

Somercotes

# LOCAL

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

## Grant Awards!



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

Licensed Bar available  
Ample car parking available

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

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost

Somercotes Parish Council welcomed successful applicants to receive their grant awards at a ceremony on the 6th September 2019 in the Village Hall. Each year the Council invites local organisations to apply for grant funding to support various activities and projects which benefit the parish.

The total amount of grants awarded was £6000 Recipients were; Sleetmoor United FC, Birchwood Methodist Church, Somercotes Brownies, Somercotes Ladies Group, Somercotes Local History Society, Somercotes Scout Group, St Thomas' Church, Pennytown Court Friendship Group, Rainbows, 1st Somercotes Guides, Somerlea Centre, Somercotes Choral Society, Somercotes Against Development, Somercotes Community Wellbeing, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre.



# Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Thanks to Margaret Brooksbank for this contribution.  
Contact for Margaret: Tel 01773 604916  
Throughout all editions was a regular item headed: Notes, whilst not about the Somercotes area, they did affect everywhere, as most were Government edicts.

## Foreword

I hope you have enjoyed the hanging baskets this year. The Council has been very pleased with them; they have provided a lovely colourful display and are still going strong.

As we enter the autumn months I am delighted to announce that the Council has obtained a new contract for the supply of Christmas lights and we are looking forward to a sparkling display over the festive period.

Part of the response to the Climate Change Emergency by Amber Valley Borough Council was its commitment to planting 20000 trees. The Parish Council completely supports this and at its last meeting resolved to allocate £1000 to plant fruit trees throughout its allotments.

Moving to other issues, the Planning Board of Amber Valley Borough Council has refused the application for 99 houses at Pye Bridge. The Parish Council along with many residents had objected strongly to this proposal and as a consequence we are delighted at this decision. The Council will continue to oppose inappropriate planning proposals whenever they are made, whether it's to safeguard the well-being of residents and/or preserve the character of the parish.

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas, may I end by wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2020.

Cllr *John McCabe*

Chairman  
Somercotes Parish Council

### TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE 2ND WORLD WAR THESE ARE THE MEN OF SOMERCOTES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE CONFLICT

**JOSEPH BROWN** PTE 13012102 Pioneer Corps 28 December 1943 age 43  
husband of **ELSIE** nee **JOHNSON** son of **JOHN JOSEPH** and **OLIVE WINIFRED**  
BURIED MINTURNO WAR CEMETERY ITALY

**RICHARD BURGOYNE** Rfman 324877 2nd Batt CAMEROONS 27 Sep 1945 age 27  
husband of **DOROTHY** nee **RICHARDS**, son of **ARTHUR** and **SARAH ANN** buried  
LEABROOKS CEMETERY

**FREDERICK COOPER** Pte nothing else known

**FRANK E COXHEAD** Sgt 1583248 ft Engr 97 Sqn RAFVR 23 June 1944 age 20  
son of **FRANK PERCY** and **MARTHA** nee **SAINT** buried LEABROOKS CEMETERY

**LAWRENCE CROSON** Pt 4982151 2nd Batt Royal Norfolk 28 May 1944 age 31  
husband of **RUBY**son of **JOHN W** and **MARGARET** nee **MILES** buried KOHIMA WAR  
CEMETERY INDIA

**FRANK DEAN** Pte 6147585 1st Batt The Buffs 6 September 1944 age 24  
husband of **RHODA** nee **RANDLE** son of **EDWARD** buried CORIANO RIDGE WAR  
CEMETERY INDIA

**LEWIS GEORGE ELLIS** Grdsman 2619350 Green Guards 18 April 1944 age 30  
husband of **ELSIE** nee **PALMER** son of **LEWIS GEORGE** and **ALICE MAUD** buried  
LEABROOKS CEMETERY

**WILFRED HARGREAVES** Pte 5336568 Royal Scots 6 February 1946 age 33 son  
of **FREDERICK W** and **AGNES** buried LEABROOKS CEMETERY

**JOHN JARRETT** Able S/man P/JX 224212 HMS Laforey 30 March 1944 age 26  
son of **JOHN** and **ELLEN** nee **ELLIS**. John was lost at sea. PORTSMOUTH  
NAVAL MEMORIAL

**FREDERICK LOWE** Ord/Seaman P/SSX3131002 HMS Exmouth RN 21 Jan 1944 age  
18 son of **FREDERICK WILLIAM** and **ANNIE** buried WICK CEMETERY  
CAITHNESSHIRE

**SYDNEY MILLS** Bombardier 1103824 57(1/5th Bn East Surrey Regt) Anti  
tank Regt RA 9 February 1944 age 29 husband of **IRENE MABEL** son of  
**RICHARD** and **HELEN** buried CASSINO MEMORIAL ITALY

**DENIS MILLINGTON** Sgt 4979973 2n Bat Notts & Derby 2 May 1943 age 27  
husband of **VERA** nee **RILEY** son of **CHARLIE** & **LUCY** nee **BURNELL** buried  
QUED ZARGA WAR CEMWETERY TUNISIA

**ARTHUR PARSONS** Marine PO/X 102125 HMS Eagle 11 August 1942 son of  
**ARTHUR** & **EVELINEA ANNIE** nee **AVERY** PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

**WILLIAM RILEY** Sgt 822705 RA 20 Anti-tank Regt 11 July 1944 age 31  
husband of **GLADYS** son of **WM** & **HEPHZIBAH** buried HERMANVILLE WAR  
CEMETERY

**ROY ARTHUR RUMLEY** G/man 2621148 6th Bat G/Guards 10 September 1943  
age 23 son of **GEORGE** & **LILY** buried SALERNO WAR CEMETERY

**JOHN WILLIAM SIMPSON** Sgt 1071210 48 Sqn RAFVR 22 February 1944 age 31  
husband of **SYBIL NELLY** son of **JOHN W** & **GERTRUDE** buried BILBAO BRITISH  
CEMETERY SPAIN

**GEORGE ARTHUR STEAD** Stoker 2nd class P/KX 526881 HMS Holcombe RN 13  
December 1943 age 36 son of **HENRY H** & **FRANCES** buried BONE WAR  
CEMETERY ANNABA ALGERIA

**WILLIAM THOMAS ALEXANDER THURMAN** Petty Officer Stoker HMS Cornwall  
RN 5 April 1942 CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL KENT

**GEORGE WEBSTER** Pte 4864531 1st Bat Welch Reg 14 September 1944 age 31  
husband of **EVELYN** son of **JOE** & **ESTHER MAY** nee **LUCAS** buried CORIANO  
RIDGE WAR CEMETERY ITALY

**NORMAN WOOTTON** Leading aircraftman 1540110 2823 Sqn RAVR 24 July 1944  
age 22 husband of **ANNIE** nee **BRADLEY** son of **FRANK** & **EDITH** buried  
LEABROOKS

I do have a limited amount of further information on these men.  
Anyone interested, please contact me.



## Letter from your County Councillor Dear Resident

I have again continued to report pot holes and street lights that are faulty throughout the area. All these issues are taking longer to resolve due to the continuing cuts that are taking place.

Another phase of youth club cuts are taking place with the second phase of buildings being closed. Unfortunately Somercotes looks like being one of them and many of the youth workers have lost their jobs.

The controlling Conservative Group have now decided to no longer provide direct cleaning and caretaking services which will impact on school staff. This provision and service will now be provided by Suffolk County Council – honestly you couldn't make it up!

Again I have submitted highway schemes for the County Council to consider, hoping that they include some of the roads and pavements in this area.

On a fairly positive note I am extremely pleased that the village bus service is to continue after the sad news that Your Bus who provided the service had gone out of business. I made representation to the Council on how important this service is to the community and was extremely pleased with the work done to organise a new provider for the village and the schools service which I am told will operate until at least May of next year.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes when I married Julie. We would like to say a big "Thank You" for the gifts and monies which we donated to the Royal Derby Hospital's MacMillan Unit; a total of £1,990 was donated to try and improve people's stay at the hospital.

I would also like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Paul Smith**  
County Councillor for Somercotes,  
Riddings and Ironville

# ALLOTMENT AWARDS

Winners and runner ups from Birchwood Lane, Sleetmoor Lane, Bridle Lane and Drunken Close Allotments received recognition in the form of trophies and awards for their effort and hard work on the evening of 6 September 2019. The Chairman of the Allotment Association, Councillor Brian Lyddle presented the awards as follows:

<b>Bridle Lane</b>	<b>Birchwood Lane</b>	<b>Sleetmoor Lane</b>
1st M. Gregory	1st J Kirk	1st Key & Hobart
2nd I Yarnell	2nd M Stocks	2nd J Lincoln & L Kirk
3rd B Frogett	3rd M Hopkinson	3rd J Shaw & M Lowe

**Overall winner:** M Gregory, Bridle Lane,

**Children's Competition**  
1st Place Thomas Shaw, Sleetmoor Lane  
2nd Place Beck & Zack Gill, Sleetmoor Lane  
3rd Place Lorna Sully, Bridle Lane



Overall Winner M Gregory



Childrens Competition 1st Place Thomas Shaw



## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

**Look Out for Poppies**  
Somercotes Parish Council have purchased additional remembrance poppies this year in support of the Royal British Legion. Appearing soon on lampposts near you!



# Time Swap

Swap time not money!

Could you give an hour of your time to receive an hour of someone else's time?

Gardening - Shopping - Computer Skills  
Music Lessons - Lifts - Decorating  
Visiting People - Community Projects  
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To find out more:  
Tel: 01629 532049  
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Join the scheme at: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap)



# Christmas

## CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to Somercotes Parish Councils Candle-lit Christmas Carol Service  
In the St Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes  
**Friday 6 December 2019**  
**at 7.30pm**

With the Heage Band and singing  
by Somercotes Guides, Brownies  
and Rainbows.

Seasonal refreshments will be available after the service in the Village Hall.  
All Welcome!

## SCENES of DERBYSHIRE

Have a taste of Derbyshire in your home, with this range of beautiful ceramic mugs, featuring the artwork of local artist Norma Gent.



DOVEDALE STEPPING STONES

£5.00



HEAGE WINDMILL

£5.00



CURBAR AND BASLOW EDGE

£5.00



LUMSDALE VALLEY

£5.00



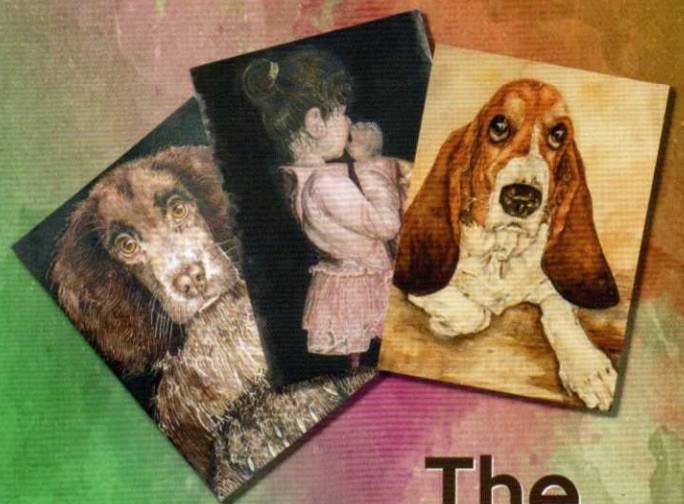
Mugs available from:  
The Studio - New Lane Galleries, New Street, Alfreton DE55 7BP

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tel: 07979 312767

Find me on facebook - [www.facebook.com/ArtistNormaGent](http://www.facebook.com/ArtistNormaGent)

## Watercolour Classes

SOMERCOTES COMMUNITY CENTRE  
TUESDAYS 10AM - 12PM AND 7PM - 9PM | THURSDAYS 9AM - 11.00AM



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Norma Gent

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# Christian church and charity



## Singing by Heart

A Dementia Friendly Singing Group

*A glad heart makes a cheerful face*

Proverbs 15:13

## The Salvation Army

1 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB  
(every second Friday in the month)



## 'Sing and Play'

For children aged 0-2 years old.  
Every Thursday (during term time)

**9.30am – 11.00am**

Admission £1

(includes refreshments)



## Weekly Events

- Sunday Worship 3pm (pre-meeting prayer 2.30pm – 2.45pm)
- Monday Friends and Fellowship 2pm (except Bank Holidays)
- Tuesday Care and Share Coffee Morning 9.30am – 11am (except Bank Holidays)
- Thursday 'Sing and Play' 9.30am– 11am
- Friday Prayer Focus 9.30 am – 10.30am

## Monthly Events

- Craft & Cake First Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm  
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 and refreshments etc.



## URGENT APPEAL

URGENT APPEAL FOR TINS OF FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR FOOD PARCELS.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND HELP OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE. THANK YOU

Somercotes Salvation Army  
Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB  
Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD, NG17 8LA

Present a Special Concert by

# THE PYE HILL AND DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR

EST:1903

Who 'Sing Out' in support of the 'Dementia Choir' as seen on BBC T.V

**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2019, 7.30PM**

**Entrance: £6.00 for Adults and £3.00 for Children, to include refreshments**

In May of this year, Vicky McClure, presented the 'Dementia Choir' on BBC TV who appeared in concert at Nottingham. It is now widely recognised that singing and music triggers and unlocks memory in the brain of those affected by dementia and this brings associated happiness and an increased sense of well-being.

All of us at some point will be affected by family members and friends who suffer with this progressive condition and know of the significant effects this has on the individual's life and also their families and carers. Most recently this is likely to have been brought to your attention in the media by the positive effect that singing, and music has on Dame Barbara Windsor who is also affected by dementia and is an Ambassador with her husband for the 'Alzheimer's Society'.

Inspired by the 'Dementia Choir' and in losing members of its own choir to dementia over the years, the Pye Hill and District Male Voice Choir are to 'sing out' for the 'Dementia Choir' and will be joined by special guest soloist, Vivien Easom, Mezzo Soprano. All proceeds of the concert will be given to the 'Dementia Choir' to assist them with their aims and to help reinforce the positive effects that singing, and music has for those who are affected by dementia.

Please make a date in your diary and come along with family and friends and also support the 'Dementia Choir' and enjoy a great evening's entertainment and fun, including gifted soloists from the choir and the talented guest Mezzo Soprano, Vivien Easom. The concert will include from the Pye Hill and District Male Voice Choir a wide range of songs to include 'Last of the Summer Wine', 'Sweet Hour of Prayer', 'Bring Him Home', 'I'm Goin' Up A Yonder', 'Stout-Hearted Men', 'Softly as I Leave You', 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah', 'Let All Men Sing', 'Mansions of the Lord', 'Let There be Music', 'Llanfair', 'Speed Your Journey', 'Morte Criste', 'Some Enchanted Evening', 'Gwahoddiaid' and various solos. Tickets are available from Malcolm Hill – see contact details below, or you can pay on the door subject to availability. Malcolm will reserve tickets if you contact him.

Why not come and join the Pye Hill and District Male Voice Choir and start a new activity? We have recruited three new members in recent months, and they are loving it. It could not be easier; it's fun, inexpensive and you will make new friends and it will put a smile on your face. Whether you are experienced or a non-experienced singer of any age, you will be made equally welcome and given every assistance. We particularly need bass singers (low voices) and tenors (high voices), but all voices are needed and welcomed.

The choir practice at the Dale Club, Jacksdale, every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m., other than Bank Holiday weeks. Music, practice CD's, Musical Director, Accompanist and uniform are all provided for a modest membership fee. You have nothing to lose, but a great deal to gain by coming along on a Monday evening and giving it a go!

**If you require any further information on joining the choir, concert bookings and arrangements, please ring Malcolm Hill on 07706036946 or 01773 602743, or visit the choirs web site on [www.pyehillmvc.co.uk](http://www.pyehillmvc.co.uk)**

# WEEKLY EVENTS AT SOMERCOTES VILLAGE HALL

Community Transport for Town & County (CT4TC) started life over 30 years ago as Amber Valley Community Transport in Ripley, merging with Chesterfield & District Community Transport in 2010 to become CT4TC and now in the process of re-branding to Derbyshire Community Transport.

In April 2018 we became part of HCT Group, a large scale Social Enterprise and a provider of Community Transport services all over the country.

Since October 2017 we have been operating the Derbyshire Connect (Shopping Bus) service on behalf of Derbyshire County Council in the Amber Valley, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and Erewash areas.

Derbyshire Connect is a bookable door to door shopping bus service for people who are unable to use conventional buses because of mobility difficulties or because they live in areas with limited bus services.

The Derbyshire Connect service provides a once a week service to a local town centre or supermarket. The day and time of the trip is advised upon registration and booking.

The REALLY good news is this service is completely FREE OF CHARGE for Gold Card (Bus Pass) holders.

Lunch Club outings operate once every 3 weeks and Day Out Trips once a month.

For full details of this and other services we are able to offer please contact our office where our staff will be happy to help.

Office hours are 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Monday – Friday

Tel. No. 01773 746652  
Email: [admin@ct4tc.org.uk](mailto:admin@ct4tc.org.uk)

or Find us on Facebook

<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	No appointment needed Call into a meeting for more details	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9.15am & 11.15am In the Hall  10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge  5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall  7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	<b>Slimming World</b>  <b>Watercolour Classes</b> Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.  <b>Somercotes Beavers</b> Group for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8  <b>Somercotes Ladies</b> Every Tuesday except 1 <sup>st</sup> in each month	Sue Rutter  Norma Gent  Steve Hewitt  Eileen Wilkinson	07738 118130 01773 609251  01773 836907  07857 845954  01773 603177
<b>Wednesdays</b>	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm In the Hall  6:00pm – 7:00pm In the Lounge  6.45pm - 7.45pm In the Hall  8.00 pm – 8.45 pm In the Hall	<b>Weight Watchers</b>  <b>Burlesque Chair Dance</b>  <b>Taekwondo</b> Juniors & Adults <b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in  Sharon  Just attend 5 mins before class starts Dey	07425 938421   07910600724 Dey Zumba Liz Lopez
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge  9.45am - 10.15am  6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall  6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge  7.45pm - 8.45pm In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.  <b>Somercotes Walking Group</b> Walking for Health  <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>Burlesque Chair Dance</b>	Norma Gent  Alan Rowe  Call into a meeting for more details.  Sharon	01773 836907  01773 609430   07425938421
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Lounge  6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall  7.30 pm – 8.15 pm In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class  <b>Taekwondo</b> Juniors & Adults  <b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Rav Paul  Just attend 5 mins before class starts Dey	07963 350868  07910600724 Dey Zumba Liz Lopez
<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> Sunday School Coffee after Church Service	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131



## Treetops Hospice Care Needs Your Help!

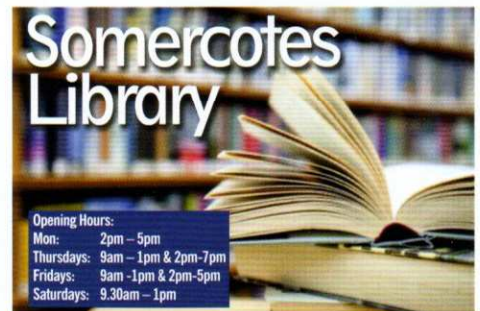
Do you have some free time? Would you like a volunteering role that you can fit around your other commitments? Treetops Hospice Care is looking for a Community Ambassador for your parish.

Treetops Hospice Care provides nursing care & emotional support for adults living with a life-limiting illness whilst offering bereavement and counselling services to help support families at one of the most difficult times of their lives. Our ambition is to make every day count for patients and families living with life-limiting illnesses or affected by death and dying; our vision is that everyone living within the communities we serve has access to end of life care of the highest quality.

As a Community Ambassador you will promote Treetops events in your parish through posters and word of mouth; set up and run collection/information stalls in your local area; introduce the work of Treetops to your network; promote Treetops to local community groups and voluntary groups; manage collection tins in local shops and businesses. You will be fully supported in your role by our Community Fundraising team.

### Book A Speaker

Are you a member of a community group that would like to hear more about the work of Treetops Hospice Care? We would love to come along to one of your meetings and explain how we support families in your parish and how our services can be accessed. For an informal chat about becoming a Community Ambassador or to book a speak contact Christine Selden, Community Fundraiser on 0115 949 1264 or email [cselden@treetopshospice.org.uk](mailto:cselden@treetopshospice.org.uk)



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.

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.

Our address is Somerlea Park Junior School, Bank Street Somercotes. DE55 4JE. Tel: 01629 533970  
E-Mail: [somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)  
or view the website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://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.

# Places of Worship

## Parish Church of St. Thomas

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

### Regular Services:

Sunday: 9:30 am 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

**NOVEMBER**  
Saturday 2nd Coffee Morning in the Village Hall 10am-12noon  
Saturday 16th Arts & Crafts Day in St Thomas' Church 10am-4pm  
Displays, demonstrations, goods for sale, live music and refreshments.

**DECEMBER**  
Sunday 1st Advent Carol Service 6pm  
A candle-lit service of hymns and readings to help us prepare for the Christmas Season.

Saturday Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 10am-1.30pm

**CHRISTMAS**  
Sunday 22nd Traditional Candle-lit Carol Service 6pm  
Tuesday 24th Crib Service 4pm  
A family friendly service for Christmas. Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity story.

Tuesday 24th Midnight Mass with Carols 11.30pm  
Wednesday 25th Mass with Carols 10am

## Leabrooks Christian Centre

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, DE55 1LA | Telephone 01773 608737  
www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk email: lynne@leabrookschristiancentre.uk  
Minister: Pastor Lynne Clarke

Sunday Services Morning Service 10.30am  
Tuesday: Ladies Meeting 10.30am-12noon  
Reading the bible, prayer and sharing over coffee followed by a light lunch.  
Prayer Meeting 6-7pm  
Friday: Coffee Morning 10am-12noon. Pop in for a cuppa & a chat.  
Monday 'More than Just a Meal' is once a month for over 55's to come together to enjoy a yummy home cooked meal.  
No charge, but a donation appreciated.

## NEW Mini Explorers (toddler group 0-3yrs)

Starts Wednesday 6th November 9:15am-11am  
£1 per family (including drinks & snacks)

## Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 10th November 10:45am

## Carol Service

Sunday 8th December 5:30pm  
Followed by refreshments

## Free CAP Money Course

Fed up of having no money left or having lean weeks?  
Come along to a free 3 session course that will help you get in control of your money instead of your money controlling you.  
Starts Monday 13th January 7-9pm.

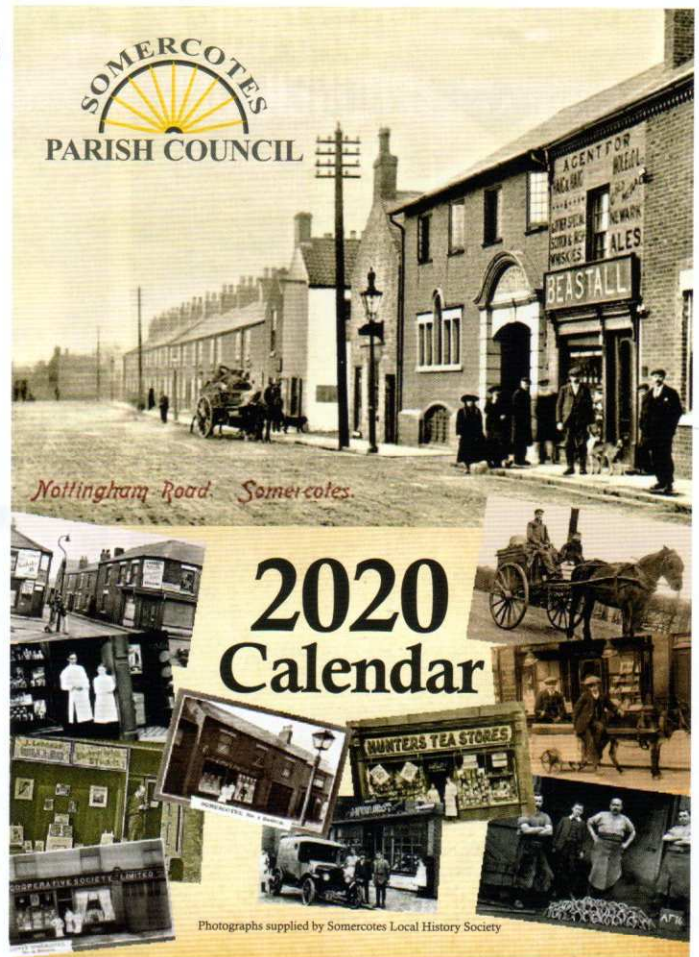
For more info & to book go to [www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org) or call 01773 608737.

## Birchwood Methodist Church

Minister – Rev. M Dilley Tel. 01623 752349  
Service each Sunday at 3pm and a morning service once a month at 10.30am  
Coffee Morning – 2nd Wednesday in the Month 10am-12noon

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US**

**PLEASE SEE OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS**



**The Somercotes Parish Council 2020 Calendar will be available from the Village Hall from Monday 11th Nov Only £4**

## Carers and Bereavement Groups have started on Fridays at Somercotes Medical Centre

### Carers Group

Carers:- If you look after someone at home and can get away for an hour between 2pm and 3pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday in the month, please drop into the Surgery and meet others in the same situation for a chat, cup of tea and cakes and a little pampering.

### Bereavement Group

If you have been bereaved recently, or some time ago, and would like to meet others in the same situation, please drop into the surgery on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month for a chat, cup of tea and cakes. This group will also meet between 2pm and 3pm at the back of the waiting room at Somercotes Medical Centre

We have a grant from Amber Valley CVS to do this. It will cost you nothing and is set up by volunteers from the Patient Participation Group with the support of the surgery.

Councillor John McCabe  
Councillor Brian Lyttle  
Councillor M Barron  
Councillor P Smith  
Councillor P Curran-Bilbie  
Councillor S McCabe  
Councillor S Walker

Councillor C Addison-Lees  
Councillor K Judson  
Councillor P Wardle  
Councillor J Parker  
Councillor V Bonsall  
Councillor P Slater

**PARISH COUNCIL STAFF**

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Relief Caretaker	Virginia Smithurst	
Parish Wardens:	Colin Rick   Les Briddon	
Bar Supervisor:	Victoria Jones	

Please make all booking enquiries by dropping in or calling the Village Hall on 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 15 November 2019 6.30pm  
Ordinary PC Meeting 17 January 2020 6.30pm  
Ordinary PC Meeting 20 March 2020 6.30pm

**YOUR AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

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

Saturday 2 November 2019	Saturday 7 December 2019
Saturday 4 January 2020	Saturday 1 February 2020

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

**DOG POOP BAGS**

Somercotes Parish Council provide free dog poop bags to residents. It's a great service and very popular. You can pick them up from the Village Hall or alternatively from the parish wardens, Colin and Les. Please note that when applying you will be asked for proof of residency.

**DISPOSING 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.

**COUNTY CONTACT NUMBERS**



If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 01629 533 190  
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 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  
Crimestoppers 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 572 938
Victim Support Line	0845 3030900	NHS Direct	0845 46 47
UK Flu Information Line	0800 1 513 513	Amber Valley Housing	01773 573 100
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111		

Call anonymously with information about crime

**BIRCHWOOD LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**  
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**Come garden at Birchwood Lane**

We had another great Open Day in August which generated badly needed income, introduced us to the public and enabled us to rent 3 more plots.

We had a tasty BBQ, refreshments, tombola, vegetable stall, toy stall, delicious cake stall, face painting and the little Izzy Express.

A big thank you to all who attended or helped man the event!  
We are looking forward to our members only November BBQ night. Lets hope it will be a great night, like our last one!



Now is the time to rent a plot at Birchwood Lane Allotment Association  
**Only a few left!**  
**Ring Col on 07912 887 904**

Find us on Facebook

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

**Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Skip**

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.

**All residents will be asked to provide evidence that they live in the parish. Please be prepared for this when bringing items to the skip.**

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

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