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Newsletter

This is our very first newsletter, which is being delivered to every home in Somercotes. We hope you will find the information in the newsletter useful and, as it is your local newsletter, we hope you will advertise any news, information or events you think will be of interest to the parish residents in the next quarterly newsletter.

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A Somercotes Parish Council newsletter

ISSUE 1 2009

## Katie's fundraising for Melanoma Research continues

Katie Taylor, daughter of Wayne & Alison Taylor and sister of Chris, of Albert Street, Leabrooks, passed away on 17th June, 2008, aged 15. Katie was an active, outgoing, bubbly young lady with a wide circle of friends, who enjoyed horse riding, training her dogs, shopping with her friends and being a normal teenager. When Katie found a mole on her leg had started itching she merely mentioned it in passing to her mum as she had scratched it so badly in her sleep she had scratched the top off. Katie's mum took her to see their doctor and she was immediately referred to the Dermatology Department at Derby Children's Hospital. Two weeks later a diagnosis of Malignant Melanoma, the most serious and deadly form of skin cancer was returned.

Before her death Katie planned a sponsored walk to raise funds for research and development of awareness and a cure for this form of cancer. It was intended that Katie would go on the walk in a wheelchair, which began at midnight on 21st June, 2008, walking from darkness into light, from the unknown quantity of Melanoma to the enlightened knowledge of research to find a cure for others. Sadly, Katie died a few days before the walk took place. A great deal of money was raised from the walk and, despite their grief, Katie's parents have continued to fundraise ever since, with the help of friends, with events such as a quiz, a rock concert, a sponsored bungee jump, and a further Katie's Midnight Walk this year on 20th June.

It is hoped that the Wine & Wisdom Night on 19th September will be as successful as last year's quiz, which was enjoyed by all concerned. On Monday, 24th August, 2009, at 7.30 pm at the Somercotes Parish Hall, Professor Poulam Patel and colleagues will be giving a presentation of the research which has been carried out, funded by Katie's Midnight Walk (contact Pauline 607549 for more information).

### Wine & Wisdom night

Saturday, 19th September, 2009, from 7 pm - 11 pm at Somercotes Parish Hall

Tickets £5 per head. Contact Pauline on 01773 607549 or pay at the door. Bring your own wine. Enjoy a ploughman's supper and quiz night. In aid of the Melanoma Research Department, Nottingham University Hospital, under the guidance of Professor Poulam Patel.

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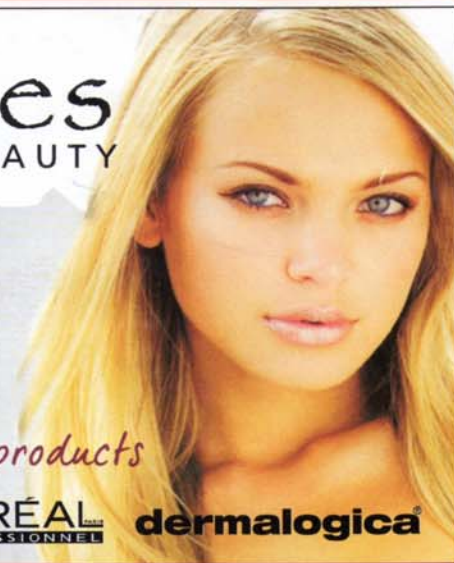


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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Ploughman's Lunch in the Lounge of Somercotes Parish Hall on the last Friday of every month, from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm

Coffee and Cakes every first Saturday of the month

Car Boot Sale 5th September

Harvest Supper 21st September 7.30 pm

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 6 pm  
(Meet at War Memorial at 5.50 pm)

Remembrance Day 11th November  
Meet at War Memorial at 10.55 am for 2 minutes silence.

## VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Somercotes Library, Bank Street. Telephone 01773 540514

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# 'Somercotes' a look into the past

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Nottingham Road



Somercotes Hill



have now long gone to be replaced by the outdoor smoking area.

The road into Somercotes

Look not a car in sight if you look to the right of the photo is now the site of B&Q.



The Three Horse Shoes Pub



## The Alfreton Poor House, Sleetmoor Lane Somercotes

At a special meeting held at the George Inn Alfreton at the end of the 17th century and at the beginning of the 18th century, the overseers ordered that a poor house be built to house the poor and legally settled people of the Parish with the vision of improving the life style of the down and outs. Built on Sleetmoor Common (now the site of the A.D.A.S.C football pitches), the building was later sold into private hands becoming cottages and a Public House, the "Laburnam Inn". Trade at the pub was very seasonal and was a popular meeting place for people from surrounding areas.

Thanks to Paul Nicholls from the Alfreton Heritage Centre for supplying the photos and information.

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The four ponds are balancing ponds for the drainage of the surrounding land. Moorhens, Coots and Mallards can be seen on the ponds and regularly breed. Mayfly, Damselfly and Dragonflies are seen throughout the summer and 25 species of water beetle have been recorded on the site. If you are lucky you may see Kingfishers flying low over the water and grass snakes during the summer.

blue tailed damselfly



Pennytown Ponds was once part of a large parkland known as Cotes Park as early as the 14th century. At the beginning of the 19th century the park was sold off into smaller parcels of land. Cotes Park Hall once stood in the centre of the park but this disappeared with the development of the industrial estate. A reminder of its existence is the stone outbuilding at the top of the bridlepath.

There was also a small hamlet here which gave the area its name, as the residents paid one silver penny as rent. During the 19th century Cotes Park was mined for coal and ironstone, as was most of the surrounding area. In 1942 Alfreton Urban District Council bought Pennytown Ponds and started reclaiming the area for public use. Footpaths, bridges and steps were built by Italian prisoners of war.

The ponds became isolated and forgotten as the industrial estate was developed during the 1970s, however, the site was designated as a County Wildlife site in the 1980s. Investment in the 1990s and the work of the Pennytown Ponds group and Groundwork has given the area a new lease of life, with the site becoming a Local Nature Reserve in 2002.



Pennytown around the 1950's

For more information about the site, please contact: Landscape Services Section, Amber Valley Borough Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, 01773 570 222  
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Wednesday 23rd Sept 11am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 13th October 2pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 28th October 11am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 10th November 2pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th November 11am - 12.30pm



**BACK to School**

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# Forthcoming events at Somercotes Parish Hall

## September

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Tuesday 1st September 2009 from 7pm until 10pm

Tuesday 6th October 2009 from 7pm until 10pm

We have regular broadcasting organists to play when possible. Contact Terry or Jennifer Brooks on 01773 830366

## October

### Watercolour Workshop

Saturday 24th October 2009 From 10am until 4pm All abilities welcome.

£25 for the day including buffet lunch.

(£10 deposit secures a place).

Contact Norma Gent on 01773 836907 or 07979312767 or call at The Studio, New Lane Galleries, New Street, Alfreton.

## BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

### September to November:

Sunday school each Sunday at 10.30 am

Afternoon service each Sunday at 3.00 pm

### Harvest Festival -

**Sunday 20th September at 3.00 pm**

Preacher Rev. Adrian Smith of Tansley.

Tea to follow the service.

### Remembrance Sunday -

**8th November at 10.30 am**

Please note this service will be held at 10.30 am instead of the usual 3.00 pm service.

### Birchwood Brunch -

**Saturday, 28th November from 10 a.m.**

Please see the Church Notice Board for further details of all events.

Minister Rev. Michael Redshaw

Pastoral & Preaching Enabler Mrs Alison Wood

Circuit Office 01773 743177

## Weekly Events at Somercotes Parish Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Number
Mondays	1.30pm - 4pm in Lounge	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	<b>John Bradley</b>	<b>01773 832237</b>
	6.30pm - 8.30pm in Hall	1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	Call into a meeting for more details	
Tuesdays	10am -11.30am in the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. Introductory offer to new students, Pay for one lesson get the 2nd free (1 per person)	<b>Rav Paul</b>	<b>07963 350868</b>
	10am - 12noon and also 7pm - 9pm in the Lounge	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	<b>Norma Gent</b>	<b>01773 836907</b>
Wednesdays	10am - 12noon in the hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in - have a coffee, make new friends	<b>Just call in</b>	
	6pm - 7pm in the hall	Weight Watchers	<b>Just call in</b>	
Thursdays	6pm -7.15pm in the Hall	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7 - 10 years	Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6pm - 7pm in the Lounge	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5 - 7 years		
	7.30pm - 9pm in the hall	Classical Yoga Philosophy & posture, relaxation & breathwork.	<b>Linda</b> Newcomers always welcome	<b>01773 528264</b>
Fridays	10am -11.30am in the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. Introductory offer to new students, Pay for one lesson get the 2nd free (1 per person)	<b>Rav Paul</b>	<b>07963 350868</b>
	5pm - 6pm in the Hall	Somercotes St. Thomas Cubs & Beavers	<b>Janet Scarbrough</b>	<b>01773 607862</b>
	7pm - 8pm in the Hall	JU-Jitsu Classic martial art class for children ages 6 - 16	<b>Emily Lamb</b>	<b>01246 232952</b>
Saturdays	None at present			
Sundays	9.30am onwards in the Lounge	St. Thomas' Parish Church Sunday School	<b>Granville Stone</b> (Churchwarden)	<b>01773 541994</b>
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Friday 18th September 2009 at 7pm and Friday 20th November 2009 at 7pm  
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If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on  
**08456 058 058** They are open Monday-Friday 8 am-8 pm and Saturday 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 - [ambervalley.gov.uk](http://ambervalley.gov.uk) then click on the planning application register.

### Police Contact Numbers

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**Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

**Non-urgent Police matters 0345 123 333**

[www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://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 771 221
Central Networks (Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)	0800 056 8090
Gas Emergency line	0800 111 999
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Amber Valley Housing	01773 573100

**Somercotes & Swanwick  
Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
Local Police surgeries at Somerlea  
Leisure Centre, Somercotes on  
**Thursday 10th September**  
12noon - 1pm  
**Thursday 12th November**  
6pm - 7pm

## Your Parish Councillors

Councillor	Paul Smith	Chairman
Councillor	Brian Lyttle	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Martin Barron	
Councillor	Paul Curran-Bilbie	
Councillor	Mrs. Pauline Griffiths	
Councillor	Mrs. Beryl Hannant	
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## Parish Council Staff

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Parish Wardens	Colin Rick Les Briddon
Somercotes Parish Council Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road Somercotes, Derbyshire DE55 4LY e-mail: <a href="mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com">somercotespc@btconnect.com</a>	

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## Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

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

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Saturday 3rd Oct	11am - 12noon
Saturday 7th Nov	11am - 12noon

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