

News, events and local interest.

A Somercotes Parish Council newsletter

Somercotes Winding Wheel Native Wildflower Meadow

Somercotes Parish Council has commissioned Groundwork Derby & De-byshire to create an urban wildflower meadow around the Winding Wheel.

To make it successful is not an easy task. Wildflowers grow best on poor soil with little competition. So before we can sow the wildflowers we need to work on the existing grass area, to remove the tough weeds like dandelion and dock by spraying with a selective weed killer. Then break up the existing amenity grass and seed rich top soil so that any competing grass and weeds are buried. All of this work will be carried out during summer and early autumn, during which the area around the Winding Wheel will not look great.

The wildflower seeds will be planted in late autumn ready for next year. Starting from early summer 2013 there will be a riot of colour as the meadow is filled with flowers. We will plant a mixture of annuals, like poppies and cornflowers, and perennials, such as ox-eye daisies and buttercups, which will give a long flowering period and require little maintenance. Please be patient, making sure the wildflower meadow is correctly established will result in a fabulous display year after year. It will provide a haven for butterflies, bees and other insects. But to get there will take quite a bit of work and the green space will not look great in the meantime.



Here is an impression of how it will look.

Signs of Spring Walk

On Saturday, 24th March the annual Signs of Spring walk was held at Pennytown Ponds LNR by Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire. A small group of enthusiasts enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather and spent just under 2 hours exploring the Nature Reserve to try and find the many and varied indicators of an early Spring. Walkers saw Willow and Hazel Catkins, beautiful Blackthorn blossom and many trees coming into leaf. In the woodland were beautiful displays of the white Wood Anemone and even a few early Bluebell flowers. On the water, the pretty yellow flowers of Marsh Marigold (May Blobs) were unusually out in March. One of the three very observant children even found an early Cowslip. Birds seen included Wren, Bullfinch and Goldfinch. Many other birds were heard including Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers and the summer visiting Chiff Chaff just back from Africa. Highlights of the walk included close up views of a Nuthatch, constructing its nest in a hole of a dead tree and we also spotted a Bank Vole foraging in the undergrowth. Two butterflies were also observed but went by so fast that it was not possible to identify them.



Planting of Elm Trees

On Wednesday, 14th March, 5 elm trees were planted at Pennytown Ponds, which are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. Their scientific name is *Ulmus 'Sapporo Autumn Gold'*. These trees were planted to compensate for the general loss of native elm trees (which are succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease). The planting was carried out by members of the Pennytown Ponds Group, Groundwork conservation volunteers and Ross Pearson of Amber Valley Borough Council, and was part of a small project which is being co-ordinated by Derbyshire Wildlife trust. The resistant elms are being planted at various sites with the aim of conserving a specific species of butterfly. The 'White Letter Hairstreak' butterfly depends entirely on elms to survive. It lays its eggs on the trees and when they hatch in the Spring the caterpillars feed on the elm flowers. The butterfly has obviously declined significantly due to loss of elms, so it is hoped that planting resistant varieties will provide it with a suitable habitat. The butterfly has been recorded at Pennytown, which is why it was decided to plant the trees there.

Clean Up And Easter Egg Hunt At Pennytown Ponds

The annual Pennytown Ponds Easter Egg Hunt & Nature Quiz took place on Friday 6th April at Pennytown Ponds. Around 40 people attended in total with some 25 taking part in the nature quiz and the rest helping to clear rubbish from in and around the local nature reserve. The event was organised jointly by The Pennytown Ponds Group in conjunction with Groundworks Derbyshire. The prizes were donated by local firm Thorntons. All children taking part received an Easter egg and a good morning was had by all, hunting for the clues and also helping to keep Pennytown Ponds clean. Two lucky winners received a huge Thorntons chocolate egg. Following a meeting between Councillor Paul Smith and Thorntons, we are pleased to say that Thorntons sponsored the event. The event was attended by County Councillor Paul Smith on behalf of the Pennytown Ponds Group and Gary Wain from Groundworks Derbyshire. Somercotes Borough Councillor John McCabe and Parish Councillor Paul Curran-Billie also helped with the litter pick.



Some of the children collecting rubbish



Some of the children taking part in the nature quiz

Somercotes
PARISH HALL



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

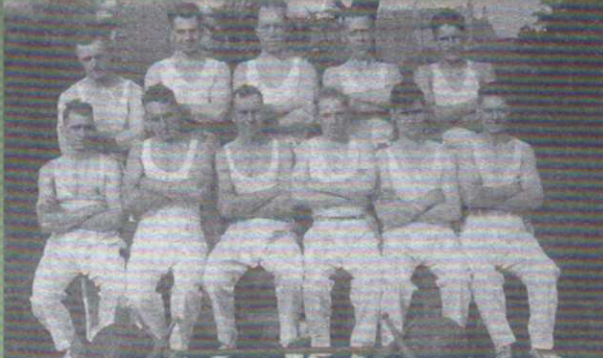
DID YOU KNOW?.....

There used to be a fitness club in Somercotes known as Somercotes Health & Strength Club. Ernie Steele tells us that it was formed at the Rifle Volunteer on Birchwood Lane on 25th March, 1927. The Club moved to the top of Somercotes Hill behind Annie Mason's Chip Shop in 1930, when the name was changed to Somercotes Physical Culture Club. When Ernie joined in 1934 the rent for the room was seven shillings per week solely for the room. He says there was no heating and no toilets. Admission to the club was 3d. per week for boys under 18 and 6d. a week for over 18's.



Jim Mills, Sid Gibson, Will Parkin, Frank Southgate, John Gregory, Ralph Cooke, Arthur Burnham, Dennis Ryan

Activities were weight-lifting and gymnastics, and in 1934 an Acrobatic Troupe was formed. Ernie joined this troupe in 1935. They gave displays for charity at carnivals, garden parties, cinemas etc. After the 2nd World War started in 1939, the troupe was reduced to five members and became known as The Five Equilibrists. Ernie and another member of the Equilibrists, William Patrick, joined together in 1946 to become known as The Two Atlantes. They moved to a room in a building on Somercotes Market Place around 1972. The club was finally closed in 1984 due to lack of suitable premises when they had to leave that venue. Pictured are members of the club in 1937, and again in 1947.



Back Row, Left to Right Ralph Cooke, Doug Barnatt, Fred Earnshaw, Stan Smith, Herbert Teese
Front Row, Left to Right, Percy Woodfield, Alf Clifton, Sid Gibson, Cyril Smith, Les Cottam, George Smith

Does anyone remember the club and did you know any of the men, or see them perform? Let us know.

Photograph of Somercotes Junior School circa 1949/50

Back Row (left to right) - Alan Green?, Colin Camm, John Hawkins, Brian Atkinson, Bernard Cadman, John Riley?, Peter Fincham, Stuart Meredith, John Bowring, Peter Spendlove, John King, Robert Elliott, Derek Howe, Harold Burton, Harry Ward

Middle Row (left to right) - Mary Bakewell, June Radford, Sheila Elliott, Marie Baines, Phyllis Hodgson, Maureen Amos, Donald Miles, Roger Bexon, John Straw, Dave Atkins, Brian Taylor, Raymond Howe, Norma Sansom, Myra Hollingworth, Ann Fletcher, Kathleen Loundes, Marlene Best.

Front Row (left to right) - Glenda Johnson; June Storer, Joyce Caulton; not known; Barbara Saint, Maureen Bradford, June Woollands, Mrs Dawes, the teacher, Betty Wiseman, Margaret Fantom, Muriel Hopkinson, Mavis Taylor, Enid Curtis, Pat Barbara Durham, Pat Storer, Pauline Johnson

Mr Miles said that Robert Elliott went to live in America, and that John Straw used to have a shop called Regent Hardware.



Do you have anything interesting to tell us about any of the people in this picture, and can you identify the girl fourth from the left on the front row? There are also queries against the name Alan Green and John Riley on the back row. Can anyone confirm their identity? Please let us know on 01773603810, or call into the Parish Hall office and see Glynis. Thanks to Mr Donald Miles for providing this photograph.

OLDEST CONTINUOUS FIRM IN SOMERCOTES

William Bailey started his printing business on Somercotes Hill between Maudie Woodlands' shop next to the current Post Office in the late 1800s. He opened offices in and around the district and moved to their present premises on Langley Avenue in June 1914.

William Bailey and his wife seated, surrounded by their family. The little girl at the front of the photograph is the mother of Roger Brandon of Baileys Printers. Thanks to Roger Brandon for providing some unique, previously undiscovered news items.

On January 15th 1890 until 1917, the Somercotes and Riddings Advertiser was published. Each week it contained adverts, local news and forthcoming events. No outside news (no mention of the 'Titanic' in 1912 for example) was reported.



1916. Personal 'ads' could be placed for 6d. and some people wrote to thank others for their kindness in cases of bereavement etc. For example, a MR E HOLMES thanked MR G B KAY for organising a benefit concert at the Salem Chapel which raised £15.9s.6d to buy him an artificial leg. He stated "When the leg is made it will be real boon to me and make my life much happier".

In 1907 MISS TAYLOR a SCIENTIFIC DRESSMAKER & COSTUMIER advertised for apprentices - The Poplars, Quarry Road, Somercotes.

In 1904 JAS DAYKIN of Somercotes Hill advertised UMBRELLA REPAIRS and RECOVERED, also agent for KIMBALLS ANTI RHEUMATISM RINGS.

1916 - J W VERNEY, SOMERCOTES HILL - Don't worry, wear one of my RUBBER LINED TIES price 1s/6d each, saves both time and money.

1895 - Very large and well selected stock of COFFIN FURNITURE in solid brass, bronze and enamelled goods, shrouds, vests & wadding on the shortest notice - G TOWSON & SON, Somercotes.

1891 - W H WILBRAHAM Chemist, Post Office, Somercotes. INDIGESTION & BLOOD PURIFYING BUTTER 6d per packet. Large assortment of BEDPANS, BREAST EXHAUSTERS (single & double action), BATH GLOVES, TRUSSES and GUTTA PERCHA TISSUE.

One of the largest stores in Somercotes was EDWARDS, situated on the corner of Quarry Road. They sold clothes for men, women and children, household linen and dress materials; whilst on the second floor H W EDWARDS was a teacher of PIANOFORTE, ORGAN & HARMONIUM etc. and they also sold the instruments.

1916 - Notice read: THE SOMERCOTES LAND SOCIETY will assist any WORKING MAN to become his own landlord on easy terms. Plots of building land in LEAMOOR AVENUE from 1s/6d. per yard. BURTONS BUSES 4 or 5 times a day - leave the POST OFFICE for PYE BRIDGE STATION. Parcels carefully taken to and from the station.

1916 - House and Shop to let on Nottingham Road - £18 per year - apply Wm GIBSON Ironmonger.

Our thanks once again to Margaret Brooksbank of DARG for this article. Margaret can be contacted on 01773 605916

BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL (CHAPEL) CIRCA 1912

Thanks to Rachel Watson for this photograph which is approximately 80 years old! Rachel's Uncle, Noel Bryan, is pictured in the photograph and is second from the left on the middle row.



RULE BRITANNIA

Pictured is Rachel Watson (nee Bryan) dressed as Britannia for a procession around the streets of Somercotes on Coronation Day, June 1953.

Does anyone else have photographs of the procession?
If so, could you please share them with us?



ALPHA SWING BAND CONCERT

To celebrate
the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

& Official Birthday at Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road on

Saturday, 9th June, 2012 from
8pm - 10.15pm

Big Band Sounds from the 1930's-1940's
Free Entry but the Band will be grateful for any donations.
Bar and light refreshments will be available.



SILVER JUBILEE CARNIVAL QUEEN



Mrs Sybil Armstrong has kindly lent us the newspaper clipping showing Diane Stewart being crowned Carnival Queen for the Silver Jubilee Carnival in 1977. Her attendants were Linda Martin, Helen Maskery and Sybil's daughter, Elaine Armstrong.



THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Sybil has also lent us this newspaper clipping of the flower display she provided at St. Thomas Church at a fundraising day to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. With Sybil in the photograph is Granville Stone, who was Churchwarden. The news article was entitled 'Flower Power for the Jubilee', and stated that "the church was bedecked with beautiful flower arrangements using the Jubilee as a theme". £238 was raised from the monthly coffee and cakes morning, a quiz raised £92, and a strawberries and cream tea event raised a further £53. A concert was held on the same day and music was provided by Riddings Brass Band.

1960's Transport



Mr Donald Miles has provided these pictures, which he says were both taken circa 1961.

He tells us the burgundy coloured vehicle pictured on Cemetery Road was a Messerschmidt Cabin Cruiser and it belonged to Roy Henson, who he tells us married Ann, the daughter of Cyril Grundy, who had the motor cycle shop in the background of the picture (now the café). Donald and Ian Conway are standing by the vehicle.

Donald is pictured on the Norton motorcycle, and tells us the lorry in the background of the photograph was one of the first lorries owned by George Shipman, and the lorry is facing a building which was the Everlastic factory, having previously been the old Labour Hall, and which is now Mayfield Furniture Shop.

Thanks, Donald, for the pictures and for the information about Somercotes past.

TWO ENGLAND & COUNTY CRICKETERS WERE BORN IN SOMERCOTES

Fred Root 1890-1954

Charles Frederick (Fred) Root was born in Somercotes on 16th April 1890, and played for Derbyshire from 1910-1920, and for Worcestershire from 1921-1923. He had initially served on ground staff at Leicestershire. He played for 5 seasons for Derbyshire before cricket was suspended because of World War 1. He was hit in the chest while serving as a dispatch rider during the war, but recovered and resumed his cricketering career once the war was over. He moved to Worcestershire in 1921 after two seasons in league cricket. Root played three test matches for England against Australia in 1926, and stood as an umpire in 35 first-class matches between 1947 and 1949.

He also wrote a well-known book about the life of a professional cricketer called A Cricket Pro's Lot (1937). He died in Wolverhampton in 1954 at the age of 63.

Denis Smith 1907-1979

Denis was born in Somercotes on 24th January 1907 and played for Derbyshire between 1927 and 1952, and in two Test matches for England in 1935. He scored over 21,000 runs in first class cricket. His batting style was left-handed. Denis was the mainstay of Derbyshire's batting line-up during the 1930s, the most successful period in the county's history. Derbyshire came second in the championship in 1935 and won it in 1936. Smith was a Wisden cricketer of the Year in 1936. He played regularly for Derbyshire until 1951, and later became county coach.

He died in Derby on 12th September 1979 at the age of 72.



Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

At last the stone wall at Lower Somercotes has been rebuilt after I have raised this matter many times at Derbyshire County Council with regard to the safety of it and the way it looked. It took less time to build Hadrian's Wall to separate Scotland and England than it did for me to sort this issue!

I hope the continuous running water from a drain at the mini-island near to the Cotes Park has also now been stopped by Severn Trent.

The 30 mph speed limit has now been extended out on the B600 to the Pilkington Factory so all the houses as you approach from Alfreton are covered by a 30 mph limit. A new safe pedestrian refuge has been installed on Hockley Way, funded by Derbyshire County Council, Somercotes Parish Council and Alfreton Town Council.

I wrote last time that I had secured funding for improved lighting on Windmill Rise and Spencer Drive. The scheme will also now include James Street at Leabrooks and the Windmill Rise scheme will now do all the road from Parkside through to Somercotes Hill. I am also bidding for money for Sherwood Street and for another light column on Park Mews on the footpath from Parkside through to Church Street.

I have again raised the issue of the lack of dropped crossings at West Way and Birchwood Way on the Cotes Park Industrial Estate. They are on the programme to be done and I am hoping they will be installed this financial year.

I would like to thank Thornton's for sponsoring the Easter Litter Pick at Pennytown Ponds and after meeting with them I am also hopeful that they will become involved with the community more. I have left them a number of items that highlight what has been achieved in the community by everybody.

On the Youth Service proposals to close buildings and remove the mobile provision, over 16,000 people have signed a petition against it; let's hope they pause and rethink what has turned out to be a resounding "No" to the changes. We will see.

Sorry I was not successful in getting Somercotes Hill and Leabrooks Road on a resurfacing scheme this financial year due to reduced Government funding. I will keep raising this at Matlock. It was very high on the priority list but missed out. Various patching works on footways and roads will be done and Quarry Road will be surface dressed.

£150k is set to be spent on Somerlea Park Junior School for rear windows on the kitchen and the enclosing of the rear corridor where the children hang their coats. This will help the School reduce their heating bills.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith

2011 SOMERCOTES COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS

Awards were presented by Amber Valley CVS on Thursday, 1st March, 2012, at Somercotes Infant School, to several local residents:

Geraldine Johnson, Ginny Brailsford, Maureen Barber, Dawn Vyer, Jacqueline Hale, Margaret Worsley, all who have helped the school either by fundraising or voluntary work in the school; Alan Rowe who has been organising and leading Somercotes Walking Group activities for six and a half years; Prince's Trust Team 128 who are based at the Somerlea Centre, and is made up of ten unemployed young people who have been fundraising for a project at Riddings Infant School;

John McCabe for his work in the local community, from flipping burgers at the Summer Fair to helping represent local residents as a Borough and Parish Councillor, the newly formed Somercotes Scout Group for their work encouraging young people to serve their community.

Crackdown on Blue Badge Cheats

Derbyshire County Council launched a crackdown on Monday 2 April and people found using a Blue Badge when they shouldn't be could be fined up to £1,000. Blue Badges are issued to people with severe mobility problems and a badge holder can display their badge in their car or any vehicle they are travelling in, to park closer to where they need to be, often for free. You shouldn't use a Blue Badge if:

- it doesn't belong to you – you must not borrow it or use it after someone has died
- the badge holder is not with you in the car, including when you are parking
- you no longer qualify for the badge or it is out-of-date.

There are currently 52,000 Blue Badge holders across the county and around 5,000 new applications are approved each year. In January changes were introduced to the Blue Badge scheme as part of the Government's national initiative called the Blue Badge Reform Programme. The reform programme aims to improve administration of the Blue Badge scheme, making it easier to stop fraudulent production and illegal use of the badges and ensuring only genuine users benefit. Information on all new applicants is now held on a national database and the new Blue Badge is of a higher specification, making it more difficult to copy. The application process has also changed and people applying or re-applying for badges must now have a full assessment. In January the county council launched a three month amnesty, urging people who had a Blue Badge they shouldn't have to hand it in. The amnesty ended on 1st April with the crackdown starting the next day. Hot spots where disabled people have reported misuse of Blue Badges are being targeted and parking enforcement officers will check that the Blue Badge holder is with the car it is being displayed in. People caught misusing the badge risk having it taken off them and the maximum fine for someone using it illegally is £1,000.

People can report Blue Badge cheats by phoning Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058 or they can email parking@derbyshire.gov.uk.

For a reminder of the Blue Badge rules people can visit the county council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/bluebadge.

Somercotes Library

Bank Street, Somercotes DE55 4JE Tel. 01773 550514
Email: Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or look on the website – www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Opening Times:

Mondays	2pm – 5pm
Thursdays	9am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm
Fridays	9am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm
Saturdays	9.30am – 1pm

Reading groups:

1st Thursday in the month 6pm – 7pm, and 1st Friday of the month 2pm – 3pm.

Both readers will read the same book so members can swap between groups if necessary.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs from 14th July 2012 to 8th September 2012 for school children.

Anyone who is interested can contact us for details.
Telephone 01773 540514
Email: Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

Home Library Service



The Home Library Service now delivers to almost 70 people in the Somercotes area and the number is increasing. 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.

For further information, please contact Alfreton Library on 01773 833199

Weekly Events at Somercotes Parish Hall

	Time	Event	Contact	Contact Number
Monday	11.00 am – 1.00 pm In the Lounge	B & J Art Classes Pastels, acrylics, oils, etc. Beginners and Improvers Welcome Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	Betty Norton or Jean Fisher	01773 607837 01773 607001
	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge		No appointment needed	
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall		Call into a meeting for more details	
Tuesday	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Somercotes Beavers Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1 st in each month	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at		Norma Gent	01773 836907
	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge		Paul Williams	07722 323129
	4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall		Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesday	7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall			
	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends Arabic (Belly) Dancing Women of all ages and abilities welcome Weight Watchers Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in	
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm In the Hall		Mary O'Connell	0114 2888037
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall		Just call in	
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Dey and Liz dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk		07812 837969	
Thursday	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. 1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7-10 years 1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5-7 years Classical Yoga Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall		Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge		Linda	01773 528264
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall			
Friday	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class Somercotes Cubs Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall		Paul Williams	07722 323129
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall		Dey and Liz d/zumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
Saturday		None at present		
Sunday	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge	Parish Church of St. Thomas Sunday School Coffee after Church Service	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131
	In the Hall			

HEARING CLINIC

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

June

Tuesday 12th 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 27th 11.00am – 12.30pm

July

Tuesday 10th 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 25th 11.00am – 12.30pm

August

Tuesday 14th 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 22nd 11.00am – 12.30pm

BELLY DANCING AT THE PARISH HALL

Classes starting on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012, from 1pm til 3pm. If you are interested in joining Mary O'Connell and her ladies, you can contact Mary on telephone number 0114 2888037. Dancing until 2.30pm, then stay for a cuppa and a chat until 3.00pm if you wish.

Painting Class Workshop

Saturday, 14th July 2012,
from 10.00 am until 4.00
pm

All Abilities Welcome
Cost £30

Lunch will be provided
Telephone Norma Gent on
01773 836907

SALVATION ARMY QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

PYE HILL MALE VOICE CHOIR

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012 FROM 7PM TO 9PM TICKETS £5

Tickets can be obtained from Terence Carpenter, Corps Leader Tel. 07948998507

The Salvation Army members have expressed a wish to "give something back" to the community due to the generous donations they receive, and so they have arranged a

High Tea

Tea with scones, cream and strawberries will be served on the same day -

2nd June 2012 from 3pm to 5pm

There will be no charge for the cream teas and if any elderly persons are alone and without transport, a limited number of volunteers will arrange to pick them up from their homes and bring them to the Salvation Army Hall.

If they wish to stay for the concert in the evening, transport can be arranged after that event. Free transport seats are very limited and MUST be booked by contacting Terence Carpenter on 01455 271752.

The Salvation Army have occupied the same site on Sleetmoor Lane since 1886, and for the past 75 years has undergone no changes until its recent refurbishment. To celebrate this, the Salvation Army are holding a

SALVATION ARMY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

WILLIAM BOOTH MEMORIAL HALL'S JUNIOR CHOIR & BRASS BAND

Saturday, 23rd June 2012 from 7pm to 9pm - £3 entrance fee Refreshments will be served

HINCKLEY SALVATION ARMY BAND

Sunday, 24th June 2012 from 3pm to 4.30pm Free entry and refreshments

THE SALVATION ARMY HALL

Sleetmoor Lane
Tel. Terence Carpenter on
01455 271752 or 07948 998507

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.
Café Church at 7pm on Sundays
once a month - 10th June, 1st

July, 19th August. Coffee, latte,
cappuccino, etc. and cakes.
Messy Church from 5pm - 7pm on
a Friday once a month - on 1st

June, 30th July. All ages welcome,
from babes in arms to 16-17 year
olds.
Free session, and refreshments
included.

Birchwood Methodist Church

Service each Sunday at 3.00pm
and a morning service once a month
at 10.30am.

Through August it will be all morning
services at 10.30am

On Saturday, 16th June, we will be
holding our Strawberry Lunch at
12noon.

Please see our Notice Board for further
details of all events.

Minister Rev. Michael Redshaw
01773 819673
Pastoral & Preaching Enabler
Mrs Alison Wood
07791 960228

Parish Church of St. Thomas

Father Peter Davis
Any Enquiries 01773 602717
Churchwarden Rachel Watson 01773 607131

Services

Sun:	9.30am	Sung Mass
	9.30 - 10.00am	Sunday School in the Parish Hall (Last Sunday in the Month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship
Wed:	10.00am	Said Mass
Fri:	10.00am	Said Mass

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

Parish Lunches - Fridays - 11.30am to 1.30pm
25th May, 29th June, 27th July

Coffee & Cake Mornings in the Parish Hall on
Saturdays once a month -
2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 10.00 am to 12.00
noon

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
Evening Prayer Meeting at 5.30pm
Praise Time at 6pm

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

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 8am - 10am

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

Saturday: Kids Club 10am - 12noon 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.
No charge but a donation appreciated.

COME AND JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
1952 - 2012

TUESDAY
5TH JUNE 2012
11AM - 3PM

leabrooks pcc

AN OASIS OF CARE IN A TROUBLED WORLD

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 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 101 (calls charged at 15p)

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 (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
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111

CRIMESTOPPERS - Call anonymously with information about crime

NEW PC JOINS SOMERCOTES & SWANWICK

PC Chris Anthony has joined the Somercotes and Swanwick Neighbourhood Policing Team. He joined Derbyshire Constabulary 5 years ago as a patrol constable and has spent the majority of his service on front line response. In mid 2010 Chris moved to Alfreton section and whilst there has responded to incidents throughout the whole of Amber Valley. Chris joins PCOs Chris Bannister and Mark Rogers on the Safer Neighbourhood Team.



SOMERCOTES & SWANWICK POLICE SURGERIES AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS

We do not have dates for these meetings at present, but you can visit www.derbyshirepolice.uk to obtain this information.

The Race is On: Free insulation for all in 2012

Householders in Amber Valley are being urged to take advantage of free loft and cavity wall insulation during 2012 - which is available to residents regardless of household income from Warmstreets - working in partnership with Amber Valley Borough Council. This time limited offer includes free loft insulation for any private household (owned or rented) that currently has none (or less than 60mm), as well as free cavity wall insulation. Those who already have at least 60mm of loft insulation can pay a subsidised price of just £99 to have it topped up to the recommended level of 270mm. The offer is subject to survey and on a first come first served basis. Householders who are interested can call Warmstreets on 0800 043 9569, or if calling from a mobile, 0333 577 9569, to arrange a survey today. Alternatively, visit: www.warmstreets.co.uk. Offers are subject to survey and depend on house size.

WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US

Question YOUR Perception...
Is the risk of FIRE something you ever consider?

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.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk

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TRUSTED TRADER

Did you know
that Derbyshire County Council has a TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME?

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NEW LOOK DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRUSTED TRADER SERVICE

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, joiners, electricians, gardeners, retailers and many more. Visit the website: 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.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HANDY VAN SERVICE?

The service is available to those who are aged 60 and over or if you are referred by Derbyshire County Council - Adult Care, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, the District or Borough Council, Derbyshire Police, or Derbyshire Primary Care Trust. Each eligible household can access this free service twice a year. Please note, some materials may need to be purchased by the occupier. You can phone and ask for a free visit to your home by your local Handy Van for the following:

- Home fire safety checks
- Smoke alarms provided and installed
- Home security checks
- Security equipment provided & installed
- Energy efficiency advice
- Practical tasks - for example: Changing light bulbs
- Securing carpets and Rugs
- Removing and handing curtains
- Checking stair rails are secure and appropriate
- Path and door access clearance
- Securing tap washers to reduce dripping taps,
- and other tasks as appropriate.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please call your Handy Van Provider by calling Amber Valley - 01773 604426

You can Call Derbyshire to help you access this service.



Council Matters

Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Bryan Lyttle
Councillor Martin Barron
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie
Councillor John Gardiner
Councillor Mrs Beryl Hannant
Councillor Cyril Langton
Councillor John McCabe
Councillor Terry Marriott
Councillor Mrs Elaine Pace
Councillor Paul Price
Councillor Alan Stringer
Councillor Scott Walker

Closure of Public Toilets

Amber Valley Borough Council has closed the public toilets on the Market Place. The Borough Council has applied for these to be demolished in due course.

Next issue

If you have any forthcoming local events you would like to advertise in the the Parish Newsletter, or if you have any interesting stories to tell about the Parish, or pictures you would like to share with other readers, you can contact Glynis on 01773 603810 or call into the Parish Council Office between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council **Gordon Blackmore**
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Caretaker **Judith Mosley**
Tel: 01773 609397
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Les Briddon

Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes
Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes,
DE55 4LY

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e-mail: somercotespc@btconnect.com

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



Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Parish Hall on

Saturday, 2nd June, 2012, from 11 am – 12 noon,
Saturday, 7th July, 2012, from 11 am – 12 noon,
Saturday, 4th August, 2012, from 11 am – 12noon,

County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

ALLOTMENTS

Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Mrs J Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Tel: 01773 605438

Birchwood Lane Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Maureen Robinson, Secretary
Tel: 07795 063505

Sleetmoor Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Georgie Butt Secretary
07950 537210

POOP SCOOP BAGS

Many residents are taking advantage of the supply of free poop scoop bags by the Parish Council. There is, however, still a problem with dog fouling and it is hoped that those people who have not bothered in the past to clear up after their dogs will now do so using the free poop scoop bags.

These are available from your Parish Wardens, Colin and Les, or you can call into the Parish Hall Office between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm Tuesday to Friday, and ask Glynis for a supply.

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.

QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS

The Parish Council is working towards the achievement of becoming a Quality Council.

JIM SPIBEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Council is to provide an annual memorial trophy for the best kept allotment, in memory of Councillor Jim Spibey who died last December.

The Council further supports a vegetable show to be organised by the Allotment Associations later in the Summer.

FLORAL DISPLAYS

We hope residents will enjoy the Summer floral displays which will be red, white and blue in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. These will be in place by early June. The Parish Wardens will be taking over responsibility for the floral displays in front of the Parish Hall and at the Winding Wheel.

Police

During the summer months, when the weather gets hotter, householders need to take care about leaving open windows and doors as opportunistic criminals can gain easy access to steal your valuables. Please ensure your home is secure even if you are only going out for a few minutes.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Police by dialling '101'. (All calls charged at 15p.) or call 'Crime stoppers' on 0800 555111

Somercotes Parish Council waste disposal facility

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 identity

NO TRADE WASTE
NO TOXIC WASTE
NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
NO ASBESTOS

NO WASTE TO BE LEFT BEFORE SKIP ARRIVES

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