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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2022



## UKRAINE APPEAL



Local residents really stepped up when Somercotes Parish Council appealed for donations for Ukraine.

Residents delivered vast amounts of clothing, household items and food to the Parish Hall where they were sorted and boxed by Amber Valley volunteers.

Huge thank you to all donators! Special mention to Corrugated Case Company of Chesterfield who supplied all the packing boxes and Amber Valley Volunteers for their sterling work sorting and packing the huge amounts. The boxes were taken to Taylors Transport in Huthwaite who then shipped them to Zamosc, Poland, for onward travel to Ukraine.



## The Queens PLATINUM JUBILEE Celebrations



HM The Queen celebrates 70 years on the throne and celebrations will take place throughout the Country on the weekend of 2 - 4 June 2022.

**BEST DECORATED BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE**  
Somercotes Parish Council would like to invite local businesses and residents in the area to decorate their shop fronts/windows with suitable commemorative decorations!  
There will be prizes for the winners!  
Results will be announced on the Councils Facebook page and website, week commencing 6/6/2022.

New email address....

[www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk)

email: [info@somercotesparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@somercotesparishcouncil.org.uk)



**Clr John McCabe**  
Chairman  
Somercotes  
Parish Council

First of all may I thank the community & surrounding areas of Somercotes for the kind donations for the Ukraine appeal. Let's hope that in time there is peace and we stand at one with the people of Ukraine.

After a turbulent couple of years, things are looking up! We have the celebration of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee and as a community we will be celebrating this.

Details of the events we have planned are in this newsletter. So please come and join us to celebrate.

Events kick off on Thursday 2nd June at 9:15pm outside the Parish Hall where as part of a national programme we will be lighting a beacon in honour of her Majesty.

Thank you and I hope to see you all soon.

John

## TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Derbyshire has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Derbyshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris  
[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)  
[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

## Happy Retirement Les

Parish Warden Les Briddon retired in November 2021 after 14 years service with the Council. Les was a very well known and much valued member of staff and carried out his work to the highest standard. The Council wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for his sterling service and dedication in helping to keep the parish in such a clean and tidy condition. This benefits all us who work and live in the area. Well done Les and all best wishes in your retirement from the Chairman and Members of Somercotes Parish Council.



## Welcome Richard!

Richard Hedley joined the Council as Senior Parish Warden on Les' s retirement last year. Richard knows he has big boots to fill and said: "I look forward to maintaining the standards Les set and getting to know the local groups and community."

The Council welcomes Richard to the team and is confident he will carry out his work brilliantly. Welcome Richard from the Chairman and Members of Somercotes Parish Council.



# 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.

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.

### SOMERCOTES LOCAL HISTORY

**1935 June 7th.** Congratulations to MR WILLIAM JAMES WINFIELD of 32 Langley Avenue on his long and faithful service as a SIGNALMAN for the L.M & S railway. Mr WINFIELD retires today having completed 46 years.

**1936 Jan 31st.** We regret to announce the death of Mr EDWARD JONES of the ROSE & CROWN Lower Somercotes at the age of 61 years. The deceased had worked for Alfreton Urban District Council for 20 years. As a young man he enlisted in the North Staffs Regiment attaining the rank of Sgt. He served through the BOER WAR and also saw active service in the GREAT WAR. He was buried in LEABROOKS Cemetery.

**1936 Apr 24th.** At Alfreton Petty Sessions STANLEY WOOD, WALTER GEORGE & WILFRED JAMES all of Lower Birchwood were summoned for stealing 319lbs of COAL worth 9s belonging to Messrs JAMES OAKES & CO.

**1936 May 1st.** Postmaster Mr FRED BALL of Leabrooks, Mr RALPH SMITH of Somercotes and Councillor ALBERT LEE JP of Riddings have had excellent WINDOW DISPLAYS during the week setting forth the advantages of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK

**1936 Aug 21st.** The TURNER SCHOLARSHIPS tenable at Swanwick Hall school have been awarded to JOHN BOWMER & KENNETH ORME, both of Somercotes

**1936 Nov 20th.** The WOMANS OWN at Birchwood Methodist held as social & supper on Tuesday. Miss E HUCKERBY presided, Miss HUNT recited, Miss CLARICE FENN gave dancing displays, Mrs J HARDY and Mrs FRYER were in charge of the games after supper. The following ladies gained prizes, Miss WALTERS; Musical Revel, Mrs GENT; Placing the donkeys tail, Mrs FRYER and Mrs NAYLOR; Leap Frog.

**1936 Dec 18th.** The SALVATIONIST of Somercotes last week celebrated the JUBILEE of the local corps which started 50 years ago over a stable in the OLD MARKET PLACE. Brother JAMES WHILDE was one of the first Soldiers ad is still on duty. J BURNHAM & THOMAS HAGUE run him close. Seven years later the stable became too small and a move was made to the hall on SLEETMOOR LANE. In the spring it is hoped to commence building a more spacious CITADEL on the site of the present hall.

**1937 Feb 5th.** Reputed to be the original of the well known "JOLLY FISHERMAN" Mr SAMUEL MOODY died at his home at the resort on Saturday aged 81 years.

**1937 May 7th.** Health notes COLD BATHS as good for those who like them & bad for those who don't.

**1937 June 4th.** The government have decided to take early steps to raise the salaries of MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT from £400 to £600 per year.

## 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

#### Thursday 2 June 2022

7.30pm - Service of Thanksgiving for the Queens Platinum Jubilee with Amber Valley Voices  
9.15pm - Lighting of the Beacon

#### Saturday 4 June 2022

10am-4pm Cream teas served in the Lounge of the Village Hall  
The church will also be open for visitors 10am-4pm



#### Coffee Mornings

10am-12noon in the Village Hall - Saturday 11 June, 2nd July and 6th August

St Thomas is currently running a fund-raising campaign to repair parts of the church roof. Look out for various special events during the summer and autumn. We are hoping to raise £25,000. If you can help or would like to know more, please phone 01773 603793.

## Leabrooks Christian Centre

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, DE55 1LA | Telephone 01773 608737  
[www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk](http://www.leabrookschristiancentre.uk) [www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC](https://www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC)  
[www.twitter.com/leabrooksc](https://www.twitter.com/leabrooksc) | Minister: Pastor Lynne Clarke

#### Weekly events

Sunday	Sunday worship 10:30am (including Explorers yr 3- yr 7 during the Word)
Tuesdays	Prayer 6pm-7pm
Wednesdays	Mini Explorers (0-3's) 9:15am - 11am term time only cost £1.50 per family
Thursdays	Thirsty Thursdays 10am -12 noon all ages welcome - cost by donation

Follow us on Facebook for more events, quizzes, movie nights etc. [www.facebook.com/LeabrooksCC](https://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**



### Christian church and charity

Somercotes Salvation Army  
Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB  
Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

**Sunday**  
2.30pm - Prayer meeting  
3pm - Worship service  
Tea and coffee served after the service.

**Monday**  
2pm - Friends and Fellowship

**Tuesday**  
9.30pm-11am - Coffee Morning

**First Friday of the Month**  
2pm Craft Club

**21st May**  
10am-1pm Plant Fair

**Somercotes Parish Council  
set a precept of £167,699  
for 2022/23.**

**An increase of 5.5%**

**The proposed budget is below**

HEADING	BUDGET
Administration	£12,000.00
Salaries	£113,000.00
Monthly Skips	£15,000.00
Festive lighting	£10,000.00
Village Hall & Annexe	£10,000.00
Personnel & Training	£1,000.00
Chairmans Allowance	£500.00
S137	£6,000.00
Highways & Environment	£12,000.00
Allotments	£2,000.00
Car Parks	£4,000.00
Parish Vehicle	£2,000.00
VAT	£5,000.00
Newsletter & Calendar	£3,000.00
Bar	£2,000.00
Petty Cash	£800.00
Capital Projects	£33,600.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£231,900.00</b>

## Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

MONDAY		<b>Welfare Rights</b> (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1.30pm - 4pm <i>in the Lounge</i> No appointment needed		<b>1st Somercotes Guides</b> (Group for girls aged 10-15yrs) 6.30pm - 8.30pm <i>in the Hall</i> www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	<b>1st Somercotes Rangers</b> Young Ladies 14 - 18 years 7.30pm - 9pm <i>in the Lounge</i> www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
TUESDAY	<b>Slimming World</b> 10am - 11.30am <i>in the Hall</i> Contact Sue Rutter 07738 118130	<b>1st Somercotes Beavers</b> 5pm - 6.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 6 to 8 <i>in the Hall</i> Steve Hewitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	<b>1st Somercotes Cubs</b> 5pm - 6.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 8 to 10** <i>in the Lounge</i> Steve Hewitt 07857845954 1st Somercotes Beavers & Cubs on Facebook	<b>1st Somercotes Scouts</b> 7pm - 8.30pm Group for boys & girls aged 10** to 14 <i>in the Lounge</i> Craig Marsh 07976759645 www.allrotonscouts.wordpress.com	<b>Somercotes Ladies</b> 7.30pm - 10pm <i>in the Hall</i> Every Tuesday except 1st in each month Eileen Wilkinson 01773 603177
WEDNESDAY	<b>Darby &amp; Joan</b> 1pm - 4pm <i>in the Lounge</i>	<b>Lux Dance Studios</b> Contemporary (all abilities) 4pm till 4.45pm <i>in the Hall</i> Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	<b>Lux Dance Studios</b> Musical Theatre (all abilities) 4.45pm till 5.30pm <i>in the Hall</i> Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	<b>Taekwondo</b> 6pm - 7pm <i>in the Hall</i> Just attend 5 minutes before class starts	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> 7.15pm - 8pm <i>in the Hall</i> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness Dev 07910600724 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk
THURSDAY	<b>Walking Derbyshire</b> Walking for Health 9.45am - 10.15am <i>Meet in the lounge</i> Alan Rowe 01773 609430	<b>Moo Music</b> 0 to 5 years music group 10am - 10.40 Contact clare@moo-music.co.uk 07970664282	<b>Lux Dance Studios</b> Tap & Ballet (classes will be split into grades) 4pm till 5pm <i>in the Lounge</i> <i>Pointe (invite only) 5pm - 5.30pm</i> Contact Miss Jess 07398906901	<b>1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Rainbows</b> 5.45pm - 6.30pm <i>in the Hall</i> Group for girls aged 5-7 years www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus	<b>1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Brownies</b> 6pm - 7.15pm <i>in the Hall</i> Group for girls aged 7-10 years www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
FRIDAY			<b>Group Guitar Lessons</b> 6pm - 7pm <i>in the Lounge</i> Open to all ages from 7+ (first lesson free) Email: admin@mandm.academy Tony 07818559306 www.mandm.academy	<b>Taekwondo</b> 6pm - 7pm <i>in the Hall</i> Juniors and adults Just attend 5 minutes before class starts	<b>Lux Dance Studios</b> Adult Tap 7.15pm till 8.15pm <i>in the Hall</i> Contact Miss Jess 07398906901
NO EVENTS CURRENTLY ON SATURDAYS					
SUNDAY	<b>Parish Church of St. Thomas</b> 9.30am onwards Sunday School <i>in the Hall</i> Coffee after Church service <i>in the Hall</i> Rachel Watson (Church Warden) 01773 607131				



## Thursday 2nd June to Saturday 4th June Provisional Programme

Watch for updates on our Facebook page and website  
[www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk)

### Thursday 2nd June 2022

St Thomas Church Church Service from 7.30pm

Village Hall Car Park Lighting of the Celebratory Beacon from 9.15pm. Refreshments available

### Friday 3rd June 2022

Village Hall Somercotes Local History Group exhibition - "Remembering the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee" 10am - 4pm

### Saturday 4th June

Village Hall Car Park Stalls, competitions, childrens games, raffle, tombola and more... 10am - 4pm

Village Hall Somercotes Local History Group exhibition - "The Queen throughout the decades". 10am - 4pm

Lounge of Village Hall Cream teas available 10am - 4pm

Village Hall Showcase of local talent, dancing, singing etc. 6.30pm - 8pm  
Bar open from 7pm

Village Hall Singer - Tracie Thomas followed by dancing. 8pm - 10.30pm.  
Bar closes at 10.30pm

## The Queens JUBILEE CELEBRATED IN COLOUR!

The Village Halls flowerbed display will take on a patriotic twist this year with a mixture of red, white and blue flowers.  
Below shows pictures of the planning and marking out:



Topsoil kindly donated by Frank Keys Group Ltd

Supported by Somercotes Parish Council and Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme. All profits to charities patronised by the Queen.

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  
Councillor A Ryde

**PARISH COUNCIL STAFF**

Clerk to the Council  
Assistant Clerk /RFO  
Caretaker:  
Relief Caretaker  
Parish Wardens:  
Bar Supervisor:

Catherine Hedley Tel: 01773 603810  
Kimberley Walker Tel: 01773 603810  
Carol Hopkinson Tel: 01773 609397  
Virginia Smithurst  
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  
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk | email: info@somercotesparishcouncil.org.uk

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

In the lounge of the Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM)	Friday 20th May 2022	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 15th July 2022	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 16th September 2022	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 18th November 2022	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 20th January 2023	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 17th March 2023	6.30pm

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

**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 Village 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.

**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

**BIRCHWOOD LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**  
A GREAT PLACE TO GARDEN



Spring has sprung and we are once again planting our seeds for this years crop. From the second week of July, we will be holding our vegetable sale outside the Top Gate on Friday and Saturday afternoons from 12.00pm until 4.00pm. See our Facebook page for details. See you there!

Allotment gardening is beneficial to the body, heart, soul and mind. Eat fresh fruit and vegetables as they should taste and smell, 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**



**HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL**

Did you know you can hire the Village Hall for special occasions such as weddings, parties, anniversaries, children's parties?  
Prices are very competitive and priced on an hourly rate.  
**To book, call Carol on 01773 609397 or mobile: 07516493430. Alternatively you can call into the Village Hall between the hours of:**  
**10am-12.30am Monday**  
**8am-11am Tuesday to Thursday**  
**8am-10.30am Friday**

**Cost of hiring**

Regular block bookings of 6 or more. Regular Class Bookings in weekly/monthly/quarterly in advance.

		Hall	Lounge
Monday - Friday 9am - 10pm	Not for profit	£9.50(ph)*	£7.50(ph)*
	Commercial	£15.00(ph)*	£9.50(ph)*
Saturday - Sunday 9am - 10pm	Not for profit	£15.50(ph)*	£12.50(ph)*
	Commercial	£17.00(ph)*	£15.00(ph)*

**Event charges** (Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Meetings etc)

		Hall without bar	Hall with bar	Lounge without bar
Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm	Not for profit	£16(ph)*	£26(ph)*	£10(ph)*
	Commercial	£26(ph)*	£35ph	£20(ph)*
6pm - Midnight	Not for profit	£16(ph)*	£32(ph)*	£15(ph)*
	Commercial	£32(ph)*	£42(ph)	£25(ph)*
Sat - Sun 9am - Midnight	Not for profit	£23(ph)*	£35(ph)*	£20(ph)*
	Commercial	£34(ph)*	£44(ph)	£30(ph)*

\* (Per hour)  
Minimum charge of 2 hours per booking applies

CANCELLATION CHARGES	% of booking
MORE THAN 1 MONTH BEFORE EVENT	0%
WITHIN 1 MONTH OF EVENT	10%
WITHIN TWO WEEKS & 1 MONTH OF EVENT	25%
LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OF EVENT	50%
WITHIN 48 HOURS	100%