

A Somercotes Parish Council newsletter

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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Remembrance Day - Thursday 11th November, 2010

Standing over 12 feet high, a plain Latin Cross made of Sicilian Marble and sculptured by Mr Herman Morley of Alfreton, the Somercotes War Memorial was unveiled in the presence of a very large crowd by Lieutenant Colonel F E Seely in 1927. 81 men were commemorated, and after the 2nd World War 20 more names were added. Amongst them are six sets of brothers, a father from the 1st and a son from the 2nd. At least 8 were brought home to be buried. Several are mentioned on family gravestones.

Anomalies found when researching the men were the differing places of birth – J W Gregory - USA, J Hodgkin - Dudley, W H Winch - Spalding etc., also Harry W Barker, died on HMS Saxon but the only one found was Harry Whatton, son of Thomas and Mary Whatton of Quarry Road. The youngest was William Fox at 19, and the oldest was Richard Turton aged 41. Robert Baker was the first soldier killed.

If anyone has information about the men on our memorial or are just interested in what has been researched, please contact Margaret Brooksbank on 01773 604916.

World War 1 Robert Halford Baker, Private 61 1st/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action Friday, 30th October 1914. age 30. Born in Skegby in 1884, the son of Robert Halford and Emma Baker. baptised in Somercotes in 1892. He enlisted at Nottingham and died of wounds in France, and is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery. Pas de Calais.

His brother Sidney also died.



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News from your **County** Councillor

Dear Resident

I am pleased to announce £90,000 has been allocated for the B600 for resurfacing works. The scheme will start at Archway Interiors and go towards the direction of Pye Bridge. This is part of a maintenance programme which will

see that road being funded over a number of years. Also a number of surface dressing and slurry sealing programmes will be undertaken in Somercotes. These will run from April to April and obviously residents will be notified nearer the time. I am also pleased to say that the crossing near the Royal Tiger Public House has now been upgraded from a Pelican to a Puffin Crossing. I had a number of people approaching me thinking it was going to be removed permanently but in effect it has been upgraded with a more modern facility; the light remains on red which stops traffic until people have crossed safely and if people press the button and decide to walk away the lights do not activate.

Over the last two months I have given grants to the Junior Fishing Match which takes place at Pennytown Ponds every year. I have also managed to secure £2,000 for the Police to run a Nintendo Wii Tournament at the Somerlea Park Centre. This is open to all age ranges and for further information contact the Centre on 01773 528181.

I'm also pleased to announce that Pennytown Ponds is in the final of a National Environment Award which is being run and judged by BIFFA. Out of 70 applicants we are in the final six and having met the judges last week, like me, they were very impressed by the site and the improvements that have been made to Pennytown Ponds. The announcement will be made in late November and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has worked hard to protect and enhance our own green oasis.

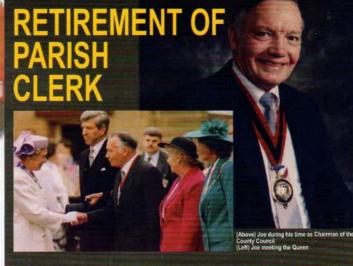
I haven't forgotten about safer crossing areas on the B600 and I'm still waiting for a decision on a crossing on Leabrooks Road.

Through residents' requests, Bryan Lyttle and I have met with Derbyshire County Council's Street Lighting Officers to discuss the possibility of two new lights on Hedley Close and Philipway/Peterway near to the garages.

I have reported a number of footways and bridleways to Rights of Way Officers at Derbyshire County Council that have become badly overgrown. If anybody experiences problems whilst walking on any footways/bridleways, please pass your complaint through to Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058.

I am also pleased to announce the replacement footbridge off Cotes Park Industrial Estate over the railway line and into Bluebell Wood, South Normanton. At one point it didn't look as though Railtrack were going to replace it but I'm pleased to say they have protected this important route via the area affectionately known as Red Bridge.

Paul Smith



Joe Heathcote, Clerk to Somercotes Parish Council, retires at the end of September, during his 50th year in local government.

Joe was first a member of Alfreton Urban District Council in 1961, and became Chairman in 1968.

He was elected as a member for Somercotes in the County Council in 1964, a position he held until he retired in 1993.

Joe was Chairman of Derbyshire County Council from 1991 until 1993.

He became Clerk of Somercotes Parish Council on a temporary basis following the resignation of the Clerk in 1993!

One of Joe's most vivid recollections during his 50 years was of the Parish Council taking over and renovating the St. Thomas Centre in 1996, which is now Somercotes Parish Hall and is used by many local organisations for varying activities, and remembers that there was a great deal of work involved in the renovation

Joe met many well-know people during his 50 years, including the Queen, Princess Diana, the Duke of Gloucester and Robert Maxwell. One person he met who he admired greatly was Dr Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany from 1949 to 1963.



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Places of Worship

The Salvation Army Hall

Sleetmoor Lane, Telephone 01623 406147

Worship Meeting each Sunday at 3 pm

Monday at 3pm - Over 50's Friends and Fellowship,

Tuesday from 9.30 am - 11am

Drop In. Refreshments and goods for sale

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 10.30 am Evening Prayer Meeting at 5.30 pm

Praise Time at 6 pm

Ladies' Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon Tuesday:

Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch. Prayer & Praise 6pm - 7pm A visiting speaker when available from 7 pm onwards.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 8am - 10am

Friday: Youth Club 7pm-9pm (RIOT) 11yrs -16 yrs Kids Club 10am - 12noon 3yrs - 11yrs Saturday:

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.

Parish Church of St. Thomas

Father Theo Holmes – Curate in Charge Any Enquiries 01773 540186 Churchwarden Rachel Watson 01773 607131

Services

Sunday: 9.30am Sung Mass

9.30am Sunday School 6.00pm Evensong

Wednesday: 10.00 am Said Mass Friday: 10.00 am Said Mass

The Church is open Friday mornings for enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, etc.

See Notice Board in the Church porch for other times of services.

Mother's Union meets in Church on the 1st Tuesday of each

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

Car Boot Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th September 2010, from 10 am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall car park

Coffee in the Parish Hall first Saturday in each month Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Jumble, Raffle

Organ Concert (Music for a late Summer's Evening),

Organ and keyboards David Prescott, Bassoon Rachel Winfield

- Saturday 18th September, 7.30 pm

in St. Thomas Church - Tickets £5 & refreshments

Harvest Festival Sun 3rd Oct, 9.30am & Family Eucharist 6pm Harvest Supper Monday 4th Oct, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall Remembrance Sunday 14th November, Meet at the War Memorial at 5.55 pm before service

Birchwood Methodist Church

Service each Sunday at 3.00 pm

Harvest Festival Sunday 19th September at 3pm.Preacher Mr Don Chambers, Giltbrook. Singing by Pye Hill Male Voice Choir. Tea to follow.

Remembrance Sunday Service - 14th November 10.30 am

Birchwood Brunch – Saturday 27th November.
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

We had a very successful and enjoyable garden party and, as a result, we are able to start replacing the schoolroom windows. Our next project is to bring the electrical systems up to date. We have just had the five-yearly inspection and, as a result of new standards, we now



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Families y 26th November Welcome

Football 5-a-side (outdoor floodlit if required - October to March) Acorn Ground - Local League Football Fixtures - Saturday & Sunday afternoons

Café Now Open

Café open for hot / cold snacks & drinks Take Away food (Orders: 07574 433590) Catering available for all Centre or outside functions at competitive prices 07928 421433 (Catering Enquiries).



Bringing People Together Wil tournament
& fun for all ages (families welcome to compete)
Thursday's from 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Come & try playing - its fun. Finals tournament
in October

Jog Derbyshire Keep fit by Jogging & Walking Weekly activity - Starts at I I am Thurs 3rd June

Tennis Courts FREE PLAY 9am - Ham available until the end of September

What's on Guide

Keep Fit (from Little Kickers **Belly Dance**

Fitness Pilates Pole Mission

7.45pm - 9.45pm 6.15pm - 7.15pm 8.30pm - 9.30pm

6.00pm - 7.00pm

meet 11am 3.30pm - 5.30pm Modem & Sequence Dance 8.00pm - 10.30pm

REDUCED GYM MEMBERSHIP **NOW ONLY £17.95 PER MONTH**

(Unlimited use) or £4 per session Over 50's £2.00 per session 12noon - 3pm (Tues, Wed & Thurs)



Extends classes on Tuesday 10am - 11.15am (New) & 6pm - 7.15pm

Somerlea Park Centre, Leabrooks Tel: 01773 528181

e-mail: somerleacentre@aol.co.uk

Somercotes Word Search

Just for fun (no prizes)



Can you find the following places in the wordsearch

Somercotes Winding Wheel Leabrooks Mill Yard

Pennytown Ponds **Nottingham Road Market Place Quarry Road**

Birchwood Lane Pye Bridge **High Street** St Thomas Church



Poem

A Poem by the late Len Waller of Somercotes This poem was written for the erection of the Winding Wheel in 2001

The Winding Wheel at Somercotes, Doesn't it look grand? Burnished now and painted, Long may it proudly stand.

It looks bigger now than, when aloft, It gave a mighty spin
And hoisted loads of hard-won coals, Played yoyo with our kin.

Its placing is significant, On a site near Seely's row, Where miners in their pit-dirt Would daily homeward go.

From "Morewoods" and from "Coatsy", And Alfreton as well. Dead collieries now – just memories And wond'rous tales to tell.

Of holidays at Skeggy (The ponies were turned out too), And traipsing home from the station When the holiday was through.

There was sadness too, and tragedy And the "blower" had a plaintive sound When men came home and the village learned Of a man killed underground.

But out of the grime of menial work With no promise of anything more, Men of great vision have risen to fame And their names live evermore.

The last "Loose-all" has sounded, The wheel will turn no more, But the Winding Wheel at Somercotes Will recall the days of yore.



PENNYTOWN PONDS NEWS

£18,000 funding has been secured on new footpaths and signs, and work commenced on Monday, 23rd August.

Response to the Photography Competition has been fantastic, and the decision about difficult which photographs to use for the 2011 calendar will be made at the next meeting of the Pennytown Ponds Group on 14th September. Prizewinners will be notified shortly afterwards, and the names of those prizewinners will be published in the next Parish Newsletter in December.

GRANTS PRESENTATION

Pictured are members of Somercotes Parish Council and grant recipients from local organisations, at a presentation of the annual grants on Friday, 2nd July.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This is a voluntary position and you should be available to attend an Ordinary Council Meeting on the third Friday of every other month. Any interested parties can contact Glynis on 01773 603810 or call into the Parish Council office between 10.30am and 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

2011 CENSUS

Anyone interested in applying for various temporary job roles can visit the Census website:

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OCG INFO

Hearing Clinic

Hearing Help (Amber Valley) provide free re-tubing and batteries for hearing aids at the Lounge of the Somercotes Parish Hall on the following dates:-

Tuesday 14th September 2.00pm – 3.30 pm Wednesday 22nd Sept 11.00am – 12.30pm Tuesday 12th October 2.00pm – 3.30 pm Wednesday 27th October 11.00am – 12.30pm Tuesday 9th November 2.00pm – 3.30 pm Wednesday 24th Nov – 11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Somercotes Walking

Group

Meets every Thursday at 10 am at Groundwork Toolbox on the Market Place.

Costs are £1 per walk, £2.50 per bus trip. For more information, contact ALAN ROWE, Walks Co-ordinator, on 01773 609430

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

ALLOTMENTS

Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Mr A Whitehouse, Chairman Tel: 01773 605345, or Mrs J Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Tel: 01773 605438

Birchwood Lane Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Becky Marrian, Secretary Tel: 01773 540110

Gerry West, Chairman 01773 606775

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hearing Help (Amber Valley) provide free re-tubing and batteries for hearing aids at 2 clinics per month at Somercotes Parish Hall. They are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 3pm, and the 4th Wednesday of the month from 11am to 12.30pm. No appointments are required.

2010 has brought big changes at Hearing Help (AV) with a new service manager, Mr John O'Brien having been appointed. Jane and Margaret are still doing sterling jobs, and a new co-ordinator, Ruth Hudson has joined the established team. Together with the support from their hard working committee, Hearing Help (AV) are developing and improving their services.

Hearing Help (AV) hold 17 clinics in the Amber Valley region and have a comprehensive selection of equipment to help improve the quality of life for hearing impaired people. All equipment is available on free trial prior to purchase.



Meet the Hearing Help Team

A Social Club is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Hearing Help headquarters – 156 Derby Road, Ripley, from 11.45 am to 2.30 pm., and is still proving very popular with Jane's quiz as challenging as ever!! A buffet lunch is provided and new members are always very welcome. Transport can also be arranged for those who require it for all the activities.

Gardening Club is held on the 4th Monday of the month from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, and once again, all are welcome to join!

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Denis Millington, Sergeant 4979973 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment), killed in action Sunday, 2nd May 1943, age 27. Baptised 2nd July 1916, the son of Charlie and Lucy Millington, and in 1940 he married Vera Riley. He is buried in Oued Zarga War Cemetery, Tunisia.



Northern Ireland



Kevin Arthur Froggett, 24195666 Staff Sergeant Royal Corps of Signals, killed by the IRA 16th September 1989, age 35. Buried in Birchwood Churchyard with full Military Honours.

Kevin was the son of Arthur and Lily Froggett of Somercotes, and was married with four children.

If anyone has information about the men on our memorial or are just interested in what has been researched, please contact Margaret Brooksbank on 01773 604916.

Our thanks to Margaret Brooksbank of the Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group, for providing all the information for this article.

Weekly Events at Somercotes Parish Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Number
Mondays	1.30pm - 4pm in Lounge	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	John Bradley	01773 832237
	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.	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	10am - 12noon and also 7pm - 9pm in the Lounge	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	7.30pm - 10pm in the hall	Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1st in each month	Mrs Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesdays	10am - 12noon in the hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in - have a coffee, make new friends	Just call in	
	6pm - 7pm in the hall	Weight Watchers	Just call in	
	9am - 10.45am	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
Thursdays	11.00am – 2.00pm In the Lounge	Craft Club for Disabled If you would like a change of scene, bring your hobby, whether knitting, embroidery, cross stitch, sewing, card making, etc.	Mrs Cockayne	01773 604971
	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.	Linda Newcomers always welcome	01773 528264
Fridays	10am -11.30am in the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class.	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	5pm - 6pm in the Hall	Somercotes St. Thomas Cubs & Beavers	Janet Scarbrough	01773 607862
	7pm - 8pm in the Hall	Ju-Jitsu Classic martial art class for children ages 6 - 16	Emily Lamb	01246 232952
Saturdays		None at present	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS.	ALTERNATION OF THE PERSON
Sundays	9.30am onwards in the Lounge	St. Thomas' Parish Church Sunday School	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131
	in the Hall	Coffee after Church Service		

The Parish Council now has a website.

Visit us at www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

If you would like your forthcoming local events advertised on the website or if you have any forthcoming local events you would like to advertise in the Winter edition of the Parish Newsletter, you can contact Glynis on 01773 603810

Somercotes Library Bank Street, Somercotes DE55 4JE

As the days get shorter and the evenings draw in, it is great to curl up with a good book. If it is 'action/adventure' or 'romance' that you want, we have plenty of titles to choose from.

Already a reader? Want to try something different? Pop in and talk to one of the friendly staff or join one of our 2 reading groups held at in the library.

In September's meetings we will be discussing:

The Suspicions of Mr Whicher by Kate Summerscale – Friday 3rd September at 2pm Noah's Compass by Anne Tyler – Monday 6th September at 6 pm

Come and visit, we are open on

Mondays 2pm - 7pm

Thursdays 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm Fridays 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm

Saturdays 9.30am - 1pm



For more information: Telephone 01773 540514 E-mail - Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or look on the website - www.derbyshire.gov.uk



technical specification

1 Calendar = £20

2 Calendars (same) = £30

5 Calendars (same) = £70

10 Calendars (same) = £99

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Council Matters

First Parish Council Meeting for Autumn 2010

Friday 17th September at 7pm and Friday 19th November 2010 in the lounge of the Parish Hall.



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 9.30 am-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 Number

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 0345 123 3333 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

Central Networks (Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)

Gas Emergency line

Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)

Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch

Victim Support Line

NHS Direct

UK Flu Information Line

Amber Valley Housing

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

Your Amber Valley **Borough Councillors**

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

Sat 2nd October from 11am - 12noon

Sat 6th November from 11am - 12noon

County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

Police Surgeries

Monday 6th Sep 6pm - 7pm at Somerlea Park

Monday 4th Oct 1pm - 3pm on the Market Place

Monday 8th Nov 1pm - 3pm at Swanwick Hall School

Come and meet your local officers, ask questios about neighbourhood policing or come and share your concerns



