



The Parish Hall renamed 'The Village Hall'

Over the past few years the Parish Council has undertaken extensive renovation of the Parish Hall. The work includes new main hall and stage flooring; two new boilers, new front doors; external fascia, guttering and drainpipes. The Council felt that the use of the word 'Parish' did not encapsulate the hall being part of village life and everyone is invited to enjoy events and classes, and encouraged to make bookings to make the Village Hall part of local life.



Excellence in the Community Awards for Colin & Les

Our Parish Wardens were nominated for Derbyshire County Council's Excellence in the Community Award 2012 by Freda Garget and Patrick Morriss, for their hard work keeping Somercotes clean and free from rubbish. Their nominators said "Colin and Les go far beyond what they are tasked to do and always do it with a cheery disposition. Colin and Les really care about the appearance of Somercotes and take pride in the work they do".

The awards ceremony took place at the Devonshire Dome, Buxton, on Monday, 15th October. Colin wasn't well enough to attend as he is recovering from a major operation in September, so Les accepted the award on Colin's behalf. He was, however, well enough to have this photograph taken two weeks later with Les. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Colin a full and speedy recovery.



Colin with Les

Jim Spibey Memorial Shield

The first Annual Jim Spibey Memorial Shield Allotment Competition was held in July 2012 when plots, on Birchwood & Bridle Lane, were judged by Chris Beal (AVBC).

The Presentation Evening was held on Friday, 26th October 2012, at the Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall). The awards were presented by Councillor Brian Lyttle (Chairman of the Allotments Sub-Committee).



Winner: Mr T. Waring
 Runner Up: Mr M. Dobson
 3rd Place: Mrs A. James, Ms C. Peat, Ms H. Vine
 Contact details for the three allotment societies are on the back page of this newsletter.

The Winding Wheel

The preparation of the wild flower areas around the 'Winding Wheel' is well underway and by next June we are expecting a riot of colour from the once the meadow blooms. The Winding Wheel has been repainted, solar lighting installed and the surrounding trees and bushes cut back so the area becomes a prominent feature for all to see.

Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Somercotes Parish Council. Do you have an interest in your local community? The position requires you to attend 6 bi-monthly meetings a year with a commitment to be open and transparent in serving your community. If you would like to become a local Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Council Office (01773 603810) or call in for more information. The Clerk to the Council will meet with you to discuss your role, if required.



Somercotes
VILLAGE HALL
 Available for Weddings,
 Dances, Parties etc.

Hall or Lounge available

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost

Licensed Bar available • Ample car parking available

**We cannot take bookings for
 18th Birthday Parties**
 Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road,
 Somercotes DE55 4LY

Tel: 01773 609397

Olympic Shoes

You all know Tarlton's Shop on Nottingham Road, but did you know that it was founded by Arthur Tarlton, great uncle of the present owner, Edith, in 1902. Did you also know that his nephew, also named Arthur, made the cycling shoes for the bronze medal-winning British cycling team, three of them the Wyld Brothers from Alfreton, and also Monty Southall from London, at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam?



Mr Tarlton used to run the cycling training club at Somercotes School (now Somercotes Junior), and up until the mid 1950's Mr Tarlton presented an annual silver cup for the best cyclist in memory of his son, Bert, who was killed in an accident while working for the Electricity Board. The cup was purchased from Edgar White's Jewellers (next door to the Tarltons' shop).

Does anyone know any winners and who won the last cup awarded (any photos may help us) in the 1950's, and where it is now?

Please contact info@somercoteshistory.co.uk or either Gordon or Glynis at the Parish Council Office.

DERBYSHIRE ANCESTRAL RESEARCH GROUP

Margaret Brooksbank's regular article about past activities and events in the parish. Thanks Margaret. Her choice for this particular piece is

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

All petty crime was brought before the Magistrate at Alfreton Petty Sessions. People were fined for almost anything, the most frequent offence being indecent language.

January 15th 1915

JOSEPH LONG of Leabrooks was fined 16s 6d for not sounding his bicycle bell when overtaking pedestrians.

February 6th 1920

HARRY ROBINSON and ROBERT WADDOUPS of Somercotes both fined 5s 6d for indecent language on the public highway.

February 20th 1920

ROBERT HILLIER, ALBERT BULLOCK & GEORGE BULLOCK, boys of Leabrooks, had to pay costs of 4s 6d each for playing football on the public highway.

June 24th 1921

WM VARDY, HAROLD HILL, THOS LADYMAN, WM BOOTH, HARRY ELLIS, JOHN STEEPLE, ARTHUR SELBY, ELLIS FANTOM, JAMES LADYMAN & HAROLD SIMPSON, pit youths of Somercotes, were charged with damaging growing grass and fences on the land of MR JOHN NIX of Alfreton, damage estimated at £2 10s. The defendants were caught gambling with cards in one of MR NIX's fields. 5 of the defendants appeared and pleaded guilty and were fined 16s 6d each. The others were fined 18s 6d each.

February 20th 1922

WILLIAM ATKIN of Somercotes fined 9s 0d for allowing a foal to stray.

June 24th 1920

MARY ANN BARTON of Somercotes pleaded guilty to a charge of neglecting 4 children.

June 16th 1922

ARTHUR RILEY of Leabrooks Road, Steamroller driver of Alfreton Urban Council, was summoned for allowing too much steam to come from his engine. He was fined 14s.

November 24th 1922

HARRY LADYMAN, LEONARD SELBY & THOMAS DAVIDSON of Somercotes were charged with singing and shouting on the street on the night of Nov 3rd. Each were fined 15s 8d. Constable CARTER complained of the time.

September 5th 1924

HENRY CHARLES SMITH of Somercotes Hill, Fish & Chip proprietor, was charged with attempting to murder his wife SELINA.

October 24th 1924

WILLIAM GEORGE PUGH, 39 Sleetmoor Lane, for failing to keep a register of Lodgers, was fined 14s.

February 14th 1935

Found with a piece of coal valued at 2d in his pocket, the property of Babington Coal Co. Ltd. on January 31st, JOHN WILLIAM BURRELL, 46, A BANKSMAN OF Lower Somercotes, was ordered to pay 6s. costs.

February 20th 1935

HORACE OLDING, a labourer of Birchwood Lane, was fined 14s 0d for indecent language.



**Our 2013 Calendar
is on sale in the**

**Parish Council Office on Nottingham
Road, Somercotes, between 10.30am
and 2.30pm weekdays, at a cost of**

**£3.00 per calendar
or £5.00 for 2**

**Profits from all sales to
Derbyshire Autism Services Group
Great stocking fillers**

HERITAGE DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

The event saw several local heritage groups displaying artefacts and registers from the area's past.

Gordon Blackmore, Clerk to Somercotes Parish Council and secretary of the newly formed Somercotes Local History Society, said the event was also an information gathering exercise – with residents bringing in their own photographs and stories to add to the history groups' archives. The knowledge gathered will be used to update the www.somercoteshistory.co.uk website, with the end goal being to produce a book on the history of Somercotes. He said the event was about "letting people know we are here and what we are planning to do. We wanted to find out as much history about Somercotes as we could. People throw lots of things out that we could recover and use – it's for future generations to look back at the past".

The Black Diamonds

Debra Wood has provided these photographs of the Black Diamonds Band, and tells us:

"Somercotes Black Diamonds were originally formed by Mr. & Mrs Cyril Derbyshire in 1980 and were originally called the Derbyshire Black Diamonds. Debbie begged her parents to let her join the band after a poster campaign throughout the villages asking for members. She and her sister joined the band at the first meeting and both their parents had an active involvement from that day on Debra says "We practised hard and fundraised, and visited competition venues to get an idea of what it was all about? On their first parade, which was through Somercotes, they had no uniforms, and the girls wore black PE skirts, white t-shirts and socks, while the boys wore black trousers and white plimsolls. The name was changed to Somercotes Black Diamonds in 1981, when a new banner was made and was embroidered with the date 1981. Due to fundraising and the support of the local community and businesses etc., we got our first uniforms – dresses made from velour for the girls and black trousers and velour jackets for the boys. Eventually we were able to buy their own bus – a double decker painted black, white and red and with the band's name across it. We travelled miles on weekends to carnivals and competitions, but it was a headache for the driver planning routes every weekend to avoid the low bridges! We travelled up and down the country, and had weekends at Great Yarmouth for the United Kingdom of Jazz Bands jamboree, later to be called the UK Championships. In 1983 the band qualified to enter the World Championships in Bradford. The band did extremely well for their first World championship and came around 11th place in the junior section, but also won many individual trophies. The band continued to attend World and UK championships, and in October 1985 they took the title of United Kingdom Champions at Butlins, Pwelli, Wales. The band also won many other competitions to become regional champions, league champions, etc. The hard work of fundraising and training continued, as well as attending many local carnivals and fetes.



First time out

In 1987 it was the turn of our area to host the World Championships, a two-day event at Markeaton Park, Derby. This was a chance to shine in front of a home audience, giving local people the opportunity to watch us take part in this prestigious event. Approximately 50 bands took part from all over the county. The band gave their all, and at the end of the event was declared runners up, closely 'pipped at the post' by a northern band called Newbiggin Harlequins. The band and committee were extremely proud of the progress and achievements, clearly making their own lasting impression on the Jazz Band world.

During the winter the band changed the display and added new and exciting tunes. They aimed high and the following season, during the August bank holiday weekend of 1988, at Himley Hall, Dudley, the Somercotes Black Diamonds became World Champions. All the hard work and dedication had paid off. The Band attended the UK Championships again in the October and won the UK Overall Band trophy.

In 1989 the band made the decision to change from a junior to a senior band, which meant that members didn't have to leave at the age of 18 if they wished to carry on.



Winning the UK Championships 1985

They continued to be a successful senior band, but could never quite gain the titles they had as a junior band. The band continued with carnivals and competitions, even going overseas to a music festival and carnival extravaganza in France.

As members grew older interest began to dwindle, not just with our own band, but it was the start of the disappearance of Jazz bands across the country. We continued until January 1998 when a decision was made to fold the band due to lack of interest and funds. For anyone who was involved at any time with the band, we shared lots of happy times, and created many lasting memories and some fantastic friendships. I have to say the success of the band could not have been possible without the dedication of the band members and the fantastic support from the local community".

Our thanks to Debra for the article and photographs.



World Champions 1988

The Councillors and Staff of Somercotes Parish Council
would like to wish all the residents of the Parish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2013



SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year's Carol Service will be held on
Friday, 14th December 2012, at 7.30 pm.

We are pleased that Heage Band will play for us again this year, and that the choir of the Somercotes St. Thomas Guides, Brownies and Rainbows will sing for us.

The lesson will be read by Michael Woods, Churchwarden.

Light refreshments will be served in the Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall) after the service and all are welcome.

This year's collection will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Peter Davis

Any Enquiries 01773 602717 or

Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and Michael Woods 01773 723653

Services

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

See Notice Board in the Church porch for other times of services
Mother's Union meets in Church on the 1st Tuesday of each month

No coffee morning on Saturday 1st December.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 8th December from 10am to 1pm - lunch served from 11.30am.

Parish Council Carol Service - Friday, 14th December, from 7.30pm.
Christingle Service - Sunday 16th December at 3.30pm all welcome.
Midnight Mass - 24th December starting at 11.30pm

No service Christmas Day but all are welcome to attend St. Martin's, Alfreton, at 10am.

Parish lunch Friday, 25th January 2013
Lent lunches Friday, 22nd February and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March 2013

PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks. Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookspcc.com

email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freeserve.co.uk

Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

Sunday Services: Morning Service at 10.30am
Evening Prayer Meeting at 5.30pm
Praise Time at 6pm
Tuesday: Ladies' Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon
Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch.
Prayer & Praise 6pm - 7pm A visiting speaker when available from 7pm onwards.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 8am - 10am
Friday: Youth Club 7pm-9pm (RIOT) 11yrs -16yrs
Saturday: Kids Club 10am - 12noon 3yrs - 11yrs
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.

THE SALVATION ARMY HALL

Sleetmoor Lane Tel. Terence Carpenter on
01455 271752 or 07948 998507

Worship Meeting each Sunday at 3pm

Monday at 3pm Over 50's Friends & Fellowship,

Tuesday from 9.30am-11am Drop In.
Refreshments & goods for sale.

Saturday, 1st Dec at 7.30pm Christmas Concert by Pye Hill
and District Male Voice Choir.
Tickets £5, and £3 for children
up to age 16.

Sunday 16th Dec at 7pm Café Church Coffee, latte,
cappuccino, etc. and cakes.
Sunday 23rd Dec at 3pm Carol Service - tea/coffee and
mince pies.

BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

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

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 23rd December at
3pm.

This will be taken by Mrs G Stamp.
Tea will follow the service.

Please see our Notice Board for further details of all events.

Minister Rev. Michael Redshaw 01773 819673

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

	Time	Event	Contact	Contact Number
Monday	11.00 am – 1.00 pm In the Lounge	B & J Art Classes Pastels, acrylics, oils, etc. Beginners and Improvers Welcome	Betty Norton or Jean Fisher	01773 607837 01773 607001
	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	No appointment needed Call into a meeting for more details	
Tuesday	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class.	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge 4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall 7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
		Somercotes Beavers	Paul Williams	07722 323129
		Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1 st in each month	Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesday	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends	Just call in	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Weight Watchers Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in Dey and Liz dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
Thursday	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7-10 years 1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5-7 years Classical Yoga Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Call into a meeting for more details. Linda	01773 528264
	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class Somercotes Cubs	Rav Paul Paul Williams	07963 350868 07722 323129
		Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey and Liz d/zumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
Saturday		None at present		
Sunday	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	Parish Church of St. Thomas Sunday School Coffee after Church Service	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131

HEARING CLINIC

Hearing Help (Amber Valley) will be holding clinics in the Lounge of Somercotes Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall) on the following dates:-

Tuesday 11th December 2pm – 3.30pm

Please note –

No Hearing Clinic Wed 26th December

Tuesday 8th January 2013 2pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd January 11am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 12th February 2pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 27th February 11am – 12.30pm

St. Thomas Church

Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21st December, 2012, from 11.30am to 1.30pm

(Usual ploughman's lunch plus pork pies & mince pies) £3.50

LOOKING FOR A VENUE?

If you need a venue for your group or class, please don't hesitate to telephone 01773 609397 or 01773 603810, or call into the Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall) and talk to the Caretaker/Administrator or the Clerk/ Assistant Clerk. We do have some days and times free in either the lounge or the main hall. We have kitchen facilities and our prices for room hire are very reasonable.

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Letter from County Councillor



Dear Resident

Since the last newsletter I would like to share with you some of the issues I have been dealing with.

I am pleased to say money has been approved for additional lighting on Sherwood Street, Leabrooks with two new columns being installed and a change to the layout to give better coverage. In Somercotes, instead of one new column on the footpath link from Parkside to Park Mews the Street Lighting engineers have recommended two more and an upgraded light on a third column. The Street Lighting Department have also agreed to look into my request to improve the lighting on Ralph Drive and Springfield Crescent; this is further to the new lighting on Windmill Rise which has already been approved.

I have also met with the Countryside Service and they have agreed to clear rubbish from the land to the rear of Wheatley Avenue and Smedley Avenue and the footpath link from Pennytown Court through to the Winding Wheel. The shrubs and bushes are to be tidied up and improvements to the footpath will also be made.

I have also spoken to the County Council about removing some of the double yellow lines on Victoria Street and they have agreed to this; consultation will start shortly on this proposal.

I have had the vegetation on many of the footpaths cut back for the ease of users in the community. I have supported many local groups who have successfully had grant funding from Derbyshire County Council to help them carry out their important work.

I have spoken to Paul Jenkins again regarding the replacement Post Box in Leabrooks. He has informed me that it is progressing and they are looking to install the Post Box hopefully on the area of land in front of the Carpet Shop next to the Co-op.

Finally, can I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year?

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith

Derbyshire County Council Electoral Boundary Changes

There is an important change in the next County Council Elections that many people may not be aware of. There will be no change to Parish Boundaries, but Somercotes will no longer have its own County Councillor. At the next County Council Elections the Parishes (wards) of Somercotes (includes Leabrooks), Pye Bridge, Riddings, Ironville, Swanwick and Alfreton will be one Electoral Ward with two Councillors.

This means that in the new larger ward area two County Councillors will be elected to represent Somercotes, Pye Bridge, Riddings, Ironville, Swanwick & Alfreton. When voting at the next County Council Elections you will be required to vote for two candidates to represent this much larger area. Make sure your vote counts by voting for two Councillors on the ballot paper.

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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR GOLD CARD

If you have a Derbyshire Gold Card you may have noticed that it expires early next year. There's no need to worry – Gold Card is carrying on – but Derbyshire County Council is reminding you to renew your card if you want to continue enjoying the benefits, not only of free off-peak bus travel, but by using the 'flipside' of your card, all the following extra local benefits too:-

- discounts at more than 1,300 local businesses – shops, taxis, cafes, pubs,
- restaurants, hairdressers, DIY, garden centres and home improvements
- bargain holidays and hotel stays
- money off Derbyshire County Council's adult education classes
- a £1 flat fare on Community Transport dial-a-bus rides
- automatic library membership – including free e-book loan, free computer use, a home library service and 40% off DVD and audiobook rental

It's easy to renew a card. You can do it online or by visiting a library or local council offices.

Somercotes Library

Bank Street, Somercotes DE55 4JE

Tel. 01773 550514

Email:

Somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

or look on the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Opening Times:

Mondays	2pm – 5pm
Thursdays	9am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm
Fridays	9am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm
Saturdays	9.30am – 1pm

Reading groups:

1st Thursday in the month 6pm – 7pm, and 1st Friday of the month 2pm – 3pm. Both readers will read the same book so members can swap between groups if necessary.

Christmas 'Rhythm and Rhyme' session for 5yrs and under at the Library on Monday 10th December at 3.45pm.

AVBC New Recycling Service

Amber Valley Borough Council's new recycling service started in November, and all residents should by now have received an explanatory leaflet and their new bins.

If you do not wish to keep your old boxes you will need to contact Amber Valley Borough Council on 01773 570222 and arrange for them to be collected.

Home Library Service

The Home Library Service now delivers to almost 70 people in the Somercotes area and the number is increasing. 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.

**For further information,
please contact Alfreton Library on
01773 833199**

County Matters



If you want to report a matter to **Derbyshire County Council** you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058 They are open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 9.30am-4pm



Amber Valley Borough Council, Town Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire Tel: 01773 570222 Planning applications can be viewed and commented on using Amber Valley Borough Council website www.ambervalley.gov.uk then click on the planning application register.



Police Contact Numbers

If you want to contact the Police or Police Community Special Officers to give information or report crime you can telephone:
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Non-urgent Police matters 101 (calls charged at 15p)
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	01332 771221
Central Networks (Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)	0800 056 8090
Gas Emergency line	0800 111 999
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)	0800 783 4444
Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch	01773 572938
Victim Support Line	0845 3030900
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
UK Flu Information Line	0800 1 513 513
Amber Valley Housing	01773 573 100
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
CRIMESTOPPERS - Call anonymously with information about crime	

Your Local Police

Somercotes & Riddings Police Surgery & Panel Meeting
Wednesday 12th December 2012 – 5pm to 7pm at Somerlea Park Community Centre

Somercotes & Riddings Police Surgery
Wednesday 13th February 2013 – 3pm to 4pm at Greenhill Primary Care Centre, Leabrooks

NEW SERGEANT FOR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM IN SOMERCOTES

Sgt. Stacey Hamlett, who has been a police officer for more than 12 years, started in the role in September. He has been based in the Amber Valley area since 2007 and now leads the local Safer Neighbourhood policing teams who cover Alfreton, Somercotes, Riddings, South Normanton, Pinxton, Crich, Whatstandwell, South Wingfield, Dethick and Pentrich. Sg. Hamlett said "Our main priorities are to work in partnership with other local agencies to target anti-social behaviour, to offer community reassurance and to reduce any issues related to illegal drug use and supply." He added "My officers and I will continue to provide a visible presence in the local area and help make our area a safer and more pleasant place for everyone."



WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US

Question YOUR Perception...
Is the risk of FIRE something you ever consider?

Question YOUR Perception...
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service strongly advises that you consider the risk of fire to your home and family. By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent a fire occurring in your home, keeping yourself and your family safe from the devastating consequences.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home. Test your smoke alarm weekly.

Plan your escape. Ensure your family is aware of what to do and how to get out if a fire occurs in your home.

Plan a night time routine. Switch off appliances, close internal doors and remember to take a spare key and telephone to bed with you.

Never leave cooking unattended. And try to replace your chip pan with an electronic deep fat fryer.

Always ensure smoking materials are extinguished properly, use a deep ashtray when smoking, and never smoke when you are tired or in bed.

Never tackle a fire Get Out, Stay Out, Dial 999.

For further information and advice please visit our website www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk

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Did you know that Derbyshire County Council has a TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME?

NEW LOOK DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRUSTED TRADER SERVICE

Derbyshire County Council has a new-look Trusted Trader Service which makes it easier for you to find tradesmen you can trust. Derbyshire Trusted Trader can help you find honest and reliable traders who commit to doing a good job for a fair price. You'll find plumbers, builders, roofers, decorators, joiners, electricians, gardeners, retailers and many more. Visit the website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted_trader and follow the instructions. Businesses can use the pages to find out more about the benefits of being a Derbyshire Trusted Trader and learn how to sign up.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HANDY VAN SERVICE?

The service is available to those who are aged 60 and over or if you are referred by Derbyshire County Council – Adult Care, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, the District or Borough Council, Derbyshire Police, or Derbyshire Primary Care Trust. Each eligible household can access this free service twice a year. Please note, some materials may need to be purchased by the occupier. You can phone and ask for a free visit to your home by your local Handy Van for the following:

- Home fire safety checks
- Smoke alarms provided and installed
- Home security checks
- Security equipment provided & installed
- Energy efficiency advice
- Practical tasks – for example: Changing light bulbs
- Securing carpets and Rugs
- Removing and handing curtains
- Checking stair rails are secure and appropriate
- Path and door access clearance
- Securing tap washers to reduce dripping taps,
- and other tasks as appropriate.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please call your Handy Van Provider by calling **Amber Valley – 01773 604426**
You can Call Derbyshire to help you access this service.



Council Matters

Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Bryan Lyttle
Councillor Martin Barron
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie
Councillor John Gardiner
Councillor Mrs Beryl Hannant
Councillor Cyril Langton
Councillor John McCabe
Councillor Terry Marriott
Councillor Paul Price
Councillor Alan Stringer
Councillor Scott Walker
One Vacancy

Farewell to our Caretaker

Our Caretaker of 16 years, Judith Mosley, is leaving us to take up a new job. The Council would like to thank her for her commitment and work and we wish her all the best for the future.

Next issue

If you have any forthcoming local events you would like to advertise in the the Parish Newsletter, or if you have any interesting stories to tell about the Parish, or pictures you would like to share with other readers, you can contact Glynis on 01773 603810 or call into the Parish Council Office between 10.30am and 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.



Your Amber Valley
Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall (formally Parish Hall) on:

**Saturday 1st Dec, 2012, from 11am – 12noon,
Saturday 5th Jan, 2013, from 11am – 12noon,
Saturday 2nd Feb, 2013, from 11am – 12noon,**

County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council Gordon Blackmore
Assistant Clerk Glynis Kenney
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**Ordinary Parish Council Meetings
In the Lounge of the Village Hall
(formally Parish Hall)**

**Friday 18th January 2013 at 6.30pm
Friday 15th March 2013 at 6.30pm**

POOP SCOOP BAGS

Many residents are taking advantage of the supply of **FREE** poop scoop bags by the Parish Council. There is, however, still a problem with dog fouling and it is hoped that those people who have not bothered in the past to clear up after their dogs will now do so using the free 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. Ruby Fashion Shop on Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Community Centre also have a supply of bags.



DISPOSE OF NEEDLES SAFELY

Modern Living involves many hazards. One problem can be needles and syringes that have been discarded without care. If you find a needle, **DO NOT PICK IT UP.** Please call Amber Valley Borough Council's needle hotline 08000 92 51 31 free anytime day or night. Their aim is to collect a needle within two hours of any reported incident.

ALLOTMENTS

Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Mrs J Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Tel: 01773 605438

Birchwood Lane Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Christian Tonnies, Secretary
Tel: 07841 471043

Sleetmoor Allotments

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



Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility

on Somercotes market place between 8am and 10am the first Saturday in every month.

No waste accepted after 10am

**This facility is for the residents of the parish of Somercotes only.
Please bring some form of identity.**

**NO TRADE WASTE NO TOXIC WASTE NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
NO ASBESTOS NO WASTE TO BE LEFT BEFORE SKIP ARRIVES**



Your Parish Council Online

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