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12th December 10.am Saturday

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

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[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

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# News

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## **ENHANCE YOUR CREATURE COMFORTS IN THE PARISH ROOMS**

The Friends of the Parish Rooms have set up a fund to replace the hall chairs to make your visit an even more pleasurable experience. We are sure you will want to help; so collecting boxes are being placed in shops around town and if you would like to make a large enough donation to have your name on a roll of honour for sponsors, please send a cheque to Nancy Schooling (Langmaid), made out to FotPR.

## **HOW YOUR PRESCRIPTION IS DEALT WITH**

We at the PPG thought it may be helpful to explain how prescriptions are dealt with through the surgery – and it has proven an interesting exercise!

A prescription can begin its life in one of two ways: either a visit to the doctors or a repeat of something prescribed before. If you visited the doctor and a prescription is produced there and then, it will be sent electronically to the the pharmacy of your choice to be collected at a later point that day or you can ask for a printed version of this prescription to take to the pharmacy yourself. There is a possibility that the item will not be available the same day if the pharmacy needs to order it in.

When a patient requests a repeat prescription, the physical process of the surgery checking and authorising the drugs takes up to two working days. The prescription will then be sent electronically to the pharmacy of your choice where they will process the items. If this is the Boots Somerton pharmacy, they need up to two working days to process the prescription. This takes into consideration ordering the item in where necessary. After the two working days, you will be able to collect the item from Boots in Somerton.

The local Somerton pharmacy also offer a service that enables you to leave an ongoing repeat prescription with them. The patient is then contacted by text message or phone to advise that item is ready for collection. This is an independent arrangement which you can sign up to. Local advertisements were recently circulated concerning a company called Pharmacy Plus. This is another independent organisation who deliver to your door. They are not affiliated with the Buttercross Health Centre or the local pharmacy and therefore patients must be aware that if they have an emergency episode, their details are no longer held at our local pharmacy and they will need to specify if they wish to have their emergency prescription dealt with locally.

We have been advised by the Buttercross Health Centre that they are in the process of simplifying ongoing multiple repeat prescriptions for their patients. This means that if you are in receipt of several different items during the month, in time, your items will coincide so that trips to the pharmacy can be minimised. You may also notice that the drugs come in different packaging from time to time, this is because they will be supplied under their generic names rather than branded products. They will be the same items. We hope that you have found this information helpful and if you have any queries, please be in touch with the Buttercross Health Centre.

## **WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO INSPIRE?**

Somerton Scout Group is looking for a Scout Leader. Could this be you?

Scouting is about fun, challenge and adventure for young people and a rewarding experience for those who get involved and lead. Scouts is an opportunity to help young people develop and for you to contribute to your community, gain leadership skills whilst taking part in exciting and fun activities. Every year we help over 450,000 young people in the UK

enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Why not come along and find out for yourself?

Interested? Contact Fiona Bayles Tel 07580 863392 e-mail [Fiona.bayles@gmail.com](mailto:Fiona.bayles@gmail.com)

## **BUS TIMES**

There have been some minor changes to the timing of the 54 Taunton to Yeovil bus service from August 10th. Daytime buses will run five minutes earlier than the previous timetable. Service 377 Wells to Yeovil will be undergoing some minor changes from August 23rd. It seems that they will be leaving Yeovil 7 minutes later than the current timetable and Wells 1 minute later than present. When I can see whether Webber are making any changes, I will reprint the timetables for the Local Information Centre in the public library. Look out for new timetables after the Bank Holiday weekend!

*Martyn Smith*

## **SOMERSET COMMUNITY OIL SCHEME**

Join now and save money on your heating oil. Last month we paid 32.85ppl, this is our lowest price ever for the scheme! For a small annual subscription of £24 (domestic users inc VAT) you can become a member and save on average 3.85 pence per litre.

Check out our website for more information: [www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil) or contact Marion by email [info@ofps.co.uk](mailto:info@ofps.co.uk), or by phone 01993 225011.

## **LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE**

We have a lovely Community Hall in Laburnum, where we meet, enjoying a variety of activities – supper parties, bingo, teas, coffee mornings, charity events, monthly coach trips, raffles, crafts, or just ‘natter’!

We are grateful for the support the local community gives us, and we use our funds to give everyone good times, and donate to charity. We have lunches @ £7. Our scheme manager has monthly events, with everyone welcome. We are limited to the number allowed in our premises, so we need your name on our lists IN OUR HALL, to book in advance, before you can be included. Without it, you may be disappointed. Join in our Macmillan tea. Info. Tel 272620.

## **CASH-4-CLUBS OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS (UK)**

Local grassroots community sports clubs in the UK that require funding for equipment, facilities or coaching can apply for grants of £250, £500, £750 and £1000 through Cash-4-Clubs. The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded by Betfair and is supported by SportsAid. No preference is given as to the types of sport or the age range accessing the activity; however clubs should play an active role in the community, encourage social interaction and fitness, and be registered with their sports’ National Governing body.

Previous projects supported include Strictly Wheelchair Dancing which received a grant of £750 to purchase new wheelchairs and Solihull Cycling Club which received a grant of £600 to provide coaching staff with additional training;

The fund is open to any sports club that is registered with its sports’ National Governing body or local authority. The closing date for applications has passed for this year – try next year! <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

## **BEYOND LANDFILL – SOMERSET’S SEARCH BEGINS**

Somerset is widening its residual waste treatment options beyond costly landfill in the search for better solutions that continue to meet residents’ needs and make significant financial savings. Outside its contract with waste firm Viridor, Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is asking waste treatment suppliers for alternatives to deal with more than 120,000

tonnes of refuse each year. SWP currently spends £12 million a year of council taxpayers' money on landfill. After recent years' budget reductions, it wants the switch from landfill to save at least £1.3 million a year.

## **LANDFILL WARNING ON RUBBISH FIRE RISKS**

A fire that started in rubbish being landfilled at the Dimmer site in July took Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and site operator Viridor several days to bring under control.

While the investigation into the Dimmer fire's cause proved inconclusive, Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) has warned that adding the wrong items to rubbish bins could put lives at risk.

Among the danger items that should never be added to the rubbish bin are:

- Hot ash or part-burned materials from domestic or garden fires or barbecues.
- Used portable barbecues whose charcoal may not be completely cold.
- Household or vehicle batteries as these may short out or cause sparks.
- Broken glass not carefully wrapped or bagged as it could act as a magnifying lens.
- Aerosols as they may get hot or be pierced during the landfill process.

## **MID WESSEX SINGERS' NEW MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

Bryan Anderson, a recent graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, will take on the role of Musical Director of the Mid Wessex Singers in September. Bryan, who is Senior Organ Scholar at Wells Cathedral, will be rehearsing the singers for their Christmas and Spring concerts. The Christmas concert will include a performance of parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

Steph Berry, Chair of Mid Wessex Singers, said 'We are so fortunate over the years to have had extremely talented and passionate musicians to guide us and share in our love of singing. Each brings his or her unique approach and expertise and as amateurs we have benefited so much from the challenge, learning new skills and feeling confident in our performances. We are looking forward to working with Bryan, who is coming from the USA.'

Bryan's most recent positions have been as organist and assistant choirmaster at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Tenth Presbyterian Church, both in Philadelphia. Bryan was also an assistant organist of the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ.

He has been described as "simply first class" (Classical Voice of North Carolina) and "brilliant" (The Diapason). A rising performer and collaborator, Bryan has performed at venues including the Kennedy Center, Verizon Hall in Philadelphia, Woolsey Hall at Yale, Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York.

## **CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS**

Support The British Red Cross by enjoying a coach ride and a spectacular show at the Bristol Hippodrome. We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport and Somerton, then Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet, or Street, Glastonbury and Wells, depending on bookings.

New reservations are for the ballet Swan Lake matinee on Thursday 7th January, Lloyd Webber's musical Tell Me on a Sunday starring Jodie Prenger on Sunday (of course) 15th May, and The Rocky Horror Show on Wednesday 20th July. Although a long way ahead it is best to reserve now as we often fill our coach well in advance. Free cancellation is OK up to my payment date, usually 8 weeks before the show date.

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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We know it's still supposed to be summer, but here at the 'Lights Brigade' our thoughts are turning to all things twinkly and bright!

Although we have a small core team of volunteers, we always need a few more hands, as after all, “many hands make lights work!!”

This year, the lights are being installed over the week-ends of the 14th–15th November and 21st–22nd November. So, if you are able to come along and give us a hand on any of those days, even for an hour or two, please let us know. You can hand your details into Jane at Cobbs, or if you prefer ring Jane on 274066 or Sue on 274321.

Any offers of help will be gratefully received. Thanking you in advance

*Jane Rodgers and Sue Spratt (on behalf of The Lights Brigade)*

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## Reports

### SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Contact: Town Clerk on 272236,

or email [town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)



#### SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning (if required)	8th	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall
followed by Full Council		7.30pm (after Planning)	Edgar Community Hall
Promotion & Communication	15th	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Planning (if required)	22nd	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall
followed by Land & Properties		7.30pm (after Planning)	Edgar Community Hall
Access & Highways	29th	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall

- The third bat survey has taken place at the old Doctors’ Surgery, we are waiting for the report prior to submitting a planning application for the development of the site.
- The Promotions and Communications Committee are reviewing a Community Engagement Policy and will report back to the September meeting.
- STC have provided a grant to the Light Brigade of £4K to provide a Christmas Lights for Somerton, the group will manage the project.
- Provisional agreement has been reached for Somerton to host a street market. Work is still being undertaken re The Charter Day and licences for the market.
- Councillors within the Promotion and Communication committee have undertaken specific roles: Martyn Smith: External organisations; Mo Fletcher: Viaduct and internal Town communications, notice boards etc.; Judith Hurley: Youth; Dave Smith: General support.
- Cllr Colyer is reviewing the options to bring a Citizens Advice outreach to Somerton and will report back to the September meeting.
- The Victorian Evening will take place on 27th November 2015.
- The Community Garden Project opened on 27th July 2015 at St Michaels and All Angels Church organised by the CYP.
- Disability ramp at the Sports Club has been repaired.
- Work on the planting scheme for the cemetery wall has commenced.
- Smoking policy for E cigarettes at Edgar Hall has been agreed to tie in with the current no smoking policy.
- EDGAR HALL PRICING 2016 has been maintained at the 2015 levels, a review for 2017 will take place in June next year.
- A £3000 scheme of works has been approved to upgrade the public toilets.
- Somerton’s cemetery records will move to a computerised system by the end of 2015. There are approx 2700 records to administer.

## **SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL – ART EXHIBITION**

Thank you very much to everyone who entered and helped out with this year's Art, Photography and Embroidery Exhibition. There was a huge range of work and some really positive comments from visiting members of the public.

The 2015 Exhibition saw over 400 visitors and sold over 100 cards and 9 paintings and photographs. The children from King Ina Infants and Junior School and the Roundabout Pre-School produced a wonderful and vibrant handprint tree which was lovely to have as part of the exhibition. We had a new embroidery category which was great to see and next year I'm hoping that we will have enough entries to have a sculpture category.

Well done to the following who achieved best in show: Artwork: Pat Board, Fishing Boat in Lyme; Photography: Brian Hutchings, The Cobb, Lyme Regis; Embroidery: Chris Gee, Blue Tit.

Anybody interested in entering next year's exhibition please email me at [x.jdx@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:x.jdx@hotmail.co.uk) or give me a call on 07807 484083, so that I can add you to the mailing list.

*Jade Farmer, Art Exhibition organiser*

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**

The youth council would like to thank Alan Symonds and St. Michael's church for hosting the community garden project that launched on Monday 27th July, offering a relaxing place for everyone in the community over the summer. A big thank you must also go to all who participated and helped the youth community in creating this project. The project was sponsored generously by contributions from local businesses and residents, amongst whom are Judith Hurley, Mo Fletcher, John and Janet Watts, Overt Locke, Farmer Doggerell, B.B Discount, Greta and Colin Mattingley, Sherry Briggs, Ronnie May and the Town council. The youth council hopes Somerton residents will have enjoyed their community garden over the summer. See the photo on back cover.

If you are interested in joining the youth council and are aged between 11-18 years please contact Kelly Kay on [kelly@cyp.me.uk](mailto:kelly@cyp.me.uk) or call 07445440897.

## **THANK YOU**

The Atwell family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages of sympathy received following the passing of Margaret on July 5th, also for donations for the Yeovil Hospital CT Scanner Appeal which has totalled over £600. Thank you.

*Norman, Graham, Sue and Carol*

## **THE RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES**

We wish to thank the Viaduct delivery team of volunteers for delivering the public feasibility questionnaires around the town.



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# Forthcoming Events

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## SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB'S SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

### THIS SEPTEMBER'S 1ST XV FIXTURES ARE:

05th September	Wells II	vs	Somerton	(away)	3.00pm
12th September	Somerton	vs	Wiveliscombe II		3.00pm
19th September	Frome III	vs	Somerton	(away)	3.00pm
26th September	Somerton	vs	Morganians		3.00pm

Home fixtures for the Seniors are at Somerton Sports Ground, Gassons Lane.

Training is Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7.00pm at Pitney Fields. New players are very welcome.

### UNDER 17s BOYS

Training Thursday evenings 6.45 – 8.00pm at Pitney Fields. Visit website for fixture details.

### UNDER 15s GIRLS

Training Monday evenings 6.00 – 7.15pm at Pitney Fields. Visit website for fixture details.

Contact Jerry Phillips for details: m. 07870 861731, h. 01458 898471.

Find the club's latest news, club shop, fixtures and results and keep up to date with all current events surrounding the club at [www.somertonrhc.co.uk](http://www.somertonrhc.co.uk)

### WI: TUE. 1 SEP.

7.15, the Parish Rooms. Speaker: Chris Burt, Age Concern: Keep Fit. Competition: Old Crock.

### ARTHRITIS CARE: THUR. 3 SEP.

7 for 7.30pm in the URC Meeting Room. Take Note, Musical Entertainment. Visitors very welcome.

### HEALTH WALKS: THURS. 3 SEP. & 17 SEP.

Come and join Linda and Mo on a Health Walk for about an hour in the Somerton area. We meet at the Library at 11.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month so the 3rd and 17th this month. Good shoes or walking boots are recommended and wet weather gear may be necessary. Ring Mo on 01458 274631 for more details.

### QUILT EXHIBITION BY UFO'S STITCHING GROUP: FRI. 4 – SAT. 5 SEP.

Fri 4th Sept 10 am – 4 pm & Sat 5th Sept 9.30 am – 1.30 pm at the Parish Rooms. Cost adults £2, children Free. Patchwork, knitting, books, cakes, tombola. Proceeds to Nikki Thornley's (nee Jenkins) wheelchair fund. Nikki, a Police Officer, with 2 young children, had an unexpected life change after a road accident.

For more info please contact: Lin Fry 01278 691398 or at [lin\\_fry@icloud.com](mailto:lin_fry@icloud.com)

### PATH SALE: SAT. 5 SEP.

10 am – 11.30 am, Methodist Church.

### LANGPORT COMMUNITY CHOIR: MON. 7 SEP.

After a very successful choir year which included another trip to the Bristol Choir Festival and many local performances, the choir starts again on Monday September 7th. We meet in the main hall at Huish Academy, Huish Episcopi and our members come from Langport, Somerton, Street and most of the surrounding villages. There is no audition, your first week is free. If you have never sung before, don't worry, you only need to be over 18 and enjoy singing for pleasure. We sing under the direction of Pete Linnett and you will be amazed at the beautiful sounds he creates with our various voices and the many types



of music including folk, pop, spirituals and traditional music from around the world. Pop in for a listen, or even better, to join in – Monday Sept 7th at 7pm. Visit our web site at [www.langportcommunitychoir.co.uk](http://www.langportcommunitychoir.co.uk) or call our membership secretary on 01458223831 for more information.

### **MID WESSEX SINGERS: TUE. 8 SEP.**

We meet on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 to 9.00 at the Methodist Church Hall in Somerton, starting after the summer break on 8 September. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to come along. There are no auditions. It is a friendly group of singers who, as well as two public performances a year, sing for the residents of care homes and sheltered accommodation.

For more information visit [www.midwessexsingers.wordpress.com](http://www.midwessexsingers.wordpress.com) or ring 01935 840248.

### **SOMERTON & DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE: FRI. 11 SEP.**

I have been hearing rumours that there are teams out there wishing to play and revitalise the Friday evening Somerton & District Darts League, therefore I think we should hold a meeting on Friday 11th September at the Somerton Sports Club at 7.30pm.

So please come along to enter or advise me prior to the meeting. Thanks.

*Toby Strang, 01458 272191*

### **SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE: SAT. 12 SEPTEMBER**

Join cyclists and walkers across the country to help keep our beautiful churches and chapels alive and welcoming for our many visitors from all over the world. Church congregations alone have to find the funds to keep the buildings in good repair and bring them up to modern standards, for instance by installing toilet facilities so they are better suited for community use. Grants from Somerset Churches Trust are often the catalyst to other grants.

The Trust organises this event in Somerset, and suggested routes (one of which starts from Somerton) are available on the website: [www.somersetchurchestrust.org](http://www.somersetchurchestrust.org)

Half the money you raise goes to the Trust and half can go to your nominated church or charity. You can also turn up at St. Michael's Church at 10am on 12th September and pay £10 (which goes to the Trust) to follow our suggested route, about 32 miles, or a short cut of about 16 miles, or you can plan your own route.

Have a lovely day out visiting some of our lovely churches and chapels, some of which are usually closed, and help preserve our built heritage. For more details please phone Rowena Wallace on 272844, or email [rowena@directoffset.co.uk](mailto:rowena@directoffset.co.uk)

### **SOMERTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PANTO 2016 AUDITIONS: TUE. 15 & THURS. 17 SEP.**

The Pantomime next year will be Sleeping Beauty and the auditions will be held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 15th September and Thursday 17th September, at the following times:

Children 12 & Under: 6.30pm

Children 13 & over and adults: 7.30pm.

Brush up on your speaking and singing voices – I look forward to seeing you there!

If you need any further information, please call me, Monica, on 01458 272023.

### **TAI CHI: THURS. 17 & 24 SEP.**

We will start for beginners on Thurs 17th and 24th at the Parish Rooms NOT Tuesdays.

Contact Jacqui on 01458 270258.

## **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SAT. 19 SEP.**

9.30 - 11.30am in the White Hart.

## **SOMERTON MOVIOLA: *DARK HORSE*: SAT. 19 SEP.**

7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms.

An inspirational true story of a group of friends from a working men's club in a small town in Wales who decide to take on the elite 'sport of kings' and breed themselves a racehorse. Raised on a slag heap allotment, their foal, Dream Alliance, grows into an unlikely champion, beating the finest thoroughbreds in the land, before suffering a near fatal accident. Nursed back to health by the love of his owners, for whom he's become a source of inspiration and hope, he goes on to make a remarkable recovery when trained in Somerset, returning to the track for a heart-stopping comeback.

*Dark Horse* won the audience award at January's Sundance Film Festival, a feat in keeping with the film's subject. The picture is as textbook an underdog story as anything to have come out of Hollywood, and yet it's the sincerity of the principals who tell the story that make it so uniquely compelling.

Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods or at the door.

Saturday 17th October "Far from the Madding Crowd"

## **SOMERTON DIVISION OF BEEKEEPERS' HONEY SHOW: SAT. 19 SEP.**

Long Sutton Village Hall, 1 to 5 pm, admission free.

The Somerton Division of Beekeepers' hugely successful annual Honey Show and Farmers Market is on Saturday 19th September. Over recent years the Somerton show has expanded to become one of the biggest and best Honey Shows in the South West. All the usual honey, wax and beekeeping classes will be on display, as well as the very popular Allcomers' classes for preserves and crafts. These are open to the general public, so if you think your jam or chutney is the best in the west, why not try your luck! The afternoon includes an outside craft and farmers market, with a number of local producers selling their goods, including plants, flowers, jams, cider, cheese, cards, gifts, bags, pottery, cakes, ice-creams and much more. You'll also be able to visit the "Bee" tent where you will be able to find out more about your local beekeepers, sample some of their award winning honey, view some of the equipment used for beekeeping and see the bees hard at work in an observation hive. There will be information available on how you can help bees and those wishing to start keeping bees can sign-up to a beginners course.

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like more information about the show please contact Joe King, The Honey Show Secretary, on 01749 890357 or join them on Facebook [www.facebook.com/SomertonBeekeepers](http://www.facebook.com/SomertonBeekeepers).

## **AFTERNOON ORGAN RECITAL: SUN. 20 SEP.**

3.00 pm, St Michael's Church, given by James Turner.

Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Burkina Faso project run by Christian Aid, which St. Michael's is supporting.

This recital is to celebrate James's 50 years as a Church organist which all began when he was 13 and having organ lessons from the assistant organist at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. He was asked by the Cathedral organist to take on the role of organist at the Cathedral Mission Church in the Water of Leith Mission in Edinburgh. There has never been a time when James has not been playing in churches over the last 50 years, even during his Royal Air Force service, and of course includes a probably unique 4 times as Director of Music at St Michael's. So come along and celebrate with James and enjoy a varied pro-

gramme of music at the organ. Tea and cake during the interval!

### **SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MON. 21 SEP.**

We meet at 11 am in the Methodist Hall to join together in singing for fun. We sing popular songs and songs from the musicals.

### **LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE: TUE. 22 SEP.**

Coach trip to Bournemouth, departing 10am. Fare £10. Luxury Coach.

(October Coach is a Mystery trip, on WEDNESDAY 21 October.)

### **SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURS. 24 SEP.**

7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Our speaker then will be John Smith with a talk entitled "The Battle of Britain". As always, members of the Society come for free, visitors are very welcome at £2 each. For more information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

### **MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING: FRI. 25 SEP.**

9am – 12 noon, Parish Rooms. Bacon baps, cookies, cakes, coffee, tea and soft drinks! We will also be selling cream teas and cakes at the U3A meeting in the Edgar Hall on the same morning. Please come and support this Cancer Care Charity and bring your friends along too.

Macmillan do a marvellous job in not only supporting those with cancer, but also helping their families cope with their situation.

If you would like to help by contributing a cake/cakes/cookies, please bring them to the Parish Rooms on the Friday morning or we can arrange for someone to collect them from you on the day before.

For further details please contact Marion on 01458 270934.

### **SOMERTON U3A: FR. 25 SEP.**

A musical look at history with Terry Merritt-Smith: Ration Books to Rock & Roll. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each

### **CAN WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES AFFECT OUR HEALTH? THE INCONVENIENT REALITY: SAT. 26 SEP.**

10:30am to 5pm, Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon.

Speakers include Barrie Trower, retired military 'microwave warfare' specialist, internationally sought for his expertise and advice, Brian Stein CBE, retired CEO of a major UK food manufacturer, and Somerset GP Dr Andrew Tresidder, both patrons of the charity Electro-Sensitivity UK.

The aim is to provide awareness of electro-sensitivity and associated conditions such as chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, chemical sensitivities, ADHD and autism, and to promote precaution when using current wireless technologies whilst encouraging the development of safer devices.

Tickets £15 Students £10 including refreshments, from Peter Gane 01935 423002 and Foresight-Preconception 01275 878953.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY: SAT. 26 SEP.**

11.00 to 12.30 in the 'Full of Beans' Café, 6 West Street, Somerton. Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any

concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing [stephenpage@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:stephenpage@southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephoning 07519 739137.

### **SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS: MON. 28 SEP.**

Please note that as from this month, the Green Gardeners meetings will be held on the **fourth** Monday of the month, but still starting at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Somerton.

Monday 28th September will be the Club AGM followed by a "Bring and Share" Harvest Supper. If any non-members would like to join us please contact me for full details.

*Helen, 01458 273753*

### **BRAINWAVE – AN EVENING WITH GRAHAM GOOCH: FRI. 2 OCT.**

Graham Gooch was one of the most successful international batsman of his generation. A captain of both England and Essex, he was a prolific run scorer he stands as the second highest scoring batsman in the history of English cricket with a top score of 333. A legend of the game and an English cricketing hero. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that he will be the Guest of Honour at a dinner in aid of Brainwave at Somerset County Cricket Club starting at 7.00pm.

Following successful events with Mike Gatting and Matthew Hoggard, An Evening with Graham Gooch will be a chance to meet the great man and to enjoy some of his cricketing stories and memories as he will speak to the guests after a three course dinner. The evening will also focus on Brainwave and there will be a number of fundraising elements to it; a raffle, tombola, and auction with the chance to get your hands on some wonderful prizes. All funds raised from this evening will go towards helping children with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence.

It's with thanks to our sponsors, Clarke Willmott and Francis Clark that we are able to offer you this opportunity to come and join us for an evening of fabulous food, great company and maybe walk away with a prize or, auction item. Don't get caught "on the back foot" and get your tickets booked before they are all sold out. Tickets are £45.00 per person and include a welcome drink and 3 course meal.

To book your tickets, please contact Alexis Hawkes at Brainwave on 01278 726923.

### **MONTHLY TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERIES: SAT. 3 & 31 OCT.**

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

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

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

### **BRUE BOYS CONCERT: SAT. 17 OCT.**

On Saturday 17th Oct the Brue Boys will give a concert with a 2 course supper for £20 a head at the Batcombe Village Hall starting at 6.30 pm. There will be a bar available.

Contact A. Biddle on 01749850307 for more details.

### **FIRST WORLD WAR EXHIBITION: SAT. 31 OCT.**

10am – 4pm, Parish Rooms, Somerton.

'Tommy's Living History', supported by The Marmaduke Cradock Trust, present an exhibition of uniforms, weapons, equipment, documents and letters with experts on-hand to answer visitors, questions. Tea and coffee available.

For more information contact: [simon.buckell@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.buckell@btinternet.com)

## VICTORIAN FAYRE: FRI. 27 NOV. AT 6PM

This year your local Lions Club “Sedgemoor” will be organising the evening.

The club’s first meeting took place in February and incorporates Somerton, Langport and Curry Rivel and also anyone from outside villages are welcome to join us.

We are inviting local schools, King Ina Academy, High Ham, Curry Rivel and Long Sutton to come and take part in the evening. We hope to have a “Smiley Evening” for the children. “Hamish” the donkey will also be there!!

The roads round the Buttercross will be closed off and police cones set up from 4 pm, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by this to local residents and shopkeepers in advance of the evening. All proceeds are given back to the local community.

All enquiries to Carla Warren on 253835.

For a booking form for a stall contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631 or email [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com).

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## In Brief

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>MONDAYS</b>	Age UK Movement to Music	11am–12noon	Parish Rooms
	Bridge Club (Chicago)	2–5pm	Methodist Church Hall
	Slimming World	5.30pm and 7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall
	Senior Youth Club	7–9pm	Wessex Rooms
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	Therapeutic Art Group	10am–noon	Wessex Rooms
	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Laburnum Drive
	Fitness League Exercise Class	11.30am–12.30pm	Parish Rooms
	Line Dancing (Beginners & Improvers)	7 - 9pm	Monteclefe Academy
	Mid Wessex Singers	7.30pm	Methodist Church
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Line Dancing	10am–12noon	Edgar Community Hall
	Knitting afternoon	2pm	Laburnum Drive
	Foodbank	2.30–4.30pm	The Angel, Langport
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	Rainbow Rascals	9am–11.45am	Methodist Ch Hall
	Weight Watchers	9.30–10.30am	Parish Rooms
	Beginners Tai Chi		Parish Rooms
	Coffee Morning	10.15am	Wessex House
	Line Dancing (Improvers)	11am–12noon	Parish Rooms
	NetBuddies		2–4.30pm
	Methodist Ch Hall		
	Fun Bingo		2.30pm
	Laburnum Drive		
	Credit Union (LLAST)	5–6.30pm	Methodist Ch Hall
	Martial Arts and Self Defence class	6pm	Infants School
Junior Youth Club	6pm–7.30pm	Wessex Rooms	
Bridge Club (Duplicate Bridge)	7–10pm	Methodist Church Hall	
Ceroc le Beat	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall	
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Flexercise		10.45am
	Laburnum Drive		
	(in term time) ReZound Youth	7.30–9pm	Life Church, Northfield
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	Yeovil Parkrun	9am	Montacute House
	Wessex Market	9.30am–12 noon	Unicorn Skittle Alley
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	The Rock Children’s Fun Church (term time)	10.30am–12noon	Wessex Rooms

## SEPTEMBER

Tues 1	WI Talk	7.15 pm	Parish Rooms
Thurs 3	Theatre Trip to see Annie		
	Health Walk	11.30 am	Somerton Library
	Arthritis Care: "Take Note"	7.30 pm	URC
Fri 4	Quilt Exhibition	10 am – 4 pm	Parish Rooms
Sat 5	Path Sale	10 am – 11.30 am	Methodist Ch
	Quilt Exhibition	9.30 am – 1.30 pm	Parish Rooms
Mon 7	Som Gardeners: Achieving the Dream	7.30 pm	URC
	Langport Choir	7 pm	Huish Academy
Tues 8	Rummikub	2 pm	Parish Rooms
	<b>Planning, followed by Town Council Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall
Fri 11	Somerton Darts League Meeting	7.30 pm	Som Sports Club
Sat 12	Ride and Stride	10am	St. Michael's Church
Tues 15	Drama Soc Panto Auditions	6.30 pm age 12 and under	Parish Rooms
		7.30 pm over 12s and adults	Parish Rooms
	<b>Promotion &amp; Communications Cttee.</b>	7.30pm	Parish Rooms
Wed 16	Heart of the Levels: Born to Birding	7.30 pm	URC
Thurs 17	Drama Soc Panto Auditions	6.30 pm age 12 and under	Parish Rooms
		7.30 pm over 12 and adults	Parish Rooms
	Health Walk	11.30 am	Somerton Library
	Beginners Tai Chi		Parish Rooms
Sat 19	County & District Councillor's Surgery	9.30–11.30am	White Hart
	Honey Show	1 pm – 5 pm	Long Sutton V H
	Moviola Cinema: 'Dark Horse'	7.30 pm	Parish Rooms
Sun 20	Harvest Festival followed by lunch		Methodist Ch
	Organ Recital by James Turner	3 pm	St Michael's Ch
Mon 21	Somerton Sings for Fun	11 am	Methodist Ch Hall
Tues 22	Lab Dr Res Coach Trip to Bournemouth	dep 10 am	
	<b>Planning, followed by Land &amp; Properties Cttee.</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Edgar Community Hall
Thurs 24	Theatre Trip to see 'Sunset Boulevard'		
	Som History Soc.: Battle of Britain	7.30 pm	PR
	Beginners Tai Chi		PR
Fri 25	MacMillan Biggest Coffee Morning	9am	PR
	U3A: Musical look at Ration Books to Rock'n Roll	10 am	Edgar Hall
Sat 26	Talk: Can Wireless Technology Affect our Health?	10.30 am	Meadway Hall, C. Dundon
	Stephen Page, District Councillor's Surgery	11 am – 12.30 pm	Full of Beans Café
Mon 28	Green Gardeners AGM with Bring & Share Supper	7.30 pm	Parish Rooms
Tue 29	Access & Highways Cttee.	7.30pm	Edgar Community Hall

## OCTOBER

Fri 2	Evening with Graham Gooch	7.00pm	Somerset County Cricket Club
Sat 3	Town Councillor Surgeries	10.30–noon	Somerton Library
Sat 17	Brue Boys Concert & 2 course supper	6.30pm	Batcombe Village Hall
Sat 31	First World War Exhibition	10am–4pm	Parish Rooms

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