

# Somercotes Local

Autumn Edition 2016

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

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## Grant Award Presentation



Each year the Parish Council makes budget provision for grant aid to foster and encourage local clubs, groups and organisations in the Parish.

Any Club, Society or Organisation that is based in the Parish or provides a service for residents in the Parish is eligible to apply.

So far in this financial year grant awards have been made to eighteen such applicants.

On Friday 22nd July 2016 a Presentation Evening was held and below are some of the recipients, who received grant awards. Chairman of the Parish Council (Cllr Paul Smith) said "It is always a great pleasure to make these grant presentations to all those local organisations and groups that bring a benefit to the community of Somercotes and the Parish Council applauds the work that you do".

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAMEO COFFEE CLUB!



CAMEO COFFEE CLUB is a group that meets each week at the Village Hall to socialise, chat, have coffee and tea and arrange regular outings for the group. In July they celebrated their 10th year of meeting. The Council think this is a great achievement and presented the group with a cake to help celebrate.

Chairman of the Council 'Paul Smith' said "I must praise the members for keeping this club going for so long. It is a great way to meet up with other local residents for a chat and a cuppa".

The group meet every Wednesday at 10:00 am to 12 noon at Somercotes Village Hall. Pop in you will be made very welcome!



You are  
**WARMLY**  
invited to  
Somercotes Parish Councils  
*Candlelit Christmas*  
**Carol Service**

In the St. Thomas Parish Church  
of Somercotes

Friday, 9th December, 2016 at 7:30 pm

With the Heage Band and singing by  
Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows  
Seasonal Refreshments after the Service

in the Village Hall  
All Welcome!



## Announcement



Councillors and staff at Somercotes Parish Council are sad to announce the death of Councillor Sydney Grotier on 25th June 2016. A well liked and respected member of the Council since November 2013, he will be sadly missed.





## Letter from your County Councillor

### Dear Resident

As the Planning Application below is a current issue I feel it is prudent to share with you the Statement below. The Parish Council will respond accordingly.

Planning Application for Mixed Retail and Leisure Development on Land at Nottingham Road, Somercotes  
**Statement from Councillors Paul Smith and Steve Marshall-Clarke, County Council Members for Alfreton and Somercotes Electoral Division**

Councillors Smith and Marshall-Clarke have the following comments to make on the planning application proposals:

The redevelopment of the land is supported in principle as it has been vacant for a number of years and is unlikely to be used in the future for business and / or industrial purposes.

The Aldi foodstore development is supported as this would be a replacement larger store for Aldi's existing store on Nottingham Road, Somercotes, which is well used by the local community and would ensure that the company is retained in the area.

The remainder of the development for the non-food retail units, pub/restaurant and drive thru restaurant do not make for the most beneficial and efficient use of the land. The proposed non-food retail units are not offering anything different or unique that is not already in the local area.

There is an urgent need for more leisure facilities in the Alfreton / Somercotes area to help the night-time economy, such as a bowling alley and /or cinema complex and the remainder of the site would be better utilised for these types of leisure uses.

The additional traffic generated by the retail and leisure development, together with the existing traffic generated by the adjacent retail park, could have significant cumulative impacts on traffic congestion and highways safety on Nottingham Road, which will need to be properly mitigated in the development proposals and proposed highway improvements.

There is an area of open land (former football pitch) adjacent to the site on Hockley Way, which is in the applicant's control. It is important to know what the applicant proposes for this land as it should be brought back into beneficial use to provide a new recreational facility for the local community. Otherwise financial contributions should be sought from the applicant to fund new or improved recreational facilities elsewhere in the local area.

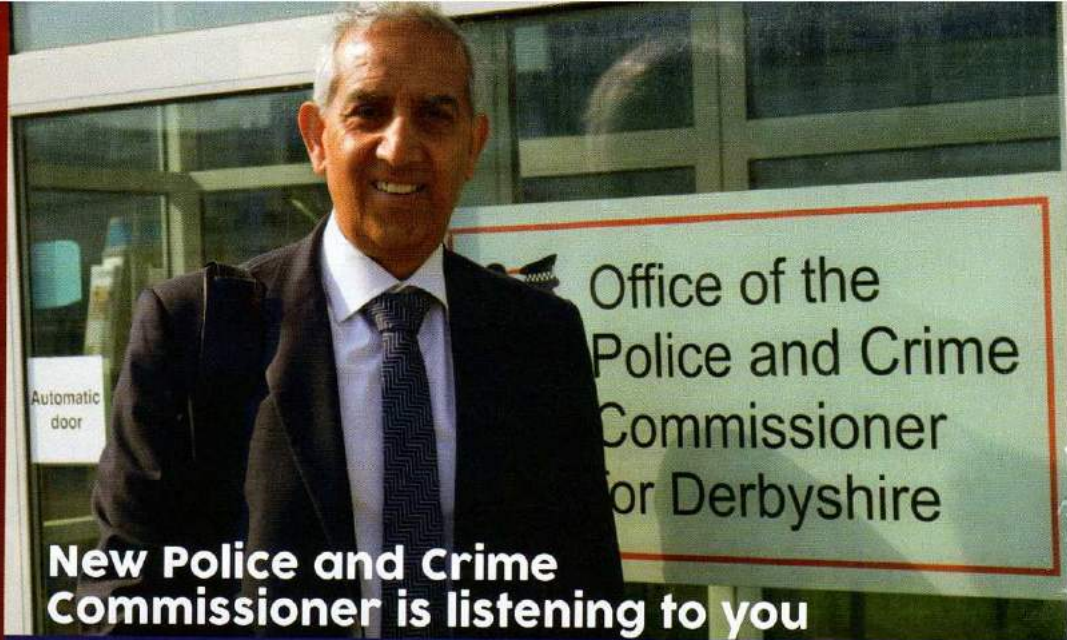
Given the likely trading impacts on Alfreton and Somercotes from the proposed retail development, financial contributions should be sought from the applicant to fund environmental improvements in Alfreton town centre and / or Somercotes district centre.

Marstons own the Cotes Park pub on Nottingham Road close to the site. The new pub/restaurant on the site is proposed to be operated by Marstons, which could put the viability of the Cotes Park pub in doubt, which is a big concern.

It is very important that as many of the jobs as possible created at the proposed development are made available to local people. This should include providing apprenticeships for young people and links to local colleges and schools for training, such as Alfreton Grange and Swanwick Hall schools. There is also a need to make sure the jobs created at the site are properly and actively advertised in local job centres.

There is a Beech hedge along the frontage of the site, which local people value. This should be retained as part of the development proposals.

**Paul Smith**



## New Police and Crime Commissioner is listening to you

Elected as Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner in May this year, Hardyal Dhindsa is determined that, over the next four years, he will meet as many Derbyshire residents as possible.

The Commissioner has a complicated job, which essentially sees him as the bridge between the public, the police and the numerous local services which work together to deliver community safety and victims' services.

Keen to explain what his role means to people, he also wants to listen to public opinions on policing and community safety issues from every corner of the county.

Luckily, he has been able to build on his experience as the Deputy Commissioner in order to get off to a flying start. He has just launched a plan designed to make Derbyshire a safer place to live, work or visit; a place where equality is the norm;

where vulnerable people receive support not custody; where young people are encouraged to trust the police and stay away from crime; and where, through technology, the service provided improves.

This former Deputy Commissioner is now the country's first Sikh and indeed BME Police and Crime Commissioner and is fluent in both English and Punjabi. He began his career as a social worker and has over 30 years' experience in the criminal justice field, many of which were spent as a probation officer. A Derby resident, he is married and has three grown up sons.

If you have any questions or if you would like to arrange for him to come to an event you are organising you can contact him on **0300 122 6000**, or email him on **pccoffice@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk**

## Opportunity to become a Trustee!

Can you bring relevant experience to help increase our impact and build a stronger charity for the future? ...

Somerlea Park Community Centre is a registered charity and we are looking for committed and enthusiastic people from a wide range of backgrounds to act as Trustees.

Trustees boards are the governing body of a charity and are made up of volunteers who use their skills and expertise to ensure the health and growth of an organisation.

Being a trustee is rewarding and enjoyable. It is a great way to be involved in the community. Being a trustee can help you meet new people, change your community for the better, learn new skills or use your existing skills in a new context.

If you feel you are able to contribute please contact:

**Mr B Hill Tel: 01773 518181 or 01773 604852**

Mr Hill will be able to give you an introduction to the work of Somerlea Park Community Centre and the Trustees role.

## Somerlea Park Centre



Somerlea Park Centre has a large Function Room, two Conference Rooms and a Licensed Bar area located just outside its main Function Room. The main Function Room on the first floor has seating capacity for 160 people with capacity for 40 people in the Bar area.



A disability lift is available for the first floor rooms. Its Conference/Committee Rooms are located on the ground floor and are the perfect venue for small meetings or smaller corporate events.

**For Enquires or to make a Booking contact: 01773 528181  
Sherwood Street, Leabrooks.**



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

Licensed Bar available • Ample car parking available

**We cannot take bookings for 18th Birthday Parties**

Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes DE55 4LY Tel: **01773 609397**

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost



# FOUR FUNERALS AND A WEDDING

**1930 April 11th**

The death took place on Monday of Mr ENOCH GOULDER 70 after a long and trying illness. The deceased was a highly respected citizen and in the days before the advent of the Motor Car was the Proprietor of an extensive Cab and Charabanc business and travelled a great deal. He was an ardent Hospital worker and did excellent work during the War and was instrumental in securing 5 Red + Ambulances by the sale of SCARLET PIMPERNALS.

**1930 June 6th**

Mrs ELIZABETH BONSALL has died, she celebrated her 85th birthday on Sunday last. She lived in the same house, 72 Swanwick Road Leabrooks for 62 years and has been widowed for 29 years. There are 5 children living out of 9, 2 sons and 3 daughters. Mrs BONSALL is no traveller and has never been in a bus or for a Motor Car drive.

**1931 February 20th**

Mr SAMUEL BACON passed away Sunday last having just celebrated his 83rd birthday and he had lived his whole life in Seely Terrace. The deceased early training was of the Primitive Character for as a boy he attended The Old Dame's School for there was no school built at that early date, his connection with the Sunday School dated back to when it was held in The Old Tiger Club Room before Birchwood Chapel was built (1853). He commenced work at Shady Pit aged 10 years.

**1936 October 9th**

There passed away on Friday a well know resident in the person of Mr SAMUEL ALVEY after 10 months illness at 79 years of age. The deceased was a miner at Swanwick Colliery and always an early riser and made practice of always going down with the first **Bantle** (this is a local dialect word and if anyone knows the origin/meaning I would be interested to know)

**1938 January 8th**

The marriage of Mr DENIS SMITH the Derbyshire County Cricketer of Victoria St to Miss HILDA MYCROFT of Nottingham Rd at St Thomas Church united well known cricketing families. The Bridegroom is a left-handed batsman and his father Mr FRANK SMITH assisted in the same team. The Bride is the granddaughter of Mr WILLIAM MYCROFT who was acknowledged to be the finest fast left arm bowler in the County in the 70's. Her father Mr TOM MYCROFT is a well known local sportsman and Alderman ALLEN MYCROFT is a former Mayor of Derby.

**DARG Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group  
Thanks to Margaret Brooksbank for this  
contribution**

**Contact for Margaret: Tel 01773 604916**

**Do you have a local School Class photograph that you wish to share for an article in a future Newsletter?  
This photograph was kindly donated by Cllr John McCabe  
Somerlea Park Secondary Modern School  
Class 1B -1966 Teacher Mr Martin**



**These are some of the names that can be remembered.**

**Back Row:** David Lammin; Michael Bettison; Gerald Munslow; Peter Robinson; Ivan Hubball; John McCabe; Stephen Parkinson; Steven Abbott; Mr Martin

**Middle Row:** Christine Radford; Andrea King; Christine Croson; Janet Hodgson; Lynne Thorpe; Sandra Thorpe

**Front Row:** Denise Dexter; Catherine Shepherd; Janet Brown; Margaret Marriot; Elaine Burton; Deidre Houghton; Christine Weightman; Carol Parr; Julia Brooks



# HOG-LIFE



At Sleetmoor Allotments, we encourage natural methods of vegetable and fruit growing, trying to minimise the use of artificial fertilisers, weed-killers and pesticides. Part of pest management is looking after the natural predators – promoting wildlife that will deal with our pests for us! Many plots have areas that are left semi-wild, allowing native plants to flower that will attract bees, ladybirds and other bugs, creating a natural eco-system and letting Nature do her work. We needed to take more active measures however, to tackle the horde of vegetable-munching slugs who also share our allotments...

Hedgehogs used to be a familiar sight, trotting across a lawn at dusk, but are now a species in decline. They do, however, love a 3-course dinner of slugs and snails. We approached some people who rescue injured hogs and they brought 11 down to the allotment site, for release back into the wild. Hedgehogs are solitary and nocturnal, but we were lucky to have one that was wide awake and curious when we opened the cages, climbing onto the chairman's foot and posing for the picture



picture courtesy of Sarah Francis

Hedgehogs have many predators, including cars, dogs, foxes and slug pellets. Their natural habitat is dwindling, with fewer wild spaces and more people digging up their gardens in favour of decking and patios. They also travel up to 2 miles a night in search of food or a mate in spring, but this is made difficult by roads and modern fencing.

What we have done – and what you can do to encourage hedgehogs into your garden and make it a hog-friendly space – is create a pile of leaves and logs, or even build winter quarters for them (there are lots of designs on the internet). Stop using slug pellets, clear up any mesh/netting that may cause injury, put ridged planks into ponds so that they can escape and leave out suitable food. In the wild, hedgehogs eat fruit, insects, worms, centipedes, slugs, snails, mice, frogs and even snakes, but they have broad tastes.

## GOOD FOODS:

- Pedigree Chum Loaf or Whiskers cat food – original or chicken (but see below!).
- Dry food, like cat biscuits and mealworms and bird seed – they love sunflower hearts.
- Fruit – they like banana, but especially fruits that would be found in a garden, like plums and berries.

**Make sure there's always water around in shallow dishes.**

## NEVER FEED A HEDGEHOG:

- Dog/cat foods in jelly or gravy (particularly fish or game) – these are too rich and will upset the hog's stomach, potentially causing it to dehydrate and die.
- Bread and milk – a popular myth, but very, very bad for them!

Hedgehogs start to build nests in October – at the same time that people start to build bonfires for the 5th November or to clear their autumn garden waste. Please, please move bonfires before lighting them, as it is the perfect environment for hibernation and hedgehogs will move into their custom-built nest, not knowing it will soon go up in flames.

If you find an injured hedgehog, wish to release some into a suitable environment, or have a 'safe' (entirely fox-proof) garden that could accommodate a disabled or partially sighted hog, call Lesley on **01159 305587** or **07773 680 264**.

**Georgie Butt, Secretary**  
**Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association**

## Get Cultivating! At Somercotes Parish Council Allotments

Plots are available at two of the Council Allotments sites. Why not take on your own Allotment? for the use of growing your own fruit and vegetables. This is the ideal time to take on an Allotment ready for Spring growing. Rents are very reasonable.

Each year the Parish Council holds an Allotment Competition for the best plots at all three sites.

The sites with availability are:

Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks:

Contact: Mrs Louise Calow Tel: 01773 609485

Birchwood Lane Allotments:

Contact: Colin Addison-Lees Tel: 07912887904



# Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Details
Mondays	11.00 am – 11.30 am In the Lounge	<b>Toddler Dance</b> Toddlers aged 1-3 years	Kelly	07969804773 info@kjdanceandcheer.co.uk
	11.30 am – 12 noon In the Lounge	<b>Toddler Gym</b> Toddlers aged 2 – 3 years	No appointment needed	
Mondays	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Welfare Rights</b> (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	Call into a meeting for more details	07969254520 Jeanette.mills3@btinternet.com
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes Guides</b> Group for girls aged 10-15 years	Ring to book a place	
	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm In the Lounge	<b>Yoga for beginners</b> by Jentle Yoga		
Tuesdays	10.00 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm -9.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Beavers</b> Group for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Ladies</b> Every Tuesday except 1 <sup>st</sup> in each month	Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesdays	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Lounge	<b>Cameo Coffee Club</b> Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends	Just call in	01773 832201  07723399612 /07926220160  07812 837969 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk.
	1.00 – 3.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>FREE Maths Class</b> Get into Learning (re-commences 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016)	Alfreton Adult Education Centre	
	5:30 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Weight Watchers</b>	Just call in	
	6:45 pm - 7:45 pm In the Hall	<b>Jujitsu</b> Group for Boys and Girls aged 4 upwards	Call Ged or Carl	
Wednesdays	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey	
Thursdays	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	1.30 pm – 3.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Live Life Better</b> FREE weight loss support, get fit, healthy and happy	Ring to book a place	01246 515550
	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies</b> Group for girls aged 7-10 years	Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows</b> Group for girls aged 5-7 years	Linda	01773 528264
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Classical Yoga</b> Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome		
Fridays	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Cubs</b> Group for boys and girls aged 8 to 10	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Scouts</b> Group for boys and girls aged 10 to 14	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	7:30 -8:30 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
Saturdays		<b>None at Present</b>		
Sundays	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	<b>Parish Church of St. Thomas Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee after Church Service</b>	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131

## Somercotes Library

Somercotes Library provides an excellent service to the local community and has been doing so for the last 25 years. The library staff are very friendly and always willing to assist those using the services.

### Opening Hours:

Mon: 2pm – 5pm  
Fridays: 9am -1pm & 2pm – 5pm  
Thursdays: 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm  
Saturdays: 9.30am – 1pm.

The library has a Reader's Group on the first Friday of the month. Contact the library for details of which book is currently being read.

Bank Street Somercotes DE55 4JE Tel: (01773) 540514  
E-Mail: somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or view the website  
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

## Home Library Service

The Home Library Service now delivers to around 120 people in the Somercotes area. The service works from Alfreton Library and delivers once a month. For people who enjoy reading or listening to books, but who cannot get into a local library, or for those who are unable to carry the items they need, the service is free and could help. Books, large and normal print, books on tape and CD and also music CD's. All are available.



156 Derby Road, Marshay, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 8HU  
Tel + Fax: 01773 570976  
Email: info@hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk  
Website: www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk

The Hearing Help Clinic will be held in the Lounge of Somercotes Village on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each Month **11:15 am – 12:30pm**  
A full calendar is available on our website on the clinics page.

[www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk](http://www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk)

All of our information booklets dated September 2015 have the updated clinic information.



# Places of Worship

The Revd. Imogen Black 01773 603793  
Mobile No: 07949304436  
Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131  
and Michael Woods 01623 723653

## Regular Services:

Sunday: 9:30am Sung Mass  
9:30 – 10:00am Sunday School in the Village Hall  
6:00pm Evening Worship (Last Sunday in the month)  
Wednesday: 10.00am Said Mass followed by refreshments

Coffee Mornings - 1st Saturday in the month 10.00am – 12 noon  
**Services and Events**

26th September 7:00pm Harvest Supper in the Village Hall  
22nd October from 10:00am Open Day in Church with flower displays for Church Events  
3rd December 10:00am to 1:30 pm Christmas Fair  
16th December Parish Xmas Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm  
18th December 6:00pm Carol Service

All are welcome to join any of our services and events



## Somercotes Salvation Army

Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB

Meetings led by Terence Carpenter, Territorial Envoy, unless otherwise stated. Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

### Weekly

Sunday 11.00am – 12.00 noon – 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School).

Sunday, All age Family Worship 3.00pm Followed by Refreshments

Monday 2.00pm - Friends and Fellowship - For the over 50's (except Bank Holiday weeks)

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.00am Care and Share Coffee Morning (except Bank Holiday weeks). Sale of donated items on a weekly basis. Come and find a bargain.

### Monthly (see dates below)

Café Church – last Sunday of each month 7.00 – 9.00 p.m Exploring the Christian Faith in a relaxed informal setting

Messy Church – First Friday each month 5.00 – 6.30 p.m Bible Stories-Games-Quizzes-Crafts-Food-Singing-Drama

Craft & Cake - First Friday of the month 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Come and share in fellowship with a cup of tea/coffee and cake. All materials provided to make craft items for various charities or bring your own. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials/refreshments etc.

FESTIVAL OF HARVEST PRAISE SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER AT 3PM

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2PM-4PM. New Toys -Fancy Goods- Christmas Card and Wrapping papers Toiletries -Craft Items

CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 3PM FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND COFFEE

The Somercotes Corps are continually appealing for tins and packets of food. These are re-distributed in emergency food parcels for individuals and families suffering severe poverty and distress referred by Social services and other Agencies. If you can help in any way this would be greatly appreciated.

## BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Minister – Rev. M Dillel Tel. 01623 752349

Service each Sunday at 3pm and a morning service once a month at 10:30am.

Please see our Notice Board for details of Services and forthcoming events  
Everyone Welcome

## PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookspcc.com  
email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freeserve.co.uk

Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

Sunday Services: Morning Service at 10.30am | Praise Time at 6pm  
Tuesday: Ladies' Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon  
Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch.  
Prayer & Praise 6pm – 7pm A visiting speaker when available from 7pm onwards.

Wednesday: Kids Club 5:15pm 3 yrs – 11 yrs  
Games, projects, bible story, lunch

More than a Meal

A meal provided for senior citizens once a month on a Monday.

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No charge but a donation appreciated.



Derbyshire  
Fire & Rescue Service

WE NEVER THOUGHT IT  
WOULD HAPPEN TO US

Question YOUR Perception...

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service strongly advises that you consider the risk of fire to your home and family. By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent a fire occurring in your home, keeping yourself and your family safe from the devastating consequences.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home. Test your smoke alarm weekly.

Plan your escape. Ensure your family is aware of what to do and how to get out if a fire occurs in your home.

Plan a night time routine. Switch off appliances, close internal doors and remember to take a spare key and telephone to bed with you.

Never leave cooking unattended. And try to replace your chip pan with an electronic deep fat fryer.

Always ensure smoking materials are extinguished properly, use a deep ashtray when smoking, and never smoke when you are tired or in bed.

**Never tackle a fire Get Out, Stay Out, Dial 999.**

For further information and advice please visit our website [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)

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## Safer Neighbourhoods

Local Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team priorities are:  
Speeding, Inconsiderate Parking and Anti Social behaviour in our Parks

Local Officers are now trained on the use of 'speed guns' and have been carrying out speed checks in the area and in particular on Sleetmoor Lane.

Leaflets regarding the dangers of inconsiderate parking have been distributed by the team.

Anti social behaviour is being targeted in the areas of Somerlea Park and Riddings Park and also those causing nuisance with off-road bikes at Pye Bridge.



Derbyshire County Council has a new-look Trusted Trader Service which makes it easier for you to find tradesmen you can trust. Derbyshire Trusted Trader can help you find honest and reliable traders who commit to doing a good job for a fair price. You'll find plumbers, builders, roofers, decorators,

Visit the website:

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted\\_trader](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted_trader)

and follow the instructions. Businesses can use the pages to find out more about the benefits of being a Derbyshire Trusted Trader and learn how to sign up.



# Lest We Forget Book Launch

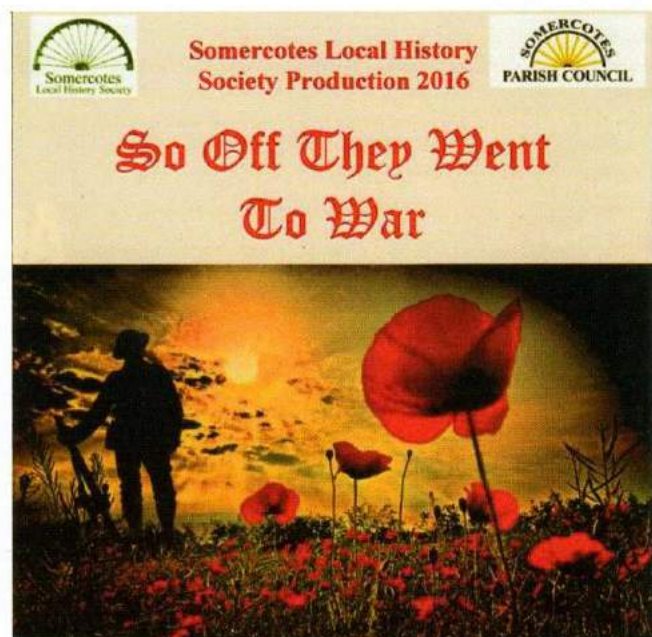
The Men of Somercotes who appear on  
the War Memorial

At Somercotes Village Hall, a part  
of the Somercotes Heritage Day

## Lest We Forget



**The Men of Somercotes and the local Area  
Who gave their Lives during  
World War One**



Book "Lest We Forget" Price £4.95  
DVD WW I including Somercotes Related Material  
Price £3.95  
Book and DVD Price £8.00



As part of Somercotes Local History Society (SLHS) Heritage Day, which took place on Saturday 10th September 2016, in the Village Hall, the book 'Lest We Forget' was launched. The book is dedicated to the soldiers who lost their lives in WW1 and who are listed on the Somercotes War Memorial. Councillor Paul Smith (Chairman of Somercotes Parish Council) said "the book is an excellent publication and very informative. It is a testament of commitment and dedication of the members of SLHS for the thorough research and hard work they have put in."

**The book is now available to purchase at  
Somercotes Village Hall.**



Councillor Paul Smith  
Councillor Brian Lyttle  
Councillor Colin Addison-Lees  
Councillor Martin Barron  
Councillor Tracy Cole  
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie  
Councillor Gary Edgson

Councillor John McCabe  
Councillor Sian McCabe  
Councillor Jason Parker  
Councillor Paul Price  
Councillor Scott Walker

One Vacancy

## Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council	Soo Massey	Tel: 01773 603810
Assistant Clerk /RFO	John Richardson	Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker:	Carol Hopkinson	Tel: 01773 609397
Relief Caretaker	Virginia Smithurst	
Parish Wardens:	Colin Rick   Les Briddon	
Bar Supervisor:	Victoria Jones	

Please make all Booking enquiries for the Hall or Lounge by calling in calling 01773 609397 or 07516 493430 or email: caretaker@somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

For all other enquiries contact:  
Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall,  
Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY  
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk email: Somercotespc@btconnect.com

## Parish Council Meetings

In the lounge of the Village Hall

Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 16th September 2016
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 18th November 2016
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 20th January 2016
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday, 17th March 2017

Annual Parish Meeting (Not a PC Meeting)	Friday 19th May 2017 (Commences 6.30pm)
Annual Parish Council Meeting	Friday 19th May 2017

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm, except on 19th May 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – APCM 7pm)

## Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle | Councillor John McCabe  
will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall on:

Saturday 1st October                      Saturday 5th November 2016  
Saturday 3rd December 2016

All Surgeries 11am to 12noon. County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present.

## County Matters



If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058  
They are open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 9.30am-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:  
**Non-urgent Police matters 101** (calls charged at 15p)  
[www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)  
**Crimstoppers 0800 555 111**

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 (Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)	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
Crimstoppers	0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime

# Advertisements

If you would like to advertise in the next edition of Somercotes Local then please contact Soo Massey on 01773 603810

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## ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council recognises the importance of healthy eating and the demand for allotment plots so people can "Grow their Own" vegetables. The Council has resolved not to raise the rent to the allotment associations for 2015-16, so why not take on your own allotment and 'grow your own' vegetables? Plots are available at Bridle Lane (Leabrooks); Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes – Contact details for the allotment associations:

**Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks**  
To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Mrs Louise Calow Tel: 01773 609485

**Birchwood Lane Allotments**  
To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Colin Addison – Lees Tel: 07912887904

**Sleetmoor Allotments**  
To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Georgie Butt on 07950 537210

## DISPOSE OF NEEDLES SAFELY

Modern Living involves many hazards. One problem can be needles and syringes that have been discarded without care. If you find a needle,

DO NOT PICK IT UP. Please call Amber Valley Borough Council's needle hotline 08000 92 51 31 free anytime day or night. Their aim is to collect a needle within two hours of any reported incident.

## Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility

Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility will be on Somercotes market place between 8am and 10am 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 ID.

**NO TRADE WASTE | NO TOXIC WASTE  
NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT | NO ASBESTOS**

## Dog Fouling & Litter

The Parish Council takes the offences of dog fouling & litter very seriously, and would ask that people pick up their dogs mess – The Council provides FREE Poop Scoop bags and these are available at The Village Hall, Stop N Shop Convenience Store, Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Centre (on the Recreation Ground). There is no reason why Somercotes should not be free of dog mess (that can cause serious illness to children).

Litter is another problem that need not happen, but there is an element of many, particularly younger people who seem to think chucking down litter is normal. Keeping a clean environment is essential for future generations to be able to enjoy green space. So please put litter in the nearest litter bin or take it home.

Amber Valley Wardens have been instructed to prosecute offenders, for dog fouling & litter in public places, so you have been warned.



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