

SOMERCOTES Local!

News, events and local interest.

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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



"No Rise in Parish Precept"

Somercotes Parish Council is acutely aware that many residents are struggling to make ends meet in these tough times of austerity. The Council, although continuing to maintain services and take on additional responsibilities from the Borough Council, such as the Car Parks, agreed that the precept will not increase for 2013-14. The Council Precept for the next financial year will remain at £137,656.00.

The Chairman, Cllr Paul Smith, said "It is important that we continue to maintain our level of services whilst considering the hardship many of our residents are having during these times of austerity. The Council will continue to seek 'value for money' provision of services from contractors and maximise cost effective ways of managing the budgets."

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 10th May 2013 at the Village Hall.

This is NOT a Parish Council Meeting and gives the public an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns they have regarding the Parish of Somercotes. This may be housing, lack of facilities, bus routes/services, council services etc. 'Come Along and Have Your Say'

The Council is required to take into account your views when making decisions at Council Meetings

If you have any specific concerns or items for the agenda please inform the Clerk to the Council, at least 14 days before the meeting so that they can be put onto the agenda.



Christmas Carol Service

The service was very well attended despite the appalling weather. Once again there were fine performances by Heage Band and the Choir of the Somercotes St. Thomas Guides, Brownies & Rainbows.

Councillor Paul Smith, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone, and Michael Woods, Churchwarden, gave a reading during the service and a blessing to close the service. Councillor Smith invited everyone to the Village Hall for light refreshments following the service, and many people accepted the invitation.

A collection was taken during the service for the Chairman's chosen charity, which this year was the Multiple Sclerosis Society UK, and £152 was raised.

Councillor Vacancies

There are currently two Parish Councillor Vacancies on Somercotes Parish Council. Do you have an interest in your local community? The position requires you to attend 6 bi-monthly meetings a year with a commitment to be open and transparent in serving your community. If you would like to become a local Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Council Office (01773 603810) or call in for more information. The Clerk to the Council will meet with you to discuss your role, if required.



Somercotes
VILLAGE 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 Village Hall, Nottingham Road,
Somercotes DE55 4LY

Tel: 01773 609397



Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Our thanks, as always to Margaret Brooksbank of Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group who has provided us with an interesting "Somercotes Miscellany" from past newspaper articles, for the Spring issue:-

May 15th 1925

A notable example of what can be done in the way of speedy bricklaying can now be seen on the site of the old windmill on Sleetmoor Lane, where the brickwork of a ten-roomed house using 37,000 bricks has been erected in 17 days by 3 bricklayers. The foundations were laid on April 21st and the roof ridges completed on May 8th. The house was built under the direction of MR C H MOORE, estate agent at Alfreton Park, and will be a landmark for miles around (*Sleetmoor House?*).

March 19th 1926

Pye Bridge Bargee. Coming from a family that have been bargees for 2 centuries. JOHN WHITE of Pye Bridge died last week at the ripe old age of 80 years. The deceased could remember the carriage of the ammunition from OAK's Works to London for use in the Crimean War.

June 24th 1927

Single men who have been waiting for years to get married are being given the first chance of new houses. We understand that some were so overcome with the news that they could not think of another excuse in time!

August 26th 1927

The official cost of milk is 7d a quart in Winter, 6d in Summer. The meeting regretted the importation of skimmed milk which it was stated is not wanted in this country. The official cost of flour is 46s. per 280 lbs., a reduction of 1d.

November 29th 1928

EDWARD THOMPSON of 5 Sleetmoor Lane, Trent Bus Conductor, was fined £1 for conveying 47 passengers on a bus licensed to carry 11.

March 15th 1934

In one scene of "THE HALF NAKED TRUTH" which is due at the Somercotes Empire next Monday, a fully grown lion had to wander about unhampered in front of the cameras with LEE TRACY, LUPE VALEZ and others in close proximity. The lion tamer MELVIN KOONTZ made the great beast behave like a kitten, but the director didn't trust to the tamer's power and the whims of JACKIE (the lion). He had 3 crack shots armed with rifles standing by the side of the camera ready for any unexpected tricks JACKIE might contemplate.



Following the last issue of Somercotes Local, a resident came into the Village Hall office to tell us his relative had been named in Margaret's article about people ending up on the wrong side of the law. Please do contact us if you recognise anyone in any of Margaret's articles so that we can let her know, and also any of our other articles that people kindly lend photographs for. We are always interested to hear about any local connections, and please keep photographs and anecdotes coming so that we can share them with Parish residents. We will copy your photographs and return the originals to you.

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

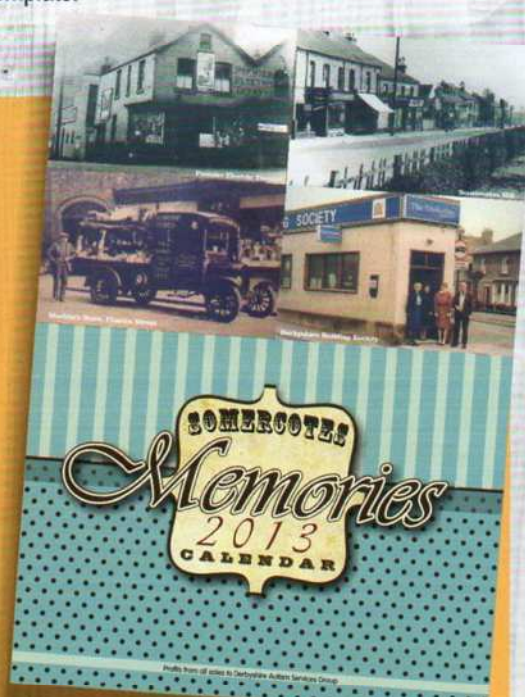
SOMERCOTES MEMORIES

CALENDARS

2013

Limited Offer While Stocks Last

£1.50 each



Profits from all sales to Derbyshire Autism Services Group

SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON IN THE 1950's



Graham Gibbs of Riddings has kindly lent us this photograph of a school trip from Somercotes Secondary Modern School. The picture was taken on a boat trip on the River Thames. Do you recognise yourself or any of your relatives on this picture.?



ALFRETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thanks, also, to Graham Gibbs for this picture of members of Alferton Urban District Council, prior to it becoming part of Amber Valley Borough Council. Three of the people in the photograph have all been involved with Somercotes Parish Council, as follows:- On the back row, 6th from left, is Hedley Dean (former Councillor and former Clerk to Somercotes Parish Council). Also, second from the left on the front row is Joe Heathcote (former Chair of Derbyshire County Council and retired Clerk of Somercotes Parish Council), sitting next to Alan Stringer (Somercotes Parish Councillor).

Are you having a Spring clear-out?

Don't throw out your old electricals. Donate them to Salcare – Heanor's furniture reuse project. At this time of year, we tend to cast our minds to having a good old clear out. You'll probably find that some of the things you want to get rid of are old electricals. Things that still work but perhaps you've replaced them with something more up-to-date. We tend to stick old, working electricals in a cupboard somewhere, up in the loft or stashed away in the garage. They sit there until they've become obsolete or worse still, eventually get thrown away. Salcare, based in Heanor is a furniture reuse charity that is crying out for good quality, working household electricals and appliances. Donate your vacuums, kettles, radios, microwaves, fridges, freezers and other working items that you no longer use to the project and they will find them a new home. Everything's tested for safety before being sold from their showroom on Ray Street in Heanor Street at very reasonable prices. Families on low incomes, students or just people on the look-out for a bargain can benefit – anyone's welcome. The benefits of this kind of recycling are clear – you don't end up with all your storage space taken up with these unwanted items, the projects can sell them on to people who need them. And the bonus is – valuable products are given a longer life – they don't all end up in landfill.

Will they collect my donation?

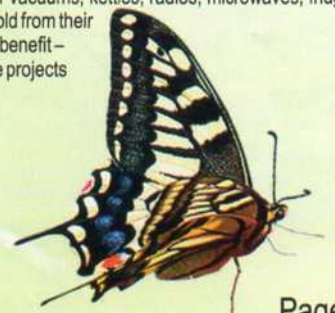
They can pick up good quality, larger items such as fridges within a 10-mile radius.

How should I store my item before donation?

Items should be kept in a dry or covered area to prevent any deterioration from water in damp, wet or cold weather.

How do I get in touch?

Tel: 01773 764562N mail@salcare.org.uk



Can You Play a Part in a Child's Future?

Derbyshire County Council has launched a new recruitment drive calling for potential foster carers and adoptive parents to come forward. They advertised on TV for 2 weeks during January. Councillor Barry Lewis, Cabinet Member for young People, said: "Caring for children is one of our most important responsibilities and we're always looking for foster carers and adoptive parents so we can match youngsters to the right homes. "Being a parent is one of the hardest jobs you can do but it is also one of the most rewarding, which is why many of our foster carers work with us for decades. I hope these adverts will attract more people to come forward to foster or adopt". The County Council also has two local buses rolling out the recruitment message in the north-east and south of the county, along with radio and newspaper adverts.

There are already around 420 foster carers providing homes for children throughout Derbyshire but more are always needed. Ongoing training and mentoring is provided for all approved foster carers as well as membership of the county council's Workforce Extra discount scheme, a home computer, broadband access and free leisure card for the whole family. Allowances and bonus payments are available on top of basic fees dependent on the type of care and length of service.

To find out more Call Derbyshire on the new free fostering and adoption hotline 0800 083 7744 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering



Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Peter Davis

Any Enquiries 01773 602717 or

Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and Michael Woods
01773 723653

Services

Sun: 9.30am Sung Mass
9.30am – 10.00am Sunday School in the Village Hall
6.00pm (Last Sunday in the Month) Evening Worship
Wed 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

Lent lunches Friday, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March 2013 11.30am to 1.30pm
Parish lunch Friday, 26th April, 31st May 2013 11.30am to 1.30pm
Christian Aid Coffee Morning Wednesday 15th May 2013 10.00am to 12.00noon



AN OASIS OF CARE IN A TROUBLED WORLD

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 10 am – 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) 11yrs -16yrs

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



More than a Meal

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

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.

March 2nd Coffee Morning/Big Sale 10am-12noon

March 8th, April 26th, May 31st Messy Church, 5pm – 7pm –
Fun, food, games, crafts, films, drama and
discovering Jesus

March 15th, April 5th, 19th, May 3rd Sewing and Knitting Group – 2 pm

March 17th, April 28th, May 19th Café Church - 7pm-9pm – Refreshments, film,
quiz, a time to explore the Christian faith.

March 29th Good Friday Worship 11am

April 13th – 7pm-9pm An Evening of Music with the Salvation Army
Band from Sheffield – tickets £3 from Salvation
Hall, Sleetmoor Lane.

May 18th Plant Fayre 10am

BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

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

Our Mothering Sunday service will be on 10th March at 10.30am

Our Good Friday service will be held on Friday 29th March at 10.30am.

This service will be taken by Rev. M Redshaw.

Our Easter Sunday service will be on 31st March at 10.30am

On Sunday 12th May it will be our Anniversary Day at 3pm. This will be
taken by Rev. A Boyd. We will be celebrating 160 years and a tea will be
served after the service.

We will be continuing our celebrations in June with a flower festival
weekend. More details will be given in the next edition of Somercotes
Local.

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

Minister Rev. Michael Redshaw 01773 819673

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

HEARING CLINIC

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

Tuesday 12 th March	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	11.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 9 th April	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 24 th April	11.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 14 th May	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	11.00am – 12.30pm

LOOKING FOR A VENUE?

If you need a venue for your group or class, please don't hesitate to telephone 01773 609397 or 01773 603810, or call into the Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall) and talk to the Caretaker/ Administrator or the Clerk/ Assistant Clerk. We do have some days and times free in either the lounge or the main hall. We have kitchen facilities and our prices for room hire are very reasonable.

PAINTING CLASS WORKSHOP

Saturday, 16th March 2013, from 10am until 4pm.

All abilities welcome.

Cost £30

Lunch will be provided.

Telephone Norma Gent on 01773 836907 very reasonable

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just print



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Letter from your County Councillor



May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter.

Well, another four years have nearly passed and the County Council Elections are in May. It has been difficult at times but a pleasure to represent this community. I am pleased to have been selected to stand for election again; my ward will now include Alfreton and Swanwick as well as Somercotes, Riddings, Pyebridge, Leabrooks and Ironville. This will mean that everybody in these areas will have two votes due to the boundary changes and there will be two Councillors to represent you.

Firstly, I am pleased that the road repairs have finally been done to the crossing near to Chapman & Chubb, Solicitors on the B600, after many telephone calls I had to make.

The clearance work on land in between Blackstone Close and Windmill Rise has now been completed and so have the works to the land to the rear of Pennytown Court and Smedley Avenue.

The lighting schemes for Windmill Rise and Sherwood Street, Somercotes and James Street, Leabrooks have been approved and will be installed shortly, as well as the additional columns for the footpath link from Parkside through to Park Mews at Riddings.

I am also pleased to say that the dropped crossings have been installed at Birchwood Way which will help anyone accessing the route for work or to visit Pennytown Ponds.

I am still chasing the Post Office regarding a replacement post box at Leabrooks.

I have spoken to Derbyshire County Council concerning the housing development on the Welbeck site regarding street lights being out and repairs needed to the roads/pavements so that the Council can adopt the site. Until it is adopted, street lights, road/pavement repairs and street cleaning remain the responsibility of the Developer.

At a recent Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee, I managed to negotiate from the applicant (Pyebridge Waste) £1,000 contribution towards Pennytown Ponds, for improvements to a drainage system and also improvements and resurfacing of a footpath which runs from Cotes Park Lane through to South Normanton via the Red Bridge due to the footpath being badly eroded.

At the same meeting I also raised the issue around Pyebridge Industrial Estate and the fact that the applicant had not carried out the resurfacing of the highway. This was a condition in granting the planning permission for the waste recycling facility. Officers are now talking to the company about getting this work undertaken.

Having spoken to the Planning Department at Derbyshire County Council they have written to Independent Energy advising them that if they do not get the information required, ie. Where is the waste coming from for the gasification plant in the next three weeks, the application will be refused. It may not give time for the report to go to Committee before the election due to rules on the election period but this is a strong message going to the Company.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith

Derbyshire County Council Electoral Boundary Changes

There is an important change in the next County Council Elections that many people may not be aware of. There will be no change to Parish Boundaries, but Somercotes will no longer have its own County Councillor. At the next County Council elections the Parishes (wards) of Somercotes (includes Leabrooks), Pye Bridge, Riddings, Ironville, Swanwick and Alfreton will be one Electoral Ward with two Councillors.

This means that in the new larger ward area two County Councillors will be elected to represent Somercotes, Pye Bridge, Riddings, Ironville, Swanwick and Alfreton. When voting at the next County Council Elections you will be required to vote for two candidates to represent this much larger area. Make sure your vote counts by voting for two Councillors on the ballot paper.

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	9.30 am – 1 pm

Reading groups: 1st Thursday in the month 6 pm – 7 pm, and 1st Friday of the month 2 pm – 3 pm. Both readers will read the same book so members can swap between groups if necessary.

You might like to call in and see our newly refurbished library, which re-opened on 4th February after a 3-week closure.

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

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	

Your Local Police

Multi-Agency Coffee Mornings – Riddings Park Community Centre
on: Thursday 7th March 9am - 11am, and
Thursday, 4th April 9am - 11am.

Somercotes & Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Team – Panel Meeting at Somerlea Park Centre, Sherwood Street, Leabrooks
on: Thursday 14th March 5pm – 7pm

Somercotes & Riddings Police Surgery – Greenhill Primary Care Centre, Greenhill Lane, Riddings on
Monday, 20th May 3pm - 4pm

BE ON YOUR GUARD

There has been a number of sneak-in thefts in the Somercotes area as a result of doors being left in secure, particularly business premises, including:

Crime overall is down by 19.7%. This is helped by a 60% reduction in domestic (house) burglaries. However, non-dwelling burglaries (shops/companies) has increased by 50% during this period. Whilst the police are taking pro-active measures to solve these crimes everyone is asked to be 'On their Guard', don't make it easy for the opportunist criminal.

Parking on Bank Street, Somercotes

Due to the continual parking problems on Bank Street when children are being taken to and collected from school the police and Civil Enforcement Officers will be visiting the area and issuing warnings about parking and then issuing tickets to anyone who parks illegally.

Making a Difference for Amber Valley

IS YOUR HOME COLD THIS WINTER?

If you are an owner occupier with savings of less than £16,000 and in receipt of one of the following:

- Pension Credit - guaranteed credit or savings credit
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Working Tax Credit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Housing Benefit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Council Tax Benefit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Not on benefit but with a total household income of £18,000 or less

You may be able to qualify for:

- Replacement of old and inefficient boilers
- Replacement boilers where not economical to repair
- Boiler repairs
- Installation of new heating systems

To find out if you may be eligible please contact:

Joanne Walker at Amber Valley Borough Council 01773 841332 or email joanne.walker@ambervalley.gov.uk

Metropolitan Care and Repair (The Council's Home Improvement Agency)
On 0845 850 8013 or haderbyshire@metropolitan.org.uk

Limited funding available until the end of March 2013 or sooner if allocated before



TRUSTED TRADER



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

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.

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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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 hanging 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 Cyril Langton
 Councillor John McCabe
 Councillor Terry Marriott
 Councillor Paul Price
 Councillor Alan Stringer
 Councillor Scott Walker
 Two Vacancies

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 10.30am and 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.

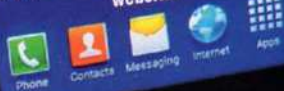
Grit Bins:

Grit bin provision is being reduced by Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Borough Council, both of whom we understand will no longer provide new grit bins. The Parish Council currently has 6 grit bins and has agreed to provide two new bins on Bonnington Drive and Cinder Road.

The main problem with grit bins is that people do not use them for the purpose for which they are issued that is gritting slippery road surfaces, which is a criminal offence. The Parish Council has limited funding and will control grit bins in 2013-14, to reduce cost, and ensure the grit is spread on the road surface and not on people's paths and driveways. Your support in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Your Parish Council Online

Don't forget the Parish Council can be found online at www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk for details of local services, forthcoming events and up to date news. The website can be used to send us information you would like included on the website. We are also on Facebook; just click the like button on our website to be taken to our Facebook Page. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings are now available for perusal on our website.



Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall (formally Parish Hall) on:

Saturday 2nd March, 2013, from 11am – 12noon,
 Saturday 6th April, 2013, from 11am – 12noon,
 Saturday 4th May, 2013, from 11am – 12noon,

County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

In the Lounge of the Village Hall (formerly Parish Hall)

Ordinary Meeting – Friday, 15th March 2013 at 6.30pm
 Annual Parish Meeting – Friday, 10th May 2013 at 6.30pm (not a Parish Council meeting)
 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Friday, 17th May 2013 at 6.15pm
 Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Friday, 17th May 2013 at 6.45pm



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

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. Ruby Fashion Shop on Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Community Centre also have a supply of bags.



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.

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 Christian Tonnies, Secretary
 Tel: 07841 471043

Sleetmoor Allotments

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



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