking to fill two vacancies at the September full council meeting. Anyone wishing to find out more about the function and operation of our town council and the role of a councillor, please contact Town Clerk Laura Bolter by emailing town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

How best to remember our loved ones

Our current and beautiful cemetery, located on Behind Berry, is running out of space and your town council needs to locate a new site. A key part of planning for the new cemetery is to ask our residents to consider what they would like from the new cemetery. Do you think our new cemetery should be modelled on the current one or should we do something different? We would like to create a tranquil and peaceful space for family members and friends to visit, remember and celebrate their loved ones lives.

To give us your opinion, consider the following then contact the town council and let us know your preferences for:

- Location of the new cemetery – north, south, east or west of town. Please note, there will be factors affecting the location decision such as land availability, geology, drainage and so on
- Peaceful wooded walks with trees planted for remembrance
- The building of a columbarium to store the ashes of loved ones
- Garden of rest and areas to scatter ashes amongst flowerbeds and trees.

Somerton is your home, and we would like your thoughts and contributions towards this very important project. Please contact us by 10th October 2023 by any means open to you. You can contact your councillors, call the Clerk's office on 01458 272236, write to the town council at Edgar Hall, or email Cllr Flowers Chair of Land and Property committee at phil.flowers@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

News from your town council

Baskets full of beauty

What a delightful display of flowers and plants we have around the town this summer. Planters and baskets are in full bloom and the council have received lots of lovely compliments. Work is currently in hand by our Access and Highways Committee to continue enhancing the appearance of Somerton with a lovely selection of autumn planting on the way.



Langport Road Crossing

Work still continues to get the light up and running on the Langport Road Crossing. We have been in touch with the company responsible for this, Vistry Housebuilding Southwest. Their Engineering Manager has confirmed that on 21st August trials will be carried out to ensure conditions are acceptable for the necessary engineering work to be done in September. They hope installation will take place in the second or third week of September, dependent on availability of materials and being able to book time on the road with the Highways Authority to finish the job.

Digital noticeboards

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 October slideshow is Friday 22nd September 2023.



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

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.

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 helping hand for farmers

Business Information Point, alongside other local agencies are providing free workshops, one-to-one tailored advice, and specialist webinars to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition:



The support will include:

Transition workshops: Local and online workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future. The upcoming workshops we are running locally are:

28th September	10.30am-12.30pm	Baltonsborough Village Hall, Baltonsborough
10th October	7.00pm-10.00pm	Great Bow Wharf, Langport
7th November	6.00pm-9.00pm	Shapwick Village Hall, Shapwick
7th February	7.00pm-10.00pm	Lydford Parish Hall, West Lydford

For full details of the support and to register on any of the workshops please visit our website at businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/ or call 0800 592 872.

Fun and support at the Library



As summer comes to an end, so does the Summer Reading Challenge. Every child who's finished their books by 9th September should come along to the Library to pick up an award. There's also a Seaside and Sealife Treasure Hunt going on in the Library during September.

On Saturday, 21st October from 10.30am onwards, join in our Autumn Craft Event which has a Halloween theme.

On the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, the Fibromyalgia Group meets between 11.00am and 12 noon. If you'd like to know more, do come along.

Monday	Closed all day	
Tuesday	Closed am	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am to 1.00pm	Closed pm
Thursday	10.00am to 1.00pm	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday	10.00am to 1.00pm	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am to 1.00pm	Closed pm



News from around town



Farewell to the market

It is with regret that Art Care Education is announcing with immediate effect the suspension of Somerton's Friday Monthly Market. Despite our best efforts in recent months, attendance has been poor from both stall holders and potential shoppers. What happens next is to be determined. We would like to offer heartfelt thanks to those stallholders who have turned up month after month without complaint, but we can no longer continue the market in its present form.

The Christmas Light Switch On event is not affected and will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023.

Opening up art

September heralds Somerset Art Weeks Open Studios and ACEarts have two exhibitions included in the programme. Somerton based Sandra Meech together with Elizabeth Brimelow will be showing Momentum: Memories, Journeys and Times which will focus on personal experiences of themes such as the Somerset Levels, climate change and art in collage and stitch. Alongside this, Janet Murphy offers a unique and personal collection of photographic and mixed media images from the Somerset Levels to the Quantocks. Both shows are free and open from 9th September until 7th October, Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am until 5.00pm. (Image by kind permission of Sandra Meech)



Painting together

Our programme for autumn begins this month with a Painting Day at the Parish Rooms Somerton on 2nd September at 10.00am. It's a chance to meet up to paint in or outdoors on personal projects, or to join a workshop with Mandy McAllen on the subject of "Mixing Greens". (Workshop costs £5 on the door.)

The weekly drop-in painting sessions at Long Load Village Hall return every Tuesday morning at 10.00am from October 3rd to December 12th. This is free to members.

Our Wednesday evening meetings return on 13th September with a demonstration by Artist Kate Cochrane in acrylics, entitled 'Forest Path'. It takes place at The Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton at 7.30pm. It's free to members and £5 for visitors, including refreshment.

For full details see our website somertonartists.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

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News from around town

Building for the future

Work is currently being undertaken to refurbish much of the stonework of St Michael's and All Angels, our parish church. Special attention is being paid to the tower, hence the scaffolding and the corrugated metal sheeting to protect the stained glass. Once completed in about 16 weeks, St Michael's will be ready to serve Somerton for another eleven hundred years!

Services

Saturday prayers 9.30am-9.45am
1st Saturday of each month Coffee and Cakes Morning
10.00am-12.00 noon

Sundays services all start at 11.00am
1st and 3rd Sunday Holy Communion
2nd Sunday Morning Worship
4th Sunday Café Praise
5th Sunday service is held within one of the churches within the Benefice.

Wednesdays service at 10.00am alternating between Morning Worship and Holy Communion

Further details are on our website stmichaelssomerton.co.uk.

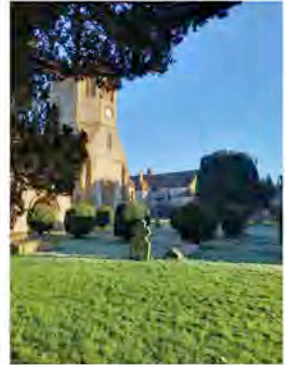


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Celebrating the now

Members of St Cleers Chapel are holding a Community Open Day at the chapel on Saturday 16th September to celebrate the recent building renovation. The chapel will be open from 3:30pm for viewing. This will be followed by a short presentation at 4:00pm with further time to explore the premises and enjoy light refreshments from 4:30pm. We extend a warm welcome to those interested and would love to hear of any stories (or photographs) of past/present association with St Cleers Chapel.



News from around town

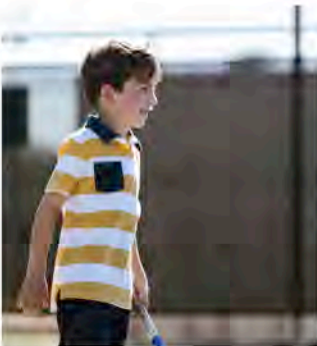
Blue for you

On Saturday 2nd September at 4.00pm the frontmen of the UK's top blues band, The Producers, bring their acoustic show to the Reading Rooms, Charlton Mackrell. Featuring songs from Muddy Waters, Elmore James, Howling Wolf and many more, as well as amusing stories of their 30 years playing all over the world, it promises to be an entertaining evening.

You can bring your own food and drink to this venue as there's no bar. It's going to be a sell out with limited numbers so get tickets early at wegottickets.com/event/578065.



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Anyone for tennis?

Somerton Tennis Club is hosting a new six-week junior coaching course for 6-10 year olds from 4:15-5:00pm each Friday, for £34.99 per person, starting 8th September.

The LTA accredited and subsidised "Youth Start" course introduces children to tennis in a fun and relaxed environment, and includes a junior racquet, ball-set and t-shirt, plus participants also receive free junior mini-court membership of STC on completion of the course.

For more details or to reserve a space, please visit clubspark.lta.org.uk/SomertonTennisClub/Coaching.

Life's a carnival

The next meeting of the Somerton History Society is on September 28th at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Refreshments are available from 7.00pm. The speaker this month is John Dando with a talk entitled The Somerset Carnivals. There is no charge for members, but guests are very welcome at £2 per person.



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News from around town

It's not tea and sympathy

Buttercross Health Centre and Ilchester Surgery will be holding an open day on the 23rd September 2023 from 10:00am until 12:00 noon at the Somerton surgery. This is an opportunity for patients to meet some of the staff and ask questions about the services on offer and understand the roles of the different clinical care teams. For example, Health Coaches versus Health Care Assistants and GPs versus Nurse Practitioners.



You will also have an opportunity to raise question about the role of Symphony Health Services, which is the governing body which looks after Buttercross and is part of Yeovil District Hospital.

There will be stands to advise you on 'Ask my GP', the NHS App, Patient Participation Group (PPG), and finally there will be a tea and cake stand on behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Support trust.

We hope to see you there, please note that parking is limited.

The beautiful game

In July, Somerton Town Youth Football Club held its first club presentation evening since COVID-19. To celebrate the success of the youth players in our community, over 400 people attended the event at Long Sutton Community Hall.

It was a great opportunity for the players, parents and volunteers to come together to reflect on the positive contribution everyone has made during the 2022/2023 season.

"I've been playing with Somerton Strikers for 2 years now. The matches are my favourite but I also enjoy training and getting lots of practice. There were lots of fun activities at the presentation and it felt really good to receive a trophy for taking part." L.Pimblett (U9).



Spotlight on Somerton Rugby FC

Working together for Somerton through rugby

In the eyes of many, the sport of rugby is often associated with boggy battles, beer and boisterous bar banter. At Somerton Rugby we can't disassociate ourselves entirely from that, but we strongly believe there is so much to our Club and what it offers its members and our great local community, both on and off the pitch.

Our Club is small and relatively young as it enters its 25th anniversary year, but it is growing rapidly and constantly looking to expand its offering to the town and surrounding villages. Currently, we operate two adult male teams (one league and one veterans/social side) and a minis' and juniors' section for children from age 3 and upwards.

Last season, our adult team enjoyed a successful year in a new, more competitive league and finished fourth overall. One of the highlights of the year was the opportunity for the Club to play at the home of our affiliated Premiership club, Bath Rugby, where our team experienced playing under the lights and skyline of Bath in front of 1000+ spectators. This year, we have established a new veterans/social rugby side for those of more senior years who wish to continue enjoying the physical and social side of our sport in a more relaxed routine (no training; one match a month; lots of paracetamol!).

One of the great successes of our Club is our minis' and juniors' section. Established just six years ago with just six children (three of whom were the children of our Juniors' Lead Coach), this section of the Club has grown and grown and now regularly has 80-90 children attending each Sunday. In addition to fun and competitive games on the pitch, our minis and juniors have enjoyed organised trips off the field, including white-water rafting, trampolining and free tickets to an England International at Twickenham. It is hugely rewarding for our coaches to see children



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of all ages, many of whom join with little confidence, grow in ability and benefit from the core values of our sport – namely teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

Central to the Club's ethos is contributing to the community and this has been evident in a number of ways this year. In the 2022/23 season, the Club raised over £4,000 for local causes and charities, including King Ina Academy PTA, Diabetes UK, Prostate Cancer UK and Wooden Spoon. In addition, we are always keen to support local community events including the Somerton Christmas Lights Switch-On, the Somerton Fireworks Display, Somerstock and Sport Club Fundays, helping out in any way we can and serving locally sourced fayre from our 'Saxon's Kitchen' burger stall.

In the 2023/24 season, we have great ambitions to expand further our sporting offering to the community. This year, with the support of Somerton Town Council, we have established a part-time Community Rugby Coach role that will be delivering rugby-based activities to 10 local schools and organisations. Additionally, we intend to improve the supporting and participating opportunities and facilities within our Club for disabled children and adults.

Somerton Rugby is a thriving club that is enjoying great success and rapid growth. Of course, none of this success would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our coaches, volunteers and generous sponsors, including Somerton Town Council. Their loyal support of our great little club has been fantastic. Thank you all.

SRFC 1st XV trains every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00pm
(Contact Gary Saunders 07772 673829)

SRFC Saxons/Vets play once a month
(Contact Dan Dury 07970 770946)

SRFC minis and juniors meet every Sunday at 9.30am
(Contact Dan Dury 07970 770946)

SRFC Community Rugby Coach
(Contact Helen Sheerman 07852 543232)



Have your say

Local man makes good

Ben Ingersent, a joiner from Somerton, has reached the semi-finals of Screwfix Top Tradesperson 2023. Ben, 37, who is the director of Ingersent Interiors, has been working in the trade for over 20 years.

He has been committed to excellence in joinery since he was an apprentice. After achieving two consecutive gold medals at the Skillbuild National Finals, Ben went on to earn himself a Medallion of Excellence at the International World Skills final in Japan, back in 2007. Having recently started his own business, he hopes to one day be in a position to train his own apprentice to a world class standard.



He will now compete against 26 other top tradespeople from across the UK and the Republic of Ireland, who were selected from over 1,000 applications, for the chance to be shortlisted as a top 10 finalist. The finalists will participate in a one-day event at Screwfix LIVE, on Friday 22nd September, where a panel of esteemed industry experts will interview all participants before deciding on who is this year's champion. Good luck Ben!



Sing out loud

Most people enjoy singing, even if it's only while driving or in the shower. Imagine the thrill of singing with others, with a lead who can help blend your voices to make a beautiful sound. There are so many benefits from singing together in terms of health, and there are plenty of friends to be made too. The choir meets on a Monday evening in the Langport arms upstairs ballroom (stairlift access is available) with members joining us from towns and villages all around. There are

plenty of free parking spaces in the main car park. Your first night is free, when we start again on 18th September 2023. To book your space, please email us on langportcommunitychoir@hotmail.co.uk or visit the website langportcommunitychoir.co.uk.

Good neighbours

We have wonderful neighbours in Somerton. Not long ago I'd been out for a lovely evening with a friend. When I got home, the doorbell rang. When I answered it, it was a local man called Adrian, who lives in Waverley. Much to my surprise, he handed me my wallet with cash, cards and driving license inside. It is marvellous to know we live in a friendly, happy, small town. Thank you Adrian from Norman.



Have your say



Let's make a song and dance of it

Our May 2024 trip to see the hit musical 'Hamilton' is full. No surprise there. If there is enough demand to cover the coach hire we will run a second trip, probably in June.

We have three new trips. In November we're going to the ever popular 'Annie' starring Craig Revel Horwood (moonlighting from 'Strictly'), then

in March to the revival of the Lloyd-Webber/Tim Rice musical Jesus Christ Superstar, and in April to the Royal Ballet production of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty with full orchestra.

The best way to keep up to date is online at charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form. You could also book by e-mailing charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com, or calling Chris on 01458 273085. All profits are donated to British Red Cross. Hoping to see you on the coach sometime soon.

Pretty Woman: 1 November 2023 £40/£63 | **Annie:** 21 November 2023 £51/£60 | **Life of Pi:** 17 January 2024 £40/£51 | **Wicked:** 22 February 2024 £66/£76 | **Jesus Christ Superstar:** 12 March 2024 £45 | **Everyone's Talking About Jamie:** 27 March 2024 £40/£59 | **The Wizard of Oz:** 3 April 2024 £47/£58 | **Sleeping Beauty:** 19 April 2024 £38 | **Hamilton:** 24 June 2024 £85/£95 | **Come From Away:** 26 August 2024 £43/£68

The magic of movies

On Saturday 9th September it's movie night. Come along to the Parish Rooms at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The magic is brought to you by big screen stars Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi and Jennifer Saunders in Allelujah. Tickets are just £6 and can be bought on the door or in advance at Cobbs. Refreshments are also available.



On 14th October the film is a classic romcom 12A movie, What's Love Got to Do With It? It features Emma Thompson, Mim Shaikh and Zoe Stevenson. Show time and ticket details are as for the September film night.

Have your say

Opinions, support and supper

At the Laburnum Drive Community Committee it's you we work for, so come along to our monthly meeting and tell us your suggestions and what you think of how we're doing – good or bad.

On Tuesday 5th September at 10.00am it's bacon butties, a tempting £2. On Tuesday 12th September come along and support our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We've scones and jam too, all for £4.50. Tuesday 19th September we're off to Minehead. The coach departs at 10.00am and tickets are £11 adult, £7 for children. Please note, there'll be no coffee in the hall that day. On Friday 29th September from 5.00pm to 7.00pm we're celebrating with a Harvest Festival Supper. There'll be a ham salad and a dessert for £6.50 per head, plus mini Bingo. Of course there's full Bingo every Thursday at 2.00pm.



Events and happenings

We all need to be aware of Cyber Crime and how to protect ourselves from it. On 14th September at 10.45am Megan Haldane from the Regional Cyber Crime Unit in Exeter will talk about scamming prevention. Just come along to The Club at Somerton Sports and Social Club. Refreshments are available. Contact Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198 for more details.

On Thursday 28th September between 10.30am and 12 noon at The Club, it's Mo's Macmillan Coffee Morning. Entry is £1, and if you'd like to bring a cake along to help raise funds, please do.

Greener Somerton

There were many green issues in the Action Plan from the Town Survey. If you would like to join a group to follow up on these issues, please contact the Clerk's Office on 01458 272236 or by emailing town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk for more information or you can contact Cllr Mo Fletcher on 07718 920198.

Community Shed

We have a possible venue and to make further progress, we now need to form a committee to take the lead and organise a constitution, a bank account and seek grants. We are affiliated to Men's Sheds UK, where there is much information and support to form a new Man/Community Shed.

If you are interested in getting this venture off the ground, please contact Mo Fletcher 07718 920198. If no one comes forward it will not happen. So please help if you can.

Somerton Events and Clubs September 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the October edition, please contact viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th September 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 ltissue@mail.com
	Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library	For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 www.citizensadviceouthsomerset.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	Gill Hampson 07526 534889 gillhampson6@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Tai Chi 9.30am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 5.45pm 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-Tuttiatt 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 brotherytonen@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

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When	Where	Who to contact
Wednesdays	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 9.30am 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	Peter Jones 01458 224212 www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk
	Flexercise 2.30pm to 3.30pm	
	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 September 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	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com somertongc.com £3 for visitors
	Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms – free to members	Mandy McAllen mandymcallen1@gmail.com £5 to visitors including refreshments
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 7.45pm to 12.30am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Roy Warry 07811 018284 roywarry42@gmail.com Strictly Jive Facebook page
First Saturday of the month	Somerton Group of Artists Painting Day 10.00am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Mandy McAllen mandymcallen1@gmail.com Full details at somertonartists.co.uk or Facebook Workshop £5 on the door
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
Other Somerton Clubs		
When	Where	Who to contact
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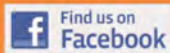
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