

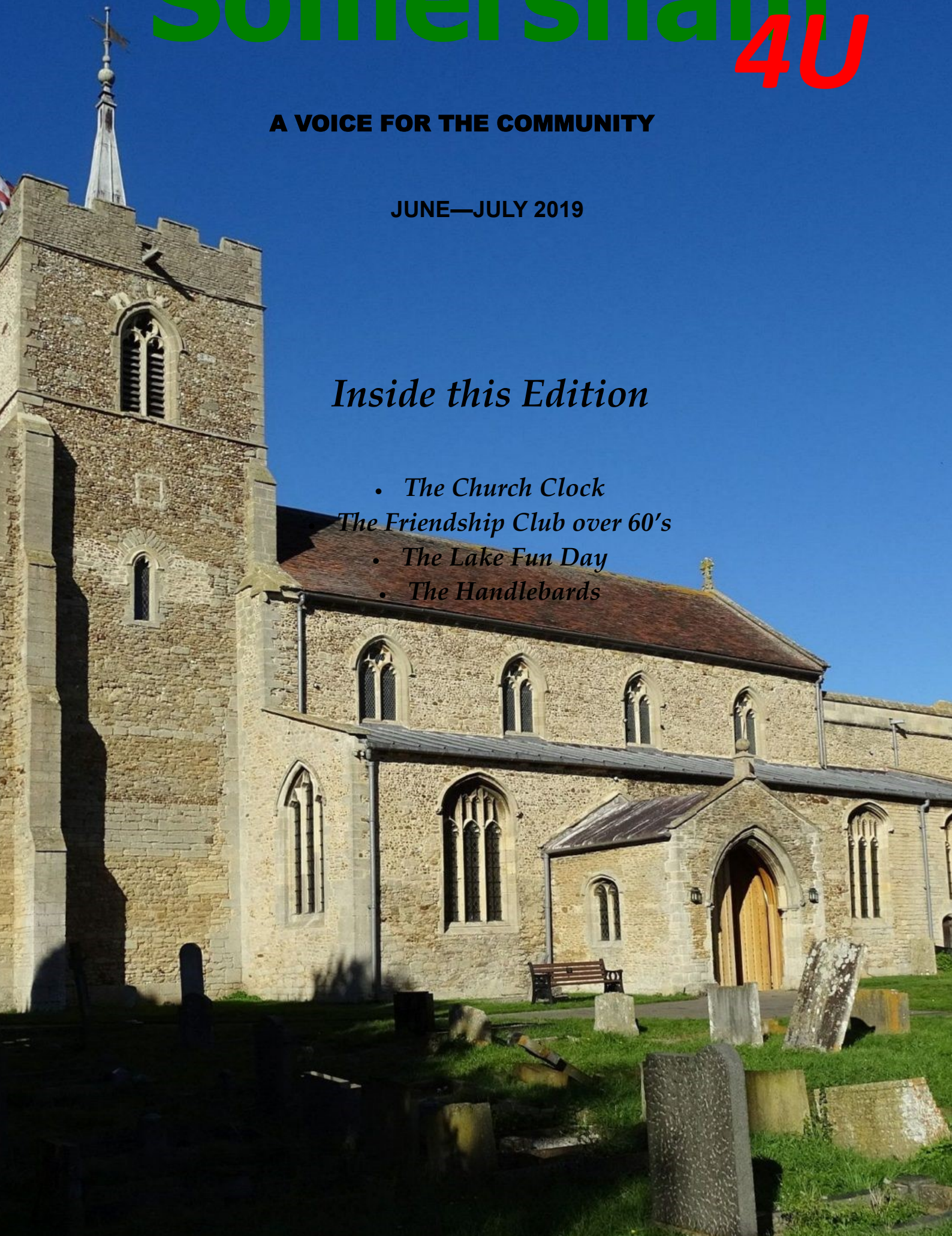
# Somersham 4U

**A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**JUNE—JULY 2019**

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# Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report

June—July 2019



Dick Sutton - Chairman

When I was elected Chairman for the second time the Parish Council was at a very low point. We had just held elections for members and only eight people had bothered to stand leaving us with seven empty places. Some of

the powers that we had were removed immediately and our Gold Standard will be lost next year. The only way to regain these powers is to have a new election for the Parish Council which will have a cost implication. We will have to consider if the cost is worth it as the bill would fall on all of us.

We failed to be quorate, in September, for the first time in our history but fortunately we are now up to full strength.

It was with sadness that we said "goodbye" to Lucy Bird, but we were glad to say "hello" to Katie Ixer, so The Time Bank continues to go from strength to strength.

During the past year we have had many great events including the carnival, The Handlebards, the flower festival, the Christmas Tree Festival and the Christmas Lights switch on.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

Parish Council meetings are held in the Millennium Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham PE28 3JS with a prompt start of 7:30 pm. Agendas and Minutes can be found on the council's website [somersham-pc.gov.uk](http://somersham-pc.gov.uk)

10th June	30th September
8th July	28th October
5th August	25th November
2nd September	16th December

I was very impressed by the effort made by the village to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of The First World War. It was a credit to us all.

On the negative side we still have antisocial behaviour as was witnessed by the vandalism of the Sports Area lights, the skate ramp and the refusal of some dog owners to clear up after their charges and leave it for others to do.

Looking forward there is the carnival to come, along with The Handle Bards and the Flower Festival.

If you are needing to relax then go and enjoy the nature reserve as I have always found it a tranquil place, so thanks to all those volunteers who maintain it for everybody else.

Before I finish, I must thank all my fellow Councillors for all their support and hard work over the past year.

Finally, if this report is familiar to you then that means that you were at The Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May and if it's new to you then why didn't you come to the meeting?



Parish Office 01487 841359

Open 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Monday-Thursday

[www.somersham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.somersham-pc.gov.uk)  
[www.somersham4u.org.uk](http://www.somersham4u.org.uk)  
 @SomershamParish

# Chairman's Extra by the Parish Clerk

June—July 2019

2019 was a busy year for Somersham Parish Council and I am pleased to report a summary of some of our activities:

## PARISH COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE RECORDS

A copy of the Councillor's individual attendance records for parish council meetings between May 2018 and April 2019 can be found on the 'document archive' tab on our website [www.somersham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.somersham-pc.gov.uk)

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Somersham Parish Council responded to 42 planning applications during 2018

## CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Parish Councillor's considered the following Consultation Documents in 2018: Huntingdonshire District Local Plan to 2036, Joint Minerals & Waste Local Plan to 2036

## GRANTS/DONATIONS/FUNDING RECEIVED

CCC	Annual Grass verge cutting grant	£1,490.41
Angling Trust	Grant for the Lake Area	£5,000.00
Environment Agency	Grant for the Lake Area	£3,000.00
Innovate & Cultivate Fund	Changing Lives Project	£15,000.00
HDC	CIL payment	£2,403.75
Christmas Lights	Carnival stall income	£393.70
Christmas Lights	Donations received	£753.97
Christmas Lights	Draw ticket sales	£1,231.26
Time Bank	Donations received	£796.53
Red Tile Wind Farm	Cotton bag donation	£98.50
HDC	Recycling Credits	£272.25

### Somersham Parish Council Bank reconciliation for Year ended

31 March 2019

<b>Opening Balance</b>	£ 191,656
<b>Plus: Income for the Year</b>	£ 214,324
<b>Total</b>	<u>£ 405,980</u>
<b>Less: Expenditure for Year</b>	£ 233,771
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£ 172,209</b>



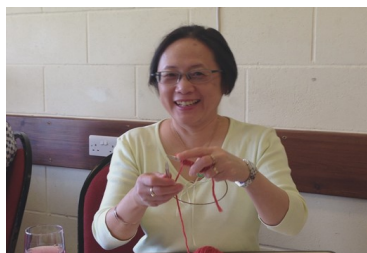
# Katie's Page



## Timebank member quotes

June—July 2019

**This month I thought what better way to tell you about the Timebank than to hand over to Timebank members themselves!**



What I like most about the Timebank is that anybody can have something to offer and something to gain. Like me, baking is not my strong point. Through Timebank Iris baked me a lovely lemon drizzle cake to take to my office. It went down a treat. What have I got to offer? Well I can help out at events. I also do body massage. I do enjoy helping out at events because it's a great way to meet people, in particular when I'm out working all day. - Elsa

The Time Bank is good to find a friend  
Who you can help with things to mend  
Coffee mornings are full of fun  
With coffee, tea and a yummy bun  
It is the place to share your needs  
There are people doing good deeds  
Then there is the knit and natter  
I sometimes go, but only chatter  
Why not try it, just come along?  
You will find there's nothing wrong  
In fact there is nothing better  
There is even a weekly letter  
It keeps you up with things to do  
The only thing missing? That is YOU!  
- Lyn



I joined timebank several years ago. I joined because I thought what a wonderful scheme available within our community. I am a proud member of timebank and enjoyed every moment of it. I recognised that I had the ability and skills to help other timebank members with their requests. This could be from gardening to simple DIY or giving lifts to visiting someone who is elderly and on their own. In return this entitles you to credits which can be used towards any tasks that you may need help with. I would recommend joining timebank to anyone - Albert

**For further information please contact Katie Ixer on the below details**



[Timebank@somersham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Timebank@somersham-pc.gov.uk)



[Somersham and Pidley Time Bank](#)



[somershamtimebank.wordpress.com](http://somershamtimebank.wordpress.com)



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# Community News

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THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
SOMERSHAM

## Church Flower Festival

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Theme:



# Children's Story Books



Refreshments and Side  
Stalls until 5pm

Lunches  
Saturday 12 – 2pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm:  
Festival Songs of Praise

Friday: 10am – 5pm  
Saturday: 9am – 6pm  
Sunday: 10am – 5pm



## Schoolreaders

improving literacy • increasing life chances

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Cambridgeshire to carry out this important role. Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the required standard. This can have a lifelong consequence. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English.

Schoolreaders is flexible and will match your availability to an appropriate, local school. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org) to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.

Charity Number: 1159157

# Lake Fun Day

Springfield entrance to the Lake

## Sunday 14th July 2019

The event is free for everyone to attend

Angling coaching & a chance to catch a fish

**Trophy and prize packs for best catch**

2 sessions available

**Adults -10-12pm &**

**Kids and families 1-3pm**



Please book your FREE fishing space. (Spaces are limited)

**Pond dipping** - discover what creatures live in the lake 1-3pm



**Nature trail and wild play 1-3pm**



**And much more!**

Only fishing requires booking, other activities are turn up and enjoy

Hot and cold refreshments on sale during the day

with a BBQ from midday - 3pm

Toilet and hand washing facilities on site

**To book and for more info - Please contact Katie Ixer 01487 841359 /  
Timebank@somersham-pc.gov.uk.**

**Or visit the Angling club & Nature reserve stall on carnival day**



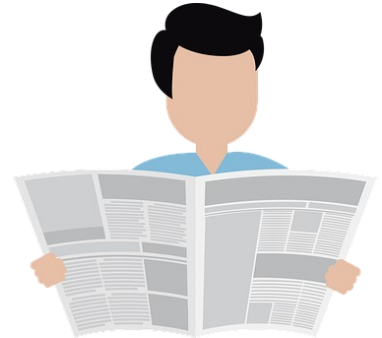


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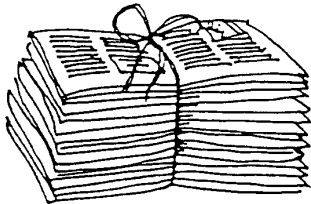
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## Volunteer wanted!

Somersham4U, our parish newsletter, could not survive without the selfless support of our distribution volunteers. They are out in all weathers posting the newsletter through each and every letter box in the Somersham parish council area and for this we are humbled and extremely grateful (by the way our routes stretch out to the old 'Crafty Fox' pub on the Chatteris Road). However, a recent retirement from the Team has created a vacancy on Distribution Route 18 which covers the West End, Rose Meadows and part of the St Ives Road heading west, a total of some 55 newsletters which need to be delivered 6 times per year. The newsletters would be hand-delivered to your door in time for you to distribute them when it suits you, but ahead of the calendar date for each Edition; so the Aug/Sep Edition would be delivered to you during the last week in July, for



example, for onward distribution.



Please contact the Parish Clerk on 841359 or drop an e-mail to the the S4U Inbox at [somersham4u.newsletter@btconnect.com](mailto:somersham4u.newsletter@btconnect.com), for the attention of the Editor



Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH) help people of any age with any disability, and their carers, to access benefits.

We support all of Huntingdonshire and although the majority of our work is in the market towns, it is a free service that can be accessed in Somersham and the surrounding parishes.



**We can help with :**

**Disability Living allowance (DLA) - children under 16**

**Personal independence payments (PIP) 16-64.**

**Employment support allowance (ESA)**

**Attendance allowance (AA) - 65 or over**

**we can support with and attend tribunals.**

We can offer guidance on many disability related subjects including Blue badges, prescriptions and more.

We can also help with official letters & making complaints etc.

We can do home visits if you are unable to come to our office in Papworth Everard

We offer a free service and it is by appointment only.

Please contact Disability Huntingdonshire on 0330 355 3256 or email [info@dish.org.uk](mailto:info@dish.org.uk)

\*Please note our website is undergoing an update at the moment\*

# St John the Baptist Church

June—July 2019



We are into the season of fetes, flower festivals, cream teas and weddings. Many I know have been or are due to celebrate special wedding anniversaries or birthdays. It is good to have something to look forward to and celebrate with others.

At the beginning of the wedding service we are reminded that Jesus did his first miracle at a Wedding in Cana in Galilee when he turned water into an excellent vintage of wine. Jesus was often found eating dinner with people – not just a select few but anyone who invited



him. That is his invitation to us today. We can go solo, or we can invite Jesus into our lives. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June we celebrate Pentecost – when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to enter into the hearts of all his followers. That is his gift to us, so we too can have a bit of God within us guiding, comforting, inspiring and transforming. If you want to know more there are two churches in the village and you would receive a warm welcome at both.

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – 8am Farmers Breakfast with Bishop Stephen at Wiloby Barn

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Creative Minds (2.30-4.00) meets at the back of church for therapeutic creative activities, a chat, tea and cake. Contact Sue (840676) if you would like to know more or just turn up!

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Flower Festival ending in Celebration Service at 6.30pm

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Ely Cathedral 10.30 the new Curate Gary Evans will be ordained Priest – All Welcome

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** Pet Service at 10.30 at Old Hurst Church.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August** is the **Friends of the Church Garden Party** at The Rectory – why not join 'The Friends' for £5 per year which helps fund the upkeep and improvements of the church for the future.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August Messy Summer Club 10-12:** Tuesday in Church and Wednesday in the Rectory Garden (if dry) and will end each morning with a shared picnic. For any age child with a carer. **Thursday 10am** in church for celebration event with breakfast.

**Messy Church** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-5.30.. all ages welcome for activities, singing, prayer and food.

**Little Acorns** (Baby, Bumps and Pre-School Group) Thursday Mornings 9.30 -11am

**Morning Services** 10.30 am with Sunday school 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and Family Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Evening Prayer** 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Also a short communion followed by coffee on **Wednesday** mornings at 9.30am.

## All Welcome

IF you are planning to get married or would like to discuss a baptism or a funeral do get in touch and also if you would like to explore more about your faith further.

I hope you have a lovely summer,

Rev Sue Simpson



Many Blessings,  
Rev Sue Simpson  
01487 840676

Rector@somershamparishes.org  
www.somershamparishes.org



# Somersham Baptist Church

June—July 2019



## Somersham Baptist Church

... on the High Street in the heart of the community

What wonderful weather we had for the Easter Holidays! Hope you all had safe travelling to your family and/or your friends and that you enjoyed your stay with them all.

We, at our “*CHURCH ON THE HIGH STREET*” had an amazing time over the Easter weekend.

On Maundy Thursday we listened to Chris Hill on the background of the Passover Celebrations and what it means to us today.

On Good Friday we learnt about “Christ our Passover” which taught us about how Jesus, in his last hours on earth, spent the Passover.

On Saturday our Church members plus some friends prepared the Somersham Victory Hall for our own Passover meal. There were 71 people present at the evening event from Somersham and surrounding churches. The meal was made up from the same type of ingredients that Jesus and his disciples would have used. Chris Hill explained each “course”, there are four, and each course had its own meaning and food content.

Easter Sunday, of course, is the day of celebration. “He has risen – he has risen indeed” and because of that fact, all who believe in Him will be saved and on their death will spend eternity in Heaven with Him. Chris Hill led the service and his sermon was entitled “He is Risen” explaining in everyday language what that meant to the Disciples 2000 plus years ago and what it means to us today.

A reminder about our Youth Groups, **Little Sparrows** for Mums, Tots and Tinies every Wednesday at 9.15am until 11.15am, **Dynamite**, for school years 7 – 13 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month. Our premises are also used by various village groups throughout the week so if you need a meeting place in easy reach of the centre please contact us. Details are on our website.

You are all welcome to join us each Sunday or any of our House Groups and Prayer meetings. Details of all events can be seen on our Notice Board and on our Web Site [www.somershambaptist.org](http://www.somershambaptist.org)

From a Member of the Church.



# Community News

## Strength and balance classes can keep you doing the things you enjoy June—July 2019

A local woman has put a spring in her step after joining strength and balance classes that are keeping her doing the things she enjoys. Rita (pictured below) aged 77 from Ely joined the fun and sociable class at the local library having heard about it from a friend after a recent fall. The class featured as part of the successful Stronger for Longer campaign. Rita said: “The class has helped me with my walking, strength, balance, and posture, along with confidence outside of the class.” “I can see the difference in myself, I do a lot of walking and since going to classes I am now able to walk that bit longer without any problems – which means I can go out more and enjoy with my friends. “Coming to the class will improve your well-being and help you to keep active. You will meet new people and it can be fun.” Since the launch of the Stronger for Longer campaign back in October, over 100 new people have joined strength and balance classes around the county and are now stronger and steadier. Over 2,300 people have also downloaded our Supersix leaflet, which is helping people to do strength and balance exercises at home at least twice a week.

Huntingdonshire district council’s One Leisure Active Lifestyle team run many falls prevention classes throughout the district. You can pick up a leaflet from your local One Leisure centre, GP surgery or library. Alternatively the brochure can be viewed online at [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/rightstart](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/rightstart).

For more information, go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger)

The Stronger for Longer campaign involves a range of partners, including Cambridgeshire County Council, District Councils, local NHS, Living Sport & Huntingdonshire district council.



## 'Stay Stronger for Longer'



### Blood Bikers

Did you know that whilst you are tucked up in bed at night all over the country dedicated volunteers are transporting much needed blood, plasma, platelets, samples, vaccines, and any other urgently required medical items to NHS hospitals and the Air Ambulance service. They are members of a Registered Charity - **SERV** (Service by Emergency Response Volunteers) affectionately known as Blood Bikers, because of their preferred mode of transport, Motor Bikes. They provide this vital service to the NHS entirely free of charge which enables the NHS to divert funds to where they are needed most.

John Gibson who is a local controller in East Anglia came along to our March meeting to describe how the service works. Our local area comprises Suffolk and Cambridge with its major hospitals of Peterborough, Hinchingbrooke, Addenbrookes, Papworth and West Suffolk in Bury St Edmunds. There are 8 drivers who are available from 7pm to 6am every day of the year, working shifts. They provide their own vehicles, pay for their own petrol and repairs and rely entirely on donations and members goodwill.

A talk that really opened our eyes to some very selfless people and the deserving charity behind them.

### It shouldn't happen to a Home Economist

At our April meeting Sian Fox gave us a very entertaining talk about her career as a Home Economist, which began as a freelance 6-week job with Sainsbury's. The main challenge for her was the opportunity to work with Jamie Oliver on his School Dinner Programme, arising from his challenge to the board of Sainsbury's - as well as many other institutions - to reform school dinners and encourage healthier eating. She said it had been a real privilege for her to be part of his team.

Sian also had an active role in the MEND childhood obesity programme, which encouraged confidence in any sport and for families to adopt a different lifestyle - weight loss and control etc. She is currently with Bosch Siemens Neff as a Home Economist where her first task was to bake brownies with no flour – the alternative was ground up crickets!! Well they are of course full of protein and very good for you!!! She finished her talk with a challenge for us; a 20 question “Food for Thought” Quiz which was very illuminating.

*We have lots more interesting speakers booked so do come along to one of our meetings. No immediate commitment to join...see if you like us first!*

Further details from Hazel McElligott: 01487 741 666

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

# *Somersham Friendship Club for Over 60s*

June—July 2019



**The Somersham Friendship Club for the Over 60s needs a few more volunteers to ensure lasting success.**

## **What do you do on Tuesday mornings?**

Are you able to give a few hours (occasionally or regularly) on Tuesdays to help support the Friendship Club?

**Jobs might include setting-up and supporting activities, chatting to and greeting members or helping to clear away.**

If you would like to help or attend the Friendship Club join us on **Tuesdays from 10.30am to 1.00pm**

For more information please call Stewart on **01733 352213** or email: **friendshipclubs@ageukcap.org.uk**

More than 20 elderly people already enjoy the company, the weekly activities and freshly cooked lunches. Activities so far have included quizzes, board games, art and crafts and talks.

**Why not take this opportunity to find out what YOU can do to support people in your community.**

*An NHS report states volunteering can boost your own wellbeing –  
“Doing good makes you feel good”*





# The Programme

## **Adapted Yoga:**

Monday afternoons starting at 2pm, The small hall, Victory Hall (PE28 3HE)  
Each session, led by Linda Garrick, will be 1 hour followed by refreshments.

## **Seated/standing Exercise:**

Tuesday afternoons starting at 2pm, The Millennium Pavilion, off The Trundle (PE28 3JS). Each session, led by Becky Adams, will be approximately 45 minutes followed by refreshments.

## **T'ai Chi (adapted half seated/half standing):**

Wednesdays at 2.30pm, at the Victory Hall (PE28 3HE). Each session, led by Mike Tabrett will be approximately 1 hour and will be followed by refreshments.

## **Nordic Walking:**

Thursdays mornings led by Sam Godfrey. Step 1 starts at 10am and Step 2 (Intermediate) starts at 11.15am. Each Step is approximately 30 minutes of walking and is followed by refreshments. Meet at the Millennium Pavilion (PE28 3JS).

## **Mindfulness, Meditation & Movement:**

Fridays at 10.30am led by Jo Shaw. 1 hour followed by refreshments at the Millennium Pavilion (PE28 3JS). (This session is £2 per week and will run for initially 6 weeks - last session 7th June - continuation depends on attendance)

All sessions are £4. Subsidised transport can be provided on request.

For more information visit our website

<https://changinglivessomersham.wordpress.com>,

follow us on Facebook 'Changing Lives' or call 01487 841359.

# *The Church Clock*

June—July 2019

If you live near St John's Church in Somersham you will be familiar with the sound of the church clock as it strikes the hours and quarter hours, day and night. You may also be aware that it does not always keep good time. It needs quite frequent adjustment and this is hardly surprising given its age and that, to the best of our knowledge, although it has had some periodic servicing, it has not had a major overhaul since 1974.

The Parochial Church Council are hoping to get the clock mechanism completely overhauled and the dial on the tower cleaned, repainted and the hands and numbers re-gilded. It will be a very expensive project and will be dependant on securing grants to carry out the work.

The clock has an interesting history. It was installed in 1864 by Willson & Woodruff who were watch and clock makers in Somersham, although it is believed that the clock would have been made in London. The history of Willson & Woodruff can be traced through the entries in trade directories, census records and the inscriptions on their two adjacent headstones in the churchyard not far from the tower.

Thomas Willson is first listed in a trade directory in 1839, when he was 29 years old. By 1864 he had a partner in Thomas Woodruff who at some time became his son-in-law, marrying Thomas Willson's daughter, Jane. Thomas Woodruff took over the firm some time between 1885 and 1890 and Thomas Willson died in 1891, aged 81. Thomas Woodruff died in 1914, aged 71.

It is fairly certain that their Watchmakers shop is now the China Garden Restaurant in Somersham, as census records show it between Braunston House at the Cross and a baker's shop (more recently a butcher's shop). There was also a Woodruff's Yard next to the shop which today is the alley between the China Garden Restaurant and the old butcher's shop. There were 2 dwellings in this yard but in the 1911 Census one was called Garden Cottage, High Street, the other was uninhabited.

The clock's Westminster Chimes were added in 1895. They were a gift from a Mr Nicholls as a memorial to Mrs Nicholls and were dedicated in December of that year.

The following entries from the Church Parish Magazines all relate to the clock.

In May 1938 it was recorded that James Darrington had wound the church clock for a quarter of a century.

In March 1974 "The PCC is most grateful to the Somersham Feoffees and the Parish Council who have made contributions to cover the cost of the complete mechanical overhaul of the Church Clock". Permission to carry out the work was announced in the August Magazine and in the November magazine the work was said to have been completed.

In April 1978 – An appeal for £7,000 to carry out essential repairs to the church was launched. It included the re-gilding of the clock dial.

In 1988 the PCC decided to electrify the clock winding mechanism at a cost of £1625 which was paid for by the Somersham Feoffees.

Hopefully we will manage to get the clock overhauled and keeping good time later this year.

Alan Draper (Churchwarden)

# Editor's Snippets



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**  
*Working together to improve community safety*

## What the chefs need to know...

- Never use a barbecue indoors or on a balcony
- Make sure barbecues are placed on level ground where they will not tip over
- Keep barbecues away from your home, sheds, fences, garden furniture, trees, shrubs and tents
- Don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the cooking
- Don't set up the barbecue in a place where people have to squeeze past it
- Keep children, pets, and garden games well away from the cooking area
- Never leave the barbecue unattended
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues
- Only use approved barbecue fuel or fire lighters - never use petrol or paraffin

## After you've finished cooking...

- When you have finished cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before you try to move it
- Empty the cold ash onto bare garden soil – never put it in the dustbin
- Where possible, keep a bucket of water, sand, or a garden hose nearby for emergencies

## Tips for gas barbecues

- Take extra care when turning bottled gas barbecues on and off
- Make sure the controls and the gas cylinder valve are turned off before you change the cylinder
- Make sure all joints are tightened, safe, and secure
- Change the gas cylinder in the open air
- When you have finished cooking, Turn off the gas cylinder before the barbecue controls; this makes sure any leftover gas in the pipe is used up
- Store your gas cylinders outside and protected from frost and sunlight
- Never store gas cylinders under the stairs - if there is a fire they might explode and block your escape route
- If you think there might be a leak in the gas cylinder connections or pipe, brush soapy water over all of the joints and watch out for bubbles
- If you have a leaky joint, try to tighten it (but don't over tighten it) and test for bubbles again. If unsure do not use the barbecue – seek specialist advice



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**Contact the Editorial team:**  
**Somersham4u.newsletter@btconnect.com**

**Deadline for the August/September  
Edition of SOMERSHAM4U  
Sunday 30th June (3:00PM)**



**Dog mess is an emotive issue and one of the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Our research shows dog fouling is the issue the public are most concerned about.**

Whether it's our research-led campaigns, our innovations, our legal advice, or our work with land managers and dog charities we are working hard to tackle the issue.

And we are making a difference. By changing behaviours and creating solutions we've helped reduce dog-fouling by up to 77%, helping people feel proud of where they live.

Dog fouling – whether loose or bagged – is offensive, disgusting and a potential health hazard. It is a widespread problem, but sometimes changing the behaviour of just a few thoughtless dog owners can make a big difference.

**Contact us: 01942 612 655 or 01942 612 648**  
**Email us: [network.enquiries@keepbritaintidy.org](mailto:network.enquiries@keepbritaintidy.org)**

## STALLS AT THE CROSS

2nd March Friends of Somersham Parish Church £109.37

6th April Friends of Somersham Parish Church £170.00

13th April Friends of Somersham Library £78.70

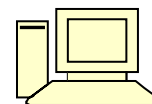
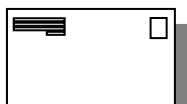
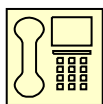


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# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING



The Handlebards are back Sunday 7th July

6:30 PM start

Gates open at 5:30PM

Millennium Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham PE28 3JS

The world's first cycling theatre company, The HandleBards, pedal from venue to venue with all the set, props and costume necessary to perform environmentally sustainable Shakespeare across the globe.

Join their all-male troupe at the Millennium Sports Pavilion for a bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' like no other. In usual HandleBards style, expect riotous amounts of energy, a fair old whack of chaos, and a great deal of laughter.

And what's the play about? Well – a group of soldiers return from the war to a household in Messina, causing the kindling of new love interests and the re-kindling of old rivalries. The parallel love stories of Beatrice, Benedick, Claudio and Hero become entangled with plotting, frivolity and melodrama in Shakespeare's famous comedy.

This is an outdoor production, so please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on, a picnic to dig into, and dress for the weather!

## Notes on Performance

- Doors open at 5.30pm, so bring a picnic and come and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.
- Chairs, picnics, blankets and any other low level accessories are welcome.
- In case of rain, please don't bring umbrellas as they block sight-lines for other audience members. Ponchos and raincoats are just as fetching, so please wear these instead.

## Important Ticket Conditions – Please Read

- **One 'Under 10' tickets is available free of charge with each paid ticket.**
- Tickets are unfortunately non-changeable and non-refundable.
- Tickets will also be available to purchase on the day at the venue, for £18 each.
- Our free 'Under 10' ticket offer is only available online and in-advance.
- All prices are inclusive of VAT.
- Tickets can be brought digitally to the show, so please don't feel like you need to print them.

Paper tickets will be purchasable from The Library, Strands, The Norwood Building & The Rose and Crown until 6th July 2019

Online is <http://www.millennium-sports-somersham.co.uk/TheHandlebards.html>

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