



NEWS

CHARITY SKYDIVE

Very grateful thanks to each & everyone who sponsored my Tandem Skydive earlier this year, in memory of Dan Gardner and to raise funds for the repair of the Methodist Church floor. Total raised £4,000. THANK YOU.

Pam White

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Advanced notice re Somerton Vegetable, Flower and Craft Show 2015
Somerton Gardeners Club are again organising the annual show, which is open to all residents in the area, on Saturday 29th August 2015 at King Ina Academy. In addition to the usual fruit, flowers and vegetables, we have expanded the craft section and have listed the various classes below to give plenty of time for the preparation of entries. Enquiries - Ian and Sue Burton 01458 273668
www.somertongc.co

- Knitted Baby Item
- Knitted Toy
- Hand Stitched Picture
- Collage including Natural Material
- Garden Related Painting/Drawing
- Get Well Card
- Small Handmade Wooden Item
- Photo - Pet
- Photo - Country View
- Photo - Single Flower
- Photo - Seen in Somerton
- Photo - Optical Illusion

SOMERTON GARDENERS' CLUB - PROGRAMME FOR 2015

We meet at 7.30pm in the URC

February 2nd - Propagation - Castle Gardens

March 2nd - Presenting your entries for the show - Philippa Mandeville



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April 13th - Spring colour and interest in the garden - Castle Gardens

May 11th - Brimsmore discount evening - 7pm

May 16th - Plant sale - Somerton Buttercross - 10am

June 1st - Garden visit - Esotera, Foddington near Babcary

July 6th - Garden visit - The Old Rectory, Limington near Ilchester - 6.30pm

August 3rd - Where our favourite plants came from - Marion Dale

August 29th - Annual Flower Show - King Ina Academy, Kirkham Street, Somerton

September 7th - 'Growing into Moor Plants' - achieving the dream - Gilly Hayward from Moor Plants

October 5th - Growing orchids - Mr. Howard Burnett

November 2nd - Quiz and AGM

December 7th Christmas meal - Brimsmore - 7pm.

THE SOMERTON MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL (SMAF) COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee is pleased to announce some of the events taking place in this year's Music and Arts Festival. Appearances in the Festival Marquee this July will include the Kaiser Thiefs, Who2 and after their amazing show at last year's Festival the return of the fantastic Commitments. Events planned for elsewhere in the town will include a Welsh male voice choir, a concert by the Yeovilton Military Wives Choir and several daytime and evening talks. The committee is looking for sponsors to support these and other Festival events. Please contact us on 07928 508700, or email us at festivaltickets@btinternet.com or via the website www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk if you are able to help in this way or if you would like to place an advert in the 2015 Festival programme.

MORE UNNECESSARY DOG MESS

Would you like a pile of it outside your front door? Pet Owners! Please clean up after your dog. The streets around the St. Cleers area of Somerton were disgusting over the Christmas holidays. Dog faeces pose a health risk to all, but particularly to small children who may be unaware of the danger. Love your dog, but love your neighbourhood! Thank you.

PARISH POLLS CONSULTATION

The consultation closes on the 30th January 11:45

CONSULTATION DESCRIPTION

A parish poll allows for a ballot of local government electors in the parish to be called on any question arising at a parish meeting. The consultation seeks the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- the trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)

- the voting arrangements for parish polls
- the questions on which a poll can be held
- consequential related matters

WAYS TO RESPOND

Email to: parishgovernance@communities.gsi.gov.uk

WINE TASTING

Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Somerton Twinning Association present their annual wine tasting. This year the theme is "Wines of the Southern Hemisphere" and will include tastings of six different wines from south of the equator. The evening will also include music and photographs of the countries from which wine is being presented. Tickets in advance only, £10 each, will be available from the start of February by contacting Ian Vardy on 01458 273867.

THREATENED WITHDRAWAL OF DEFRA FUNDING FOR ACRE - THE NETWORK OF RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Please join our urgent campaign to call on the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs not to withdraw funding for the ACRE Network of rural community councils (RCC's). The Network, of which Community Council for Somerset is a member, is the only nationwide organisation with a dedicated rural focus; building community resilience, strengthening local enterprise and supporting the most vulnerable in our society. In addition, we are the sole network that provides advice to the 80,000 volunteers who keep England's 10,000 village halls alive. We have been supported by Government investment for decades. Now, however, we have been advised by civil servants to expect no further funding from Defra. If funding is withdrawn - which at present levels contributes just over 67% of our core unrestricted funding - we would be unable to maintain the central office functions which allow us to deliver our project work. One very important project area is Somerset Village Agents which I know you are aware of and have wholeheartedly supported. Our bid to expand county wide is being appraised by the Big Lottery Fund and every indication is that we will be successful. Without Defra funding we cannot maintain the important managerial, administrative, financial and HR functions which underpin our work and the project will not be able to proceed. This would have severe and far-reaching consequences for the vulnerable and isolated people of Somerset who rely on the Village Agents support, many of whom relied heavily on that support during last winters flooding crisis.

To pull the Defra funding now would fracture the Network, undermine decades of government investment and leave the most vulnerable in rural areas with nowhere to go.

Please show your support for Community Council for Somerset (CCS) by signing the ACRE Network online petition now at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/73418>

Please urgently write to Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or email her at defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk to ask her not to withdraw funding from the ACRE Network. If you are able to give examples of how CCS has made a difference to you, your community or organisation, this would be very helpful.

SALVATION ARMY CONCERT

On the evening of Thursday 18th Dec over 170 people filled St Michael's Church to hear the Bridgwater Corps of the Salvation Army give their Annual Christmas Concert. The evening was, as always, much enjoyed and the retiring collection raised £461 to help with the Army's social work in the Bridgwater area.

Many thanks to all who attended.

Shirley & Peter Waller

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Following the appeal article in December for used postage stamps in aid of the Somerset Marie Curie Nurses, I would like to thank all the readers who responded in such an incredible way. I have received so many - two large boxes, carrier bags and little packages put through the letter box - every stamp counts and means so much. A very special thank you to Jane at Cobbs Wholefoods, Brunel Shopping Centre for acting as a collection drop off point.

This is a long term appeal so please continue to save your postage stamps and the proceeds raised will be used to help support the 24 Marie Curie Nurses Somerset who provide home nursing care to those who are terminally ill, completely free of charge, 365 days a year.

Stamps, just torn of the envelope leaving a little paper around them, can be either taken to Cobbs Wholefoods, you can pop them through my letter box - The Old Saddlery, New Street or if you have lots I may be able to collect. For more information call me on - 01458 270165. Thank you again and please keep saving!

Judy Glossop

HAVE FUN HELPING YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS GROUP

Langport Red Cross Group are in need of volunteers for occasional help at the daily morning openings of our Langport Centre, where we provide companionship, light refreshments, and a bric-a-brac sale of donated goods.

We are also very short of house-to-house collectors in Somerton for Red Cross Week which is the first week in May. This can involve just a hour or two and you get to see some beautiful gardens and meet some lovely people.

To discuss volunteering for the British Red Cross please phone Chris on 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com

TELEPHONE SCAM WARNING

Please beware if you are called by somebody with an Indian accent calling himself Kevin (or whatever), saying that he is from the Caller Protection Service, or Telephone Protection Service, pretending they are government backed and giving the number 08451 297936. He will say that a high number of nuisance calls have been reported to your postcode and then go on to try to sell you a gizmo to attach to your telephone that will block all such calls and then pass you to a female "area manager" and try to charge you £89.00 plus a small monthly fee for the service. The "area manager" is quite aggressive and becomes very ratty at negative responses. Some have been caught by this as CPS sound very convincing. This is a scam and if you do a Google search on the telephone number you will see dozens of negative comments about it. Do not be caught. Put the phone down.

SOMERTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NEWS

Did you enjoy Somerton's Christmas Lights this year? It is quite expensive to maintain and replace as necessary and the last display was mostly funded by Somerton Business & Trades Association and Somerton Town Council.

Would you like to feel you have helped in some way towards next year's display? A community fund has been set up towards the 2015-2016 show with a collecting point in Cobbs Wholefoods in the Brunel shopping centre. Please feel free to drop in your spare change whenever you are passing.

We would love more volunteers to help put up and take down the lights. Don't worry - you don't have to go up high - there is plenty to do at ground level. Please leave your name and number in the collecting jar and we can contact you nearer the time.

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH ROOMS END OF WINTER LUNCH

We will be holding an "End of Winter" lunch on Saturday March 14th in the Parish Rooms. Jacket potatoes, with a choice of fillings and a side salad, followed by a choice of cakes and tea or coffee, will be available from 12 noon until 1.30pm. Tickets, priced £6, are available at Cobbs Wholefoods (thanks Jane!) from the end of February. Get yours soon because we are limiting seating to 60 people maximum for everyone's comfort.

THANK YOU FROM MARGARET GREEN

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent get well messages, cards and offers of help to me as a result of my recent spell in hospital. The concern shown by everyone is very much appreciated. Thank you all once again.

Margaret Green

COURTHOUSE GALLERY NOTICE

Mrs. Ann Nash would you please contact the Courthouse Gallery in Market Place, Somerton regarding your recent query. Unfortunately we do not have your contact details. Many thanks Anona Hawkins, Administrator 274653.

SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL (SSDC)

At the Local Information Centre, Bow Street, Langport Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 2pm. Many of our services are available directly from our website (www.southsomerset.gov.uk) or via our main switchboard 01935 462462. However, if you do not have access to the internet, or simply prefer to speak to someone in person, you can visit our office in Langport for help and information on a wide range of council services including housing and housing benefit, council tax and council tax reduction scheme, planning, building regulations, environmental health, pest control, welfare benefits, waste and recycling and your local neighbourhood.

All our services are also available at our other council offices. In Yeovil, these are: Petters House, Petters Way, BA20 1AS or The Council Offices, Brympton Way, BA20 2HT If you do not have the Internet and cannot get into one of our offices, you are welcome to give us a call at our local office on 01935 462177 between 9.15am and 1pm weekdays. As well as information about SSDC services, we are able to provide information about, and signposting and referrals to, various other organisations.

SOMERTON EVENTS DIARY

Unfortunately Somerton Events Diary will not now be printed this year due to lack of response from organisations. Apologies to those few who contacted me with their dates. We will try again next year I hope with more success.

Jackie Medley Chairman Somerton Tourism And Heritage Partnership.

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB

February's 1st XV fixtures are:

7th February: Somerton vs Tor II 2.30pm

21st February: Ivel Barbarians II vs Somerton(away) 2.30pm

28th February: Martock vs Somerton (friendly away) 2.30pm

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

UNDER 17'S BOYS

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

UNDER 15'S 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 or see www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, club shop, results and keep up to date with all current events surrounding the club.

NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK FOR CCS!

Happy New Year from all the staff at CCS. To see the first edition of the Thatch newsletter for 2015 go to the website www.somersetccc.org.uk. This month's news is about Winter Fuel Costs; Volunteer Recruitment; Marketing Somerset; Defibrillators; Somerset+ Energy Group; Somerset Community Oil Scheme; The National Churches Trust - Community Grants Programme; Healthy Hearts Grants for Community Projects; BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme and the National Study on Flooding and Health.

REPORTS

SOMERTON TOWN COUNCIL REPORT - JANUARY 2015

**CONTACT: TOWN CLERK 272236 OR
TOWN.CLERK@SOMERTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK**

PRECEPT 2015/16

The precept for 2015/16 has been maintained at the same level as 2014/15 £295740, this is projected to result in a 1.4% decrease in a band D property

CAR PARK STRATEGY AND DOCTORS SURGERY

To meet the needs of the Town Centre both now and in the future, following a period of public consultation the following has been agreed:

STC agreed to sell the Doctors Surgery to SSDC for £175K. SSDC would receive a rental income from STC of £9K pa. SSDC will then project manage the site development into a car park with the addition of 44 spaces, at a cost of £40K. The cost of the project to be paid for by STC from the funds received from the sale.

A long term pay and display car park will be created on the Paddock House site charging £2 per day, with the aim of providing spaces for visitors to the town centre who want to stay for longer than the three hour restriction in the main body of the car park. A review of season tickets and other options for those people working/parking in Somerton for a number of days per week will be undertaken before any charging is introduced.

STC will take over responsibility (from SSDC) for the Half Moon Car Park. Immediate priority will be to work with SSDC to improve the lighting prior to handover.

- A new website for Edgar Hall bookings is planned to be in place by the end of January / early February.
- Two long term loans have been repaid related to the Sports Club and the Cox's Yard Car Park.

- Thanks to the SSDC Street scene for the clear up operation on New Year's Day.
- The Town Council and others will be supporting the Forces March Saturday 23rd May (approx 11am in Somerton)
- Gratitude expressed for the Christmas Lights, and the appreciation to the Lights Brigade for doing a wonderful job putting them up and taking them down.
- South Somerset District Council plan has been concluded as 'sound' by the inspector and will be ready for adoption in March 2015.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held w/c 23rd March 2015

ELECTION 2015:

Somerton Town Council will be willing to provide a venue for a Hustings event if a local organisation want to arrange the meeting.

Next full council meeting 10th February 2015.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN TWINNING: FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

All persons interested in Italian Twinning are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Sadlinta, the South Somerset Italian Twinning Association, which will be held in the Parish Rooms, Somerton on Friday 30th January, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Following a short business meeting which will review the year past and discuss plans for twinning visits in 2015, there will be a light Italian meal with a glass of wine followed by Panettone. The evening will finish with a light hearted quiz. There is a charge of £8 which may be paid at the door.

FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY: SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

We will be holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30 am on Sat 31st January. Do drop in as there will also be a varied selection of books and magazines in good condition for sale.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB

Bingo on Sun 1st and 15th Feb 7.30pm at the club (over 18s only).

Super Darts League Sat 14th Feb at the club.

Quiz (Teams of up to 6) Thursday 26th Feb at 8.30pm

CHARITY SHOW: MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

There is to be a Fundraising Charity Show for Mpongwe's People Charity Zambia. This charity is run by members of St Cleers Chapel in Somerton. We are raising money for orphans who have lost their parents through Aids and other illnesses. We want to give these children a good start in life and for them to have an education. However, they cannot attend school without uniforms. Our aim is to raise enough money to provide them with uniforms.

The show is on Monday 2nd February 2015 at the Octagon Theatre Yeovil at 7.30pm, starring Andy Abraham (X Factor favourite 2005). Supporting Andy will be 18 year old local singer from Sherborne Erin Darling-Finan the girl with the golden voice singing 40's and 50's songs. Also with The Helen Laxton Dancers and a special guest singing a duet with Andy.

Andy will be singing his brand new charity song (I Am Somebody) for the first time in public with The Castaway Theatre Group. This song will be played all around the world and is a big project for 'Street Children' around the world and is backed by David Beckham, Sir Alex Ferguson, Jeremy Irons, The cast of 'Les Misérables' and many others. Tickets cost Adults £15; Senior Cit £10; Family (2A + 2C) £45. Order from Octagon Box Office 01935 422884 or online at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

We meet on Mon 2nd Feb at 7.30pm in the URC for a talk on Propagation

WI: TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Lunch at Long Sutton Golf Club.

TRUSSEL TRUST TAUNTON: FOODBANK AT LANGPORT

Open at the Angel in Bow Street every Wednesday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30. Emergency food aid available if you are in a crisis.

SOMERTON WIVES: WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Wed February 4th:- Somerton Wives talk and demonstration of Three Dimensional Wall Sculptures (hands on) in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm.

ARTHRITIS CARE: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Lee Giles. History of the WW1 Battlefields. 7 for 7.30pm. United Reformed Church Hall, West Street, Somerton. Visitors very welcome.

SOMERTON HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAY 5/19 FEBRUARY

Come and walk for a fitter you. We walk for about one hour - you need wellies/walking boots in case of mud. Humans only! We meet at the Library, Somerton at 11.30am and go for refreshment afterwards. Feb walks are on Thursday 5th and 19th.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

AGM is on Fri 6th Feb at 2pm

MEET THE 'GREENS': SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

10 - 12 noon in the Brunel Shopping Precinct.

RUMMIKUB TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

2pm in the Parish Rooms.

GREEN PARTY PUBLIC MEETING: WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

You are warmly invited to the Green Party Public Meeting for Somerton on Wednesday 11th February from 7 - 9pm in the Unicorn Skittle Alley. Introducing Theo Simon, the Green Parliamentary candidate for Somerton and Frome. This is an opportunity to get to know the Green Party and how you can participate in the election in May.

SOMERTON PANTOMIME: 13 - 21 FEBRUARY

“Pirates of the Cary-bean” Performances are from Fri 13th Feb - Sat 21st Feb at 7.30pm and 2.30pm matinees on Saturdays. (No show on Wednesday or Sunday) Tickets from Palmer Snell, Market Place

NADFAS: TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

The Limewood Sculptures of Renaissance Germany. NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 1100. free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527.

HEART OF THE LEVELS GROUP TALK: THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Great White Egrets return to Somerset - Kevin Anderson. United Reformed Church Hall, Somerton, West Street @ 7.30pm

THE BIG LITTER PICK: SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Time For a Spring Clean? Join The Big Litter Pick. I am planning a litter collecting event again this year on Saturday 21st February. If you feel that your part of the town could benefit from a clean-up, why not take part? Can you spare just two hours, morning or afternoon, whichever suits you best. I'll arrange a loan of all the kit necessary to collect litter without your having to come in close contact with it. Please contact me on 272327 or email jwatts@tesco.net.

John Watts (Somerton Volunteer)

DAVID HEATH MP'S SURGERY/ADVICE CENTRE: SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Problems? Queries? Complaints?

David Heath CBE MP will be holding an advice centre in Somerton at the Globe on Saturday 21st February 2015, 10 - 10:45am. Please phone 01373 473618 for an appointment.

COUNCILOR DEAN RUDDLE'S SURGERY: SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY.

Dean Ruddle, Chairman of Somerton Town Council and our County Councillor for Somerset County, representing not only Somerton but the surrounding District covering Compton Dundon to Keinton Mandeville, the Charltons to Long Sutton and Upton, will be holding his regular monthly surgery on Saturday 21st February 2015 from 9.30am to 11.30am in the White Hart Inn, Market Place, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Dean to put to him whatever concerns or issues you may have. To make an appointment kindly contact Anne Yates in the first instance either by calling on (01458) 274 865 or by E-mailing anne.yates@btinternet.com .

SOMERTON GREEN GARDENERS: TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

The Green Gardeners will be meeting in the Parish Rooms, Somerton at 7.30pm. Our February speaker will be Sue Applegate with a talk titled 'From Plant to Plate'. Refreshments will be available after the talk and visitors are very welcome (£2).

SOMERTON CINEMA: SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

"Last Train to Lisbon" (12A) Jeremy Irons, Melanie Laurent, Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtney and Christopher Lee star in this well made thriller.

In the Parish Rooms. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets available at Cobb's, Brunel Precinct or on the door. Refreshments served. Further details from Sue Deane on: 01458 241808.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

As usual our meeting on the 27th February will be held in the Parish Rooms at 7.00pm for coffee with a 7.30pm start. Our speaker on this occasion will be John Smith talking about "The Roman Army". Members of the History Society come for free (but are reminded that the annual membership fee is due) , visitors will be very welcome at £2 each. For more information contact Nancy Schooling on 273859.

SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Will be meeting on Friday 27 February with a talk on the restoration of Hestercombe Gardens by David Usher.

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 6 MARCH

All are welcome to join in celebrating the Women's World Day of Prayer at a service on Friday 6th March, 2015 at 2pm at St Dunstan's Church, Langport Road, Somerton. The format has been compiled by Christian women from the Bahamas and services take place all over the world, starting in the island of Samoa and concluding some 36 hours later in American Samoa. .

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS: FEBRUARY EDITION

Well, War Horse is behind us, with 230 delighted theatre goers coming to Bristol with us. Bookings for the three following shows close in February.

Welsh National Opera's Hansel & Gretel; Based on Grimm's grim fairy tale so not one for young children.

Matthew Bourne's The Car Man; Followers of his other works (Swan Lake, Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Edward Scissorhands) should not miss this. Danced to Shchedrin's jazzed up adaption of Bizet's Carmen score, the plot is loosely based

on the 1934 novel *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. A gripping evening is guaranteed.

Jersey Boys on Tuesday 2 June; Nearly full, but we may run a second trip if enough extra bookings are made.

We may still be able to get tickets for *Wicked* and *Lord of the Dance*. All other shows are definitely available.

Wicked, Thu 19 Mar, £55 due on booking; *Jersey Boys*, Tue 2 Jun, £48 due on booking; *Hansel & Gretel*, Sat 11 Apr, £44 due on booking; *The Sound of Music*, Tue 23 Jun, Wed 1 Jul, £42 due 23 Apr; *The Full Monty*, Thu 16 Apr £36, due 16 Mar; *Lord of the Dance Dangerous Games*, Wed 13 May, £47 due on booking; *Oklahoma*, Wed 15 Jul, £34 due 6 May; *The Car Man*, Thu 21 May, £38 due on booking; *Annie with Craig Revel Horwood*, Mon 31 Aug, Thu 3 Sep, £46 due 31 May.

We pick up in Curry Rivel, Langport and Somerton. Then either Keinton Mandeville and Shepton Mallet, or Street, Glastonbury and Wells, depending on bookings.. Book by e-mail to coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, on line at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or phone 01458 273085.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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
Zumba 6.45–7.45pm Unicorn Skittle Alley
Senior Youth Club 7–9pm Wessex Rooms

TUESDAYS

Therapeutic Art Group 10am–noon Wessex Rooms
Coffee Morning 10.30am Laburnum Drive
Fitness League Exercise Class 11.30am–12.30pm Parish Rooms
Line Dancing (Beginners & Improvers) Monteclefe Academy
Mid Wessex Singers, 7.30pm, Methodist Church

WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing 10am–12noon Edgar Community Hall
Knitting afternoon 2pm Laburnum Drive
FOODBANK at the Angel, Langport, 2.30 - 4.30

THURSDAYS

Rainbow Rascals 9am–11.45am Methodist Ch Hall
Weight Watchers 9.30–10.30am Parish Rooms

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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

FRIDAYS

Flexercise 10.45am Laburnum Drive
Ceroc Le Beat 6.30–11pm Edgar Community Hall
(in term time) ReZound Youth 7.30–9pm Life Church, Northfield

SATURDAYS

Yeovil Parkrun 9am Montacute House
Wessex Market 9.30am–12 noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

SUNDAYS

The Rock Activity Church 10.30am–12noon Wessex Rooms

FEBRUARY

Fri 30th Jan - Sadlinta AGM 7.30pm PR
Sat 31st Jan - Friends of Somerton Library, Coffee Morning, 10.30am
Sun 1st Feb - Bingo (over 18's) 7.30pm SSC
Mon 2nd Feb - Charity Show 7.30pm Octagon Theatre
Somerton Gardeners, Propagation 7.30pm URC
Tue 3rd Feb - WI Lunch at Long Sutton Golf Club
Wed 4th Feb - Somerton Wives, Wall Sculptures 7.30pm PR
Thu 5th Feb - Arthritis Care 7.30pm URC
Somerton Health Walks 11.30am Library
Fri 6th Feb - Laburnham Drive Residents Committee AGM 2pm
Mon 9th Feb - Somerton Sings 11am Meth Hall
Tue 10th Feb - Rummikub 2pm PR
Wed 11th Feb - Green Party Public Meeting 7 - 9pm Unicorn Skittle Alley
Fri 13th Feb - Panto 7.30pm PR
Sat 14th Feb - Panto 2.30pm & 7.30pm PR
Super Darts League SSC
Sun 15th Feb - Bingo (over 18's) 7.30pm SSC
Mon 16th Feb - Panto 7.30pm PR
Tue 17th Feb - NADFAS Sculpture of Ren Germany 11am Caryford Hall CC

Panto 7.30pm PR

Thu 19th Feb - Somerton Health Walks 11.30am Library

Panto 7.30pm PR

Heart of the Levels Talk White Egrets 7.30pm URC

Fri 20th Feb - Panto 7.30pm PR

Sat 21st Feb - Litter Pick for the Town by Volunteers

David Heath MP's surgery 10 - 10.45am The Globe

Dean Ruddle surgery 9.30 - 11.30am The White Hart

Panto 2.30pm & 7.30pm PR

Mon 23rd Feb - 11 am Somerton Sings 11am Meth Hall

Tues 24th Feb - Green Gardeners "From Plant to Plate" 7.30pm PR

Thu 26th Feb Som Hist Soc, Roman Army 7.30pm PR

Quiz (Teams of up to 6) 8.30pm SSC

Fri 27th Feb - U3A Hestercombe Gardens 10.30am Edgar Hall

Sat 28th Feb - Somerton Cinema "Last Train to Lisbon" 7pm PR

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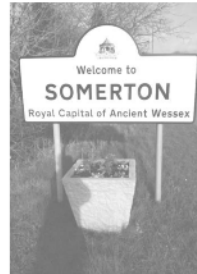
Would you like to represent your friends and neighbours?

Would you like to take care of Somerton?

Would you like to improve the Town?

Would you like to plan and take decisions?

Would you like to be part of an active team?



Then become a Town Councillor in May.

How to stand for Election.

You can be a candidate if you are:

over 18, a resident of Somerton and on the electoral roll.



For more information please contact any current Town Councillor (details on the website).

or

Contact Terry Philpott at the Town Clerk's Office on 272236.

Dates to note

Election Day May 7th 2015

Nomination papers will be available from the end of February (call 01935 462462)

Completed nomination papers can be returned to the Election Officer, SSDC, Yeovil from 16th March to the Deadline at 4pm on April 9th.

Find out more now and be ready to sign up.

Come to a Town Council Meeting, talk to a Councillor then get and complete the nomination form, ask two Somerton residents to witness your nomination papers and return them to the Electoral Officer by 4pm on 9th April.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

