

SOMERCOTES Local!

News, events and local interest.

Summer Edition 2013

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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



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PARISH
COUNCIL

Christmas Lighting 2013-14

The Parish Council, after receiving requests to install Christmas lighting in Leabrooks where in the past this has been the case, has approved an additional cost of lighting for shops and businesses in Leabrooks, as well as a feature at the Three Horse Shoes Public House, Leabrooks and the Dog and Doublet, Pye Bridge as these are the entry points to the Parish of Somercotes. The Chairman, Cllr Paul Smith, said that it is important to ensure the Parish as a whole is included rather than just the central Christmas display in Somercotes. We hope that the extended Christmas display of lights will be appreciated by the community following the council's commitment to incorporate as much of the Parish as possible."

New Vehicle for Parish Wardens

The Parish Council has been undertaking an increasing workload within the parish due to restructuring of Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Borough Council. In order to be able to undertake the increasing workload, including car parks, footpaths, increased litter picking, gritting in winter months, the Parish Council has purchased a new vehicle for the parish wardens to improve services to the community.



SOMERLEA PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Parish Council has supported the provision of the new multi-sports area and an additional eco-friendly over-flow car park. The new facilities will increase usage of the sports facilities including the new multi-surface sports area and bowls. The new facilities will officially open in June 2013 once all the works have been completed.

Market Place & Mill Yard Car Parks

Market Place & Mill Yard Car Parks have been transferred from AVBC to the Parish Council. The main purpose of the transfer of ownership is to provide 'free parking' so as to encourage people to use local shops and businesses. The Recycling bins have been removed from Market Place by AVBC as part of the new recycling scheme whereby residents have a bin for dual purpose recycling. The Parish Council will resurface the recycling areas that will allow the creation of 10 additional parking spaces and disability spaces. The footprint on which the old toilet building stood is still owned by AVBC, but this may be transferred to the Parish Council so a small garden area can be created.

Councillor Vacancy

There is currently a Parish Councillor Vacancy 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



Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Thanks to Margaret Brooksbank of DARG (Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group) for sharing with us

A FEW ODDS AND ENDS FROM THE NEWSPAPER

1914 December 18th Will on a Cigarette Ticket.

Mr W J VALENTINE of 36 Thorpe Road Melton Mowbray, civil engineer, who died November 8th, made his will in red ink on the back of a cigarette ticket about the size of a man's visiting card.

The will, dated April 26th 1907, reads:

"I give everything I possess to my fiancée SARAH ELLEN SMITH of Somercotes absolutely and I appoint her my sole executor."

The estate was valued at £89.8s.8d and the grant was issued to Miss SARAH ELLEN SMITH of the Post Office, Somercotes.

1927 January 7th

The Postmaster General has given notice that he requires a new Post Office Telephone Exchange at Leabrooks. Tenders for land by builders and others are invited. The site should be reasonably central with a frontage of about 50 ft. and a superficial area of 555 sq. yards.

1928 September 13th Additional Telephone Facilities

A public telephone call office has been opened at the recently established Leabrooks Exchange. It is available for calls during the night and on Sundays. Applications for use between 7 pm and 8 pm on weekdays and all day Sunday except between 9am and 10.30am should be made at the door of the exchange.

1929 January 23rd

One Christmas present of LAURENCE WHEATLEY aged 10 of 8 Coupland Place brought anything but joy. He was playing the game of TIDDLEWINKS when he accidentally swallowed one of the celluloid counters. He was taken to the Derby Royal Infirmary where he was detained. Fortunately the state of the patient is not serious.

1930 January 2nd

We understand that the L.M.S. Railway are to place orders for 100 vans to be specially built for the conveyance of BANANAS. They will probably be built at the Carriage & Waggon Works, Derby. These will bring the number of BANANA Vans up to 1700.

Advertisements throughout the year.

FOR ANEMIC DAUGHTERS AND NERVE-WRACKED WOMEN. Anemia has been called the "Thief of Beauty". Give her DR. WILLIAM'S PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE. Nothing else will do.

It should be remembered that MAZAWATTEE COCOA is not only pure but very strong so you will not require to much. Hitherto we have had few if any such good cocoas as MAZAWATTEE COCOA on our breakfast table.

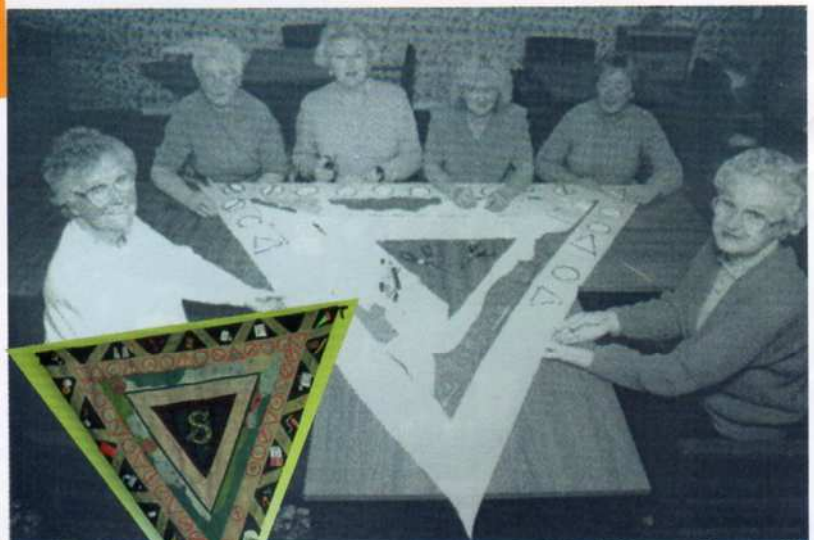
SCENT WITH COMPLIMENTS. Perfumed notepaper is proving very popular. Tradesmen are said to be sending out their bills delicately scented with FORGET ME NOT!



Leabrooks
Post Office
Derbyshire 1910

SOMERCOTES MILLENNIUM BANNER - THIRTEEN YEARS ON

The banner was created by a group of ladies from the Somercotes Ladies Group, including Margaret Fullwood, Kathleen Smithurst, and June Walker (who made the cauliflower!) to mark the Millennium. A great deal of work went into the banner, and it really is a "work of art". It hangs in the Lounge of the Somercotes Village Hall on Nottingham Road, and all who were involved in the making of it must be very proud. Contributions were made by other members of the parish, including the schools and Ann Burnham of the Mother's Union. Local scenes such as Pennytown Ponds are represented on the banner, and also shops and businesses. We're sure you will agree that everyone who worked on the banner should be very proud of themselves, and it's good to see it hanging in the Village Hall for everyone to admire.



Millennium
Banner 2013

Some of the ladies working on the
Somercotes Millennium Banner

Somercotes Parish Council Annual Report 2012-13

Councillors: Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (Vice-Chairman); Cllr M Barron; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie); Cllr. J Gardiner; Cllr Mrs B Hannant (Resigned - July); Cllr C Langton; Cllr J McCabe; Cllr T Marriott; Cllr Mrs E Pace (Resigned); Cllr P Price; Cllr A Stringer; Cllr. S. Walker; Cllr. J. Parker (co-opted)

Contacting Councillors: All Councillors can be contacted through the Parish Council Office (01773) 603810, by e-mail: somercotespc@btinternet.com or by writing to the parish Council, The Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 4LY

Income / Expenditure 2012-13: Precept £137,656.00

The Chairman stated at the Annual Parish meeting that the Audit had been completed and was open for public inspection by application to the Clerk to the Council. Receipts and payments can be viewed on the Council's website. The Council set the precept at £137,676.00 (0% increase), but requested the additional government grant £28,894.00 thus showing an increase.

Parish Council Expenditure/Income: 2012-13

Expenditure:

Admin:	£10,628	Salaries:	£70,718
Village Hall:	£19,601	Highways:	£21,982
Lighting:	£15,498	S137:	£4,506
Allotments:	£8,634	Misc:	£15,333
Car Parks:	£2,068	VAT:	£13,515

Precept: £137,656

Expenditure: £182,483

Income:

Precept:	£137,656	VAT Reclaim	£12,700
Village Hall:	£12,101	Highways/ R of W:	£1,537
Misc/Grants:	£2,721	Admin	£953
Allotments:	£1,498	Bank Int:	£141

Income: £169,307

Chairman's Report:

The Parish Council has undertaken a greater role in services including the car park transfers, footpaths, snow/ice surface treatment in winter/spring and maintenance work and to meet these needs a vehicle has been provided for the Parish Wardens. The Council set the precept at £137,656.00 a 0% increase, however, a request was made for the additional grant, as already outlined. This will allow the council to undertake more community projects and improvements in 2013-14.

Parish Council Matters:

Car Parks: Market Place & Mill Yard Car parks are now the responsibility of the Parish Council and the transfer from the Borough Council was to ensure 'Free Parking' was maintained to encourage people to shop locally. Additional car parking space will be made available now that the recycling bins have been removed.

Christmas Lighting & Floral Displays: The Parish Council is continuing with the Christmas Lighting and floral displays. The Christmas lighting scheme is being extended to Leabrooks using shops & businesses as the connection points as the old lamp posts are not suitable for lighting attachments. A further Christmas lighting display will be on the Dog & Doublet P.H. so the area is included in the scheme.

Village Hall (formerly Parish Hall): The Parish Council has spent over £10k re-furbishing and improving the village hall. This has included new fascia and guttering outside, new front doors, fire doors being refitted and fire safety improvements. In 2013-14 the Parish Council will be having the roofing lattes and felt replaced as a number of leaks have occurred.

Vehicle for Parish Wardens: The Parish Council has provided a vehicle for the Parish Wardens so that they can work more effectively and efficiently under an ever increasing workload and moving equipment around the parish.

Community Centre Support: The Parish Council has supported the development of the new multi-sports area and eco-friendly overspill car park. Somercotes now has some excellent local facilities including the Village Hall, Somerlea Park Community Centre, Outdoor Gym Equipment, skateboard area (improvements are being considered) and Pennytown Ponds and the community is asked to support these.

Allotments: The Parish Council has three working allotment sites at Bridle Lane, Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane (Flash Allotments) the latter two having plots for lease. The Council has spent around £6k last year improving the allotments with water supply upgrades and reclaiming of land for use. Due to the land reclamation work on Birchwood Lane Allotments there are now plots available for lease.

Wild Flower Meadow: The area around the Winding Wheel (B600) Nottingham Road, Somercotes, has been designated as a 'Wild Flower' Meadow. After several delays, due to adverse weather, the seeds have been planted and there will be a colourful display in June that will attract bees, insects, butterflies and other small creatures.

The Parish Council: The Parish Council meets by-monthly on the third Friday of each month and the public are welcome to attend and raise any issues. The Council held two vacancies during 2012-13 and there has been one co-option so one vacancy is currently available for any eligible member of the community to apply.

Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Peter Davis

Any Enquiries 01773 602717 or

Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and Michael Woods
01773 723653

Services

Sun: 9.30am Sung Mass
9.30am – 10.00am Sunday School in the Village Hall
6.00pm (Last Sunday in the Month) Evening Worship
Wed 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

Parish lunch Friday, 28th June & 26th July 2013
Please note that there will be NO Parish Lunch during August.
Coffee Mornings Saturday 1st June, 3rd August
Summer Fair Saturday 6th July

11.30am to 1.30pm
10.00am to 1.00pm
10.00am to 1.00pm



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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 10 am – 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 and Fellowship,

Special Events

Saturday 8th June 10am-12pm Coffee Morning & Grand Sale of
New/Nearly New. Cakes, toys, bric a brac.
Saturday 13th July 7pm. The Salvation Army Retired Fellowship Band –
tickets £5 available from Members of the
Salvation Army or on the door.
Saturday 31st August 6.30pm. Harvest Celebration Supper – tickets £4
available from members of the Salvation Army.

Weekly Activities

Sunday: All age Family Worship 3pm
Monday at 3pm Over 50's Friends and Fellowship,
Tuesday from 9.30am – 11am Coffee Morning and goods for sale.

Monthly Activities

Messy Church 5pm - 7pm Last Friday of each month for families – bible
stories, games, crafts, meal included.
Café Church 7pm - 9pm Last Sunday of each month (Church not as you know it).
Craft/Sewing Group 2pm-4pm First Friday of each month.

BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

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

Throughout August there will be two morning services at 10.30 and two
afternoon services at 3 o'clock.

We will be holding a flower festival weekend in June – Friday 14th,
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th, to celebrate 160 years. The church will be
open for viewing over that weekend and on the Saturday a lunch will be
served in our school room. On the Sunday our flower festival service will
be taken by Rev. Michael Redshaw at 3 pm. Posters will be displayed
around the parish and details will be on our notice board. All are welcome
to come and join us.

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

GET COMPOSTING!

If you hate having to buy compost why not have a go at making your own? It's free
and better for the environment. More than a third of household waste is made up of
organic material which can be composted. Grass cuttings, unwanted
plants, cardboard, newspapers, fruit and vegetable peelings are all ideal.
Derbyshire County Council has a scheme which offers compost bins
at very reasonable prices - with the added bonus that they can be
delivered to households. Compost bins cost as little as £16.98, plus £5.49
delivery per order. They are supplied by Straight plc.

Visit www.derbyshire.getcomposting.com or call **0844 571 4444** for more details
The low-cost compost bin is made from recycled plastic and carries a 15 year guarantee.
The unit doesn't require any putting together.

You can find out more about how to start composting at the Derbyshire County
Council website by going to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/composting
There you'll find more information as well as a leaflet on achieving the perfect compost.

Composting is a cost-effective and natural process that transforms kitchen and garden waste into a valuable resource. It helps to reduce
the amount of organic waste sent to landfill, reducing greenhouse gases. Compost is a nutrient-rich food product for the garden which
helps to improve soil structure, maintain moisture levels and keeps the soil's PH balance in check. As well as garden waste, much of your
food waste can be composted. A kitchen caddy allows anything from fruit and vegetable peelings to egg shells, tea bags, or even
shredded paper to be collected and then emptied into your compost bin.



Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	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	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	No appointment needed	
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	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	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall	Somercotes Beavers	Paul Williams	07722 323129
	7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	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	Weight Watchers	Just call in	
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey and Liz dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
Thursday	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	9.30 am – 11.00 am In the Hall	Weight Watchers	Just call in	
	11.15 am – 12.15 am In the Hall	BOKWA Dance Fitness	Fay	07792351282
	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall	1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7-10 years	Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge	1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5-7 years		
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	Classical Yoga Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Linda	01773 528264
Friday	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
	4.45 pm – 6.45 pm In the Hall	Somercotes Cubs	Paul Williams	07722 323129
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	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

Fancy trying BOKWA?

A new class has started at the Village Hall on Thursdays from 11.15 am to 12.15pm. Your first "taster" class is free and subsequent sessions will be £4. Bokwa participants draw letters and numbers with their feet while performing an energising workout routine.
Contact Fay on **07792351282** for further details.

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 June	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 26th June	11.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 9th July	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 24th July	11.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 13th August	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 28th August	11.00am – 12.30pm

PAINTING CLASS WORKSHOP

Saturday, 13th July 2013, from 10am until 4pm.

All abilities welcome. Cost £30 Lunch will be provided. Telephone Norma Gent on 01773 836907

more than just print

Signs

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Letter from your County Councillor



Dear Resident

On behalf of myself and Steve, firstly can I thank you for your support in the Derbyshire County Council elections. I am always humbled by the support I receive from the community and even though we have a bigger area to cover, I will always do my best to make this area a better place and be available when you need support.

I am pleased to announce that the B600, Somercotes Hill from just below George Street through to the Blackhorse Public House has been approved for re-surfacing. June is the start date for this work. Also Quarry Road is being resurfaced again due to my reporting of the failure of the previous resurfacing of that road. A new entrance off Sleetmoor Lane into Sleetmoor Wood next to the football pitches is being created with a horse hop, improved pedestrian facilities and better visibility being created.

The Post Box at Leabrooks is being moved forward now the Post Office have appointed a new Manager; I am hoping this will be speeded up and make posting a letter in the area easier.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith

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.

The Summer Reading Challenge - 'Creepy House' will be running for children during the school summer vacation.

Come and visit your newly decorated library

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

to celebrate 160 years -

Birchwood Methodist Church

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th June 2013.

See Church Notice Board for further details.

St. Thomas Church

SUMMER FAIR

In the Village Hall

Saturday 6th July - 10.00am to 1.00pm

THE SALVATION ARMY RETIRED FELLOWSHIP BAND

Saturday 13th July at 7pm

Tickets £5 from members or on the door.

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

20th June 2013	6pm - 7pm panel meeting (Somerlea Centre, Sherwood Street, Leabrooks).
24th June 2013	10am -12noon surgery (Community Centre, Pennytown Court, Somercotes).
29th July 2013	10am -12noon surgery /coffee morning (Community Centre, Castle Drive, Somercotes)

New Police Inspector for Amber Valley Section



Inspector Graham Lamin has taken over from Inspector Richard Smith who has moved to Buxton CID. Inspector Lamin has served with Derbyshire constabulary for 25 years.

New PCSO Joins Somercotes & Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Team



PCSO Richard Plant joined the Safer Neighbourhood Team in November 2012, and is getting to know the area working alongside the other members of the team.

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.dorbyshire-fire.gov.uk

www.dorbyshire-fire.gov.uk

BE ON YOUR GUARD!

During the Spring period there has been an increase in shed burglaries so please ensure valuables like mowers and bicycles are stored elsewhere, if possible. The summer will soon be upon us and hopefully warmer weather - remember that opportunist thieves enter houses via open doors and windows that may be left open when it is hot - Be on Your Guard!

Rogue Traders: There has been an increase in 'Rogue Traders' so always check any trader or worker offering to help you or do any work. If you require work doing use the "Trusted Trader Scheme".

Police Priorities: Tackling speeding and parking issues particularly near the schools.

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 Cyril Langton
Councillor John McCabe
Councillor Terry Marriott
Councillor Jason Parker
Councillor Paul Price
Councillor Alan Stringer
Councillor Scott Walker
One Vacancy

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

In the Lounge of the Village Hall
Ordinary Meeting - Friday, 20th July 2013 at 6.30pm

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 June 2013 from 11am - 12noon.
Saturday 6th July 2013 from 11am - 12noon.
Saturday 3rd August 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
Tel: 01773 603810

Caretaker Suzanne Fieldsend
Tel: 01773 609397 or
07516 493430

Parish Wardens Colin Rick
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Booking forms for the hall or lounge can be obtained by calling in or telephoning
01773 609397 or 07516 493430

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**

Parish Council

Somercotes Parish Council has been working in partnership with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) whereby the Parish Wardens have been litter picking monthly along the footpaths in Sleetmoor Woods. The agreement with DCC made for 2012-13 has now been renewed for another year as this has been found to be cost effective and made substantial savings for DCC. Since the agreement was undertaken with the Parish Council there have been no complaints regarding litter in the area. DCC is considering similar agreements in the local area as a cost effective way of keeping footpaths and areas clear of litter. The council would like to congratulate the Parish Wardens for the good work on the footpaths in Sleetmoor woods.

Dog Fouling & Litter

The Parish Council understands that dog fouling and litter is one of the main complaints raised by residents. The council has continued to supply 'FREE' poop scoop bags (after AVBC withdrew the scheme) that can be collected from the Parish Council Office, Parish Warden's, Ruby Shop & Somerlea Park Community Centre, and are widely used by responsible dog owners. There can be no excuses for dog owners for not picking up their dog's poo as free poop scoop bags are easily acquired.

Litter is a continual problem and there is sufficient provision in the parish for people to deposit their litter in the bins. If you know of any locations that would benefit from litter bins then please let the council know and we will endeavour to get one installed. The parish council has requested disclosure, from AVBC, of the number of prosecutions for dog fouling & litter in Amber Valley and, in particular, the parish.

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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 10.30am and 2.30pm 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

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 Buff
on 07950 537210



Your Parish Council Online
Don't forget the Parish Council can be found online at

www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk for details of local services, forthcoming events and up to date news. The website can be used to send us

information you would like included on the website.

We are also on Facebook; just click the like button on our website to be taken to our Facebook Page.

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings are now available for perusal on our website.