



SOMPTING SIGNPOST

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SOMPTING FESTIVAL 2017

30th June, 1st and 2nd July.

Friday 30th June Free Rides for children,
Light Refreshments, Childrens' Disco.



Saturday 1st July Arena Events inc. Belly Dancing, Gymnastics Display, 1st Aid Demo, Bake Off and Flower Arranging, Sompting's Got Talent, Auction - as well as a Medieval Re-enactment, Football Tournament, Barn Dance, Irish Band, Status Quo Tribute Band, Childrens' Rides and various stalls.

Sunday 2nd July Beer Tent, Fun Dog Show, Church Service and Picnic in the Park, Folk Group.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help at the Festival or if you have any queries please contact 01903 208824

The Council's 2017/18 budget.

Your Parish Council has formed strong working partnerships with Sompting Estate, South Downs National Park Authority and Sussex Sustainable Community to improve the community's access and enjoyment of the South Downs and the environment of certain areas in Sompting. To achieve this, the Council has £ 10,000 in its 2017/18 budget. It also has £4,000.00 to fund resident surveys on various topics throughout the year, giving its community the opportunity to inform the Council "what they think!"



For your information, the 2017/18 expenditure budget is £126,026 with an expected income of £98,265 and use of its reserves at £27,761.

SOMPTING PARISH

RESIDENTS' SURVEY

The Parish Council is keen to find out the residents views on Sompting, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey when it comes through your door later in the year!



FOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED SINCE LAST ISSUE

We welcome Councillors:-

Montague



Cokeham
South

Davies



Peverel
North

Derham



Peverel
South

Glynn-Davies



Peverel
South

ENHANCING PLACES - INSPIRING COMMUNITIES (EPIC) PROJECT!

You may have read in the Lancing Herald about this exciting project happening in Sompting. Your Parish Council is very interested in this project and is in discussion with the promoters "Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust" on how it will evolve over the years of development. The Trust has issued a leaflet about the project which is with this Sompting Signpost.

SOMPTING OPEN GARDENS 2018



Sompting Parish Council is hoping to have an 'Open Gardens Scheme' in the summer of 2018 and would like the views of residents, as to whether they would like to be involved. It would be on the lines of that run by the National Gardens Scheme, with perhaps a trail around Sompting with a list of gardens participating. Please let us know your views via the address on the back page.



Your "Cake, coffee and computers" is still available

- at the Harriet Johnson Centre on Wednesdays 10-12 noon. Please come and enjoy getting on using today's technology. Below are some reviews given by those coming.

"just being able to 'pop' in without having to make appointments or having to sign up for a course is really useful as I don't have a great deal of free time and don't necessarily want to have a regular commitment"

"by holding an open discussion dealing with the applications and benefits of the computer in society, Mike creates a relaxed atmosphere, where people do not feel pressured and want to learn"

"I found the sessions very relaxing, helpful and informative under the guidance of Mike Burton"

"the informality of the sessions encourages the members of the group to listen to the difficulties others have, many of which are of a similar nature to their own and overlap"



ENGAGING YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council would like to engage more with youth in the Community. If you are between 11 and 17 years and have views on what the Parish Council could do for you—please get in touch with Assistant Clerk, Sue Tubb, either by e mail, facebook or phone.

Details on the back page

NATURE AND CONSERVATION IN SOMPTING

SOMPTING BROOKS WALK

A very successful walk took place on 25th February—27 people took part and enjoyed a very interesting ramble learning about the flora and fauna in the area.



FLOWER BED AT HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

The bed that was planted a few months ago has certainly been doing really well.



COMMUNITY GARDEN HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

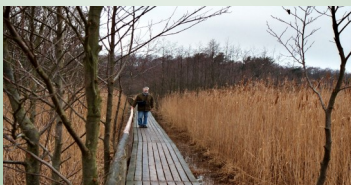


The hanging baskets at the Centre were planted by a volunteer.



COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MILLFIELD PLANTERS

The Parish Council has now taken back responsibility for the planters at Millfield. We will be starting work on them soon

For any information on any of the above, please ring 01903 208824 and ask for Leighton or e mail leightonclay@sompting.org.uk



HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

For further information phone 01903 208824 or email harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk or see our website where you can download information and forms www.sompting.org.uk facebook. www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1
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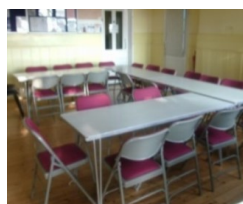
The Centre currently has several groups and activities during the day and evening for all ages, covering a variety of interests. More details of contacts can be found on the website or contact with the Centre Manager.

Do you have a group that is looking for a venue – then why not try the Centre? See above for contact details.

Harriet Johnson Centre

**Do you want to book a hall for a
 Childrens' Party
 Wedding
 Meeting?**

**Just contact the Harriet Johnson Centre
 and we will try and meet your
 requirements**



STAFF AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

CENTRE MANAGER - SIMONE WILLIAMS – 01903 208824 harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk (MON/WED/FRI 10am to 12 noon)
 CARETAKER - LEIGHTON CLAY - 07704601172

STAFF AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

DAVID PORTER - PARISH CLERK – 07813484857 clerk@sompting.org.uk (TUE/WED 10am to 12 noon)
 SUE TUBB - ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK – 01903 208824 assistantclerk@sompting.org.uk (TUE/WED/THUR 10am to 12 noon)

USEFUL NUMBERS (all 01903 unless stated)

Harriet Johnson Centre – 208824
 Doctors – Ball Tree Surgery - 752200
 Dentist – Ball Tree Dental Surgery - 754224
 Chemist – Cokeham Pharmacy – 753454
 Vets – Grove Lodge - 234866

Sompting Parish Council - 07813484857

Emergency Number 07704601172
 Adur/Worthing Council 01273 263000
 (Emergency number 07879412971)
 West Sussex County Council 01243 777100

From Cllr. Godley - Chair of the Centre Committee.....

Harriet Finlay Johnson was the headmistress of the school from 1897 to 1910 and overcame many challenges to educate successfully the children of Sompting during this time, even when she married her husband who was 17 years her junior. I hope Harriet would be pleased with the centre which is at the heart of the community and now has stunning new gates with her name emblazoned across them.

The centre caters for all ages and activities which span across the generations and through new projects, we hope that local groups may be interested in using the Centre's excellent facilities.

If you have ideas for activities you would like set up at the Centre, please write to us at the address above, detailing your ideas, or phone Simone Williams on 01903 208824 to arrange to meet and talk to us.

Anyone interested in learning more about Harriet Finlay Johnson are advised to read: 'A little School on the Downs' Mary Bowmaker.

Anne

