

# Southam Town Council Newsletter

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## SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL SURGERIES

Southam Town Council will be restarting surgeries for residents from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and every second Saturday of the month thereafter from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Councillors will be available at Southam Library between these times to talk to residents about issues affecting Southam. There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in.

Depending on the subject, Councillors may be able to provide information or advise who else can help.

For more information contact Debbie Carro, Town Clerk at the Town Council Offices. Tel: 01926 814004

## The Mayor's Civic Dinner

will take place at the Tarsus Restaurant, Southam on Friday 14th October 2011. There will be a reception at 7.30pm followed by dinner at 8 o'clock.

Tickets cost **£20.00** and are available from the Town Council Offices between 9.00am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday, or by telephoning 01926 814004 during those hours. The evening is one of the Mayor's events to raise funds for his charities Southam Young Carers and Water Survival Boxes

The Mayor & Mayoress, Councillor Mike & Mrs Gwenda Gaffney, extend a warm welcome to all those of you who would like to attend and look forward to seeing you there. Carriages at 11pm.

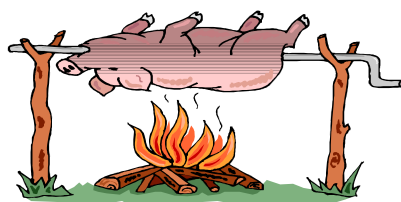
## HELP LOCAL BUSINESS—BE LOCAL, BUY LOCAL

Local businesses help to shape the character of our community and they rely on local custom to survive and thrive. There are real benefits to the community when you buy local. We need your support to boost our economy and protect jobs, services and help the environment.

**PLEASE BUY LOCAL WHENEVER YOU CAN.**

## MOP FAIR TO BE OPENED BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Cllr Mike Gaffney MBE TD will open the Mop Fair at 3.30pm on Monday 17th October 2011.



**FREE rides** for all children for the first half an hour!

## CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE

**Warwickshire Direct** is located in **SOUTHAM LIBRARY**, where front office services are available Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am - 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 7pm, and Saturday 9.30am - 1.30pm.

**The main switchboard telephone number for Warwickshire Police is 01926 415000**

**Safer Neighbourhood Teams** will continue to operate out of the station but there is **NO PUBLIC ACCESS**.

The team consists of Sergeant Richard Thomas, Beat Manager, PC Jim Butler, PCSOs Katrina Taylor, Claire Murray, Matt Hodgetts and Ally Streatfield. Visit [www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk) for more information.

Address: Warwickshire Direct Southam, High Street, Southam, CV47 0HB

email [southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

Team voicemail 01926 684984

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO REPORT CRIME**



**SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON THE FOURTH  
THURSDAY OF EACH  
MONTH**



Thursday 27th October 2011  
Thursday 24th November 2011  
December Christmas Recess - No Meeting  
Thursday 12th January 2012 - Precept  
Thursday 26th January 2012  
Thursday 23rd February 2012  
Thursday 22nd March 2012  
Thursday 26th April 2012  
Thursday 10th May Annual Town Meeting & Mayor Making

Meetings take place in the Grange Hall, Coventry Road Southam and start at 7.30pm, with the exception of the Annual Town Meeting which starts at 6.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome and may make representation to the Council at the start of the meeting.

## THE MOP FAIR

### Road & Wood Street Car Park Closures

As in previous years, Coventry Street, High Street, Wood Street and Market Hill will be closed on the occasion of the Mop Fair on **Monday 17th October 2011** from 9.30am to 12 o'clock midnight. During the time of the road closure vehicular access will not be allowed to premises except for emergencies.

The roads will be closed at the following points;

- The bottom of Market Hill to allow free movement to traffic from Warwick Road and Oxford Street.
- Outside the Bowling Green car park to give access to Heather Close and Meadow Road.
- Daventry Street junction with High Street,
- Pendicke Street, Bull Street and Craven Lane will only be accessible from Daventry Street.
- No access to Market Hill from Park Lane
- No access to Wood Street car park from High Street or Daventry Street

Stratford District Council has permitted the Mop Fair to use the Wood Street car park from Sunday lunchtime.

**Please make sure your vehicle is moved from Wood Street car park by 12 noon on Sunday 17th October 2010.**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**  
**SWITCH ON & ROAD CLOSURES**  
The Christmas Lights Switch On takes place on **FRIDAY** 2nd December 2011 at 6pm.  
Coventry Street and High Street, between Daventry Road and Meadow Road will be closed to all but emergency traffic between the hours of 2pm and 12 midnight  
**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY TO THE FRIDAY!**

### SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

Your next blood donor sessions will take place in The Grange Hall, Southam on Thursday 6th October & Thursday 3rd November



### REPORT FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

Warwickshire County Council has stopped street lighting night patrols and relies on the public to report faulty street lights.

Telephone **01926 412515** or Text **LIGHTING** and the fault details including **town, street, column number**, or the **location**, in a maximum of 160 characters to **07950 081082** (standard network charges apply)

Please describe the nature of the fault and leave contact details in case the inspectors need to contact you to clarify the exact location of the column. The number of the column is a black number on a white background facing the road and located at about eye level.

### HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue officers will visit your home, identify potential hazards and escape routes and, if necessary, fit smoke alarms.

Statistically, families with young children, single parent families, people on low incomes, the elderly, people with a disability and those living in houses of multiple occupation are at greater risk from fire.

Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 466282 to find out if you are eligible for a free check.

### SOUTHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications relating to Southam are available through the Southam Town Council website.

[www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk](http://www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk)

For those residents without access to a computer the plans will continue to be available in the library.

**TO THE DELIGHT OF LOCAL CHILDREN, FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDY CRUMP, ASSISTED BY TOWN CLERK DEBBIE CARRO, CUTS THE RIBBON TO REOPEN PARK LANE AFTER ITS MAJOR REFIT!**



**THE GRANGE HALL  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2011, 7.30PM**

**' DANDY '**

**Black Country Comedy Night  
Inc fish & chip supper  
'A GREAT NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT'**

Tickets £12.00

**FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2011, 7.30PM**

**CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS**

**A 'Proms Style' evening with something for all!  
In aid of Southam Christmas Lights**

Tickets £8.00 & £7.00 over 60s

**FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2011, BAR 7.30PM START 8.00PM**

**MEET THE BEATLES**

**'The Must See Tribute show of 2011' NME  
'Outstanding' The Guardian**

Tickets £10.00

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011, 2.30PM**

**KATCH 22 PRODUCTIONS  
TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME  
'CINDERELLA'**

Tickets £6.50 & £5.50 children under 14  
Family (2+3) £20.00

**FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2011, 7.30PM**

**'CRUMPETS & CAROLLING'**

with  
**JOHN KIRKPATRICK  
(From BBC's Victorian Farm)**

Tickets £9.00 & £8.00 over 60s, Children £5.00  
Family (2+3) £22.00

**Licensed bar opens 7.00pm**

**Tickets available from The Grange Hall 01926 813933,  
The Coffee Cup, Southam 01926 812288 or on the door**

**MAYFIELD ROAD PLAY AREA UPDATE!**

Planning permission has now been granted for a play area for young children on the Mayfield Road Estate.

This is a Southam@play project with support from Southam Town Council and Orbit Housing. Most of the funding is in place with one grant application outstanding. It is hoped that the project will go ahead in the spring of 2012.

**DISCRETIONARY HOUSING GRANTS**

Homeowners and private tenants, with repairing responsibility, may be eligible for grant Assistance of up to £5000 from Stratford District Council to carry out minor repairs to their homes.



The works which can be considered are roof repairs, electrical upgrades, replacement windows and doors and hot water and heating systems.

To qualify you should be on means tested benefits, have capital of less than £10,000 and have lived in the property for at least one year.

If you think you may be eligible and would like further information contact the Private Sector Housing Team on 01789 260848

**GRANTS**

At it's meeting in June, Southam Town Council awarded a grant of £4500 to Southam Christmas Lights Association, ensuring that Southam will be lit up once again this Christmas.



**TESCO SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT  
(SOUTHAM)  
PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS**

It has been confirmed that County Council officers are to proceed with completing the final phase of the enhancement of the existing two bus stops on Warwick Road in Southam. This will consist of providing a bus shelter at each bus stop. The bus shelters will be funded by the developer contribution pot in relation to the Tesco supermarket, which also includes a commuted sum to meet the costs of maintaining the two bus shelters.



"Warwickshire County Council officers are aware that during the consultation process regarding the overall works on the Highway funded by the Tesco development, a small number of objections were received from local residents regarding the provision of bus shelters. However, after considering the outcome of subsequent surveys monitoring the actual number of passengers using the bus stops, it has been decided that the provision of bus shelters would be beneficial for passengers, particularly the elderly, mobility impaired and people carrying small children and shopping".

County Council officers will oversee that the new bus shelters are procured and installed as promptly as possible.

**GRANGE HALL**

**Room Hire  
for  
Weddings  
Birthdays  
Anniversaries  
Christenings  
Children's Parties  
in fact  
All Your  
Celebrations  
Family Functions,  
Meetings & Workshops  
Licensed Bar Available  
Competitive Rates**



Contact Carole at The Grange Hall on  
01926 813933  
carole@thegrangehall.co.uk  
www.thegrangehall.co.uk

**DOG FOULING!**

**Please clean up after your dog!  
You may be liable to a £75 fixed  
penalty fine if you fail to do so.**



Contact Your Councillor	Ward	Telephone	E-mail
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