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SOMPTING PLANTERS



Hopefully by now, most of the residents of Sompting, will have seen the vast improvement to the planters around the Parish. The Parish Council has recently appointed a new Caretaker/ Groundsman Leighton Clay, who is taking pride in their appearance. This planter outside the Harriet Johnson Centre, is planted



as a memorial garden to Joyce Burns, an active Councillor who passed away and will be missed by local Residents and the Parish Council.

NEW CARETAKER / GROUNDSMAN



Leighton Clay has recently been appointed to the above position. He is an experienced gardener and has qualifications in horticulture and conservation. If you see him out and about in the Parish have a friendly word with him.

Your community planters have been redesigned with a variety of shrubs, I have chosen skimmia, hebes, berberis and a selection of ferns. Also a scattering of winter bedding to provide colour. Early and mid spring you will see bulbs shooting up to give a colourful display of tulips, narcissi and crocus. The beds have been planted in a high density style which should help to suppress the growth of weeds. Hope you enjoy the display. *Leighton*

AWARDS PRESENTATION - HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE



A presentation will take place, before the Full Council Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th December of the Doug Sherriff Shield for Community effort and the Fred Burns Rosebowl for Sompting Best Gardens.



Christmas Festival



This will be held on Friday 16th December 5pm-7pm at the Harriet Johnson Centre - Christmas carols, mince pies, mulled wine, also gifts for the children attending. Sompting Big Local have kindly agreed to fund the Christmas Tree which will be erected in the grounds of the Harriet Johnson Centre.



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL'S RESIDENTS' SURVEY

There will be a survey for every resident to have their input in developing a Sompting Parish 4 year Plan.

The Parish Council is currently developing the survey and there will be more information provided soon.

TRAFFIC IN WEST STREET

The Parish Council is working with WSCC Officers and District and County Councillors to consider any options which could help alleviate the traffic problems incurred during peak times in West Street.



Any progress made and or any options identified will be consulted upon.



SOMPTING FESTIVAL 2017

STOP PRESS - Date for your Diary!

Sompting Festival 2017 will be held

30th June, 1st and 2nd July.

A working Group has been set up to organise the festival next year.

Friday 30th June is going to focus on activities for Children and Young People

Saturday 1st July Many events already planned, including Sompting Bake Off, Sompting's Got Talent, Medieval Re-enactment, Falconry, Football Tournament, Barn Dance, Tribute Band and much much more!

Sunday 2nd July Football Tournament for the under 11's, Church Service, Dog Show and Party in the Park

Anybody interested in volunteering to help with the Festival please contact 01903 208824

WILDLIFE WALKS - IN THE SPRING



Leighton is hoping to arrange a few 'wildlife' walks in the

local area - look out for the dates on the website.



CAKE, COFFEE AND

COMPUTERS!

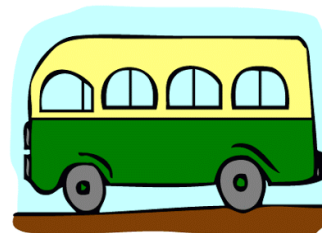
Ever wanted to go on-line and/or learn how to use Word?



Starting 11th January 2017, be shown how and use the computers in an informal setting at the H J Centre. Times 10am to noon. Book your place 01903 208824.

SOMPTING 7A SUNDAY BUS SERVICE

For the past 18 months the Parish Council has been financially supporting the 7A Sunday and Bank Holiday service in order to restore a service to north and west Sompting. This service has built up a regular but rather low level of usage. Every 6 months the Parish Council decides whether to renew the arrangement which involves a discussion about whether it is the most effective way of giving access to public transport on a Sunday to Sompting residents.



At the time of the last decision to renew the arrangement with Compass Bus, whilst it was agreed to renew it for a further 6 months it was agreed in parallel to explore an option to replace the 2 hourly 7A Bus with an hourly service going around Sompting that would link with Lyons Farm, the Pulse Bus Route, and the 700 Bus Route. This work is currently taking place and has reached the point of trying to obtain some provisional pricing.

There are no decisions yet taken by the Parish Council but any comments will be welcome by sending them by email to Councillor Alun Jones on awj.cynant@gmail.com or sending them to the Parish Council offices at the Harriet Johnson Centre.



THREE NEW COUNCILLORS
have joined Sompting Parish Council
Anne Godley, Peverel North and Jed
Smith, Cokeham North (pictured) and
Fred Lewis Peverel South.

HAMBLE RECREATION GROUND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council is fully supportive of Adur District Council's proposed improvements to the play and exercise equipment at Hamble Recreation Ground. The Council has seen the schemes, that have been consulted on by residents and scrutinised by local school children, and are very pleased that the schemes provide for all ages and abilities. The Council although not directly involved, have financially supported the improvements. Councillor Mear, Chairman of the Council, is positive that these improvements will be of great benefit to residents play and exercise of all ages and abilities.



SUBMISSION ADUR LOCAL PLAN 2016

This is to inform you that in accordance with the above regulations, Adur District Council submitted the Adur Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 20th October 2016 for independent examination.

The Submission Adur Local Plan 2016, together with supporting documentation submitted to the Secretary of State is available on the Council website at:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/alp-submission-2016/>

Copy of the documents are available at the Harriet Johnson Centre between 10am - 12 noon Monday to Friday

Once the public examination hearings are confirmed, details will be made available on the Adur District Council website.



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



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 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
Children's 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
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harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk (MON/WED/FRI 10am to 12 noon)

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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 - 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



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia!

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can 'ho ho ho!'

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

He got 25 days!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

A Holly Davidson!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL THE

RESIDENTS OF

SOMPTING

