

SOMERCOTES Local!

News, events and local interest.

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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



History Society Makes Rare Find'

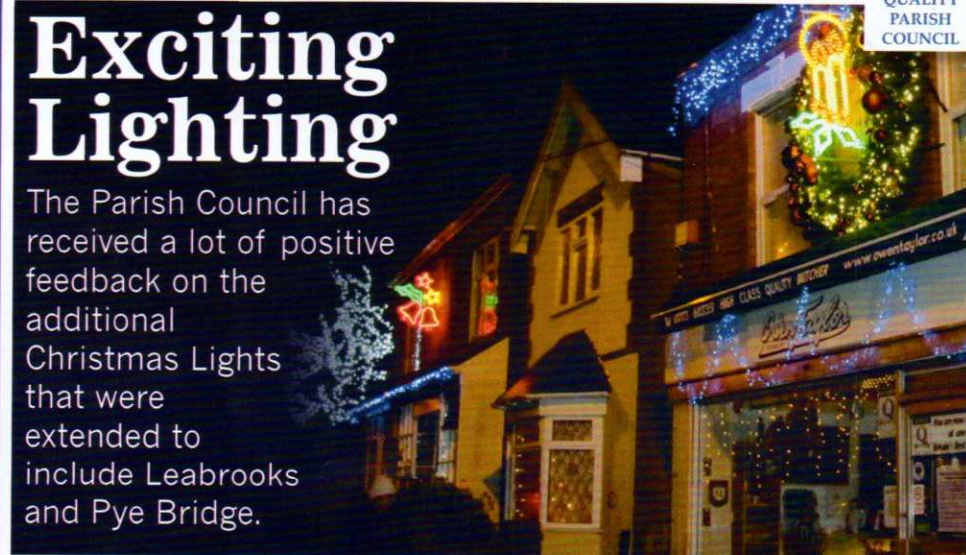
The secretary of Somercotes Local History Society made a rare find on eBay - a Goss China Commemorative Army Bottle, based on the area where the men who served at Waterloo were located in barracks on their return.



The small china copy shows an emblem, believed to be one of Oakes barnices and has 'Somercotes' in the emblem.

Exciting Lighting

The Parish Council has received a lot of positive feedback on the additional Christmas Lights that were extended to include Leabrooks and Pye Bridge.



No Rise in Parish Precept 2014-15

In these times of austerity the Parish Council recognises that it has a responsibility to endeavour to maintain services whilst remain cost effective and seek to assist parishioners by keeping the Parish Precept at a responsible level.

At the Parish Council Meeting, held on Friday, 17th January 2014, the Council resolved a 0% increase to the Parish Precept, so it will remain at £137,656.00, for 2014-15.



The Chairman, Cllr. Paul Smith said, "I am highly delighted to announce that the Parish Council has agreed that the Parish Precept will remain at its current level for the second year in succession. The Parish Council is working hard to deliver and maintain services in the parish. In 2014-15 the Council's priorities will be to continue making improvements to the Village Hall and undertake resurfacing, re-lining and tidy the area left after the demolition of the former public toilets on Market Place Car Park as its main priorities for 2014-15."

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 6.30pm on Friday 9th May 2014 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 Meeting.

If you have 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.

Parish Council Meeting News

At the Parish Council Meeting on Friday, 17th January 2014 the Council resolved the following for 2014-15:

- No rise in the Parish precept
- Resurfacing & relining of part of the Market Place Car Park and provide a revamp of the former public toilet area.
- Upgrade of the Village Hall toilets.
- Extend the wild flower area, on Nottingham Road.
- No rise in allotment rents

Weddings at St. Thomas' Church in the Swinging Sixties

In our Autumn 2013 edition we showed pictures of weddings from several decades, and have had lots of response to our request for 1960's wedding pictures.

We are pleased to show them here, but are still hoping for wedding pictures from the 1st half of the twentieth century. Does anyone have photographs of their grandparents or great grandparents from 1900 to 1949 on their wedding day? We would love to see them if you have. We copy all pictures and let you have them back so will not need to keep the original photographs.



Eileen Caudwell married Roger Bryan on 2nd June 1962. At the time of their marriage they both lived on Sleetmoor Lane, and Roger was a farmer at Birdswood Farm.

They had five bridesmaids in attendance, all wearing apricot.



Rachel Bryan of Birdswood Farm married Terry Watson of Ripley on 4th June 1966. They had 4 bridesmaids in turquoise and a pageboy wearing turquoise satin. Rachel has been a Churchwarden at St. Thomas' Church for the past seven years.



Joan Ball of Leabrooks married Brian Bown on 28th August, 1965. They were attended by a bridesmaid and a pageboy – Joan's niece and nephew.

Joan was the only daughter of the local Coal Merchant, Edgar Ball.

Norma Gould of Victoria Street and Ken Tomlinson on Abbott Road, Alferton, were married on 13th September 1968. They had four bridesmaids wearing pale pink. They still live in the house they had built at Smalley.



Maureen Gould, of Victoria Street also celebrated her 20th birthday on the day she married Roger Wells of Loscoe Road, Heanor, on 3rd February, 1968. Two older bridesmaids wore turquoise and two younger bridesmaids wore white. A pageboy wore black and white. Roger and Maureen lived on Sherwood Street when they were first married, and now live on Birchwood Lane.



Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Talented Somercotes

Thank you to Margaret Brooksbank of DARG for taking the time to research these newspaper articles from 1932. Wouldn't it be good if someone had photographs in their possession that we could publish of some of the Methodist Church Gala fancy dress entrants, or any of the other events mentioned.

1932 Jan 8th Local Dancing Successes.

Pupils of Miss MOLLIE EVANS were successful at examinations held in Nottingham on December 15th-16th under the auspices of the British Ballet Organisation. Grade 2 JOAN SMITH of Birchwood Lane passed with honours, MARY TWIGGE of Somercotes. Grade 1 KATHLEEN WARD of Pye Bridge passed with honours.

1932 Feb 26th

Ripley Co-operative Society Window Display competitions were held on Wednesday evening. About 250 employees and friends attended the tea and awards were presented by the President Councillor Mr T FEARN. Somercotes store won one of the awards.

1932 May 20th

A Somercotes young man, Mr JOHN RICHARD ORME, son of Mr & Mrs JAMES ORME of Somercotes Hill, has been successful recently in the BAKING WORLD. At a Newport Bakers exhibition a few weeks ago Mr ORME was successful in winning a Gold medal for 2lb commercial white loaf, 2 Silver medals for commercial brown loaf and a Bronze medal for exhibition white loaf.

1932 May 23rd

Miss ANNIE TAYLOR, 2nd daughter of Mr & Mrs W TAYLOR of Leabrooks, at the commissioning of Cadets from the Training College, received her Commission on May 12th at the Royal Albert Hall. She had passed all the necessary exams and has been stationed at Shirebrook with the rank of Lieutenant in the SALVATION ARMY.

1932 Sep 12th

Birchwood Methodist Church Gala Day fancy dress winners:-

1st MAVIS NAYLOR "Little Miss Muffet". 2nd NORA HAWKINS "Jockey". 3rd JOYCE HARDY "Powder Puff".

Consolation prizes: FREDA JEPSON "Sunflower". EDNA JEPSON "Blue Butterfly". MURIEL LEBETER "Spinning Top". After tea there was a find displays of Drills and Weightlifting by the Birchwood Health and Strength Club: SYD GIBSON, DOUG BARNETT, CYRIL SMITH, DON BONSALE and SAM DOOLEY.

Somercotes Fire Station



This photograph of the former Somercotes fire station has been passed to us by the son of Mr William (Bill) Padley, who was sub-officer in charge from 1944 until the new station was opened at Alfreton in May 1964, when he became Officer in Charge.

The crew members shown in the photograph below are from left to right: L/F John Clark, George Plant, Dennis Parker, Harry May, John Holmes, and Sub-Officer Bill Padley.



The Great War Centenary

1914 - 1918
2014 - 2018



Commemoration Service - The Great War Centenary

WWI was known as the Great War that would end all wars yet almost one hundred years on conflicts and wars continue, and many are within countries or bordering countries.

Somercotes, like so many communities, suffered with 81 brave soldiers losing their lives, all of whom are named (another has been named for inclusion – yet to be added) on the war memorial outside St Thomas' Church. The Parish Council would like to hold a commemoration ceremony as part of the remembrance to those brave men.

The Council is having a flag pole erected near the entrance gates to St Thomas' Church, in May, as a contribution towards the centenary.

Groups, such as Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Beavers & Cubs, Rainbows, Cadets and former soldiers are invited to attend a special service (date to be confirmed) at St Thomas' Church, both inside and outside to commemorate this occasion.

It is hoped that a small committee can be set-up to plan the event and letters will go out to local groups to ask for their support and invite them to attend the 'Service of Commemoration.' If you would like to be involved and be part of the committee you will be most welcome.

If you want to become involved or be willing to assist in any way then please contact Gordon Blackmore (Clerk to the Council) or the Parish Council Office – (01773) 603810,

'We Will Remember Them'

Another Successful Carol Service

The Parish Council Carol Service was held on Friday, 13th December 2013, in St Thomas' Church and many people turned out in less than friendly weather. The Service was one of the best that many people can remember with excellent music from Heage Band and outstanding singing from the Somercotes Guides, Brownies & Rainbows. Thank you one and all for attending and helping raise £161.00 in the collection, for the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre.



Forthcoming Events at the Village Hall

LADIES ROLLS ROYCE CHOIR IN CONCERT with the East Midland Salvation Army Band on Saturday, 1st March at 7.30pm
Tickets: £5 available from Corps Officer Terence Carpenter: Tel. 01773 606945.
Email terence.carpenter@salvationarmy.org.uk

PAINTING CLASS WORKSHOP

Saturday 13th March, from 10am until 4pm.
All abilities welcome.
Cost £30. Lunch will be provided.
Telephone Norma Gent on 01773 836907 for further details.
(Norma has 2 places available at her Tuesday morning painting class in the Village Hall)

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday, 14th May 2014, from 10.30am to 12noon
Coffee/Tea & Biscuits, Raffle, "Bring and Buy". All Proceeds to Christian Aid.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Peter Davis

Any Enquiries 01773 602717 or
Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and
Michael Woods 01773 723653

Services

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Mass

Ash Wednesday - 5th March - Mass at 10.00am

Mothering Sunday - 13th March - Mass 09.30pm Evensong 6.00pm

Palm Sunday - 13th April - Mass at 9.30pm

Maundy Thursday - 17th April - Mass at 7.00pm

Good Friday - 18th April - Stations of the Cross - 11.00am

Holy Saturday - 19th April 7pm. Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day - Sunday 20th April - Mass at 9.30am

Low Sunday - 27th April - Mass 09.30am
APCM 11.00am Evensong 6.00pm

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 Lunch Friday, 7th March, 21st March, 28th March & 11th April - 11.30am to 1.30pm
Parish lunch Friday, 25th April & 23rd May - 11.30am to 1.30pm
Coffee Mornings Saturday, 1st March, 5th April & 3rd May - 10.00am - 12pm
Christian Aid Coffee Morning- Wednesday 14th May, 10.30am - 12pm

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 6 pm

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-9 pm (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.

SOMERCOTES SALVATION ARMY CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sleetmoor Lane
Tel. Terence Carpenter on 01773 606945 or 07948 998507

Special Events

Ladies Rolls Royce Choir in Concert with the East Midland Salvation Army Band at Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, on Saturday, 1st March at 7.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £5 and can be obtained from the Salvation Army, Sleetmoor Lane, or at the door on the night. All monies raised will go to our kitchen fund which will eventually allow us to produce hot meals to the public.

Friday, 7th March - The Women's World Day of Prayer to be held in Somercotes Salvation Army Hall, Sleetmoor Lane, at 3 pm. The Speaker is to be Territorial Envoy Terence M Carpenter.

Our Spring Fayre/Coffee Morning is on 22nd March from 10 am to 12 noon. New Goods-Nearly New-Toys-Bric a Brac - Second Hand Goods - Refreshments

Weekly Activities

Sunday: All age Family Worship 3pm followed by refreshments.
Monday at 3pm - Over 50's Friends and Fellowship,
Tuesday from 9.30am - 11am Care/share Coffee Morning.

Monthly Activities

Messy Church 5pm-7pm last Friday of each month for families - bible stories, games, crafts, film, singing, meal provided. Cafe Church 7pm-9pm last Sunday of each month -exploring the Christian Faith in a relaxed style.

Craft/Sewing Group - 2pm-4pm first Friday of each month.
(Sewing, knitting, crocheting, card making, arts)

BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. M. Dilley Tel. 01623 752349

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

On Sunday 30th March our Mothering Sunday Service will be at 10.30am and this will be taken by Rev. S. Baldock.

On 13th April our Palm Sunday Service will be taken by Mrs. G. Stamp at 3.00pm.

On Friday, 18th April our Good Friday Service will be at 10.30am, and this will be taken by Rev. M. Dilley.

On Sunday, 20th April our Easter Sunday Service will be at 10.30am. Our Anniversary Day is Sunday, 11th May and the service will be taken at 3.00pm by Rev. M. Dilley. A tea will be served after the service in our schoolroom.

Everyone is welcome.
Please see our Notice Board for further details of services and all events.

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	No appointment needed Call into a meeting for more details	
10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Somercotes Beavers Group for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1 st in each month	Rav Paul Norma Gent Paul Williams Eileen Wilkinson	07963 350868 01773 836907 07768 109674 01773 603177
10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends Weight Watchers Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in Just call in Dey and Liz dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	 07812 837969
9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	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 Call into a meeting for more details. Linda	01773 836907 01773 528264
10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class Somercotes Cubs Group for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 Somercotes Scouts Group for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Rav Paul Paul Williams Paul Williams Dey and Liz dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07963 350868 07768 109674 07768 109674 07812 837969
	None at Present		
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 11th March 2pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 8th April 2pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 13th May 2pm – 3.30pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE HEARING CLINICS ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE VILLAGE HALL



Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident,

Firstly can I wish you all a Happy Easter.

With regard to the County Council's initiatives for Somercotes:

The H1 bus service is now up and running and will run through Pye Bridge to Eastwood and Alfreton providing an evening service. On Sundays it runs from Alfreton to Nottingham. This service also runs through Riddings and Leabrooks on a two hourly provision.

On a sad note it is with regret that I have to inform you that Doyles who operated the 152 village service has ceased operating. This was one of the bus routes I secured when I first became a Councillor after Trent stopped operating on the route. Over the years Doyles gave an exceptional service to the residents of Somercotes. The route is now being operated by Your Bus and I am led to believe some of Doyles driver operators have secured jobs with the Your Bus company. I am sure the same level of service will be delivered.

I am pleased to announce that the County Council have agreed £40,000 towards the cost of a Multi Games Area on the field to the rear of Scott Drive. The Parish Council and Futures Homescape have also committed £5,000 and £4,000 respectively to the project and Amber Valley will maintain the facility once built.

I have again asked for various roads and pavements to be resurfaced in Somercotes and Leabrooks - Victoria Street, Parkside, High Street, Leabrooks Road, Castle Drive and Parkside being just some of my requests. I am still waiting for the full approved list of schemes.

A number of people asked about a replacement post box at Leabrooks. I thought this would be fairly straightforward. Unfortunately, it wasn't and the Post Office has turned down the request, stating there isn't enough demand for one, due to the low usage at the existing post boxes at Swanwick Road and Charles Street. I am sorry that I couldn't get a new post box. I tried to explain the usage would be there if one was installed near the Co-op but they refused to install one.

Yours sincerely

Paul Smith

Councillor Paul Smith

Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Communities

HAPPY EASTER IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Albanian: Gëzuar Pashkët

Croatian: Sretan Uskrs

Dutch: Vrolijk Pasen, Zalige paasdagen, Zalig Pasen

French: Joyeuses Pâques

German: Frohe Ostern

Italian: Buona Pasqua

Polish: Wesolych Świąt Wielkanocnych!

Wesołego Alleluja!

Szczęśliwej Wielkanocy! Wesolych

Świąt Wielkiej Nocy!

Romanian: Hristos a inviat! (Christ has risen!)

Adevarat ca a inviat! Truly he has risen (response)

Russian: Khristos voskres - Christ resurrected

Voistinu voskres - reply - truly resurrected

Slovenian: Vesele velikonočne praznike

Spanish: Felices Pascuas

Ukrainian: Khrystos Voskres! = Christ is Risen!

Voyistynu Voskres! = Truly He is Risen! (reply)



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

We have a Reader's Group on the first Friday of the month. Contact us for details of which book we are currently reading.

Home Library Service

The Home Library Service now delivers to around 120 people in the Somercotes area. The service works from Alfreton Library and delivers once a month. For people who enjoy reading or listening to books, but who cannot get into a local library, or for those who are unable to carry the items they need, the service is free and could help. Books, large and normal print, books on tape and CD and also music CD's. All are available.

Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith
 Councillor Bryan Lyttle
 Councillor Martin Barron
 Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie
 Councillor Sydney Grotier
 Councillor Cyril Langton
 Councillor John McCabe
 Councillor Terry Marriott
 Councillor Jason Parker
 Councillor Paul Price
 Councillor Alan Stringer
 Councillor Scott Walker

Parish Council Meetings

In the Lounge of the Village Hall
Ordinary Meeting
 Friday, 21st March – 6.30pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting
 Friday, 16th May – 6.30pm
Ordinary Meeting
 Friday, 16th May – 7.00pm
Annual Parish Meeting
 Friday, 9th May - 7.00pm
 (This is not a Parish Council Meeting). This is the public's opportunity to raise issues of concern in the parish.

Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council	Gordon Blackmore
Assistant Clerk	Glynis Kenney Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker	Suzanne Fieldsend Tel: 01773 609397 or 07516 493430
Parish Wardens	Colin Rick Les Briddon

Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk
 e-mail: somercotespc@btconnect.com

Booking forms for the hall or lounge can be obtained by calling in or telephoning
01773 609397 or 07516 493430

Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall on:
Saturday, 1st March, from 11am – 12pm
Saturday, 5th April, from 11am – 12pm
Saturday, 3rd May, from 11am – 12pm
 County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

Parish Council raises concerns on Dog Fouling & Litter



The Parish Council has raised its concerns about litter and dog fouling in the Somercotes Parish. The Parish Council provide 'FREE' poop scoop bags that are readily available at the Village Hall, Ruby's Shop and Somerlea Park Community Centre, so the public should make use of the poop scoop bags and clean up after their dogs. Dog fouling is becoming the scourge of some areas of the Parish and particularly in the park areas where people walk and young people play. Dog excrement can cause health problems particularly for children if rubbed in the eyes (can lead to blindness).

The Parish Council made a 'Freedom of Information' request to Amber Valley Borough Council that revealed in the past three years there has only been 3 prosecutions for littering and 5 for dog fouling, with NONE in Somercotes. Prosecutions for littering & dog fouling prosecutions are the responsibility of the Borough Council and the Parish of Somercotes is their responsibility. The Parish Council feels the Parish of Somercotes is not being policed with regard to taking action against those who deposit litter and allow their dogs to foul our streets and parks.

Members of the public are asked to report any depositing of litter or dog fouling to the Borough Council and provide statements so those persons responsible can be prosecuted. The offence of 'Dog Fouling' is liable to a £100 fine.

If your dog deposits excrement use a poop scoop bag or other plastic bag and 'Pick it Up' & use bins to deposit litter or take it home. Everyone has a responsibility to keep their community clean and tidy. **THANK YOU**

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.

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.

Allotments

The Parish Council recognises the importance of healthy eating and the demand for allotment plots so people can "Grow their Own" vegetables. The Council has resolved not to raise the rent to the allotment associations for 2014-15, so why not take on your own allotment and 'grow your own' vegetables? Plots are available at Bridle Lane (Leabrooks); Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes – Contact details for the allotment associations are on the back page of the newsletter.

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: 07841471043

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



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

Next issue

If you have any forthcoming local events you would like to advertise in 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.

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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:

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 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

At present we have no information regarding upcoming Surgeries/Panel Meetings, but you can check the Police website – www.derbyshirepolice.co.uk. You can also follow them on twitter and find them on facebook.

Overall Crime Figures are Down – Say Police

Parish Council Meeting – 17th January 2014. Despite some well publicised incidents with robberies at the Co-op the general crime trends are down for the Somercotes & Riddings SNT area, says PC Chris Anthony.

Reported Anti-Social Behaviour incidents are down by 5.9%. The current areas of concern have been non-domestic burglaries such as sheds and garages, although the year on year figure has been reduced from 200% to only 50%. Sheds and garages are relatively easy targets so members of the public need to be on their guard to try to reduce opportunities for criminals.

There has been an increase in the number of motor cycles being ridden off-road across land and on footpaths/bridleways, so causing a public nuisance. If anyone knows who the motor cycle riders are then please contact the police on '101' and pass on the information.

PROBLEMS WITH PESTS? WHO YOU GOING TO CALL?

Amber Valley Borough Council offer competitive rates for treatment of pests

NEW REDUCED PRICES

DOMESTIC RATS & MICE £35	DOMESTIC ANTS & WASPS £30
COMMERCIAL COMPETITIVE RATE	COMMERCIAL ANTS & WASPS £75

Concessions available for customers in receipt of a means tested benefit.

- Experienced and professional operatives
- Same day and next day appointments often available
- Other pest treatments available
- Members of National Pest Technicians Association

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL HEIDI OR KATHERINE ON 01773 841335

*Contracts for commercial premises available on request.

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.

Be Alert

Police are reminding residents to be security conscious after several burglaries involving unlocked windows and doors occurred across the division. Community Safety Inspector Russ Dakin, who covers Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and the Amber Valley, said: "We would like to remind people just to remember to keep their doors and windows closed and locked if they are outside, upstairs and especially overnight. Reduce the opportunities for a thief to get into your home."

Security advice and tips include:
 Making sure doors and windows are locked.
 Keeping windows closed at night time, even when you are in bed and invest in window locks for ground floor windows.
 Keeping any side or rear garden gates locked at all times. Installing an alarm and security lights around your home to help deter burglars.
 Not leaving car keys or ID documents near doors, letterbox or windows.
 Security marking any valuables and registering them. You should also record any serial numbers.
 Tiding away any garden tools after using them and always keeping sheds and outbuildings locked.

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

Is the risk of FIRE something you ever consider?