



SOMPTING SIGNPOST



The official news magazine from Sompting Parish Council

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**YOUR ROUTE 7A SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY SERVICE
HAS RETURNED**
*(in partnership with Compass Travel, Sompting Parish Council
and Sompting Big Local)*



After the launch at the end of March, the new service started on Good Friday for a trial period of 6 months. Timetable of service at shelters and the Harriet Johnson Centre.

.....**USE IT OR LOSE IT!!**

MY FIRST YEAR AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Assistant Parish Clerk sent out an email asking for any contributions to the Sompting Signpost, and I thought it would be fun to write down how my first year as a Sompting Parish Council has gone so far.



In one word, INTERESTING. It's interesting how politics doesn't have to play a part in Parish Council, I would have thought that each councillor would be defending their political party's agenda. In Sompting that doesn't happen. Collectively the council does its best for the residents, regardless of politics.

It's interesting just how many different personalities volunteer their services. I know we are voted into our seats on the Council, but there is no financial or personal gain, thus one common goal, the benefit of the residents of Sompting.

It's interesting that change can be slow. Just because it's always been done this way, doesn't mean it still has to be (but that's just my take on things). Eventually goals are achieved!

It's interesting that although the meetings are open to the public, just how few members of Sompting turn up to hear what's going on or to express their views and desires. In the meetings where members of the public have attended, only once was it to thank the Council for efforts rendered, mostly it's to complain, which is no bad thing because unless you complain nothing changes. So people of Sompting, come along and express your views.

It's interesting that my family have supported me in this venture, even though they've always said I was too vocal in my views. My husband especially has been extremely patient when I trip off to meetings (I think he enjoys having just the company of the dog and the television to himself).

It's very interesting how my work colleagues and friends view my being elected to a Parish Councillor. They've become more vocal in their political views, so debating is common practice now.

Interesting summarises my first year, but being interested in things only evokes the urge to get more involved, to seek out more of the same, to delve deeper.

Hopefully this prompts you, the Sompting Resident, to seek us out to find a common interest and we look forward to welcoming you to our meetings in the coming year. Remember the Parish Council is there for you, your needs and community.

Councillor Gina Scotting



SOMPTING 2015 JUNE FESTIVAL



SOMPTING RECREATION GROUND

Friday 26th June 2pm – 11pm



VILLAGE SCHOOL EVENT 2.30pm – 4pm

JUNIOR DISCO 6.30pm – 8.30pm

TUG OF WAR



BEER TENT 8.30pm – 11pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 'THE STUNTMEN' 8.30pm-11.00pm

Saturday 27th June 10am – 11pm

CAVE BUS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



ARENA EVENTS – Archery Tag, Colouring Competition

SOMPTING SCOUTS - Displays & Team Activities



BOUNCY CASTLES PUNCH & JUDY

VARIETY OF STALLS BEER TENT

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – 'THE STUNTMEN' & 'KRYPTON'



HOSPITAL RADIO FOOD & DRINK

Sunday 28th June 10am - 2.30pm

SOMPTING SCOUTS – Various activities



COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE 10am

FUN DOG SHOW 12 noon onwards



TUG OF WAR FINAL

FULL DETAILS ON WEBSITE - www.sompting.org.uk or Sompting festivals facebook page

ORGANISED BY

SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL - SOMPTING SCOUTS - LANCING & SOMPTING LIONS CLUB

HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

Saturday 27th June

PASTFINDERS EXHIBITION - SOMPTIN' OLD EXHIBITION (Sat/Sun)



AIR RAID SHELTER - OPEN - CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

SCARECROW COMPETITION - MOTHER & TODDLER PLAY



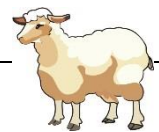
HOME MADE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE - SUSSEX MUSIC

ANIMALS – Sussex Budgerigar Society, Bees, Sheep



RSPB

BBQ



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TRIBUTE TO JOYCE BURNS

One of our longest serving Parish Councillors sadly passed away on March 16th 2015. Joyce's death is a great loss, not just to the Parish Council, but to the whole community she served. Joyce was a wonderful lady who put others before herself, helping anyone and everyone. Joyce followed her husband Freddie onto the Parish Council after his death. I have known Joyce for more than 40 years – she has always been a fighter for justice for all. Joyce loved the community and the people and I will miss Joyce for her calmness and knowledge. Joyce represented Peverel South Ward on the Sompting Parish Council.

Cllr Barry Mear

SOMPTING PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

ENDS NOON 30TH JUNE 2015

The above document is available for viewing with response forms (during open hours) at Lancing Library, Harriet Johnson Centre, Adur District Council Civic Centre and on the Parish Council's web site www.sompting.org.uk. If you wish to view and discuss the document prior to making your response there are "open days" where councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan's steering group will be present. Please note the locations and times below.

1. SOMPTING FESTIVAL 27TH JUNE 11AM-4PM

2. ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL,
BOWNESS AVENUE 29TH JUNE 2-6PM

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR PLAN

CHILDRENS SPRING ANAGRAMS

1 MSOSBOL 2 RWAM 3 RBISD 4 OFDIADLF 5 WGOR 6 OWSEFRL 7 LTEM
8 NPTLA 9 HCAHT 10 IPNCIC

Answers on back page



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARYSOMPTING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER - 5pm - AT HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE**

Your new councillor - The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Mr Alun Jones has been co-opted as a parish councillor for the year. He is well known in Sompting and looks forward to representing his ward (PEVEREL SOUTH). Alun has been working on the Sompting Parish Neighbourhood Plan as a member of the steering group and has taken on the role of Chairman of the Planning committee and is a member of the (Harriet Johnson) Centre committee. He can be contacted at 10 Hillside Road, Sompting.



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

or see our website where you can download information and forms
www.sompting.org.uk

(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 (MON/WED/FRI 10am to 12 noon)

STAFF AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

DAVID PORTER PARISH CLERK – 07813484857
SUE TUBB ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK – 01903 208824

clerk@sompting.org.uk (TUE/WED 10am to 12 noon)

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

Police – PCSO – 07775406784

Sompting Parish Council - 07813484857

Emergency Number 07580873500

Adur/Worthing Council 01273 263000

(Emergency number 07879412971)

West Sussex County Council 01243 777100

UPDATE ON SOMPTING CALENDAR

We have received some photos for the proposed Sompting Calendar but could still do with a few more! Photographs by email to assistantclerk@sompting.org.uk, or by post to Sompting Parish Council Harriet Johnson Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting or drop them in at the Centre by the end of July

The calendar will be available in December 2015, so if you have any recent photographs taken around Sompting please send them in.



DID YOU KNOW ? (ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL TELEPHONE NUMBER)
To contact the Parish Council you can either phone 07813484857 or 01903 208824



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL AND SOMPTING ESTATES

8TH AUGUST 2015

ANNUAL PARISH WALK



DOWNS BARN SOMPTING

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2015

Join us for a walk and picnic over the downs to the beautiful setting of Downs Barn.
Meet at Harriet Johnson Centre at 10.30am and arrive at the Barn at approximately 12 noon for our picnic

All Welcome – just turn up on the day with your picnic. Dogs also welcome.

Phone 01903 208824 or www.sompting.org.uk

Anagram answers - 1.blossom, 2.warm, 3.birds, 4.daffodil, 5.grow, 6.flowers, 7.melt, 8.plant,
9.hatch,10.picnic



Tail piece

The road to success is always under construction.