

# SOMERCOTES Local!

News, events and local interest.

Spring 2011

A Somercotes Parish Council newsletter

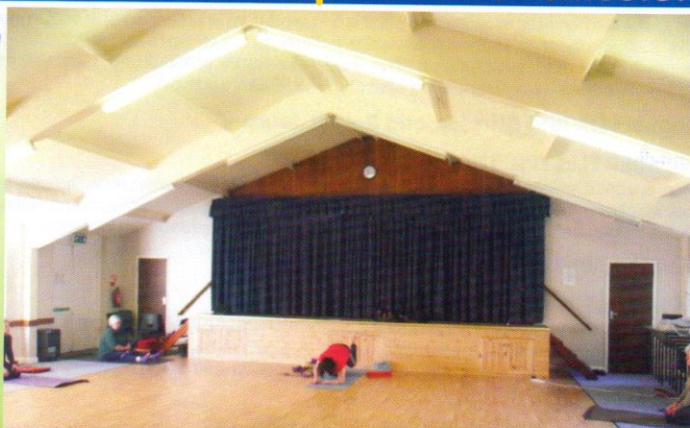
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## Come and Party at the Newly Refurbished Parish Hall

Somercotes Parish Hall, next to St. Thomas Church on Nottingham Road at Somercotes, has recently had new flooring laid in the foyer and the main hall. The stage has also acquired a new look with non-slip flooring and modern stage curtains. The main hall is spacious and a well-stocked bar is available for parties, at no extra cost. There is a well-equipped kitchen with a microwave and a double-oven gas cooker. The stage is spacious enough for live bands and for disco equipment. There is wheelchair access and a disabled toilet.

There is also another room for hire, known as the lounge, for smaller group activities, or as an extra room where more space is needed for larger parties. The Parish Hall is used by many local organisations for various events and activities, such as yoga, painting classes, craft clubs, keep fit etc., but is available most weekends for parties and concerts.

Our fees are very competitive (from £10 per hour) and you can book your event by contacting Judith on 01773 609397. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have about booking the hall or lounge.

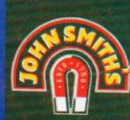


**Available for Weddings, Dances, Parties etc. Hall or Lounge available**

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost  
Licensed Bar available

**Ample car parking available**

We cannot take bookings for 18th Birthday Parties  
Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road,  
Somercotes DE55 4LY Tel: 01773 609397



**Hatha Yoga** Classes are in the Parish Hall, Tuesdays and Fridays 10.00 - 11.30 am

We are a friendly group of all ages and abilities that likes to practice yoga in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Classes are on twice a week so choose the best day for you on a Tuesday or Friday, or even both! Yoga is for everyone, regardless of age, sex or ability. It is non-competitive. The aim is to work within your limits and be comfortable at all times. Yoga brings a feeling of wellbeing, offering relaxation and calm to counter the stresses and strains of 21st Century living. The practice of yoga makes the body strong and flexible. It also improves functioning of the Respiratory, Circulation, Digestive and Hormonal systems.

Why not improve your health and give yoga a try. Just come along and bring a yoga mat and a blanket.

Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Fees £5 per lesson or £20 for 5 lessons. Contact Rav Paul by telephoning 07963 350868, or you can email to: [rav\\_anon@hotmail.com](mailto:rav_anon@hotmail.com)

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## DERBYSHIRE ANCESTRAL RESEARCH GROUP

For more information please contact Margaret Brooksbank, telephone 01773 604916

Our thanks to Margaret for once again providing pieces of news from old local journals. We hope you'll be entertained by them.

### PAST TIMES 1917 August 10th Alfreton and Belper Journal

#### WELL CHOSEN WORDS FROM LEABROOKS

(An advert for Doan's backache and kidney pills)

On July 28th, 1913, Mr J Herbert of Leabrooks, near the railway crossing near Alfreton said: "I have been plagued a good deal with sharp, stabbing pains in my back and hips. I am inclined to think they were due to lumbago. They would strike me through so suddenly when I stooped or when I tried to rise from a chair. There were also urinary troubles. I had no doubt left that my kidneys were out of order. I was advised to try Doan's backache and kidney pills, and found them first rate, they did me the world of good. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's pills to anyone (signed) J Herbert. On March 20th 1916 Mr Herbert said: I am keeping wonderfully well for a man of sixty three. .... Doan's pills did me lasting good.

### January 2nd Alfreton and Belper Journal

#### BILLIARDS

The Christmas handicap in connection with the Somercotes Institute concluded its final stages on Saturday evening when Mr J. BROWN won first prize, 4s and a special prize given by MR F.E. SEELY, MR H. HORSELY second prize, 3s and a special prize, a couple of ducks given by MR J. MERRIMAN. MR T. RILEY won third prize 2s, and special prize a couple of fowls given by MR T. WILLGOOSE, MR A. DAYKIN won the fourth prize 1s and special prize a stilton cheese given by MR W. ABBOTT, MR J. SLACK for the fifth prize gained two dozen bottles of stout given by MR F. HOPKINSON, MR J. MERRIMAN, MR W. RILEY AND MR W. TOWSON each won a couple of rabbits and MR R. SEVERN a pork pie.

### August 14th 1914 Alfreton and Belper Journal

#### PREMIER ELECTRIC THEATRE

There is a good holiday programme. The Three Ragged Jesters (in a tramps revue) are very good causing roars of laughter with their antics. The Silverettes are living models in silver. No one will believe they are alive until the end when they come off the pedestal. The pictures are excellent. Next week one of the turns Datas, claims no one can set him fast at answering questions on notable events in the worlds history. Datas has sold his head (after his death) to an eminent scientist for £2000.

### May 12th 1910 Alfreton and Belper Journal

#### ALARMING TRAP ACCIDENT

On Thursday afternoon week, MRS NAYLOR wife of JOHN NAYLOR landlord of the Rifle Volunteer Inn on Birchwood Lane Somercotes, met with an accident when driving to South Normanton. The horse shied and ran away until its progress was stopped by a gate at the bottom of Birchwood Lane. When about 100 yards from the gate MRS NAYLOR jumped from the trap and was rendered unconscious. The servant who was at the time in the trap obtained assistance and conveyed MRS NAYLOR to her home. Medical aid was summoned and it was found that MRS NAYLOR had sustained serious injuries to her head.

## Pennytown Ponds Photography Competition Winners

A competition was held during the Summer of 2010 for photographs of Pennytown Ponds, to be used in a 2011 Pennytown Ponds calendar.

The first prize for this competition was won by Mr R Jacques, and Mr A Rowe won the 2nd prize. The third prize went to Mrs S Whitehead.

Cheques for £50, £30 and £20 respectively were presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Paul Smith, to the prizewinners at the Parish Hall after the Christmas Carol Service on Friday, 10th December, which was held at St. Thomas Church.

Thanks to all who entered the competition. We still have a few calendars left and these are for sale in the Parish Hall office at a reduced price of £1.50.

Here is an example of the pictures used for the Pennytown Ponds calendar, this one having been taken by Mr H Thorkildsen.



## Pennytown Ponds Wins Biffa Award

This award was given in the category Best Outdoor Award. £2,000 was won, and a glass plaque, which was presented to two representatives of the Pennytown Ponds Group at a BIFFA Awards ceremony at the Black Country Museum in November 2010. BIFFA is an organisation which gives grants to community and environmental projects across the U.K.



Photo: Biffa Award

## A Walk Around Teversal Park

Alan Rowe, Walks Co-ordinator of the Somercotes Walking Group, has provided this piece on a walk which took place during December 2010.

"Our members assembled at the "Toolbox" on Somercotes Market Place at 10 am to travel to Teversal on two mini-buses.

It was a bright, cold day for our walk round Teversal Park. Snow was still on the ground and the sun shone low in the magnificent mackerel sky. We followed the bridle path from the Visitor Centre to the monument at Silverhill. The bronze sculpture of a miner is in tribute to the former mining community and is situated at the highest point of Nottinghamshire. Hardwick Hall can be seen in the distance.

Continuing our walk around the old colliery site (which is mainly planted with conifer trees), we made our way back to the Visitor Centre for refreshments, the total distance walked being about 3 miles. This is one of many varied and interesting walks that we at Somercotes Walking Group undertake every Thursday morning. New members are always welcome to join us."

Walks for March 2011 include a 3 mile walk from Crays Hill to Sleetmoor Wood, a 2.75 mile walk from Sleetmoor Wood to Alfreton Park, and Bus Trips including King's Mill to Sutton Lawn - a 3 mile circular walk. Posters listing walks for each month are displayed in local shops and the Parish Hall.

**Somercotes Walking Group meets every Thursday at 10am at Groundwork Toolbox on the Market Place. Costs are £1 per walk, £2.50 per bus trip. For more information contact Alan Rowe, walks co-ordinator on 01773 609430**

## Somercotes Library Bank Street, Somercotes DE55 4JE

Fed up with reading the same books? Fancy a challenge? Why not join one of our 2 reading groups 1st Monday of the month from 6pm - 7pm or 1st Friday per month from 2pm - 3pm (contact the library for dates)

For more information: Telephone 01773 540514  
E-mail - [Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)  
or look on the website - [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Come and visit, we are open on  
Mondays 2pm - 7pm  
Thursdays 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 7pm  
Fridays 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm  
Saturdays 9.30am - 1pm



# Weekly events at Somercotes Parish Hall



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 12th March 2011**  
**from 10am - 4pm**  
**PAINTING CLASS WORKSHOP**  
 All abilities welcome  
 Cost £30.00  
 (Lunch will be provided)  
 Tel: Norma Gent on 01773 836907

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Number
<b>Mondays</b>	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Welfare Rights</b> (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes Guides</b> Group for girls aged 10-15 years	<b>John Bradley</b>  Call into a meeting for more details	<b>01773 832237</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall  10.00 am – 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. <b>Watercolour Classes</b> Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.  <b>Somercotes Ladies</b> Every Tuesday except 1 <sup>st</sup> in each month	<b>Rav Paul</b>  <b>Norma Gent</b>  <b>Eileen Wilkinson</b>	<b>07963 350868</b>  <b>01773 836907</b>  <b>01773 603177</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 noon In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Cameo Coffee Club</b> Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends <b>Weight Watchers</b>	<b>Just call in</b>  <b>Just call in</b>	
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am  6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies</b> Group for girls aged 7-10 years <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows</b> Group for girls aged 5-7 years <b>Classical Yoga</b> Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome <b>Meditation Class</b> General meditation classes suitable for beginners	<b>Norma Gent</b>  Call into a meeting for more details.  <b>Linda</b>  Visit Website: <a href="http://www.heartjewel.org.uk">www.heartjewel.org.uk</a>	<b>01773 836907</b>  <b>01773 528264</b>  <b>01629 581585</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall  4.45 pm – 5.45 pm In the Hall 5.45 pm to 6.45 pm In the Hall 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class <b>Somercotes St. Thomas Beavers</b>  <b>Somercotes St. Thomas Cubs</b>  <b>Ju-Jitsu</b> Classic martial art class for children ages 6 to 16	<b>Rav Paul</b>  <b>Janet Scarbrough</b>  <b>Janet Scarbrough</b>  <b>Emily Lamb</b>	<b>07963 350868</b>  <b>01773 607862</b>  <b>01773 607862</b>  <b>01246 232952</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>		<b>None at Present</b>		
<b>Sundays</b>	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	<b>Parish Church of St. Thomas</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee after Church Service</b>	<b>Rachel Watson</b> (Churchwarden)	<b>01773 607131</b>



**Derby County in the Community** coaches will be providing **FREE** football sessions on **Monday & Thursday** evenings from **7.30pm - 9pm** at **Somerlea Centre**. These sessions will run for **6 weeks** starting on **March 7th** and finishing on **April 14th**. Sessions will also take place in the first week of the Easter holidays, these will be confirmed at a later date. To register please call **Carly Burns** at the **Derby County in the Community** office on **01332 667575**.

These sessions have been organised by **Amber Valley Borough Council** and funded by **Derbyshire County Council Youth** through **Positive Activities**.

# Places of Worship

## THE SALVATION ARMY HALL

Sleetmoor Lane Telephone: Terence Carpenter on 01455 271752 or 07948998507

**Worship Meeting each Sunday at 3pm**

**Monday at 3pm** Over 50's Friends and Fellowship.

**Tuesday from 9.30am – 11am** Drop In. Refreshments and goods for sale

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Theo Holmes – Curate in Charge. Any Enquiries 01773 540186

Churchwarden Rachel Watson 01773 607131

### Services

**Sunday:** 9.30am Sung Mass, 9.30am Sunday School, 6.00pm Evensong

**Wednesday:** 10.00am Said Mass

**Friday:** 10.00am Said Mass

The Church is open Friday mornings for enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, etc.

See Notice Board in the Church porch for other times of services.

**Mother's Union** meets in Church on the 1st Tuesday of each month

**Lent Lunches** in the lounge of the Parish Hall from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm on Fridays 11th, 18th & 25th March, and on 1st, 8th & 15th April.

**Ploughman's Lunches** in the Lounge of Somercotes Parish Hall on Friday s 27th May, 24th June and 29th July, from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm

**Car Boot Sale and Coffee Morning** Saturday 4th June, 2011, from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall car park

**Coffee** in the Parish Hall first Saturday in each month. Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Jumble, Raffle. There will be a **Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 11th May, 2011, in the lounge of the Parish Hall.**

## BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Service each Sunday at 3.00 pm

Lent Lunches with St. Thomas Church in the lounge of the Parish Hall – Fridays 11th, 18th and 25th March, and 1st, 8th and 15th April. 11.30 am until 1.30 pm

**Mothering Sunday Service** – 3rd April at 10.30am Taken by Mrs Geraldine Stamp

**Good Friday Service** – 22nd April at 10.30am

**Easter Sunday Service** – 24th April at 10.30am

**Anniversary Day Celebration Sunday**, 8th May at 3.00pm Service taken by Rev. Jo Morris. Tea to follow service

Please see the Church Notice Board for further details of all events. Minister Rev. Michael Redshaw, Pastoral & Preaching Enabler Mrs Alison Wood Circuit Office **01773 743177**

## PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks. Telephone 01773 608737

[www.leabrookspcc.com](http://www.leabrookspcc.com)

email: [penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freesevice.co.uk](mailto:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freesevice.co.uk)

Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

**Sunday Services:** Morning Service at 10.30am  
Evening Prayer Meeting at 5.30pm Praise Time at 6pm

**Tuesday:** Ladies' Coffee Morning 10 am – 12 noon  
Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch.  
Prayer & Praise 6 pm – 7 pm A visiting speaker when available from 7pm onwards.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 8 am – 10 am

**Friday:** Youth Club 7 pm-9 pm (RIOT) 11 yrs -16 yrs

**Saturday:** Kids Club 10am – 12noon 3yrs – 11yrs. Games, projects, bible story, lunch

More than a Meal. A meal provided for senior citizens once a month on a Monday. No charge but a donation appreciated.

# Council Matters

## First Parish Council Meeting for Spring 2011

Friday 18th March 2011 at 7pm and Friday 20th May 2011 at 6.45pm



If you want to report a matter to **Derbyshire County Council** you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058 They are open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 9.30 am-4pm



### Amber Valley Borough Council,

Town Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire Tel: 01773 570222  
Planning applications can be viewed and commented on using Amber Valley Borough Council website - [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk) then click on the planning application register.



### Police Contact Numbers

If you want to contact the Police or Police Community Special Officers to give information or report crime you can telephone:

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Non-urgent Police matters 0345 123 3333  
[www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)

Please do report incidents. We are all aware that incidents such as vandalism, theft, etc. are occurring in Somercotes. However, unless the police have reports the assumption (based on reported statistics) is that there are no problems and the end result is that police resource will be redeployed.

### Other useful numbers:

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue	01332 771221
Central Networks	0800 056 8090
Gas Emergency line	0800 111 999
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)	0800 783 4444
Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch	01773 572938
Victim Support Line	0845 3030900
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
UK Flu Information Line	0800 1 513 513
Amber Valley Housing	01773 573 100

## Police Surgeries

Thursday 17th March 5pm - 6pm at Somerlea Park Centre Somercotes followed by a neighbourhood panel meeting 6pm - 7pm

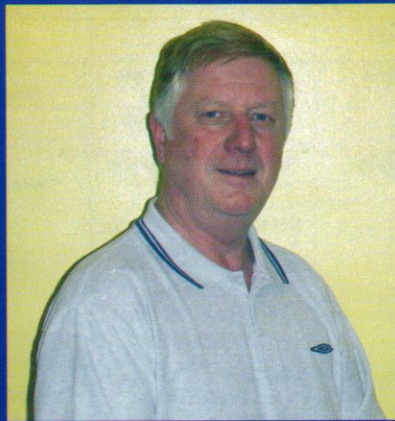
Wednesday 6th April 1pm - 2pm in the car park of the Steampacket Inn, Swanwick

Wednesday 4th May 1pm - 2pm at Somerlea Park Centre, Somercotes.

## Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe

will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Parish Hall on  
Saturday 5th March 2011 from 11am - 12noon  
Saturday 2nd April 2011 from 11am - 12noon  
Saturday 7th May 2011 from 11am - 12noon

Councillor Paul Smith will also be present.



## Appointment of Clerk to the Council

On the 8th November 2010, Mr Gordon Blackmore was appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Somercotes Parish Council. Gordon was born in Devon, served in the Royal Air Force and the Derbyshire Constabulary before retiring in 2002.

From 2000, Gordon has undertaken academic studies in Community Safety, Criminology and Sociology attaining MSc at the University of Leicester, BA (Hons) at the University of Derby and Diploma in Criminology and Social Policy with the OU.

Gordon is well known locally with his commitments to cricket and working on community projects including the new Somerlea Park Centre. He has raised over £1m for community projects since 1996 when he became involved in community safety and supporting the community.

Gordon has been the Clerk/RFO to the Parish Council at Stanton-by-Dale since July 2008 so brings his experience into the new role with Somercotes Parish Council

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Mothers Day  
3rd April

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01773 602223



## Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council Secretary	Gordon R Blackmore Glynis Kenney Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker	Judith Mosley Tel: 01773 609397
Parish Wardens	Colin Rick Les Briddon

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e-mail: [somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com)

Booking forms for the hall or lounge can be obtained by calling in or telephoning 01773 609397

## Your Parish Councillors

Councillor	Paul Smith	Chairman
Councillor	Brian Lyttle	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Martin Barron	
Councillor	Paul Curran-Bilbie	
Councillor	Mrs. Pauline Griffiths	
Councillor	Mrs. Beryl Hannant	
Councillor	Cyril Langton	
Councillor	John McCabe	
Councillor	Terry Marriott	
Councillor	Jim Spibey	
Councillor	Alan Stringer	
Councillor	Scott Walker	

## Referendum Borough & Parish Elections

The government have announced that there will be a referendum on voting reform on the 5th May 2011. The Borough & Parish Council Elections, including Somercotes, will take place on the same day in the Parish Hall, Somercotes. All Parish Councillors are required to seek re-election if they wish to stand. If anyone wishes to become involved in the work of the Parish Council, a voluntary position, you must be available to attend an Ordinary Council Meeting on the third Friday of every other month. If you would like to become a Councillor, subject to election, please contact the Clerk to the Council on 01773 603810.

The Parish Council currently has one vacancy so it may not be necessary to hold an election.

## Somercotes parish council waste disposal facility

on somercotes market place between 8 am and 10 am the first Saturday in every month. No waste accepted after 10am.

This facility is for the residents of the parish of somercotes only. Please bring some form of identity

**No trade waste**  
**No toxic waste**  
**No electrical equipment**  
**No asbestos**  
**No waste to be left before skip arrives**

## ALLOTMENTS

### Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Mr Paul Baker, Chairman Tel: 01773 860590, or Mrs J Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Tel: 01773 605438

### Birchwood Lane Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Becky Marran, Secretary Tel: 01773 540110, or Gerry West, Chairman 01773 606775

Allotment plots are available at both sites

## Hearing Clinic

Hearing Help (Amber Valley) will be holding clinics in the Lounge of the Somercotes Parish Hall on the following dates:-

Tuesday 8th March	2.00pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 23rd March	11.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 12th April	2.00pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 27th April	11.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 10th May	2.00pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 25th May	11.00 am - 12.30 pm

## Poop Scoop Bags

Amber Valley Borough Council will no longer be providing poop scoop bags. Consequently Somercotes Parish Council will provide free poop scoop bags. These are available from your Parish Wardens, Colin and Les, or you can call into the Parish Hall office between 10.30am and 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday and ask Glynis for a supply.

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