

Southam Town Council Newsletter

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MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT

in aid of

WARWICKSHIRE
AIR
AMBULANCE



featuring the

DUNCHURCH BAND
Saturday 16th February 2013
7.30pm



at
Grange Hall Southam
Tickets £10
From the Grange Hall
Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm

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SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Thursday 25th October 2012
Thursday 22nd November 2012
December No Meeting
Thursday 10th January 2013 Precept
Thursday 24th January 2013
Thursday 28th February 2013
Thursday 28th March 2013
Thursday 25th April 2013



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 6.45pm.

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

GRANGE HALL ROOM HIRE

For Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christenings, Children's Parties in fact all your Celebrations, Family Functions, Meetings & Workshops.

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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 15th October 2012.

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



MAYFIELD ROAD PLAY AREA

Children in Southam have a new play area thanks to cooperation between Southam @ Play, Orbit Heart of England and Southam Town Council.

Orbit, Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) and Southam 2020 Vision contributed to pay for play equipment and landscaping of land owned by Orbit. Southam Town Council will pay for inspections and maintenance over the next ten years.

The Mayor, Councillor Mike Gaffney assisted Harriet Wood of Orbit Housing and Kristoff the Clown in cutting the ribbon.

Harriet said 'This is an important facility for our customers living in the Mayfield Road area. Many of our homes are flats of families with young children who do not have their own gardens, which makes this accessible outdoor space of huge benefit'. 'We are delighted to have worked with our customers on this project, enabling them to have a direct involvement in shaping services in the local area'.

The Mayor's Civic Dinner

will take place at Galanos House, Banbury Road Southam on Friday 19th October 2012., 7.30pm for 8pm.

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 Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and Thare Machi Education, an overseas aid charity based in Leamington Spa.

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.



DOG FOULING continues to be a priority for Southam residents.

Southam Town Council has agreed to contribute funding towards the employment of an additional Enforcement Officer who will concentrate efforts in the Town and surrounding villages. This will mean that the Enforcement Officer will spend significantly more time in Southam at varying times of the day, evenings and at weekends. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

Dog waste can be disposed of in any litter bin providing it is properly wrapped.

PLEASE do not permit your dog to urinate in shop or residential doorways and always clean up after it! You may be liable to a **£75 fixed penalty fine** if you fail to do so.

Dog fouling can be reported by calling 01789 260839



ALARMING SALES TACTICS

ADVICE FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Over the years, many consumers have had problems with companies selling expensive home alarm systems door to door that aren't always what they are cracked up to be. Unfortunately the elderly and vulnerable are often targeted. Tactics employed by salesmen include:

- The use of dubious crime/fire statistics, and tales of robbery and assault to scare householders into buying.
- Telling the householder that new legislation will prevent them obtaining contents insurance if they do not have a monitored alarm. This is not true.
- Pretending to be calling on behalf of the Trading Standards, Fire and Rescue Service, Police or Neighbourhood Watch in order to make their visit appear official.
- Offering 'free' monitored alarms. The householder is told they have either won or been selected for an alarm. Although this may seem at first to be a tempting offer, what is not always made clear to householders who take up this offer is that they will have to pay a service charge to whichever company monitors the alarm system that is fitted – and this could be hundreds of pounds a year.

Consumers who sign any contract in the home or place of work have a 7 day period in which to change their minds and cancel.

Local Police Crime Prevention Officers are only too willing to give the public advice on home security.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

'LIVING HISTORY' AUGUST 2013

A group of local people comprising members of Friends of the Cardall Collection, Southam First and the Sealed Knot are hoping to stage a major 'Living History' event in the town, inspired by the Battle of Southam, August 1642, over the weekend of August 17th and 18th 2013.

The group believes that Southam's Civil War links are one of its main selling points and could be used to inspire and engage local people with their heritage and also generate tourism for the town.

The Town Council has been asked to work in partnership on planning and staging of this event and Town Councillor Victor Shepherd has been nominated to work with the group.

If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting project, please contact Pam McConnell on 01926 814923 or email pamz101@hotmail.com.

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 15th October 2012** from 9.30am to 12 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 14th October 2012

The Friends of the Cardall Collection are pleased to present

AN EVENING OF HISTORICAL ENTERTAINMENT

featuring

Kevin Hicks of 'The History Squad'

an enjoyable, entertaining and unforgettable 'in costume' talk inspired by English Civil Wars Roundheads, Cavaliers, Cromwell & King Charles I

THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm
At Southam Cricket Club

Tickets £12.50 including two course supper
Licensed bar, free parking, Tombola
Contact Jenny on 01926 814643 or
email cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk

SCAN (Senior Citizens Action Network)

is holding an event on Tuesday 13th November at Aldines Hall, Southam from 10.30 to 2.30 including free lunch, teas and coffees.

There will be various organisations and speakers with an emphasis on education and information. We are hoping to invite young people to teach people to use ipads/ tablets and social media etc.

If you would like to attend please contact Ann Forster on 07845997680 email annforster@hotmail.co.uk

TRAVEL GRANTS FOR THE OVER 65s!

Generous residents of Southam have handed back in excess of £800 worth of Travel Tokens to the Town Council. This money will now be used to assist Southam based organisations provide travel for the over 65s.

Grants of a maximum of £100 each will be awarded to Southam based organisations to be used to provide subsidised or free travel for Southam residents aged over 65. The travel may be for any purpose, e.g. providing help to attend meetings, events, appointments, day trips etc.

Application for Travel Grant

Name of Organisation.....

AmountMaximum £100

Purpose of funding.....

I confirm that this organisation is based in Southam and that any monies awarded will be used exclusively to assist with travel for Southam residents aged over 65 years of age and that I will provide feedback to the Council once the grant has been spent.

Signed.....

Date.....

Designation.....

Office use Date received.....

Send to the Deputy Clerk, Southam Town Council, Grange Hall, Southam CV47 1QA or email deputy@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

THE GRANGE HALL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2012
7.30pm

CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS
In aid of Southam in Bloom
Tickets £8.50/£7.50

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2012
2.30pm

KATCH 22 PRODUCTIONS SLEEPING BEAUTY
A traditional fun filled family pantomime
Tickets £6.50 /£5.50 Family 2+3 £20.00

Contact Carole 01926 813933
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

JUNE

It was resolved that the Council would agree to joining other parishes in contributing to the employment of an additional Enforcement Officer to tackle the problem of dog fouling in the town.

Council also agreed to partially fund the Summer Buzz activities taking place at the Graham Adams Centre during the summer.

The results of the Speed Aware Campaign were noted and forwarded to the Community Forum for action.

JULY

Representations from the public included; support for a planning application, information requests on road closures, difficulties that the closures cause to bus users and a complaint that the bunting on Market Hill is looking very untidy.

In partnership with Positive about Young People and following the popularity of the mobile skate park at the Southam Games in July, the Town Council resolved to contribute £500 towards the cost of three more skate sessions during the summer holidays.

With regret, the Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Dave Wise from the Town Council. A casual vacancy has been advertised and will have been filled by co-option at the September meeting. At the time of writing, two applications have been received for the vacancy.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

SWITCH ON & ROAD CLOSURES

The Christmas Lights Switch On takes place on Friday 30th November 2012.

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.

DOORSTEP SELLERS

It is worth noting that anyone calling at your door and selling items 'on the spot' requires a Peddlers Certificate from Warwickshire Police.

The Certificate should include a description of the person, age, height, hair colour, eye colour and complexion and his/ her full name and address. The Certificate is valid for one year and will show the expiry date.

If you are in any doubt or if someone does not have the required Certificate please contact Warwickshire Police on 101 and leave details with the call handler.