SOMERCOTES

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 21/22

EXIT



Congratulations to the winners and runner ups from Birchwood Lane, Sleetmoor Lane, Bridle Lane and Drunken Close Allotments who received recognition in the form of trophies and awards for their effort and hard work on the evening of 8 Ocober 2021.

Councillor John McCabe presented the awards as follows:

Overall winner:
J Kirk, Birchwood Lane,
Bridle Lane, 1st D. Gallagher,
2nd M Gregory.

3rd S Pilmore

Birchwood Lane, 1st J Kirk, 2nd P Malins, 3rd M Hopkinson

Sleetmoor Lane, 1st J Skidmore, Joint 2nd C & S Aston, L & M Juffs, 3rd J Haslam Childrens Competition, 1st Place, Thomas Shaw, Sleetmoor Lane, 2nd Place, E & A Brown, Birchwood Lane, 3rd Places, G Walker, H Walker, E Walker, L Walker

1ST SOMERCOTES BROWNIES

1st Somercotes Brownies themed their social action week project around dogs. They made dispensers for poo bags which they have put up around their village at the same time as completing a sponsored

walk to raise money for Guide Dogs UK. A big thank you to Somercotes Parish Council who provided the poo bags!

A great action to help keep their local area clean and to support a charity which inspired them after they had a Guide Dog puppy visit one of their zoom sessions during lockdown.

Christmas

CONCERT 2021

You are warmly invited to Somercotes Parish Councils Candle-lit Christmas Carol Service in the St Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes

Friday 10th December 2021 at 7.30pm

With the Heage Band and singing by Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Seasonal refreshments will be available after the service in the Village Hall. All Welcome!



New email address....

www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

email: info@somercotesparishcouncil.org.uk

DEAR RESIDENT

to thank everyone who, over the last 25 years, voted for me and supported me in the Derbyshire County Council elections. It was a real pleasure to work on your behalf and take up issues for

you and your families which were varied, from the smallest and quickest to resolve to the more complex. I am always the first to admit not everything was right but I hope most of the changes have improved the area from investment in schools to safer roads and support for volunteers and community groups, investment in our young people and the environment eg Pennytown Ponds and many tree planting schemes throughout the area.

There are still improvements taking place from my time on the Council which were approved when I was still a Member of Derbyshire County Council which have only just started to be carried out with further developments to come.

I hope I have left the areas I represented in a better place than when I came on to the Council in 1996 and I hope the new Councillors carry on being a strong voice for the community and continue to fight for the investment in this area.

I will continue to be a Councillor on Somercotes Parish Council and look forward to working, as I have always done, for all the

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone "all the best" in these unprecedented times which have impacted on

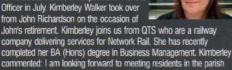


FAREWELL JOHN

Somercotes Parish Council waves farewell to John Richardson (Assistant Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) on his retirement. Chairman of the Council, Clir John McCabe said: "John has been a huge part of the Parish Council support team and will be sadly mis He has carried out his duties with excellence and care whilst remaining calm and cheerful even in trying times. Good luck John; Somercotes Parish Council wish you all good wishes in your retirement.

Welcome to Kimberley!

Somercotes Parish Council welcomed a new Assistant Clerk & Responsible Financial
Officer in July. Kimberley Walker took over
from John Richardson on the occasion of



COFFEE CHORLD MORNING



Somercotes Parish Council hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September 2021 and raised a total of £66.10.

and helping councillors and staff to continue their excellent work.

Well done to all those who donated. We hope to hold another one next year. Keep your eyes open for dates on our Facebook page and newsletter publications.

Grant Awards!

Each year the Council invites local organisations to apply for grant funding to support various activities and projects which benefit the parish.

Somercotes Parish Council welcomed successful applicants to receive their grant awards at a ceremony on the 12th November 2021 in the Village Hall. The total amount of grants awarded was £5250*

Recipients were; Phoenix Bowls Club, Birchwood Methodist Church, Somercotes Brownies, Somercotes Ladies Group, Somercotes Local History Society, Somercotes Walking Group, Somercotes Scout Group, Somercotes Beavers, 1st Somercotes Guides, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, Somercotes Local History Group, Chemobyl Childrens Lifeline and Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre.

*A small amount of awards have still to be announced.



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 Sommerotes area, they did affect everywhere,
as most were Government edicts.

The Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group is very pleased to say that we are now open for visitors. We meet in Birchwood Methodist Church school room each Wednesday from 9.30am until 1pm. All welcome.

1930 Notes: Alfreton Urban District Council at the meeting on Tuesday considered the age of their workmen and after a long discussion it was agreed to give 3 months notice to all employees over the age of 70 and to intimate to all workmen that at 70 years they will be compulsory retired.

 $1930\ July\ 4th.$ The latest is the installation of TALKIES a the EMPIRE. The first performance being on Monday last. There were two crowded houses. It is evident that TALKIES are here to stay.

 $1930 \ \text{July 11th.}$ The RECREATION GROUND on Victoria Street has been very popular this week. 100s of children and parents have visited the ground in which the Urban Council have made a PADDLING POOL & SAND PIT. Better behaviour is necessary from the BIGGER BOYS

1931 Health Notes. For TORRID DREAM & NERVOUSNESS take BROM-BARK for a few weeks in moderate doses. You must get out of doors daily, games, walks or best of all DIGGING.

Also HORSEBACK RIDING are the best for nerves. COLD BATHS are good for those who enjoy them and bad for those who don't

1932 When a man is MARRIED his APPETITE grows or so his wife always finds but that's because she treats him so well. Give him plenty of PUDDINGS made with ATORA the good BEEF SUET.

1932 Oct 21st. A full time CARETAKER is required for SOMERCOTES CENTRAL SCHOOL. Wages £2.10s.0d a week less temporary reduction. The post will be pensionable and applicants will be required to pass a medical. Applicants must not be more than 45 years of age.

1934 April 26th. Following a fall in the street the previous Tuesday night the death took place on Sunday evening of MR ALFRED BAKEWELL, Baker & Confectioner of Leabrooks Road Somercotes.

1934 May 3rd. Afreton Urban Council MR LEE moved: "That the Councils playing field be opened for playing games on Sundays". Mr Lee said times were altered since 50 years ago when he used to go to SUNDAY SCHOOL and would be sent to HELL when he had a slide on Sunday. This was supported by Church people and Catholics if played after Church.

1935 May 9th. Somercotes JUBILEE CELERATIONS were not of an ambitious character there being no special arrangements. Tea was provided for the children in various schoolrooms and sports events held for infants on the recreation ground. Souvenir beakers were presented to the children and new FLORINS to the OLD AGE PENSIONERS. There was no evening entertainment.

Cllr John McCabe Chairman Somercotes Parish Council

First of all, I would like to honour all of our NHS & key workers, during what has probably been one of the hardest couple

of years. You have all done a remarkable job serving the community and truly are our heroes. We are all truly thankful for your hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank our refuse collectors. They have all done a sterling job. Collecting record amounts of waste in exceptional circumstances. They need to be congratulated. A special thanks also to our community wardens who have

continued to work throughout the pandemic, manning skip collections and keeping our streets clean.

A special thanks also to our community wardens who have continued to work throughout the pandemic, manning skip collections and keeping our streets clean. We had hanging baskets in the summer which were superb and we will have Christmas lights throughout the village for the festive season. You may have even noticed these being installed!

Sadly, last year due to restrictions we had to cancel our yearly Carol Concert. However, you will be pleased to hear that the Concert is back this year on Friday 10th December! I hope to see many of you there and look forward to getting in the festive spirit with you all

However, should I not see you, please may I take this opportunity, on the behalf of the Parish Council to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



















Chernobyl Children Life Line (Pinxton & East Derbyshire Link) Autumn update



Sadly over the past 18 months, we have not been able to continue bringing the children affected by the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, for convalescing due to the covid pandemic. The past two years have been terrible for everyone around the world with the covid pandemic ruthlessly upsetting and sometimes destroying family lives. We are lucky in many ways living in the UK and despite all the criticisms of how it was managed we have fared much better than many other countries. None more so than Belarus who was the worst affected country following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. From the on start of covid, their government went into denial saying that covid didn't exist in Belarus and people should carry on as normal. They gave no help to the hospitals and clinics to deal with the pandemic and it was thanks to groups and charities such as us providing ongoing support to help bring some control to the pandemic. Had their government acknowledged covid and signed up for Covix they would have got international help with equipment and PPE, along with the provision of the vaccine. It really is a terrible time for everyone especially all our children and friends in Belarus who desperately need our help.

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Because of the Covid situation, hopefully people around the world will now understand more about the problems that came from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster as the Covid-19 pandemic showed us all how difficult it is to fight something that you can't see, smell or touch and how worrying long-term health consequences could be as a result. The victims of the Chernobyl disaster not only suffer from long term health problems but also the mental stress and pressure in their fight for survival. Imagine living with this for 35 years and raising a family in such circumstances. Most of us need certainty and hope that our troubles will soon be over, and the right solution is around the corner. This is a normal emotion, along with the need to know that our children and loved ones are healthy and well. The Chernobyl disaster was bad enough but the covid – 19 on top of that just made things much worse. This, along with the political problems they are currently enduring makes life very difficult. What have we been doing to help?

Throughout the pandemic we have been constantly giving support wherever we can, however we can in the hospitals, clinics and within the community our children live in. We have continued to do some fundraising supporters continuing their invaluable support, we are able to do what we can and maintain some hope in everyone's lives. Never has our help been needed so much and everyone is so grateful for the help we have been able to give.

We remain committed to helping the children of Belarus and intend to resume visits asap. Please recall they were already so the problems are already suffering the costs of high inflation, high prices, low salaries and poor health. The country has no valuable natural resources or fossil fuels of some continuing the country has no valuable natural resources or fossil fuels of some salaries and poor health. The country has no valuable natural resources or fossil fuels of some salarie Fundraising at Pinxton's Fun Day.

Despite the children's visit being deferred, here in the UK we are gradually winning the fight against covid and hopefully political changes will soon take place in Belarus that will ease the pressures currently imposed. As a linkwe still remain active in what we are doing, and we are still out and about where we can with our fundraising and continue to plan for the next children's visit and raise the necessary funds to bring the children. Covid and the political unrest have been our main enemies over the past 2 years affecting everyone. We have continued with our fundraising wherever we can withoughout and started our post covid fundraising with two successful events in September at Leabrooks and Pinxton. As mentioned earlier our priority as always is the children's visits but when no visits were possible we diverted our support to deal primarily with the covid pandemic in Belarus but have also given some support in othe areas. There has also been some personal support from members and friends of the Link. As we venture out of covid we will now need to concentrate our resources and fundraising for the next visit as there is an expected increase in travel costs anticipated if things remain as they are. This is primarily due to the increased administration of documents, possible covid tests, increased visa cost and increased / extra flight costs. At the moment Belavia flights are suspended over Europe which is due for a review sometime in October. We hope this review eventually leads to allowing direct passenger travel to resume.

To enable us to give these children this wonderful opportunity in their lives the Chernobyl Children Life Line needs to find more volunteer host families who are able to open their hearts and their homes to give these unfortunate children, their opportunity of a lifetime. Our group consists of very ordinary people from different backgrounds and you don't have to be different, special or wealthy to host these unfortunate children or to help in some other way. The visiting children are various ages and are boys or girls to fit in with the family circumstances and each group is accompanied with a competent leader / translator in the event of any language difficulties. The whole experience is morally very rewarding and enjoyable for all those who take part. So if you think you would like to get involved with the local link, could offer a child the opportunity of a lifetime and enjoy yourself at the same time why not consider hosting a child when the visits resume.

For further information contact: Richard A Street MBE, (Chairman) Chernobyl Children Life Line Pinxton& East Derbyshire Link. Contact details - 91 Wharf Road, Pinxton, Derbyshire NG16 6LH Tel: 01773 810712 / mob: 07816 913787 email: richard-street@btconnect.com

WEEKLY EVENTS AT SOMEDCOTES VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY		Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centro) 1.38pm - 4pm in the Lounge No appointment needed	1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Rainbows 5.45pm – 6.30pm in the Hall Group for girls aged 5 – 7 years www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	1st Somercotes Guides (Group for girls aged 10-15yrs) 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Hall www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	1st Somercotes Rangers Young Ladies 14—18 years 7.30pm—9pm In the Loungs www.girlp.iding.org.uk/joinus
TUESDAY	Slimming World 10am - 11.30am in the Hall Contact Sue Rutter 07738 118130	1st Somercotes Beavers 5pm - 6,30pm Group for boys & girls aged 6 to 8 in the Hall Steve Hewitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	1st Somercotes Cubs 5pm - 5.30pm Group for bays & gris agod 8 to 10 [±] in the Lounge Steve Howitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	1st Somercotes Scouts 7pm - 8.30pm Group for toys 8 gifts aged 10 rd to 14 in the Lounge Craig Mash 07976/39645 www.affretonscouts.wordpress.com	Somercotes Ladies 7.30pm - 10pm in the Hall Every Tuesday except 1st in such month Elleen Wilkinson 01773 60317.
WEDNESDAY				Taekwondo 6pm - 7pm in the Hall Just attand 5 minutes before class starts.	Zumba Fitness 7,15pm - 8pm in the Hall Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness Dev 07910600724 dizumba@botmail.co.uk
THURSDAY	Walking Derbyshire Walking for Health 9.45am - 10.15am Meet in the lounge Alan Rowe 01773 509430	Moc Music 0 to 5 years music group 19am — 10,40 Cornact claregimo-music co.uk 07970864282		1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Brownies 6pm - 7.15pm in the Hall Group for girls aged 7-10 years www.ginguiding.org.uk/joinus	Fiex—It shetching exercise in the Lounge 7.15pm—8.30pm Felinwald by Sorbesus Chair Dance 3.0pm—9.30pm Te book cortact Jess Hopkinson 07/25251134 passicats hopkinson@outlook.com
FRIDAY				Taekwondo 6pm - 7pm in the Hall Juniors and adults Just attend 6 minuses before class starts	
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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 507131				

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 Evening Worship (Last Sunday in the month) 6:00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Mass followed by refreshments

Christmas Fayre (in the Village Hall) Saturday 4th December 10am – 1.30pm Handmade cakes & mince pies, preserves, Christmas gifts, festive lunches, hampers to win

Christmas Carol Service: Saturday 18th December - to be confirmed -Look at for posters in December!

Children's Crib Service: Friday 24th December 4pm Come dressed up as a character from the Christmas story!

Midnight Mass: Friday 24th December 11.30pm Traditional service, with Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day Mass: Saturday 25th December 10am

A simple service with carols

Leabrooks Christian Centre

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, DE55 1LA | Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC

www.twitter.com/leabrookscc Minister: Pastor Lynne Clarke

Weekly events

Sunday

Sunday worship 10:30am (including Explorers yr 3- yr 7 during the Word)

Prayer 6pm-7pm Tuesdays

Mini Explorers (0-3's) 9:15am - 11am term time only Wednesdays

cost £1.50 per family

Thirsty Thursdays 10am -12 noon all ages welcome – cost by donation Thursdays

Follow us on Facebook for more events, guizzes, movie nights etc. www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC

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 FOR DETAILS



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



Your Parish Councillors

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 Assistant Clerk /RFO Caretaker: Relief Caretaker Parish Wardens: Bar Supervisor:

Catherine Hedley Kimberley Walker Carol Hopkinson Virginia Smithusrt

Tel: 01773 603810 Tel: 01773 603810 Tel: 01773 609397

Colin Rick | Richard Hedley 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.org.uk

For all other enquiries contact: Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS In the lounge of the Village Hall

Ordinary PC Meeting Ordinary PC Meeting Ordinary PC Meeting

Friday 19th November 2021 6.30pm Friday 21st January 2022 Friday 18th March 2022

Annual PC Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting Friday 20 May 2022 Friday 15 July 2022

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm, (Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm — Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm)

Somercotes Parish Council Calendars for Sale We will have a limited amount of 2022 calendars for sale in December. These will be available at the bargain price of £3.50 Call into the Village Hall to reserve and/ or collect!

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 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 vVillage Hall or alternatively from the parish wardens, Colin and Richard. Please note that when applying you will be asked for proof of residency.

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.

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

County Contact Numbers

DERBYSHIRE County Council 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 websit www.ambervalley.gov.uk then click on the planning



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:

Derhyshire Fire & Rescue
Gas Emergency line
Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)
Victim Support Line
UK Flu Information Line

0800 111 999 0800 783 4444 0845 3030900 0800 1 513 513 0800 555 111

BIRCHWOOD LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION A GREAT PLACE TO GARDEN



Summer is ebbing and we move into Autumn and the cooler months of the year as we take stock of this years harvest. Once again, we have run our Vegetable Sales outside the Main Gate on Friday and Saturday afternoons, greatly bolstering Association funds. Thanks to all who donated vegetables or their time!

Allotment gardening is beneficial to the body, heart, Soul and mind. Eat fresh fruit and vegetables as they should taste and smell, and become part of a friendly Association. Our plots usually cost £ 19.50/year, £13 for the first year, includes 3rd party insurance cover and membership of the NSALG.

For plot availability or to be added to our waiting list, please ring Col on 07912 887904 or email secretary@birchwoodallotments.co.uk

www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk







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THE PHOENIX **FLIES AGAIN OVER** SOMERCOTES

2022 SEES 5 UNEMPLOYED LOCAL PEOPLE GIVEN THE HANCE TO BE COACHED FREE OF CHARGE IN THE GREAT GAME OF FLAT GREEN LAWN BOWLS ON SOMERLEA PARK LEARROOKS

THE PHOENIX BOWLS CLUB SOMERCOTES

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR NEW 2022 CLUB MEMBERS. EXPERIENCED AND NOVICE PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR MERRY BAND OF PLAYERS ON THE GREEN, AND IN THE LEAGUES, ALL COMERS OLD OR YOUNG ARE MADE VERY WELCOME, AND OUR COACH COUN, IS HERE FOR ALL THOSE THAT REQUIRE HELP OR GUID-ANCE WE GIVE 3 HOURS OF COACHING TOTALLY FREE, IN-CLUDING USE OF CILIB BOWLS AND EQUIPMENT.

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