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**IN THIS ISSUE..... BUDGET/PRECEPT, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE, MAY ELECTIONS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, QUEENS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, JULY FESTIVAL, I.T. SUITE, TESCO GRANT, INTRODUCING NEW CARETAKER**

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE



Photo by Blue Dawg Photography



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**A fun evening for all that attended the 'Sompting Christmas in the Park' at the Harriet Johnson Centre. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves at this community event, the 4<sup>th</sup> time it has been held. Sompting Parish Council are always open to suggestions as to how to make this bigger and better and more inclusive. Look forward to seeing even more of Sompting residents there next year.**

### ANNUAL

#### DOUG SHERRIFF AWARD

The 2015 award went to Trevor Crowter for his service to the community



### AWARDS

#### FRED BURNS ROSEBOWL

The 2015 award was given to 26 Test Road



## Budget and precept 2016/2017

Sompting Parish Council has set its budget expenditure and its precept for 2016/17 and is pleased to announce that once again since 2012, **the precept remains UNCHANGED.**

The 2016/17 budget and income

Description	Expenditure Budget		Income received
Establishment	35,930		
May Elections	6,000		
Grants	3,900		
Assets new and maintenance	11,450		
Events	16,700		
7A bus service	6,000		
Harriet Johnson Centre	19,120		
Precept			(82,700)
Centre hiring			(10,500)
Miscellaneous			(65)
Reserves			(5,835)
total	99100		(99,100)



### What is planned within the 2016/17 budget?

The Parish Council has included in its budget for the following items:

1. In association with JSPC, providing computer availability at the Centre including for assisted disabled users.
2. Having grants to support Sompting for start-up events and organisations needing that "extra" help.
3. Increased funds for park improvements with Adur District Council.
4. Improved communication between residents and Council.
5. Continuing the funding of the 7A bus service.
6. Continuing events to bring the community together.
7. Conserving Somptings' rural heritage by safeguarding the historic flint walls, and the WW2 air raid shelter at the Centre.

### UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**The Neighbourhood Plan is now reaching its final stage!** The Housing and Estate Design Guide is completed and can be viewed on the Council's web site. The Plan will be approved by Full Council in January and forwarded to Adur District Council, the Local Planning Authority for approval. It will then be sent to the Planning Inspector for confirmation that the document can be used for the referendum. A referendum is required so that Sompting residents can "vote" acceptance of the document.



## MAY 2016 is the date for Sompting Parish Council elections! Why not become a parish councillor and make a difference

**REDUCTION IN** Local Government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community - to do this it will need your skills and enthusiasm.

The Parish Council is holding an event on **FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 6-9PM at the Harriet Johnson Centre.** Come to find out:-

*What your parish council does - The role of a parish councillor and how to get involved*

Or discuss it with either your Parish Councillor or the Clerk (contact details on the Council's web site) or view the election pages on the website

## EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ON SOMPTING RECREATION GROUND



The Council is pleased to announce the installation of gym equipment in partnership with ADC on Sompting Recreation Ground. This facility is for the use and benefit of the people of Sompting and it is the Council's hope that more projects can be started in the near future.



Interested in forming a group to use the exercise equipment and following up with a coffee morning at the Harriet Johnson Centre – perhaps then moving to the I.T. Suite to do your emails etc.? Contact us to see what can be arranged!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016

The Parish Council has provisionally booked Sompting Recreation Ground on

12<sup>th</sup> JUNE - FOR THE QUEENS  
90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Is there a group of people in Sompting who would be interested in organising an event to celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on either the Recreation Ground or at the Harriet Johnson Centre?

Contact 01903 208824 or e mail  
harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk



*Elizabeth II*



8<sup>TH</sup> 9<sup>TH</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
SOMPTING FESTIVAL



Meetings held regularly - see  
Sompting Festivals facebook page  
for updates.  
For more details phone 07931742116

## HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE'S I.T. SUITE This could be YOU!

The Council in association with JSPComputers of Sompting, now have a suite of computers ready for use by Sompting residents - young and old. Access to the internet for browsing, emails and information. Write your blogs. This provision is available for residents free of charge except the use of the printer.



We need assistance in running this exciting project - if you can spare time to be at the I.T. Suite helping set up and help the users whilst doing your stuff - please contact the Clerk on 07813484857 or e mail him at clerk@sompting.org.uk.

Learn how technology can help you on desk top, laptop, tablet and phone. If you want this then let us know and we will see what can be arranged.

Organisations, small businesses - you can use this room and the Centre, to your advantage - projector screen and projector are available with other presentation/training equipment - payment may be required - contact us if interested.

School children - download your homework and do it there in groups or on your own! Colour printer available.



**TESCO GRANT** The Council has received information about an exciting grant system for short term community projects and has decided to register an interest in this. After much discussion the Council has opted for a scheme to put toilet facilities on Halewick park. Before applying for the grant, as always we would like to hear resident views so please get in touch with your thoughts!





# HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

Available at various times for  
**Children's Parties, Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Concerts, Groups**  
Competitive Rates

For further information phone 01903 208824 or  
email [harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk](mailto:harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk)  
or see our website where you can download information and forms  
[www.sompting.org.uk](http://www.sompting.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1](http://www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1)  
(We have availability Tuesdays 9am -1pm and 1pm – 6pm)



## STAFF AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

CENTRE MANAGER - SIMONE WILLIAMS – 01903 208824 – [harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk](mailto:harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk) (MON/WED/FRI 10am to12 noon)

## STAFF AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

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

### THINKING OF STARTING A NEW GROUP

Are you thinking of starting a new club or group? The Harriet Johnson Centre is an ideal venue with very favourable rates for new groups. Why not come along to the Centre and see if its meets your needs. We have 4 rooms that can accommodate you. Whether your group has only a handful of members or 80 we have the right space for you. Information on room sizes and photos of each room is available on Sompting Parish Council website or telephone Centre Manager 01903 208824

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Sompting Parish Council will run training sessions at Harriet Johnson Centre in the spring. Would you be interested in attending a First Aid Course or Principles of Manual Handling course?. If any of these courses interest you please telephone Harriet Johnson Centre 01903 208824.

## SOME OF OUR REGULAR USERS



### YOGA

*Monday evenings from 6.30 – 8pm. New members welcome.*

### LANCING & SOMPTING PASTFINDERS

"Pastfinders" is a group of enthusiasts who meet once a month as a focus and forum for the local history of these two coastal villages. Our interests cover all aspects of local history including archaeology, genealogy, pictorial past, sociology, folklore and a number of other specialist strands. Personal research into our local heritage is encouraged. Meetings are held generally on the first Tuesday of each month in Sompting at Harriet Johnson Hall, Loose Lane, starting at 7.30pm. Annual Membership: £6 plus £1 each meeting attended. Visitors: £2.50 per evening



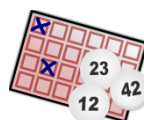
### SOMPTING SENIORS



Sompting Seniors enjoying their Christmas festivities. They meet every Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 noon

### BINGO

*Monday afternoons 2pm – 4pm*



### FLOWER CLUB

*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 6.30pm*



### MISS BECKY'S BALLET

*Established in 2012, Miss Becky's*



*Ballet School runs classes in ISTD ballet, modern and tap for children and adults aged from 2.5 with an emphasis on fun! First classes are free!*

For more details on any of the above please contact Harriet Johnson Centre – details at top of page  
**(OTHER REGULAR USERS WILL BE FEATURED IN FUTURE EDITIONS)**

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CARETAKER



In November we welcomed Tony Burrell, our new caretaker at the Harriet Johnson Centre working for Sompting Parish Council so you may see him out and about within the Parish.

### Have you looked at our new facebook page

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Tailpiece - Brains are wonderful, I wish everyone had one!