

Somersham **4U**

A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Somersham

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Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report

August—September 2017



No-one who attended this year's Carnival last month would fail to agree what a success it was. Good attendance, great fun and excellent weather. Also a huge commitment from those involved, so a huge 'thank

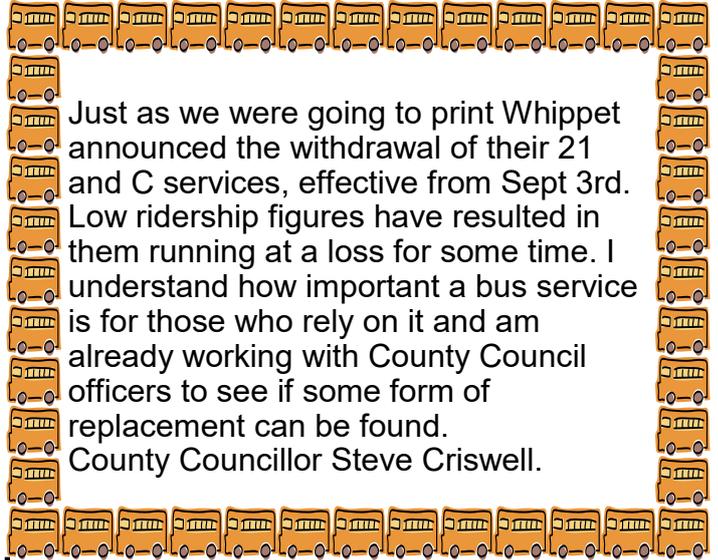
you' for all your hard work. Another very well received event was the Handlebards performance of Midsummer Night's Dream at the Millennium field. Anyone put off by the 'Shakespeare element' missed a treat. "Inventive, ingenious and great fun". A good time was had by all. Supporting these events also raises funds for our valued local facilities. Hopefully, you will all know by now that in addition to performing all the usual functions of a busy parish council, we also try to go the extra mile to support all our residents. The Changing Lives project that was mentioned in the last edition is a new example of this. Thank you to those that filled in the initial form. More details can be found on pages 6 and 7. This is not a charity or the delivery of a service. It is the community within Somersham and surrounding villages standing shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, to help support the significant number of people living with certain neurological conditions. The scheme is officially launched on Sept 2nd and I hope all the organisations in the village will want to be involved in some way. Steve Criswell.

Parish Office 01487 841359 Open 9:00AM-3:00PM
Monday-Thursday
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www.somersham4u.org.uk
@SomershamParish

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

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

4th September	20th November
25th September	18th December
23rd October	15th January 2018



Just as we were going to print Whippet announced the withdrawal of their 21 and C services, effective from Sept 3rd. Low ridership figures have resulted in them running at a loss for some time. I understand how important a bus service is for those who rely on it and am already working with County Council officers to see if some form of replacement can be found.

County Councillor Steve Criswell.

FLYTIPPING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE

We have had several occurrences of Flytipping in Somersham. Recently the Parish Council had to clear tyres, builders waste and a load of cans from the Short Drove to Chatteris Bridlepath. Just after this had been cleared between 6th – 11th July a load of wall tiles were Flytipped on the same Bridlepath. Do you recognise these tiles?



Flytipping is a criminal offence and offenders can face a fine of up to £50,000 and imprisonment. Householders have a legal responsibility to ensure their waste is disposed of correctly. Always check that the person removing your waste is authorised to take it, if they fly-tip your waste, you could also face prosecution and a fine of up to £5000.

If Flytipping involves the use of a vehicle, both the driver and registered owner can be prosecuted. The police have powers to seize vehicles used for Flytipping. If you witness Flytipping taking place, do not confront them, but call the Police on 101 Give as much detail as possible: Location and description of persons involved. Vehicle reg no and any sign writing on it.

Community

Somersham History Society

August—September 2017

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm

in the Baptist Church Tickets £3 on the door.

Alan Draper will give an illustrated talk entitled

“The History of Somersham as portrayed in the 1908 Pageant”

How did Somersham manage to stage the first pageant to be performed in the country?

How was the authoress Dorothy L. Sayer involved?

Why was it followed by a Mystery Play?

Come and find out these answers to the questions and many more in this interesting and fascinating presentation.

We also hope to arrange an evening tour of the re-opened Norris Museum. Details to follow once confirmed.

Snakes and Laddersa winning theme

As always Somersham Carnival was a great day and the theme of board games a brilliant one to get creative with. We were absolutely delighted that our efforts were rewarded with First Place for Best Dressed Stall for our Snakes and Ladders theme. Our members worked really hard and came up with some superb ideas. Our centrepiece giant snake was snapped up in a mini auction and we hope is providing lots of fun for the family it went to.

By the time you are reading this we will have had our July meeting and hopefully learned new ways about taking care of our skin from beautician and skincare entrepreneur Kay Ball.

We have some interesting evenings ahead until Christmas, including an International gathering and we will be welcoming back the ever-popular Paul Vickers who will indulge us with Part II of his History of Magic. Why not come along as a visitor and see for your yourselves how rewarding being a member of Somersham WI can be.

We meet at the Millennium Pavilion 3rd Tuesday of every months 7.15 for 7.30 start.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Did you know Somersham Parish Council have a Squash Court in the Norwood Building (attached to the Victory Hall) in Parkhall Road. The Squash Court was recently refurbished and has some heating during the winter months.

Play Squash in Somersham

It is available for hire at a cost of £4.10 per 40 minute session

For enquiries and bookings please contact

Jean Draper

Tel: 01487 741531

To book the court you must be at least 18 years old and ID may be required.



Community

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Community Inspiration Awards

Many congratulations to Barbara Hoy who recently won the prestigious Community Inspiration Award in recognition of her work in the community.

“The Community Inspiration Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of ordinary people who are achieving extraordinary things and changing the world where they are. In 2017, our Year of New Beginnings, these awards are a great way to celebrate the contribution of people who work tirelessly to make our neighborhoods better places to live.”

The Award is managed by Luminus in conjunction with The Hunts Post.



ROAD WATCH

The Community Roadwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. This scheme is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods. Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices which display vehicle speed. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community.

How do I become a volunteer?

To find out more about becoming a Roadwatch volunteer contact: clerk@somersham-pc.gov.uk

Community Roadwatch is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company that, apart from providing QA/traffic monitoring services to national/ local Companies/ Organisations/ Public Bodies, will send teams of expert volunteers out to villages/residents who request or need one or more of our corporate services as detailed on our website www.roadwatch.org.uk. We will also encourage local teams to operate autonomously to our ethical standards and using our non-confrontational techniques.

“Every little helps a lot and any little is a lot better than nothing at all”

Calling All Young Readers

Somersham Community Library is in Church Street.



FOSL

ANIMAL
AGENTS
SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE

Opening Hours

TEL: 01487 840266

Monday 2pm – 6pm

Tuesday 10am – 12noon

& 2pm – 6pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 2pm – 8pm

Friday 2pm – 6pm

Saturday 10am to 12:30pm

2nd & 4th Sunday 11am-1pm

*** Make the Animal-Agents Reading Challenge part of your summer hols!**

*** Read 6 books from SOMERSHAM LIBRARY**

*** Get free stickers and interesting activities to complete your folder**

*** Win a certificate and a ‘gold’ medal (if you complete the challenge)**

*** Go to www.animal-agents.org.uk It’s free and loads of fun!**

Charity No. 1149100.

FOSL is supported by Somersham PC and Cambs CC

Community News

Youth Workers needed in Somersham

August—September 2017

The following exciting opportunities are now available to work with teenagers and young people who live and visit Somersham. We are currently seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals to support the development and delivery of a varied, fun and wide ranging programmes of activities.

Youth Club Leader

Senior and Junior Youth Club (SCP 22) £10.74 per hour

Youth Worker – Junior

Youth Club (SCP 15) £8.33 per hour

- The Junior Youth Club is open every Monday term time only from 5.45 – 7.45pm at the Victory Hall. Applicants must be able to develop and motivate young people and it is desirable that you have skills hobbies or interests that could be used in work with young people.
- The Senior youth club is currently delivering project based group work activities. Successful applicants will have an awareness and understanding of issues that can impact on teenagers.

For Paid Vacancies (age 16 +) :

Please download an application form from www.somersham-pc.gov.uk and clearly identify what vacancy you wish to apply for.

The job description and person specification can be viewed online at www.somersham-pc.gov.uk

Completed application forms should be returned by email or post no later than **9.30am on Friday 18th August 2017**

Completed applications to be returned to Email: clerk@somersham-pc.gov.uk

Postal address: **The Norwood Building, Parkhall Road, Somersham PE28 3HE**

Garden Fete

**Saturday 9th September
2 pm until 4.30 pm**

Join us at BRAUNSTON HOUSE
Close to the Cross at Somersham

Admission Adults £1
Children accompanied by an adult — Free
Come and see the working Model Railway -
weather permitting



also
Stalls, Teas and cakes etc
in aid of St John the Baptist Church

The Over 60's Club

The Chairperson and committee of Somersham over 60's would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to our carnival tombola bottle stall: we made £200 for our funds, so thank you to everyone that supported us on the day. The 50/50 raffle which amounted to £60 was won by Charlie Clapham from West End Somersham.

- * MJR Joinery
- * Windsor Green Stores
- * British Legion Somersham
- * Cost Cutters
- * Rose and Crown Public House
- * Kypol Electroplating Ltd Sandy Bedfordshire
- * Tesco Express
- * Centurion Club

We would also be pleased to welcome any new members, We have our meetings the 3rd Friday of every month at 2:30PM in the Victory Hall. You do not have to be over 60 to join us.

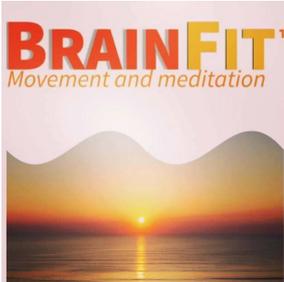


CHANGING LIVES

Changing Lives is a locally developed programme of events and activities specifically for people living with neurological conditions such as, but not exclusively, Parkinson’s Disease, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Stroke and Dementia, and is open to their carers, friends and family. The project aims to help people manage symptoms and to create a network of support for those affected.



Sam demonstrating Nordic Walking and some of the stretches that can be done using the poles.



Anyone living in Somersham and it’s surrounding villages such as Colne, Pidley, Broughton, Bluntisham, Woodhurst, Old Hurst and Earith are welcome to come along. Transport is provided upon request at a very small cost.



Enjoy the outdoors with the Nature Ventures

The activities will vary over the course of the project so that we reflect the demands of the community. They will include exercise sessions such as Chair Based Exercise, Nordic Walking and BrainFit (combining exercise and mindfulness). We will be making use of the beautiful Nature Reserve with outdoor Nature Ventures incorporating environmental art, outdoor cooking and looking at local wildlife. There will also be creative sessions available with singing and various forms of art such as printing, drawing and painting.

We will be running Taster Days, 12 week blocks of activities and one off events beginning in September 2017. People can self refer and sign up for these sessions by calling **01487 841359**, emailing **lucy.bird@somersham-pc.gov.uk** or attend one of our Taster Days.



This project reflects a priority action in Cambridgeshire as it has successfully received money through the County Council’s Innovation Fund for 2 years. We are working with a range of health and social professionals and with the voluntary sector. We hope that with the support of the community we can reach out to local people.



Photo from Syrah Arnold from a workshop with people affected by Stroke.



Chair based exercise can be adapted for you and is great fun to share with a friend

We need your help to ensure we are delivering a service that you feel will help you, your friends and family. Please support this project by filling in the attached survey on and returning it to us at Changing Lives, The Norwood Building, Parkhall Road or following the link to fill in an online survey.

You can find details of the project and the full programme will be available soon here:

- **Website:** www.https://changinglivessomersham.wordpress.com/
- **Facebook:** Changing Lives
- **Phone:** 01487 841359
- **Email:** lucy.bird@somersham-pc.gov.uk





CHANGING LIVES

Taster Day

Saturday 2nd September
10am-3pm

We would like to invite anyone living with or affected by a neurological condition, their carers, friends and family to our Taster Day. The event is open to anyone from Somersham and all of the surrounding villages, including Colne, Bluntisham, Pidley, Earith, Woodhurst, Old Hurst and Broughton.

The Taster Day will give a flavour of a new programme of activities aimed to help people manage the symptoms of these conditions and create a local network, being run from 4th September. You can drop in for more information and a chat with some of the team or book on to one of the trial sessions:

- ◆ Refreshments available throughout the day
- ◆ Information from organisations such as Parkinson's UK, the MS Society and the Alzheimer's Society
- ◆ Taster Sessions in Chair Based Exercise, Nature Ventures, Nordic Walking and BrainFit
- ◆ Become a Dementia Friend

For more information visit our website [www.https://changinglivesomersham.wordpress.com](https://changinglivesomersham.wordpress.com), follow us on Facebook 'Changing Lives' or call 01487 841359.

**Venue: The Millennium Pavilion, off The Trundle,
Somersham, PE28 3JS**

Events

August—September 2017

A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Millennium Sports Field, what a night !

The HandleBards (a professional touring group) are four-strong troupes of cycling actors who carry on their bicycles all of the necessary set, props and costume to perform extremely energetic, charmingly chaotic and environmentally sustainable Shakespeare plays across the globe.



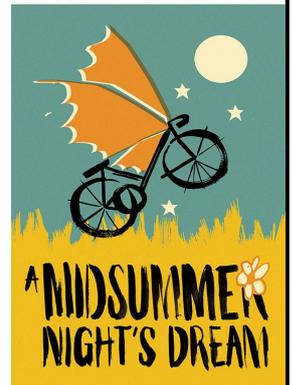
The HandleBards specialise in outdoor theatre as they love performing in the open air and gave an amazing, innovative and very funny performance of a Mid Summer-Nights Dream. Luckily, we had a beautiful summer evening and it was heartwarming to see the audience both young and old

thoroughly enjoying one of Shakespeare's best comedies. There were even opportunities for audience participation... to the amusement and admiration of the remaining spectators!



"Just had to write to say how much we thoroughly enjoyed the Handlebards!! Thank you for bringing them to Somersham! I don't think I have ever seen such creativity and innovative acting with very unique props. The comic timing was perfect and we had not laughed so much for ages... such a tonic. I do hope you can get them to come again. Marketing their performance must have been so hard, because until you have seen what they do, you can't really explain it can you. Well done to you all for a super evening.

Thank you very much. Hope the word gets out around all the local villages, what a fantastic evening people sadly missed. So glad we came along. Thanks again! xx David and Debbie"



We're back !

Sunday 29th October 2017

Save the day

SOMERSHAM SPRINT a 5 k and 10k multi terrain event

Why not enter to raise money for your favourite local organisation or charity?

FIND US ON FACEBOOK 'Somersham Sprint 10 k'

millennium_bookings@somersham.org

01487 841359

Race Director: Penny Bryant millennium_office@somersham.org

www.millennium-sports-somersham.co.uk

Entry fee £15 & all finishers receive a medal !

St John the Baptist Church

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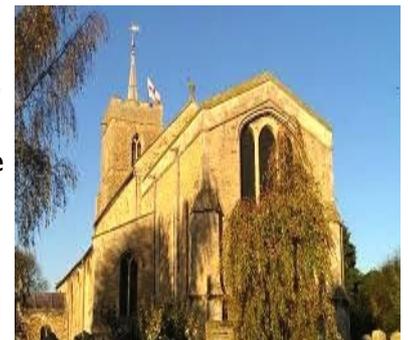
At this time of year, our community calendar is pretty full - with flower festivals, carnivals and fetes; not to mention, weddings and baptisms. I was very pleased for this year at the carnival we had dry and warm weather (if windy!) which meant there was a good opportunity for people to linger and talk. I gave up persuading my daughter to go home- as she was glued to the Tug of War - and thought I would enjoy the relative calm and the late afternoon warmth – that is until I was persuaded to join the Equestrian Team tug of war who were short of adults! I still have the war wounds and although we didn't win it was fun and several people have given me tips if there is a next time!



One of the things I love about English summer events is cream teas and I have enjoyed quite a few...and am pleased to say there are more to come. The 'Friends of the Church' **garden party** is on 12th August at The Rectory (£5 per year to join 'The Friends') and all are welcome to come to the **Garden Fete (also known as Tea and Trains)** in support of the church at Braunton House on the afternoon of Saturday 9th September. As well as cream teas, cakes, stalls

and games there is the opportunity (if fine) of seeing the miniature railway.

Thank-you to all who supported our Flower Festival in June, it was lovely to see the church transformed and to have a chat to people. It was also good to see so many people at the Carnival Concert for the training band and the School choirs who all gave an amazing performance as they always do.



It is with sadness, that we say goodbye to Rev. Bruce who has been such a big part of our community. Many of you have spoken to me and asked that I pass on your good wishes and thanks for all he has done in service over the years. I will miss working alongside him – whether it is Remembrance Sunday or Open the Book School assemblies; not to mention the amazing bible Holiday Bible Club. With many others we wish Bruce and his family well for the future.

We will be having our summer break for Little Acorns at the end of term but I am delighted to announce that Jess our Family and Children's worker has had a baby girl – Daisy Florence – we look forward to welcoming her!

Coming Up:

Holiday Messy Church session on Monday 7th August 2 – 4pm – all ages (plus adult) in the church.

Discipleship Course – a 10 week course Wednesday Evenings from September...a chance to go deeper into living out your faith. **Contact me to find out further details.**

Sunday Services are at **10.30am** and Evensong 6.30pm 1st Sunday.

Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

All Age Service on the 4th Sunday.

Midweek Service (usually Communion) – 9.30am followed by coffee.



For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact me
Wishing you a happy Summer,
Rev. Sue Simpson (Rector)

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Rector@somershamparishes.org
www.somershamparishes.org

Editor's Snippets

August—September 2017

Contact the Editorial team:

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Deadline for the August/September 2017

Edition of SOMERSHAM4U

Monday 4th September 2017 (3:00PM)

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STALLS AT THE CROSS

13th May Friends of Somersham
Parish Church £113.60

20th May Somersham Garden Club
£282.00

3rd & 4th June Somersham Garden
Club Open Gardens £1670.00

**Pidley International Teddy
Bear Freefall Competition**
Saturday 9th September
10am
at

Rookery Farm Fishing Lake

On this day in history

12 Sep 1440 Eton College was founded by Henry VI. Prefects were warned to look out for "ill-kempt heads and unwashed faces."

1 Aug 1834 Slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire as the Slavery Abolition Act 1833 came into force. An estimated 770 000 slaves were freed.

12 Aug 1865 Joseph Lister became the first doctor to use disinfectant during surgery.

24 Aug 1875 Matthew Webb (Captain Webb) started his attempt from Dover England to become the first person to swim the English Channel. He reached Calais, France at 10.40 am the following morning, having been in the water for 22 hours.

18 Sep 1879 the famous illuminations in Blackpool were switched on for the first time, a month before electricity was generally available in London. The first display was known as 'Artificial sunshine', and consisted of just eight Arc lamps which bathed the Promenade.

19 Aug 1897 the London Electric Cab Company began operating the electric-powered taxi cabs in London's West End and the City. They had a range of up to 30 miles, and a top speed of 9 miles an hour. The cabs proved uneconomical and were withdrawn in 1900.

1 Sep 1951 The Premier supermarket opened in Earl's Court, London; the first supermarket in Britain.

5 Aug 1976 the clock overlooking the Houses of Parliament stopped for the first time in 117 years.

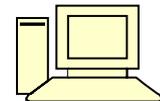
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YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

August—September 2017

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23, The Bank, Somersham, PE28 3DJ

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2, Lancaster Close, Old Hurst , PE28 3BB

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Police - non-emergency calls - **Dial 101**



CHANGING LIVES

Please either complete online via:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2C96PY9>
Following the QR code
Or simply tear off the back page and pop
through our door at
The Norwood Building,
Parkhall Road, Somersham, PE28 3HE



We are running a project in Somersham and surrounding villages to help to improve the lives of local people living with a range of neurological conditions, depression and for their carers. This survey is to help us ensure that we are providing services that people will use, enjoy and find helpful providing a supportive network.

1. Do you live with a neurological condition?

- Yes
 No

2. Do you know someone living locally with a neurological condition?

- Yes
 No

3. Do you live with depression and/or anxiety?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

4. Are you a carer of someone living with a neurological condition or depression/anxiety?

- Yes
 No

5. If you are happy to share, please tell us which condition/conditions you, or the person you know lives with.

6. Do you or the person you know/care for feel supported locally?

- Yes
 No
 Sometimes

Other (please specify)

7. Would you be interested in attending one or more of the following? If none of these would be of interest please make suggestions of what you would like to do.

- Nature based activities
 Chair based activities
 Singing group
 Dancing sessions
 Therapy sessions e.g. Massage, beauty
 Walking
 Counselling sessions

Other (please specify)

8. Are you a local business or organisation who could support this project?

- Yes
 No

Comment

9. This survey can be filled in anonymously or please add your contact details below.