

Somercotes

SPRING 2020

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT 2019

On Friday 6 December 2019 we were once again entertained by the excellent carol singing of Somercotes Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. They were ably accompanied by Heage Band who also played an additional selection of traditional tunes.

A surprise visitor this year was Father Christmas, who distributed selection boxes to the children.

The donations raised, including the Chairmans contribution meant that £300 was able to be shared between Breast Cancer and Prostate cancer charities. The evening concluded with refreshments provided by the Parish Council at the Village Hall.



Available for Weddings, Dances, Parties etc. *Hall or Lounge available*

Licensed Bar available
Ample car parking available

Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road,
Somercotes DE55 4LY Tel: 01773 609397
Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost



Foreword

I hope that everyone enjoyed the festivities over the Christmas and New Year period. The Parish Council and St Thomas Church again jointly hosted the annual Christmas Carol Concert and were delighted to welcome Santa this year who popped in to distribute selection boxes to the children!

Monies raised including a donation from the Chairmans allowance amounted to £300 and was divided equally between breast and prostate cancer charities.

Talking of festivities, the Council has recently agreed a new contract for the provision of Christmas Lights and displays. The old lights have been replaced and the motifs and tree lights updated. I certainly saw the difference and I hope you did too.

We have been busy extending and renovating the bar area in the Village Hall. As bookings for social events have increased, the bar became inadequate to meet demand and accommodate staff safely. However, I am happy to report that if you require a bar for your function, the Village Hall will again be available for bookings from 26th March 2020.

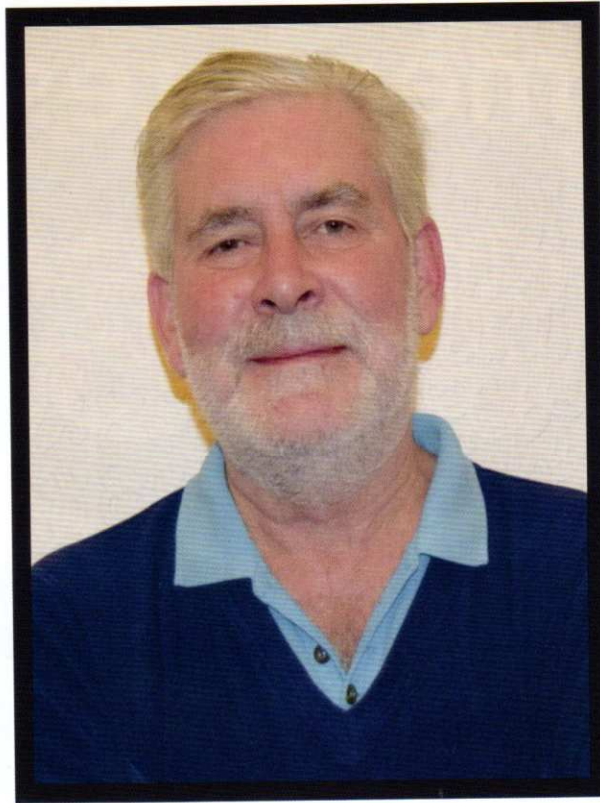
Finally, as we begin another year, I cannot do so without expressing my great sadness at the passing of my friend and colleague, Cllr Brian Lyttle in December.

My tribute to Brian is contained further in this newsletter and all I can add is that I will miss him immensely.

RIP Brian.

Cllr *John McCabe*

Chairman
Somercotes Parish Council



Brian John Lyttle

26th May 1952 - 25th November 2019

Remembering Cllr Brian Lyttle

I first met Brian through the local labour party nearly 40 years ago. He campaigned all that time for social justice. He was a champion for his community and put his community first in everything he did. He was a dedicated councillor in the parish and the borough and didn't miss one meeting. Forever campaigning for his community. Myself and my wife Elaine would often meet up with Brian and his late wife back in the day and we have many happy memories that we will cherish forever.

Brian played darts and dominoes for 2 of the local pubs where he was well respected and I'm sure will be missed by many.

One memory I have of Brian is how he got his dog Sadie. I had a call one Saturday afternoon from my Sister in Law to say she had found a dog on her drive under her car. At that time there was no dog warden till Monday morning so I rang Brian and Carol to see if they could look after it till Monday morning. The dog warden then asked him if he could look after it till the owner was found. The owner was never found, Brian and Carol kept the dog! This is just one example of how caring Brian was.

Myself and Paul Smith will miss Brian deeply. We have lost a comrade, friend and a brother. We will miss his dry sense humour, his wise words and his friendship. It has been an honour to be Brian's friend.

John McCabe

A Tribute from Cllr Paul Smith

I would like to acknowledge how sad it was that Brian Lyttle passed away unexpectedly just before Christmas. I worked very closely with him over a number of years as well as socialising with him, particularly with the darts and dominos league playing together at the New Inn on Birchwood Lane and the Old English Gentleman on Somercotes Hill.

On a couple of occasions I joined in with him at the Crown on Sleetmoor Lane but he soon realised I wasn't that good so he didn't bother asking me again!

We will miss him not only as a friend and colleague but also his dry sense of humour.

I'd like to thank everyone for their kind comments regarding Brian.

In his honour a memorial bench has been installed at Pennytown Ponds where he spent many happy times walking his loyal dog, Sadie.

Paul

Letter from your County Councillor



Dear Resident

The Derbyshire County Council tax bill will go up by 2% this financial year and will appear on your bill as Adult Social Care precept. Even though the Conservative administration have been saying for the last two years that they would deliver a zero council tax increase.

There is also a consultation ongoing with a proposal to close seven of the County Council's residential care homes over the next two years; they are arguing the homes are not fit for purpose and there will be no need for them in the future. But most of the current residents residing in the homes proposed for closure will be accommodated by the private sector!!

All the Youth Work buildings have now ceased to provide facilities for young people and most of the youth workers have been made redundant. All the buildings are being declared as surplus to requirements and will be disposed of, so young people will have less on offer to them throughout Derbyshire. The future of the Somercotes Youth Club building is something I am asking questions about.

I have been reporting potholes throughout the area and the condition of the roads which came out in a residents' satisfaction survey as being poor and the state of Derbyshire roads being of the most concern to residents. This is after the Conservative administration have said there is a 80% improvement in pothole filling under their administration. Look at the gully opposite Archway Interiors which I reported 3 months ago.

The LED lighting programme is coming to this area this financial year but in the meantime because the Council have not got any night light patrollers they rely on you and me to report the lights out, which I am constantly doing but it is now taking up to 2 months for a repair.

Can I inform you that we are in the hands of Western Power in regards to the bank of street lights out at Lower Somercotes? They have attended to the lights, put in a larger fuse which worked for 48 hours and they now have to re-cable the columns. Whilst they are doing this I have asked Derbyshire County Council to renew all the lighting heads with LED which they have agreed to do. I am told the work will be carried out at the end of February - I can then file all my emails I have sent on the subject!

Best wishes and thank you.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith
County Councillor for Somercotes, Riddings and Ironville



Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Thanks to Margaret Brooksbank for this contribution.
Contact for Margaret: Tel 01773 604916
Throughout all editions was a regular item headed: Notes,
whilst not about the Somercotes area, they did affect everywhere,
as most were Government edicts.

BITS & BOBS FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

1925 Jan 30th. Last weekend a horse attached to a dray belonging to **Mr THOMAS FOX** of **Leabrooks** slipped near the **VICTORIA HOTEL** Leabrooks bolted and came into a collision with a lamp post. Owing to the smooth surface of the road 5 horses are known to have been down in one week.

1927 Mar 25th. **WILLIAM HOLDING** aged 5 of the council houses **SOMERCOTES** was accidentally shot in the eye while he and a friend were playing with toy **BOWS & ARROWS**. The boy was conveyed to **DRI** where it was necessary to remove the eye.

1928 Aug 28th. On Thursday last **ROBERT HUCKERBY** 66 a retired miner of 19 Cermetary Rd and **CATHERINE MARSHALL** of Swanwick an **ELDERLY COURTING COUPLE** were knocked down by **CHARLES EDWARD SMITH** who was motorcycling home to Alfreton. They were conveyed to Chesterfield Hospital where the man died shortly after admission, the woman is on the road to recovery.

1930 Oct 24. As the **NEW ACT** will become effective on Jan 1st 1931 and the premiums will fluctuate, get your **VEHICLE INSURED** before that date. Fully Comprehensive **8HP** cars £6.15s.
MORRIS COWLEY £9.00, **NEW FORDS** £11.00.

1931 Nov 13th. A very successful **MENS ARMISTICE SERVICE** was held in the Parish Church Somercotes. The **Rev Dr IRWIN** Vicar of Duffield was the Preacher. On Tuesday evening there was a service of **WOMEN**, the **Rev P A SHARP** Vicar of Selston preached. Offertories at both services were for the **DRI**.

1934 May 3rd. Premier Somercotes. A thrilling drama "**YELLOW COMMUNIST RISINGS**" will be screened on the 1st 3 days. Next week starring **SPENCER TRACY** in "**SHANGHI MADNESS**"

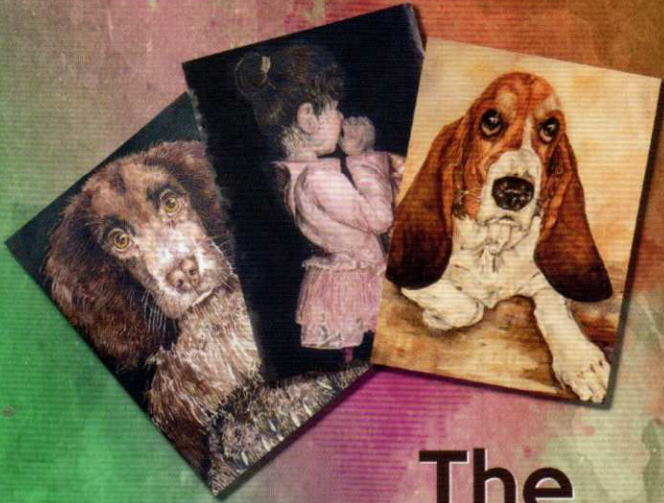
1934 Jun 14th. Mr **THOMAS PARKIN** of Lorne House Charles St Leabrooks, Joint Principal of Messrs **TAYLOR & PARKIN** Builders & Cointractors of Leabrooks who died Oct 6th aged 65 left Estate to the gross value of **£2025.44** net **£1524.64**. Probate granted to **JOHN WM BOWER** of Swanwick & **WM PARKIN** Junior of Riddings.

1940 Feb 2nd. At Alfreton Petty Sessions on Wednesday **PERCY RYLE 58** Licensee of the **BLACK HORSE INN** Lower Somercotes was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor during non permitted hours on **CHRISTMAS DAY**. His daughter Miss **IRIS RYLE 27** barmaid was summoned for aiding and abetting, and **FRANK DICKENS 32** OF Littlemore Newton was summoned for consuming the liquor.

1934 Apr 26th. In accordance with our **ANNUAL CUSTOM** we beg to announce that the **CUCKOO** made its appearance at Alfreton on April 20th. It was heard warbling in **POND WOOD**. This will probably cause an official inquiry as the **CUCKOO** is not supposed to start its performance until the **GOVERNMENT'S SCHEDULE SUMMERTIME** is in operation. The **CUCKOOS** excuse will be that the best of governments are unable to **GOVERN THE WEATHER**.

Watercolour Classes

SOMERCOTES COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAYS 10AM - 12PM AND 7PM - 9PM | THURSDAYS 9AM - 11.00AM



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SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020 10AM - 4PM



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Zebra and foal

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All Abilities Welcome
£37 for the day,
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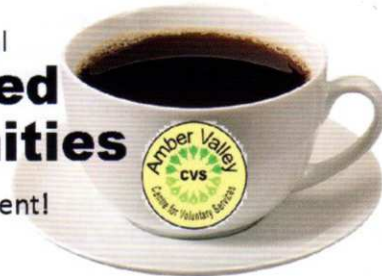
£10 deposit secures
place.

Community event Community event Community event Community event Community event

Join us for your local

Connected Communities

FREE community event!



- Meet your new Community Connector Coordinator and find out about all the great things happening in your area.
- Find out about local organisations who can support you in areas of your life e.g. employment, benefits, health and wellbeing.
- Find out how to make steps towards a healthier lifestyle.
- Find out how to get involved in your own community by meeting new people, finding classes, joining groups or volunteering.
- Plus there's always time for a cuppa and a chat!

Saturday April 4th 10am-2pm

in partnership with St Thomas' Coffee Morning at
Somercotes Village Hall Nottingham Road, DE55 4LY

Thursday April 16th 12.30-2.30pm

At **Alfreton's Palmer Morewood Memorial Social Club**
Hall Street (Next to Home Bargains). DE55 7BU

Everyone welcome! Refreshments provided.

Contact details:

Call Kirsty: 01773 512076 Email: kirstybarker@avcvs.org
Amber Valley CVS, 33 Market Place, Ripley.



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Bowls Club Information

The New Phoenix Bowls Club Somercotes.

Our club embraced the Emblem of the Phoenix, the mythological creature that rose out of ash and fire. The New Phoenix Bowls Club rose out of the ash of an old bowls club's past dereliction, with no club house to call its own. So the Phoenix is a fitting emblem for our new club's logo, along with its own hard won club house.

We are still based on Somerlea Park Leabrooks Derbyshire. The club now attracts new players from the local area, and further afield. We went through a lean first year, as new inexperienced players were coached to play the great game of flat green lawn bowls, we strived hard and all pulled together to reach the standard we have achieved to date.

All through this lean time, the club has always had a great spirit, and the banter on the green has been great, as it still is today. The tireless work by founder members has given the club a great will to win and Derek Miles, our club official coach has given our players the competitive skills they need, but most of all we play with great enjoyment.

We have always treated the sport as much as a social event as a sporting one, and winning at all cost is not part of our club's ethos, but don't be fooled we are a very competitive club. We are just becoming known in the bowling community, and are always on the lookout for new members and new friendly fixtures to play and enjoy other club players company at the same time.

We have just joined the Ashfield League for the 2020 bowling season, we know we will start as the underdog at the bottom, but we sincerely believe that this is not where we will end the 2020 season.

We still only have 16 members, but are confident this number will grow over the coming year. We are always promoting sport in the local community. There is talk of starting a Bowls Academy for 16 to 18 year olds, if we can get help from the Council or Sponsorship from local business. Let's see what happens in the future over this issue.

If you would like to join us and enjoy free coaching, or just want more information regarding sponsorship please contact

Trev on 01773 438077 or Max on 01773 602726

Somercotes Community Singers

Somercotes Choral Society has changed its name, and after 60 years will be known as Somercotes Community Singers.

Jen Adams, the choir's chairwoman, says: "We have decided to change our name to reflect the modern songs we have in our repertoire."

The choir performs two concerts each year in Somercotes Village Hall and rehearses each Tuesday evening at Swanwick School and Sports College. The last concert was in October, and now members are rehearsing for the April 2020 concert on Saturday 25th.

Jen adds: "The songs are well known and popular. We have recently sung songs by Cold Play, Elton John and are currently rehearsing songs from 'Wicked.'

"We do not have auditions, and provide practice CDs for each musical part, so there is no need to read music. Our music has a wide appeal, and new members are always welcome and will have a buddy to help them.



We are a relaxed and friendly group and have a number of social events. Why not come along ANY Tuesday, and give us a try?" added Jen.

Further information is available from Jen on 01773 789079

The choir practises at Swanwick School and Sports College, Hayes Lane, Swanwick every Tuesday at 7.15 -9.15 pm.



Section 137 Grant COMMUNITY GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS

Did you know that you may be eligible to apply for funding from Somercotes Parish Council? Each year money is made available to assist community groups and other organisations who are working for, or contributing to, parish life. This year £6000 has been allocated.

You will be eligible if you meet the following conditions:

- **The activity/proposal will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.**
- **The benefit obtained will be commensurate with the expenditure incurred.**
- **The organisation applying has a bank account in the organisations name and requires two signatories.**
- **End of Year accounts can be provided**

Applications forms can be downloaded from our website: somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephoning 01773 603810.

Applications for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 17 July 2020 must be received by 3 July 2020.

Precept 2020-21

The Council has applied a modest increase of 2% to the 2019-20 precept so we are able to continue with the current level of service.

As a consequence, the precept for 2020-21 is £158,760

As a reminder here are some of the services the Council provides:

- Litter picking
- Snow clearance
- Removal of dumped material
- Grounds maintenance
- Hanging baskets and flowerbed displays
- Monthly skip provision
- Support for community projects and initiatives
- Christmas lights & decorations

A Message From Paul Wardle

I am proud to have been chosen to be on the Parish Council of Somercotes. I have lived right on the Somercotes Parish border in Riddings for 42 years and my two daughters both went to the local infants and junior schools where my wife was an unpaid teaching assistant.

I was a Student Apprentice with the National Coal Board and have spent a lot of time actually at the coal face so I feel that as well as talking the talk I can walk the walk too.

Over the years I have raised many issues with various Councillors and MPs and, as I am now retired, I would like to put something back into the community on behalf of the residents of Somercotes.

I know and have worked with some of the Parish Councillors over the years and feel confident that I can help them make a difference to the Somercotes community.



WEEKLY EVENTS AT SOMERCOTES VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY			Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1.30pm - 4pm in the Lounge No appointment needed	1st Somercotes Guides (Group for girls aged 10-15yrs) 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Hall Call into a meeting for more details	
TUESDAY	Slimming World 9.15am + 11.15am in the Hall Contact Sue Rutter 07738 118130 01773 609252	Watercolour Class 10am - 12noon in the Lounge Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Norma Gent 01773 836907	Somercotes Beavers & Cubs 5pm - 6.30pm in the Hall Group for boys and girls aged 6 to 10 Steve Hewitt 07857 845954	Watercolour Class 7pm - 9pm in the Lounge Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Norma Gent 01773 836907	Somercotes Ladies 7.30pm - 10pm in the Hall Every Tuesday except 1st in each month Eileen Wilkinson 01773 603177
WEDNESDAY			Weight Watches 5.30pm - 6.45pm in the Hall Just call in	Taekwondo 6.45pm - 7.45pm in the Hall Just attend 5 minutes before class starts	Zumba Fitness 8pm - 8.45pm in the Hall Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness Dev 07910600724 dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk
THURSDAY	Somercotes Walking Group, Walking for Health 9.45am - 10.15am in the Hall Alan Rowe 01773 609430	Watercolour Class 10am - 12noon in the Lounge All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Norma Gent 01773 836907	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Rainbows 6pm - 7pm in the Lounge Group for girls aged 5-7 years Call into a meeting for details	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Brownies 6pm - 7.15pm in the Hall Group for girls aged 7-10 years Call into a meeting for details	Burlesque Chair Dance 7.45pm - 8.45pm in the Hall Contact Sharon 07425938421
FRIDAY		Hatha Yoga 10am - 11.30am in the Lounge Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class Rav Paul 07963 350868		Taekwondo 6pm - 7pm in the Hall Juniors and adults Just attend 5 minutes before class starts	Zumba Fitness 8pm - 8.45pm in the Hall Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness Dev 07910600724 dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk
NO EVENTS CURRENTLY ON A SATURDAY					
SUNDAY	Parish Church of St. Thomas 9.30am onwards Sunday School in the Hall Coffee after Church service in the Hall Rachel Watson (Church Warden) 01773 607131				



Community Transport for Town & County (CT4TC) started life over 30 years ago as Amber Valley Community Transport in Ripley, merging with Chesterfield & District Community Transport in 2010 to become CT4TC and now in the process of re-branding to Derbyshire Community Transport.

In April 2018 we became part of HCT Group, a large scale Social Enterprise and a provider of Community Transport services all over the country.

Since October 2017 we have been operating the Derbyshire Connect (Shopping Bus) service on behalf of Derbyshire County Council in the Amber Valley, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and Erewash areas.

Derbyshire Connect is a bookable door to door shopping bus service for people who are unable to use conventional buses because of mobility difficulties or because they live in areas with limited bus services.

The Derbyshire Connect service provides a once a week service to a local town centre or supermarket. The day and time of the trip is advised upon registration and booking.

The REALLY good news is this service is completely FREE OF CHARGE for Gold Card (Bus Pass) holders.

Lunch Club outings operate once every 3 weeks and Day Out Trips once a month.

For full details of this and other services we are able to offer please contact our office where our staff will be happy to help.

Office hours are 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 01773 746652 | Email: admin@ct4tc.org.uk or Find us on Facebook



TREETOPS HOSPICE CARE
where every day counts

Treetops Hospice Care Needs Your Help!

Do you have some free time?

Would you like a volunteering role that you can fit around your other commitments? Treetops Hospice Care is looking for a Community Ambassador for your parish.

Treetops Hospice Care provides nursing care & emotional support for adults living with a life-limiting illness whilst offering bereavement and counselling services to help support families at one of the most difficult times of their lives. Our ambition is to make every day count for patients and families living with life-limiting illnesses or affected by death and dying; our vision is that everyone living within the communities we serve has access to end of life care of the highest quality.

As a Community Ambassador you will promote Treetops events in your parish through posters and word of mouth; set up and run collection/information stalls in your local area; introduce the work of Treetops to your network; promote Treetops to local community groups and voluntary groups; manage collection tins in local shops and businesses. You will be fully supported in your role by our Community Fundraising team.

Book A Speaker

Are you a member of a community group that would like to hear more about the work of Treetops Hospice Care?

We would love to come along to one of your meetings and explain how we support families in your parish and how our services can be accessed.

For an informal chat about becoming a Community Ambassador or to book a speak contact Christine Selden, Community Fundraiser on 0115 949 1264 or email cselden@treetopshospice.org.uk

Somercotes Library

Opening Hours:
Mon: 2pm - 5pm
Thursdays: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 7pm
Fridays: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Saturdays: 9.30am - 1pm

Somercotes Library provides an excellent service to the local community and has been doing so for the last 25 years. The library staff are very friendly and always willing to assist those using the services.

The library has a Reader's Group on the first Friday of the month. Contact the library for details of which book is currently being read.

Our address is Somerlea Park Junior School, Bank Street Somercotes. DE55 4JE. Tel: 01629 533970
E-Mail: somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or view the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk

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.

Places of Worship

Parish Church of St. Thomas

The Revd. Imogen Black 01773 603793 | Mobile No: 07949304436
Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and Michael Woods 01623 723653

Regular Services:

Sunday:	9:30am	Sung Mass
	9:30 – 10:00am	Sunday School in the Village Hall
	6:00pm	Evening Worship (Last Sunday in the month)
Wednesday:	10.00am	Said Mass followed by refreshments

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 5th)	9.25am	Procession of Palms and Sung Mass
Maundy Thursday (April 9th)	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Watch of Prayer till midnight
Good Friday (April 10th)	10am	Stations of the Cross in the Churchyard, followed by hot cross buns in the Village Hall 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday (April 11th)	7.30pm	The Easter Vigil
Easter Day (April 12th)	9.30am 6pm	Sung Mass Evensong & Benediction

Leabrooks Christian Centre

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, DE55 1LA | Telephone 01773 608737
www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk email: lynne@leabrookschristiancentre.uk
Minister: Pastor Lynne Clarke

Sunday Services	Morning Service 10.30am
Tuesday:	Ladies Meeting 10.30am-12noon Reading the bible, prayer and sharing over coffee followed by a light lunch. Prayer Meeting 6-7pm
Friday:	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon. Pop in for a cuppa & a chat.
Monday	'More than Just a Meal' is once a month for over 55's to come together to enjoy a yummy home cooked meal. No charge, but a donation appreciated.

NEW Mini Explorers (toddler group 0-3yrs)

9:15am-11am £1 per family (including drinks & snacks)

Easter Sunday Service 10.30am (everyone welcome)

Birchwood Methodist Church

Minister – Rev. M Dilley Tel. 01623 752349
Service each Sunday at 3pm and a morning service once a month at 10.30am
Coffee Morning – 2nd Wednesday in the Month 10am-12noon

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
PLEASE SEE OUR NOTICE BOARD**

PYE HILL & DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR

Weekly Practice every Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Dale Club, Main Road, Jacksdale, NG16 5HR
New members always welcome. No audition; all voices required.

Ring Malcolm Hill on 01773 602743 or
07706036946 for further information.
www.pyehillmvc.co.uk



Christian
church and charity



Singing by Heart

A Dementia Friendly Singing Group
A glad heart makes a cheerful face

Proverbs 15:13

(every second Friday in the month)



'Sing and Play'

For children aged 0-2 years old.
Every Thursday (during term time)

9.30am – 11.00am

Admission £1
(includes refreshments)

Weekly Events

Sunday Worship	3pm (pre-meeting prayer 2.30pm – 2.45pm)
Monday	Friends and Fellowship 2pm (except Bank Holidays)
Tuesday	Care and Share Coffee Morning 9.30am – 11am (except Bank Holidays)
Thursday	'Sing and Play' 9.30am – 11am
Friday	Prayer Focus 9.30 am – 10.30am

Monthly Events

Craft & Cake	First Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm Come and share in fellowship with a cup of tea, coffee and cake. All materials provided to make craft items for various charities or bring your own. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials and refreshments etc.
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Somercotes Salvation Army
Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB
Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Councillor PARISH OF SOMERCOTES

Notice is hereby given that a casual vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

Amber Valley Borough Council has informed Somercotes Parish Council that there have been insufficient representations received for an election.

Therefore the Parish Council will Co-opt to fill the vacancy.

If you are interested please send your details to the Clerk at: somercotespc@btconnect.com or telephone 01773 603810 by 1200hrs 10 April 2020.

You must have lived or worked in the parish for at least 12 months; live within 3 miles of the parish boundary and you must be on the electoral role.

Catherine Hedley
Clerk to Somercotes Parish Council

Councillor John McCabe
Councillor M Barron
Councillor P Smith
Councillor P Curran-Bilbie
Councillor S McCabe
Councillor S Walker

Councillor C Addison-Lees
Councillor K Judson
Councillor P Wardle
Councillor J Parker
Councillor V Bonsall
Councillor P Slater

PARISH COUNCIL STAFF

Clerk to the Council	Catherine Hedley	Tel: 01773 603810
Assistant Clerk /RFO	John Richardson	Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker:	Carol Hopkinson	Tel: 01773 609397
Relief Caretaker	Virginia Smithurst	
Parish Wardens:	Colin Rick Les Briddon	
Bar Supervisor:	Victoria Jones	

Please make all booking enquiries by dropping in or calling the Village Hall on 01773 609397 or 07516 493430 or email: caretaker@somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

For all other enquiries contact:
Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk | email: somercotespc@btconnect.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS In the lounge of the Village Hall

Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 20th March 2020	6.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM)	Friday 15th May 2020	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 17th July 2020	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 18th September 2020	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 20th November 2020	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 15th January 2021	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 19th March 2021	6.30pm

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm, except on 15th May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm)

DOG POOP BAGS

Somercotes Parish Council provide free dog poop bags to residents. It's a great service and very popular. You can pick them up from the Village Hall or alternatively from the parish wardens, Colin and Les. Please note that when applying you will be asked for proof of residency.

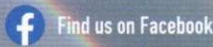
DISPOSING OF NEEDLES SAFELY

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.

Dog Fouling – Bowling Green Somercotes

A person is exercising their dog and allowing it to foul on the bowling green of Somercotes Recreation Ground. This is illegal and has been reported to AVBC. Such anti social behaviour will not be tolerated and wardens have been alerted.

BIRCHWOOD LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
A GREAT PLACE TO GARDEN



Now is the time to rent a plot at Birchwood Lane Allotment Association.... **Only a few left!**
Ring Col on 07912 887 904
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Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Skip

Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility will be 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.

All residents will be asked to provide evidence that they live in the parish. Please be prepared for this when bringing items to the skip.

**NO TRADE WASTE | NO TOXIC WASTE
NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT | NO ASBESTOS**

County Contact Numbers



If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 01629 533 190
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 572 938
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		

Call anonymously with information about crime

LITTER LITTER LITTER

Representatives from Somercotes Parish Council, McDonalds food chain, Groundwork and parishioners joined in the Community Litter Pick on Saturday 22 February 2020. They did a sterling job and collected over 25 bags of rubbish in just a short period. Of course if people disposed of their rubbish correctly there would be no need for litter picks! The Borough Council offers a collection service for bulky household items and there are numerous litter bins throughout the area, so there is really no excuse for dumping litter.



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