



SOMPTING SIGNPOST



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Christmas Celebrations were held on 11th December when Santa visited Sompting with his sleigh and handed out gifts to local children. Carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies were also on offer.

SOMPTING FESTIVAL
Will be held on 13th 14th and 15th June
See inside for details



Cllr. Ken Bashford - Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee

PRESENTS THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR 2014/15



Sompting Parish Council has set its budgeted expenditure and its precept for 2014/15.

The Council will be maintaining its standard of services whilst **keeping the precept unchanged.**

Any additional costs due to inflation will be met by drawing on its reserves.

The main source of the Council's income is the precept. Other sources of income include bookings for the use of the Harriet Johnson Centre. The Council will continue to look for suitable grants to reduce the expenditure figure.

The budget set for 2014/15 is

Expenditure: £ 99,780

Expected income: £ 90,763 [£ 82,693 (precept),

£ 8,070 (hall hiring and interest on bank balance)]

Balance from reserves £ 9017

When reading your Council Tax statement, please do not confuse the "Special Expenses" levy with the Parish Council's precept. "Special Expenses" is to cover work charged by the District Council, on top of their Council Tax levy



Plans are underway for SOMPTING FESTIVAL

This year it will be held on 13th, 14th and 15th June

The highlights will be:

on SOMPTING RECREATION GROUND - Live music, Disco (one for children, one for adults), Beer Tent, Arena Events, Community Church, Fun Dog Show, Owls, Various Stalls, Sompting Song (performed by Sir Robert Woodard Academy)

and at the HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE - Somptin' Old, Pastfinders Exhibition, Various Craft Demonstrations.

Other Events Planned



Sompting Parish
Council/Sompting Estates
Community Walk to the Downs
Barn - Saturday 26th July 2014

Don't forget the
'Sompting Best Gardens Competition'
running throughout the summer. This year
you can nominate your neighbours garden or
one you admire when walking around
Sompting. Look out for details soon on the
website.

*Friday 28th November
Victorian Christmas at
Harriet Johnson Centre*



More details will be on the website www.sompting.org.uk or phone 01903 208824



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Do you like being in the fresh air?
Have you got green fingers?
Have you some time to spare?
Do you want to help the community?**

The garden at the Harriet Johnson Centre needs YOU!!!
(We have two volunteers to design the planting) but if you
are willing to help, please contact the Parish Clerk on
07813484857 or clerk@sompting.org.uk



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A BASIC FIRST AID COURSE?

We are hoping to hold a two hour Basic First Aid Course at the Harriet Johnson Centre in the next few months (for a nominal charge) if there is enough interest. If you think you may be interested - please contact the Harriet Johnson Centre (details on page 4)



**SOMPTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN “DROP- IN” SESSIONS
AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE, LOOSE LANE.
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 5-9PM and SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 10-1PM**

Sompting Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the whole of the Parish of Sompting in accordance with the 2004 Planning Act, the 2011 Localism Act and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

It has been sometime since the Council started to create its Neighbourhood Plan. The Council's web site has been updated on this Plan so that residents can follow its progress.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at a stage where the Steering Group is wanting your opinion on the draft policies derived from your returned questionnaire and the State of the Parish Report. To obtain information regarding these two documents please refer to the Council's web site. The Group also wants to know whether there are, in your opinion, areas of importance missed that should be included, before the Plan is presented for formal consultation.

As the Plan is unlikely to allocate sites for development, these draft policies will, amongst others,

- help influence the Strategic Allocation on land at West Sompting and;
- suggest key principles for the Halewick Lane site without making any allocations for development.

These sessions are an informal “drop-in” so please come and discuss the content of the Plan with the Steering Group, the Planning consultant and officers of Action In rural Sussex. These sessions are for you as a resident of Sompting to get an understanding on how the Plan is to benefit the community, whilst not conflicting with Adur Council's Local Plan.

SOMPTING'S ONLY “UP-STANDING” AIR RAID SHELTER

Did you know that the only above ground air raid shelter in Sompting is sited next to the Harriet Johnson Centre?

The Parish Council has joined with Lancing and Sompting Pastfinders and the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop knowledge of this last remaining physical structure of World War 2 in Sompting and perhaps in Adur.



The first stage was to produce an information board showing a time line and internal pictures of the structure and this can be now viewed outside the shelter.

It is intended to “dress” and open the shelter at the Sompting Festival in June so that visitors can view the shelter and see the other exhibition material. At the same event, “Timespan” will be giving their unique war time history presentation.

If anyone wants to be involved with this project or has pictures of, stories of the war time in Sompting and are happy for those to be used, either at the festival or for further exhibitions, then please contact Lancing and Sompting Pastfinders or the Parish Clerk.

Sompting Big Local

The Big Local Hub is now open Monday to Saturday 10am – 1pm as well! So more opportunities for the local community to pop in and speak to us about their dreams of how the £1million could be spent over the next ten years. All of the dreams that have been suggested are on display. These will be used to help put together our Vision and Action Plan for the next few years. This document is planned to be submitted to the Big Local Trust at the end of May. You can hear updates at our monthly meetings.

Website: www.biglocalsompting.org.uk

HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

Available for
Children's Parties, Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Concerts, Groups
Competitive Rates



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

Sompting Seniors



Sompting Seniors meet at Harriet Johnson Centre every Wednesday morning for a cuppa, a chat and some gentle exercise from 10 – 11.30am They have recently been awarded a grant from the Isolation Fund



Age UK West Sussex They also held a very successful Christmas Lunch.
 For more details please phone 01903 208824

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

STAFF AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

CENTRE MANAGER - SIMONE WILLIAMS – 01903 208824 – harrietjohnsoncentre.org.uk (MON/WED/FRI 10am to 12 noon)

STAFF AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

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WEBSITE www.sompting.org.uk

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

Police – PCSO - 07775406784

Sompting Parish Council - 07813484857
 (Emergency number 07580873500)

Adur /Worthing Council 01273 263000
 (Emergency number 07879412971)

West Sussex County Council 01243 777100

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SOMPTING BUS SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Parish Council is concerned about Sompting's reduction of bus service. We have had discussions with Stagecoach, Compass Travel, West Sussex County and Adur District Councils to identify a way forward to improve the service provision. The first step to be taken is to identify the need for an improved service and below is a questionnaire for that purpose.

Please complete, tear out and place questionnaire in the boxes at the locations below by Wednesday 23rd April 2014.

Big Local Hub, Cokeham Road Harriet Johnson Centre – main entrance

Or Councillors letterboxes – see addresses on page 3

Name: Post Code:

Do you have a WSCC bus pass? Y/N What bus service number do you usually catch?

Leaving Sompting: Where do you usually catch the bus?

At what time? AM /PM Travelling to?

Returning to Sompting: Where do you usually catch the bus?

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At what time? AM /PM

What bus service would you like to be provided?

Please state

The destination..... Purpose

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time(s) missing,

AM going returning

PM going returning

If the missing service was provided please state your expected usage (Please ring or state answer)

Weekday: daily / once a week / other (please state)

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Sunday: once / twice / three times / four times a month