

# VIADUCT

November 2023



# Editor's Letter



## Hello,

Again, contributors have been more than generous, and this month's issue of Viaduct is packed full of information, invitations and general news to keep you well informed and entertained. For example, there are two trips to Christmas markets to choose from. There are art shows and talks, the events listings and, of course updates from the council.

Sadly, although this is the month where we remember all our veterans and serving soldiers, sailors and airmen, there will be no march in Somerton. But do go along to St Michael's on Sunday 12th November for the service.

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Editor, Viaduct

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# News from your town council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	14th November 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Promotion and Communication	21st November 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land and Properties (Planning if required at 6.30pm)	28th November 2023	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Welcome to your November edition of the Viaduct. During October, the council actively chased for progress on the Langport road crossing. We are still waiting for the final sign off for the lighting scheme. We are very disappointed, as you probably are too, that this hasn't been resolved. We will keep chasing until the lighting is installed, making the crossing safe to use.

## Welcome to our newest Councillor

The Town Council welcomed our latest Councillor, Catherine Rigby, who was co-opted at the October full Town Council meeting.

## Join our team

Somerton Town Council are urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue, to put themselves forward as a Councillor and make a real difference. The work the council undertakes can be both exciting and rewarding. An integral part of a Councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups and businesses to determine their needs, making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward, and getting involved to ensure our services meet the community's needs. The council and Councillors strive to make a positive difference to our local people's quality of life. Councillors are servants of the public; Councillors are responsible to our electorate and serve only for their term of office.

Councillors have four main areas of responsibility:

- To determine council policy and provide community leadership.
- To monitor and review council performance in implementing policies and delivering services.
- To represent the council externally.
- To act as advocates for constituents.

The council are seeking two new Councillors for co-option onto the council. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact your Town Clerk by emailing [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).

# News from your town council

## Volunteers needed

The council are always seeking volunteers to join working groups to progress projects. We are currently seeking volunteer support for the opening and closing at Edgar Hall. This could be midweek or a weekend. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your Town Clerk Laura Bolter by emailing [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk).



## Honouring our veterans

In light of Remembrance Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, we are delighted to share that Somerton Cemetery was recently commemorated in perpetuity by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, where four men aged between 18-24 are buried and remembered with honour for their selfless service during the first and second world wars. Further information is available at [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org).

## Budgeting for 2024/25

Somerton Town Council have been working hard reviewing services, costs, and future projects. The review has gone well, and finalising the budget will take place at the full council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, with future potential projects still under review. The office staff are also working hard to ensure Somerton Town Council drawdown S106 funds are available to Somerton through planning obligations. Planning obligations are legal obligations entered in to mitigate the impacts of a planning development.



## Firework display

The Firework display will be at the recreation ground on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Gates are open from 6.00pm for a 7.00pm display. In addition to the display there will be food stalls and a children's disco in the Sports Club.



# News from your town council

## Grants awarded October 2023

### **STC1998: Lady Smith Memorial Institute**

Lady Smith Memorial Institute grant was awarded for annual building insurance for the sum of £450.00.

### **STC1999: Somerset Bus Partnership**

Somerset Bus Partnership grant awarded for support with the cost of campaigning against local and proposed bus service cuts in Somerset and with particular reference to Somerton for the sum of £2,000.00. The number 54 bus – route from Taunton to Yeovil via Somerton is under threat. The service is currently heavily subsidised, and this is not sustainable. Unless the public use it, the service will be lost.

### **STC1570a February 2021: Langport Transport Group**

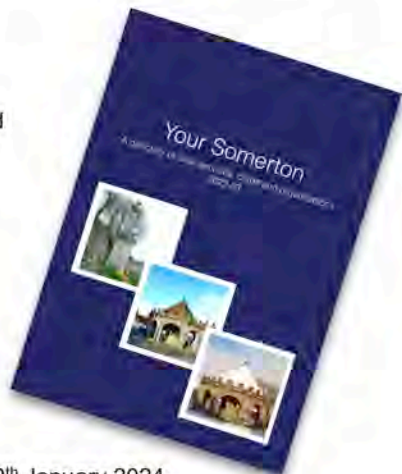
Following on from the grant awarded to the Langport Transport Group (LTG), the LTG attended the October full council meeting to update us on their progress. In summary the group has been working hard to get a station opened; communities were able to submit bids to re-open stations, so the Group put in a bid and were granted £50,000 towards a feasibility study. Required match funding of £20,000 was achieved and that included a contribution of £5,000 from Somerton Town Council. A steering group was set involving Great Western Railway, Network Rail, Somerset Council, South Somerset Council, and representatives from *Local Enterprise Partnerships* (LEP). A one-year feasibility study was conducted with a series of meetings leading to March 2022 and a decision expected within six to nine months. The Group is still awaiting a decision and are concerned by the delay. Regular meetings continue to be held and a further meeting in November is scheduled with Sarah Dyke, MP, to push the project on.

## Your Somerton 2024

Your Somerton is a directory of local groups, organisations and businesses in and around the Somerton area. The booklet is produced biennially with three objectives:

- to provide an update on the work of Somerton Town Council
- to promote businesses and other organisations in the town and surrounding area
- to provide brief details of local clubs, societies, and other organisations for residents

The publication is delivered free to every household in the parish, and for 2024 we are intending to distribute by the end of March 2024. The closing date for all adverts is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, please email [yoursomerton@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:yoursomerton@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) for further information on how to advertise in the directory.



# News from your town council

## 80th commemoration of D-Day

A public organisational meeting will be held at Edgar Hall in the conference room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Reminders and further information will be placed in the Viaduct in December and January editions.

A proposed draft itinerary is already being put together with events from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June through to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



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**Thursday** – Proclamation by the Town Crier, poems for schools entitled 'D-Day Heros' undertaken by school children from King Ina School and a beacon lighting ceremony at the recreational ground.

**Saturday** – Dance themed evening at Edgar Hall. Time and price of tickets to be determined.

**Sunday** – Community fun day at the recreational ground. Stall holders will be invited with a maximum charge of £5.00. Family picnic (weather dependent) with music from both the Somerton and Ukelele bands.

## Roadworks update

Wales & West Utilities (WWU) have identified that they will need to close the B3165 between the junction with Pestors Lane and Market Place. This will require a legal order. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is the legal process used to temporarily stop or limit vehicles or pedestrians on the highway. There is a three-month lead time to obtain a TTRO. This means that at some point, WWU will need to pull off the road until the TTRO has been granted but will be returning later. WWU have admitted that this is a failure on their part to identify their traffic management requirements in good time. In preparation for the closure, they have been notified of the issues that they will need to resolve. This includes ensuring businesses can receive deliveries, possibly suspending some of the parking spaces outside of the TSB bank. Recommendations have also been made that rather than rely on a letter drop to the affected business, a member of WWU staff visit each business in person to discuss the works. They will also need to contact the transport team as this is a bus route and there is a weight limit on Pestors Lane.

For the ongoing works, there will be some limited disruption to access to the Cox's Yard car park. However, there will be road plates on site to facilitate access. They have also been notified that works affecting the car park should not take place on either Friday or Saturday due to the increased volume of shoppers.



# News from your town council

## Phone box on the move

The Council are currently considering moving the phone box which is currently located at Pound Pool. Option 1) the conservation area, Market Place. 2) Brunel Precinct, Cox's Yard. If the phone box is moved from its current location at the roundabout there is more opportunity to repurpose the phone box.

## Local Community Networks (LCN)

Somerton Councils LCN representative Cllr Gary Maughan will shortly be attending the LCN working group focusing on Active Travel in Somerset.



## Citizens Advice at Somerton Library

Every Monday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Citizens Advice is at the library – no appointment needed – or visit [citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk](http://citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk).

## Nourishing Community Event – Somerton

A Nourishing Community Food Conference is being held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Edgar Hall. This event is free for community workers and volunteers. It's an opportunity to network with all things community food across Somerset, from growing it to foraging.

To find out more and to book tickets go to [Eventbrite.co.uk/e/nourishing-community](http://Eventbrite.co.uk/e/nourishing-community).

## We're here to help

For further information and detail regarding the workload the council are undertaking, please refer to the website for minutes of our meetings at [somertontowncouncil.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes](http://somertontowncouncil.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes).

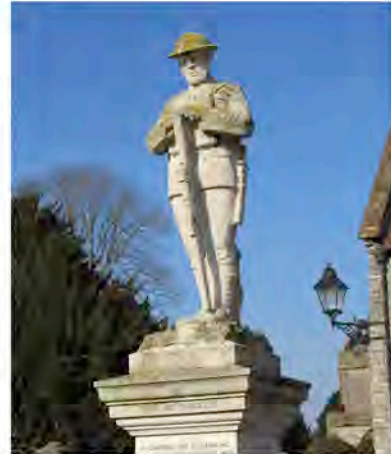
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# News from around town

## Remembering our heros

Sadly, we cannot march this year but will still be paying our respects to the fallen, and we hope to march again in 2024 with the collaboration between the Royal British Legion and Somerton Town Council. Jo Gay and her helpers will be organising the sale of poppies around the town in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. We will meet outside St Michael's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9.30am with youth groups with their standards and proceed into the church for the service.

We hope that Kingsbury Episcopi Band will play for us as we go into and out of the church, followed by a gathering around the War Memorial for the reading of the names of the fallen, the commendation, the silence, a fly past (weather permitting) and the laying of the wreaths. We ask that people leave the car park areas by the War Memorial in Market Place free for the public to gather between 9.00am and midday.



Somerton: War Memorial (Somerset)  
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Somerton Royal British Legion, please contact Mo Fletcher 07718 920198 for more details.



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## Nobility without pride

The Somerton and Langport Area Branch of the RNLi invite you to a talk on 'The horse in art from Ucello to Hockney' by Richard Kay, Lawrences' picture expert. The talk is on 22nd November at Long Sutton Village Hall, TA10 0NT. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets are £18 and include a glass of wine and canapés. You can pay in advance using these details: Barclays Bank, sort code 20-68-95, account number 93032671, the account name is Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Please use reference 7988565 and your surname. For more information, call 01458 223613.

## Eyes down... it's bingo time

Wessex House, Behind Berry, Somerton is holding its Christmas Bingo on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Wessex House. Please come and join us and help make it an enjoyable evening for our residents. Any money raised will go towards the Wessex House Amenities Fund which pays for entertainment and treats for our residents. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm. All Welcome.



# News from around town



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## Are you willing to save lives?

In 2022, RNLI lifeguards saw a staggering 155% rise in paddle board incidents compared with 2021, while volunteer lifeboat crews saw an increase of 20%. In the 10 years 2012-21 the RNLI saved the lives of 300 kayakers and canoeists and helped 6,361 people.

We are a small fund raising group who desperately need more people to help. Can you spare an hour to help with our collections? Would you be able to help with other events we put on during the year?

Any assistance would be welcome to fund our selfless lifeboat men and women and lifeguards who drop everything and work voluntarily to save lives at sea and around the coast. If you are interested in helping this vital non-government funded lifesaving institution, please get in touch with Mary Mullineux, Secretary to Somerton and Langport Area Branch RNLI at [marybmullineux@gmail.com](mailto:marybmullineux@gmail.com).

## Archies Xtra need some extra help

Are you interested in working with the young people who live in Somerton? If yes, then why not come and join our well established team of volunteers who make up the Archies Xtra team. We meet every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm at the recreation ground where we talk to the young people who are around, and offer them free refreshments from a horsebox trailer. The team of volunteers come from all backgrounds, and the number of sessions they commit to varies, depending on their availability. New volunteers are always welcome. We desperately need some help with pulling the trailer, it currently falls to one volunteer but we would warmly welcome another.

Please contact Judith on 01458 273079 or Alex 01458 272047 if you want to know more, many thanks.

## Honouring the dogs of war

Did you know that animals are rewarded for conspicuous gallantry or devotion to duty? If not why not come along to the Somerton History Society meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm held in the Parish Rooms? Ashley Jones will be telling us all about the history of The Dickin Medal. Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments. There is no charge for members, but guests are very welcome at £2 each. There will be no meeting in December or January.



""Treo' Dickin Medal Winner" by mrrobertwade (wadey) is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.

# News from around town

## Getting to know Mark

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at St Michael's Church, Somerton from 3.00pm a team of readers, drawn from several local churches, will present St Mark's Gospel in its entirety. Capture the drama, the excitement, the joy, the horror and the wonder as the story unfolds. This will be a rare opportunity to read Mark – and hear, learn and inwardly digest – one of the most compelling stories to have been passed down to us across 200 centuries! The presentation will be in two halves of approximately 35 minutes each, with a break for refreshments. For further details please contact Brian Pearson at [brian@vividclouds.com](mailto:brian@vividclouds.com).



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## There's a lot more to the library than you think

- Somerset Libraries are lending thermal imaging cameras so customers can survey their properties to identify heat loss hotspots. Cameras can be booked at the library and may be kept for up to three days.
- Citizens Advice continue to operate from the Library (that is otherwise closed) on Mondays from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Currently they are focussing on providing advice on managing utility bills. Appointments are not required.
- November's Treasure Hunt will feature nocturnal animals.
- Giving lots of notice for an early December activity: The Christmas Craft Event will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.30am, the Library closes at 1.00pm.
- The Library continues to lend blood pressure monitors.
- What's Your Story? Somerset Libraries are encouraging users to share their stories about their Library and how the Library has either made a difference to their lives or provided services that support the community. We always like good news stories but this information will be used to substantiate the role of community libraries such as ours.



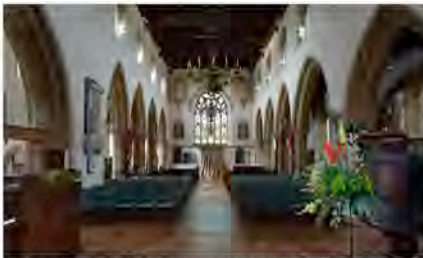
# News from around town

## A time to give...

Would you like to visit the Christmas Market in Bath or simply spend a day in the shops or other attractions? This month, in addition to our normal WI programme of meetings and activities, we have a coach trip to Bath on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. We shall leave Somerton at 9.00am and will be back here by 6.00pm. As we have a few spare places, it seems selfish not to offer them to anyone who would like to join us (gentlemen are as welcome as ladies on this occasion). The cost is £20 per person. If you are interested, please contact Sue Long on 01458 274038 or Pauline Saunders on 01458 272769 as soon as possible.



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## A warm welcome awaits you

Would you like to brighten up a dull November afternoon? Come for tea (or coffee) and cake on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in St Michael's Church. You'll find a warm welcome and the chance to meet friends, old and new. You may also want to join us on the first Saturday morning in December when, in addition to our usual coffee morning, there'll be several attractive stalls with ideas for last-minute gifts.

There are a few alterations to our normal pattern of Sunday services this month. November 5<sup>th</sup> there is no Sunday service in St Michael's, as we shall be joining the congregation at Kingsdon church. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday, so our service will start at 10.00am continuing with the wreath laying in the Square at 11.00am. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November is a Holy Communion Service at 11.00am. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November is a Cafe Praise Service at 11.00am. You are very welcome to come and join us at any time.

## Painting from memory

The Somerton Group of Artists is meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms Somerton. It promises to be an interesting evening with Devon artist and teacher, Matthew Davidson, demonstrating "Clouds, Light and Landscape," an exploration of how to work with memory, drawing and painting without reference to photographs or other printed material. No charge for members, £5 for others which includes tea or coffee. For more information please visit our website [somertonartists.co.uk](http://somertonartists.co.uk).



# News from around town

## Trees, tales and workshops

Another busy month at ACEarts this month with our 'Open' continuing until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November showcasing over 100 works. Then from 18<sup>th</sup> November 'The Aborealists, The Tree of Life' begins, an exhibition in celebration of trees, until 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We will also be hosting a live telling of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with two performances on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 6.00pm and 7.00pm to 9.00pm with festive refreshments available. Tickets are available on line or in store. Our drop-in sessions continue and we have a number of workshops taking place too. More information can be found at [www.acearts.co.uk](http://www.acearts.co.uk).



## Light up Christmas with Somerstock

The first tickets for Somerstock 2024 will go on sale on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. "We are delighted to be back with Somerstock in 2024 and we will kick things off by offering our cheapest tickets to those attending the Somerton Christmas Lights event", said festival chairman Cliff Bassett, who went on to say "We will also be confirming details of our line-up of fantastic bands".

A very limited number of the lowest cost Tier 1 Tickets will be released for sale at the Christmas Lights Switch-On in Somerton. Those attending the event will be able to download a special access code to get the tickets online during the day. Any remaining Tier 1 tickets will be available on general sale the day after. Once all the Tier 1 tickets are sold, more tickets will be released at Tier 2 prices, before moving to Tier 3 standard prices tickets and finally to Tier 4 just before the festival.

Somerstock was a sell-out in 2023 and the organisers recommend buying tickets early for this growing festival so don't miss out. For full details of the Somerstock music festival, including band line-up details as they become available, please go to [somerstock.co.uk](http://somerstock.co.uk) or watch out for announcements on social media.

Somerstock is the flagship event of Somerton Music and Arts Festival, which will be hosting a Christmas Table Decoration Workshop very soon on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please go to [somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://somertonartsfestival.co.uk) for all the details and tickets.

Somerstock will run over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as the final event in Somerton Music and Arts Festival which starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.



Somerstock photograph courtesy of Victoria Welton Photography



# Have your say

## Speedwatch unedited at author David Cundle's request

As the days shorten and the autumnal early morning mists bring less visibility and the clocks go back bringing darker evenings SpeedWatch will still be in various locations reminding you that driving within the designated speed limit is so important. The town is busier and the young and the older residents can be made to feel safer if you do respect the speed limits. Last month I mentioned that we are reporting fewer drivers and we hope that this trend continues so we can all enjoy a safer journey whether on foot, in a car or on a cycle. So please think of others as you drive around Somerton, after all that small drop in speed can make a BIG difference to us all. If any one is interested in joining the team please call me David Cundle on 01458897224.



## Listen up

Are you looking for a speaker to come to your group or organisation next year? If yes then why not contact the "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" who would love to come and talk to you about their amazing charity and the work they do in transforming the lives of individuals with hearing loss. If you are interested, please contact them via [hearingdogs.org.uk](http://hearingdogs.org.uk), thank you.

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## Somerton Cary Community Shed

We are well on the way to opening in January. The more support we can show, the better our chances to win grants. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mo Fletcher, Secretary, at [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com) or on 07718 920198.

## Mo's Cancer Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who came to the fundraising coffee morning on 28<sup>th</sup> September, and for the cake donations. We raised £150.55.



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# Have your say



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## Getting Christmas ready

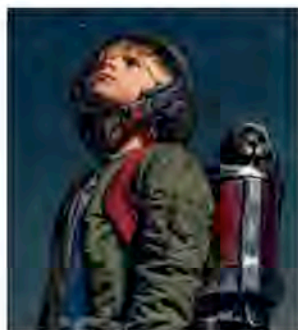
On 7<sup>th</sup> November join us the Laburnum Drive Community Committee for bacon butties – available from 10.00am, just £2 each. On every Wednesday during winter there's a new get together. Come along between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for a cuppa, cakes and table games – and all totally free. Don't forget Thursdays is Bingo... friendly and fun from 2.00pm.

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November it's off to the Exeter Christmas Markets. The coach departs at 10.00am and tickets are £11. Please note, there'll be no coffee morning on that day.

The Committee has a busy month this month, so there'll be no Hall Event, but for regular supporters there will be plenty of notices to read.

## Can you open your heart to a child?

When a child comes into the care of the Local Authority, it is often in the best interests of the child for them to stay within their local community, so they can continue to attend their current school, surrounded by the faces and places they know. Sometimes these children need a foster home on a temporary, short-term basis, while others will need the safety and stability of foster care long-term – though the aim is always to reunite the child with their birth family.



With more than 550 Somerset children in care, there is an urgent need for not only long-term foster carers, but also short term and temporary foster homes to provide occasional weekend care and emergency care for vulnerable, local children.

In return, foster carers receive weekly payments, full training and on-going support. You need to be aged 21 or over with a spare room in your home, but there is no upper age limit – wisdom and experience is a bonus. It doesn't matter if you are single or married, who you love, if you have pets or whether you rent or own your home. The most important thing is that you have room in your home and your heart, with a genuine desire to make a difference to a young person's life.

If you're interested in fostering, there are several ways to find out more. Details are on the website [fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://fosteringinsomerset.org.uk) or you can call the friendly team between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday on 0800 587 9900. You're not committing to anything by getting in touch to find out more, and you could help change a child's story.



# Spotlight on Peachy Beauty Studio

Annabel O'Neill started her own business just over six years ago at the age of 20 after losing her mother and realising that life is far too short to be stuck doing something you do not love. With no previous knowledge on any beauty treatments, she trained in eyelash extensions which quickly became very popular. After being self-employed for three years and during the pandemic she realised that it was the right time to open her own salon, which was originally on the High Street by the old Oost Office.



It was a daunting time to open a salon in the middle of a pandemic but with a unique idea of bold colours and a more relaxed environment, the salon ran for two years and quickly outgrew the small shop that it was based in. Annabel realised she needed a much larger space and took an amazing opportunity for a brand new unit on the trading estate.

Since opening in May 2023 the new premises have grown from a team of two to an incredible team of seven, offering many different beauty and hair treatments from nails, eyelash extensions, semi-permanent makeup and much more.

The salon has been very busy, and the support from the local community has been overwhelming, especially after Annabel was nominated for and won the award for Best New Business at the Somerton Community Awards.

She now is directing herself into being an educator and mentor to people wanting to become an Eyelash Technician, offering training courses, one to one or in class settings.

She has also has just recently started talking every week to the younger community about her life after loss on the salon's Instagram and Tik Tok, and her business Instagram (@aro.lash) and how you can build your life back up after losing someone you love, or after you feel like you have lost everything.



To give the younger community support is something very important to her, as the world is only becoming more and more difficult to live in, and younger people are suffering every day and may not feel like there's someone who they can relate to. So to speak out and support the future of our community is imperative to her.

With further plans coming to the business in 2024 we invite everyone to come and treat themselves to a wonderful treatment and meet the super friendly team. You can call the salon on - 07748 189673, find us on Facebook – Peachy Beauty Studio and on Instagram – @p3achybeauty. Or you can book online using our booking app "Fresha".

# Somerton Events and Clubs November 2023

If you would like your event to be included in the December edition, please contact [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) by 10<sup>th</sup> November 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 <a href="mailto:conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk">conrad@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk</a>
Mondays	Tot's Life 9.30am to 11.00am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Kerryanne Lucas 07715 926923 <a href="mailto:kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com">kerryanne.lucas@btinternet.com</a>
	Yoga Classes 11.30am to 12.30pm Parish Rooms, Somerton	Sue Knight 07854 641950 <a href="mailto:ltissue@mail.com">ltissue@mail.com</a>
	Citizens Advice 10.00am to 1.00pm Somerton Library	For advice, freephone 0808 278 7842 <a href="http://www.citizensadviceSouthSomerset.org.uk">www.citizensadviceSouthSomerset.org.uk</a>
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email <a href="mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk">ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk</a> for more information and to book a place
	Pilates – Inhale to Prepare 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Gill Hampson 07526 534889 <a href="mailto:gillhampson6@gmail.com">gillhampson6@gmail.com</a>
Tuesdays	Tai Chi 9.30am to 10.30am, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Jacqui 01458 270258 £20 for 4 weeks
	Women's Institute 2.30pm Parish Rooms – third Tuesday of month	Sue Long 01458 274038 Pauline Saunders 01458 272769
	Somerton and District Bowls Club 5.45pm Sports Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton	Peter Jones 01458 224212 <a href="http://www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk">www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk</a>
	Somerton Town FC 6.30pm at Somerton Recreation Ground (Oct to Spring Huish School)	Jason Burton-Tuttiett 07825 180506 <a href="mailto:jasonb52s@yahoo.com">jasonb52s@yahoo.com</a>
	Somerton Runners 6.00pm at Somerton Recreation Ground hardstanding by 5-a-side football pitch	Keith Brackstone 07999 511366 <a href="mailto:coachkeith53@gmail.com">coachkeith53@gmail.com</a>
	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 <a href="mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk">info@midwessexsingers.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk">www.midwessexsingers.co.uk</a>
Wednesdays	Meditation and Mindfulness 9.25am to 10.30am Parish Rooms, Somerton	07803 497496 Facebook Wessex Sessions <a href="mailto:brotheryonten@gmail.com">brotheryonten@gmail.com</a>



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When	Where	Who to contact
Wednesdays	In Line We Dance 10.00am to 12.00pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB	Mat 07518 601518 Rod 07545 121951 info@inlinewedance.co.uk
	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
	Somerton Gardeners' Club 7.30pm at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB – second Wednesday of the month	Annette Sparks 01458 258947 annettes2853@gmail.com somertongc.com £3 for visitors
	Somerton Group of Artists 7.30pm Parish Rooms – second Wednesday of the month	Mandy McAllen mandymcallen1@gmail.com free to members, £5 to visitors including refreshments
	Somerton Probus Club 11.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane – last Wednesday of the month	Barrie Davies 07811 770061 barrie.davies@btinternet.com
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


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Thursdays	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email <a href="mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk">ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk</a> for more information and to book a place
	Health Walks 11.30am Somerton Library – first and third Thursday of the month	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 <a href="mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com">fletcher080@btinternet.com</a>
	Friendship Club 10.30am at Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane – second Thursday of the month	Mo Fletcher 01458 274631 <a href="mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com">fletcher080@btinternet.com</a>
	Somerton History Society 7.30pm at Parish Rooms – fourth Thursday of the month	Joan Banbury <a href="mailto:j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk">j.banbury@mypostoffice.co.uk</a>
Fridays	In Stitches 10.30am to 12.30pm at ACEarts, Old Town Hall, Somerton	Nina Gronw-Lewis 01458 273008 <a href="mailto:hello@acearts.co.uk">hello@acearts.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.acearts.co.uk">www.acearts.co.uk</a>
	Somerton and District Bowls Club	Peter Jones 01458 224212 <a href="http://www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk">www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk</a>
	Ageing Well, Parish Rooms, Somerton	Age UK Somerset 01823 345626 Email <a href="mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk">ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk</a> for more information and to book a place
	Strictly Jive 7.45pm to 12.30am at Edgar Hall, TA11 6SB – first Friday of the month	Roy Warry 07811 018284 <a href="mailto:roywarry42@gmail.com">roywarry42@gmail.com</a> Strictly Jive Facebook page
Saturdays	Somerton Group of Artists painting day at Parish Rooms – 10.00am first Saturday of the month	Mandy McAllen <a href="mailto:mandymcallen1@gmail.com">mandymcallen1@gmail.com</a> full details at <a href="http://somertonartists.co.uk">somertonartists.co.uk</a> or Facebook. Workshop £5 on door
	Somerton Cinema Society 6.45pm for 7.30pm start at Parish Rooms – various dates, see local advertising	Tickets from Cobbs Wholefoods, £6.00.
	Ballroom Latin Sequence Dance 7.30pm to 11.30pm at Edgar Hall – last Saturday of the month	Peter Withey-Tebby 07738 581292 <a href="mailto:witheytebby@btinternet.com">witheytebby@btinternet.com</a> Admission £6.50/raffle £1 a strip




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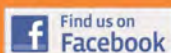
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