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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

IT'S BACK 2022 CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to Somercotes Parish Councils Candle-lit Christmas Carol Service in the St Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes on Friday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm. The Heage Band will be playing and the singing by Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Seasonal refreshments will be available after the service in the Village Hall.



**AVAILABLE
END OF
NOVEMBER**

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL CALENDAR 2023
The Parish Council will again produce a calendar for 2023. The price will be £4 and they will be available from the Village Hall at the end of November.

The theme this year will be 'Village Shops'.



New Street Sweeper

Say hello to the councils new weapon in the fight against grime!

The Addex Maxwind Sweeper only requires one employee to operate it and has a powerful motor providing excellent suction. It's environmentally friendly too as it is an all electric machine which effectively tackles detritus such as cigarette butts, grit and the general dust and grime found on our pavements, car parks and other hard services.

Pictured is Councillor John McCabe, Chairman of the Parish Council handing over the sweeper to parish wardens Richard Hedley and Colin Rick.

New email address....

email: info@somercotesparishcouncil.org.uk

www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year



Cllr John McCabe
Chairman Somercotes Parish Council

First of all I would like to thank you all for coming to celebrate the jubilee over the jubilee weekend. It was well attended and was great to see so many of you. It was sad to hear that our queen sadly passed not long after the celebrations. She was a true icon and served her country to the very end. Her commitment was outstanding. Our best wishes go to our new king, King Charles.

On Friday 9th December we will be holding our first Carol concert in 2 years! It will be great to see you all there to celebrate Christmas in true Somercotes style! We even have a special guest named Santa! Who will be arriving on his sleigh!

May I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year.

*Cllr John McCabe
& the parish council.*



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.

The Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group is very pleased to say that we are now open for visitors. We meet in Birchwood Methodist Church school room each Wednesday from 9.30am until 1pm. All welcome.

Just a few of the businesses in Somercotes open in the 1960s which have since disappeared.....

GEORGE BEASTALL LTD Oporto House
Soft drinks, wines & spirits

SWAIN LUXURY TRAVEL, High Street,
tel: 2683
Luxury Coaches & Cars for hire and weddings

HF BURDETT, 207 Nottingham Road,
tel: 2726
Toys, books, games, prams & nursery goods. Cards for all occasions

LONG'S, 5 Somercotes Hill
The Sweet Shop

NANCY DENNIS, 11 Somercotes Hill
Fashion Boutique. Everything for the modern lady

BAGGULEY'S, 5 Leabrooks Rd,
tel: 2311
High Class Grocer & Greengrocer

R H ELEY, 7 High Street,
tel: 2369
Off Licence Beers Wines Spirits
Groceries & Provisions

R. E. M. JOHNSON, 14 Victoria Street,
tel: 2167
Painter & Decorator. Dealer in China, Glass, Paint & Wallpaper

Mrs N WEBSTER, Wood Street, Leabrooks,
tel: 2677
Spirella for a better figure.
Made to measure foundations

EDGAR WHITE, 183 Nottingham Road,
tel: 2956
For Watches, Clock, Jewellery & Leather Goods

A SMALLEY, 26 Leabrooks Road,
tel 2239
Gentlemans Hairdresser, Toilet Requisites & Tobaccos

F S BERRISFORD, Nottingham Road,
tel: 2239
Pharmacists & Opticians. Now your Lancombe agent

E R BALL, 106 Leabrooks Road,
tel: 2028
Coal & Coke Merchant & Haulier



1st Somercotes brownies chose dogs as the theme for their social action project. Joining in with other groups for Girlguiding Derbyshire's social action week, the idea was for everyone to make a small difference in their community.

The brownies chose to make dispensers for dog waste bags from recycled plastic bottles and with the support of Somercotes Parish Council filled them with bags. They then went out on a sponsored walk to place the bottles around the Somerlea Park area and to raise money for Guide Dogs UK. They had been inspired to support this charity after having a guide dog puppy join them on one of their zoom meetings during lockdown.

So far, the idea of having the bags handy for anyone caught short has been very popular and the group has raised over £350 for the Guide Dog charity. Well done brownies you have worked very hard to achieve your



'Three Choir Appeal' Success as £1,160.00 raised for Air Ambulance

Sandiacre and Pye Hill & District Male Voice Choirs joined forces to raise money for the vital services provided by the Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in a concert held on Saturday 30th July 2022, at St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Nottingham. The money raised will also be used to support the Children's Air Ambulance nationally. All three well known and long-standing choirs performed several of their diverse range of songs, representing all genres of music, from traditional male voice choir favourites to songs from the shows, gospel, pop and contemporary music - something for everyone! The choirs were led by their respective Musical Directors, Ian Watts, Stuart Graham and Linda Darnell. The concert ended in the choirs' joining forces to both sensitively and powerfully perform classic male voice 'anthems', culminating in 'American Trilogy', accompanied by the impressive Ian Watts on the church organ, lifting the roof! All performances were enhanced by the wonderful acoustics of St. Pauls Church who also gave its facilities free to support the charity. Entry to the concert was free to the public with voluntary donations collected by representatives of the Air Ambulance. The concert was deliberately organised not to restrict anyone from attending, irrespective of their means and recognising the financial pressure many people are experiencing at present, leaving it to individuals to give what they could afford, without any obligation.



The fact that £1,160.00 was raised for the Air Ambulance without ticket sales is testament to the following of the combined choirs and the generosity of the public who filled the church to capacity. Several ovations were received during the concert for all three choirs' individual performances and a standing ovation from the audience was received at the end of concert. All three choirs are constantly looking to recruit new members and you will receive a warm welcome if you wish to join any of the male voice choirs who took part in the concert. Further details are available on all choir websites.

Malcolm Hill
Concert Secretary & Publicity Officer
Pye Hill & District Male Voice Choir Est: 1903
And on behalf of Carlton and Sandiacre Male Voice Choirs

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

MONDAY		Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1.30pm - 4pm in the Lounge No appointment needed	1st Somercotes Guides (Group for girls aged 10-15yrs) 6.45pm - 8.45pm in the Hall www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	1st Somercotes Rangers Young Ladies 14 - 18 years 7.30pm - 9pm in the Lounge www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus		
TUESDAY	Slimming World 10am - 11.30am in the Hall Contact Sue Rutter 07738 118130	1st Somercotes Beavers 5pm - 6.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 6 to 8 in the Hall Steve Hewitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	1st Somercotes Cubs 5pm - 6.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 8 to 10 ¹¹ in the Lounge Steve Hewitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	1st Somercotes Scouts 7pm - 8.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 10 ¹¹ to 14 in the Lounge Craig Marsh 07976759645 www.allretroscouts.wordpress.com	Somercotes Ladies 7.30pm - 10pm in the Hall Every Tuesday except 1st in each month Eileen Wilkinson 01773 603177	
WEDNESDAY	Darby & Joan 1pm - 4pm in the Lounge	Lux Dance Studios Contemporary (all abilities) 4pm till 4.45pm in the Hall Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	Lux Dance Studios Musical Theatre (all abilities) 4.45pm till 5.30pm in the Hall Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	Taekwondo 6pm - 7pm in the Hall Juniors and adults Just attend 5 minutes before class starts	Burlesque Chair Dance 7.15pm - 8.15pm in the Hall Get Fit, Lose Weight, Build Confidence, Have FUN! Very Beginner Friendly, Any Age or Ability To book contact: Dorothy Darling (Sharon Caultwell) 07525298454	Zumba Fitness 7.30pm - 8.15pm in the Hall Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness Dev 07910600724 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk
THURSDAY	Walking Derbyshire Walking for Health 9.45am - 10.15am Meet in the lounge Alan Rowe 01773 609430	Moo Music 0 to 5 years music group 10am - 10.40 Contact clare@moo-music.co.uk 07970664282	Lux Dance Studios Tap & Ballet (classes will be split into grades) 4pm till 5pm in the Lounge Pointe (invite only) 5pm - 5.30pm in the Hall Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Rainbows 5.45pm - 6.30pm in the Hall Group for girls aged 5-7 years www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Brownies 6pm - 7.15pm in the Hall Group for girls aged 7-10 years www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	Burlesque Chair Dance 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the Hall Get Fit, Lose Weight, Build Confidence, Have FUN! Very Beginner Friendly, Any Age or Ability To book contact: Dorothy Darling (Sharon Caultwell) 07525298454
FRIDAY	NO EVENTS CURRENTLY ON SATURDAYS					
SUNDAY	Parish Church of St. Thomas 9.30am onwards Sunday School in the Hall Coffee after Church service in the Hall Rachel Watson (Church Warden) 01773 607131					



Christian church and charity

Success of Somercotes Salvation Army Plant Fair and Coffee Morning

On Saturday 21 May, Somercotes Salvation Army, held its Annual Plant Fair and Coffee Morning, following a break of two years enforced through the Covid pandemic.

Understandably, there was concern how the public would respond after a long break and a great deal of effort was made in preparation. It was a relief when the doors opened to find a long queue of people outside, and finding the event was the best attended ever and greatly enjoyed from comments received.

This was the ninth Plant Fair held since it first began in 2012 and raised a record of £1012.37, which will be used for the work of the Salvation Army in the area.

The local community entered into the spirit of the event by not just buying a variety of plants for stocking their gardens, but also in donating items for sale, which was much appreciated.

The idea behind the sale has always been to encourage people to dig up self set plants and split down overgrown areas of plants from their gardens, pot up and donate and then buy other plants they have not got at sensible prices to benefit everyone attending, and having fun. We also ask for the return of plant pots not wanted to recycle wherever possible.

Although the event was supported by numerous newcomers, it also saw the return of many people who previously came along each year to what is regarded as a not to be missed community, social event.

The availability of a wide variety of hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes made especially for the sale encouraged people to sit down and engage in conversation and enjoy the friendly environment.

At the end of the three-hour sale, despite starting off with a hall full of plants, very little was left with almost everyone attending taking home boxes of plants for stocking their gardens, and some very nice cakes!

Somercotes Salvation Army would like to thank everyone who supported the Plant Fair and Coffee Morning, for their donations, generosity, and kindness.

Malcolm Hill Somercotes Salvation Army

What's on

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

Sunday
2.30pm - Prayer meeting
3pm - Worship service
Tea and coffee served after the service.

Monday
2pm - Friends and Fellowship

Tuesday
9.30pm-11am - Coffee Morning

First Friday of the Month
2pm Craft Club

Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th Nov 10am-12 noon
Stalls | Gifts/Fancy Goods | Books/Bric-a-Brac
Home Baking | Preserves | Refreshments

Everyone Welcome

All goods at reasonable prices.

Jim Spibey Allotment Awards

Somercotes Parish Council once again hosted the Jim Spibey Allotment Awards presentation on the 7th October 2022.

Winners were presented with their awards and refreshments were provided.

The overall winner for 2022 was John Kirk from Birchwood Lane Allotment Association, who took home the Jim Spibey memorial shield.

Other winners included,

Birchwood Lane Allotments Association

PETERIS MALINS
MARK HOPKINSON

Leabrooks Allotments Association

JON TAYLOR
SUSAN PILMORE
ANDREW HARRINGTON

Sleetmoor Lane Allotment Association

FRAN HOBART & PAUL KEY
JOHN SHAW & MEL LOWE
CATHERINE & STUART ASTON

Children Prizes

Sleetmoor Lane Allotments

THOMAS SHAW

Birchwood Lane Allotments

MAISIE BRADSHAW,
MORGAN BRADSHAW
AUTUMN BROWN, ERRIN BROWN,
AMOUR BROWN, GEORGE WALKER,
HARRY WALKER, ETHAN WALKER, LUCY WALKER, GABRIEL JONES,
ELIJAH JONES, EZRA JONES, KATHLEENA JONES



John Kirk taking home the Jim Spibey memorial shield



Councillor John McCabe
Councillor M Barron
Councillor T Ryde
Councillor P Curran-Bilbie
Councillor S Harper
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

Clerk to the Council
Assistant Clerk /RFO
Caretaker:
Relief Caretaker
Parish Wardens:
Bar Supervisor:

Catherine Hedley Tel: 01773 603810
Kimberley Walker Tel: 01773 603810
Carol Hopkinson Tel: 01773 609397
Virginia Smithurst
Colin Rick | Richard Hedley
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.org.uk

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 25th November 2022
Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 20th January 2023
Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 17th March 2023

All ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm in the lounge of the Village Hall

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.

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 Richard. Please note that when applying you will be asked for proof of residency.

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL SKIP SERVICE

7AM - 10AM
NO WASTE ACCEPTABLE AFTER 10AM
THIS SERVICE IS FOR BULKY DOMESTIC WASTE
AND FOR RESIDENTS OF SOMERCOTES PARISH ONLY
PLEASE BRING SOME FORM OF IDENTITY
IMPORTANT - NO TRAILERS OR VANS - CARS ONLY
ALL USERS
NO TRADE WASTE | NO BUILDING WASTE
NO TOXIC WASTE | NO ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
NO ASBESTOS

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		

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 9:30am 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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 3 December 10am-1.30pm

Cakes, preserves, gifts, tombola, raffle - win a hamper!
Meat pie, trifle and seasonal refreshments

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
Saturday 18th December 6pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES | FAMILY CRIB SERVICE
Christmas Eve 4PM

MIDNIGHT MASS WITH CAROLS | Christmas Eve 11.30PM

MASS WITH CAROLS | Christmas Day 10AM

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

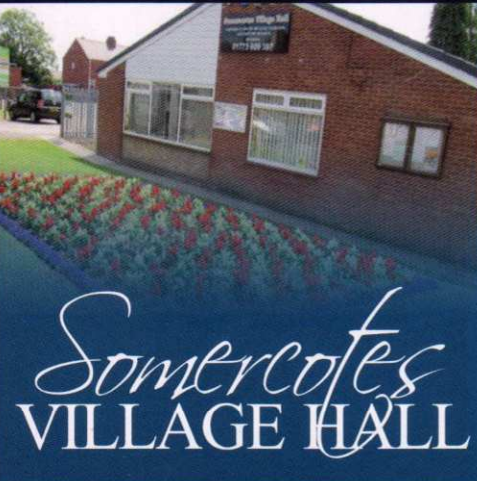
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PLEASE SEE OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS

Leabrooks Christian Centre

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Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk
www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC
www.twitter.com/leabrookscscc
Minister: Pastor Lynne Clarke

Weekly events

Sunday Sunday worship 10:30am (including Explorers yr 3- yr 7 during the Word)
Tuesdays Prayer 6pm-7pm
Wednesdays Mini Explorers (0-3's) 9:15am - 11am term time only cost £1.50 per family
Thursdays Thirsty Thursdays 10am -12 noon all ages welcome - cost by donation
Follow us on Facebook for more events, quizzes, movie nights etc. www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC



Somercotes VILLAGE HALL

HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL

Did you know you can hire the Village Hall for special occasions such as weddings, parties, anniversaries, children's parties?

Prices are very competitive (see right). To book, call Carol on 01773 609397 or mobile: 07516493430.

Alternatively you can call into the Village Hall between the hours of:
10am-12.30pm Monday
8am-11am Tuesday to Thursday
8am-10.30am Friday

CANCELLATION CHARGES	% of booking
MORE THAN 1 MONTH BEFORE EVENT	0%
WITHIN 1 MONTH OF EVENT	10%
WITHIN TWO WEEKS & 1 MONTH OF EVENT	25%
LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OF EVENT	50%
WITHIN 48 HOURS	100%

Cost of hiring

Regular block bookings of 6 or more. Regular Class Bookings in weekly/monthly/quarterly in advance.

	Hall	Lounge
Monday - Friday 9am - 10pm	Not for profit £9.50 Commercial £15.00	£7.50 £9.50
Saturday - Sunday 9am - 10pm	Not for profit £15.50 Commercial £17.00	£12.50 £15.00

Event charges (Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Meetings etc)

	Hall without bar	Hall with bar	Lounge without bar
Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm	Not for profit £16ph* Commercial £26ph	£26ph* £35ph	£10* £20*
6pm - Midnight	Not for profit £16ph* Commercial £32ph	£32ph* £42ph	£15* £25*
Sat - Sun 9am - Midnight	Not for profit £23ph* Commercial £34ph	£35ph* £44ph	£20* £30*

*Minimum charge of 2 hours per booking applies



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