

Southam Town Council Newsletter

OCTOBER 2013

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MOP FAIR TO BE OPENED BY TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor, Cllr Jason Ward will open the Mop Fair at 3.30pm on Monday 14th October 2013



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO

SOUTHAM FIRST, THE FRIENDS OF THE CARDALL COLLECTION, THE SEALED KNOT SOCIETY, THE SPONSORS AND ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE RE- ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF SOUTHAM.

A FANTASTIC WEEKEND THAT PUT SOUTHAM ON THE MAP!

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.

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 14th October 2013** from 9.30am to 12 midnight. During the time of the road closure vehicular access will not be allowed to premises except for emergencies.

PARKED VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CLOSED ROADS BY 9.30AM ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

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 13TH OCTOBER 2013

WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY OIL SYNDICATE - COULD SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR HEATING OIL

WRCC is a long-standing local charity that provides support and advice to rural communities throughout Warwickshire. We receive no funding to operate the Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate so charge a nominal annual fee, though the cost of this is more than covered by the savings our members make.

Last month our members saved £58.80 per 1000 litres against the average market price, paying just 55.75 pence per litre of heating oil. How did your supplier compare? Our bulk LPG members are saving between £150 and £260 per annum and we are also able to offer great savings and free delivery on LPG cylinders.

If you would like to find out more about reducing the cost of your heating oil or making a saving on your LPG please email oil@wrccrural.org.uk or call Sarah on 01789 472611.

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL CEMETERY SURVEY 2013	NUMBER ON ELECTORAL ROLL 5251								
	Total Number Responses	Don't know	YES	NO	% Total Response YES	% Total Response NO	% Total Electoral Roll YES	% Total Electoral Roll NO	% Total Electorate Response
Do you want a Cemetery to be developed in Southam?	131	2	62	67	47.3%	51.1%	1.2%	1.3%	2.5%
Are you aware of any suitable sites ?	131	2	37	92	28.2%	70.2%	0.7%	1.8%	2.5%
Do you agree to the necessary increase in Council Tax to pay for a cemetery?	131		37	94	28.2%	71.8%	0.7%	1.8%	2.5%

Southam Town Council is therefore minded not to become a Burial Authority but is continuing to investigate the alternatives for the Southam area.

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 24th October 2013
Thursday 28th November 2013
December Christmas Recess No Meeting

Meetings take place in the Grange Hall, Coventry Road Southam and start at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome and may make representation to the Council at the start of the meeting.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

SWITCH ON & ROAD CLOSURES

The Christmas Lights Switch On takes place on Friday 29th November 2013

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.

PARKED VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CLOSED ROADS BEFORE 2PM.



NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTED BROWNS BRIDGE WARD

At the July Town Council Meeting, Neil Gascoigne was co-opted by 8 votes to 2 to serve the Browns Bridge Ward, as an independent Town Councillor.

Councillor Gascoigne was born in Southam and has lived in the town for most of his life, returning to the town to live in 2011. He works as an IT Systems Administrator.

Contact details for all your Town Councillors can be found on the reverse of this publication.



RESIDENT & TRADER EMAIL LIST

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL maintains an emailing list to keep residents and traders informed of **PUBLIC MEETINGS** and events of importance to the town. **PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS are expected to take place shortly.**

If you would like to be kept directly informed of such events, please send your email address to:

deputy@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

Don't forget to tell us if your email address has recently changed!

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

CPRE, is a national charity that helps people to protect their local countryside where there is threat, to enhance it where there is opportunity, and to keep it beautiful, productive and enjoyable for all.

The Warwickshire CPRE Branch covers the countryside of Warwickshire and the interests of people in Solihull, Coventry, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Warwick, Leamington, Stratford on Avon and other towns. Local threats to villages and the countryside include individual planning items, wind farms and HS2. For more on this, see our web site

<http://www.cprewarwickshire.org.uk/>

We, in the Warwickshire Branch, want to expand the work we do and the positive effects that accrue. Extra members and volunteers will help us achieve that aim. If you already help thank you; if not, please "sign up" now to combat the threats by joining CPRE Warwickshire via our website or phoning 01926 494597.

TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

Southam Town Council will hold surgeries in Southam Library, Brewster's Corner, Pendicke Street on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary and Councillors will be available to help and advise residents with their problems and queries.

Individual Councillor's contact details are also available on the reverse of this publication.

PLANNING DECISIONS & THE ROLE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Stratford District Council is the planning authority and makes the decision to grant or refuse planning permission in Southam. The Town Council has a statutory right to be consulted about planning applications for Southam. Planning decisions are often made by officers of Stratford District Council using powers delegated to them by the Planning Committee.

If Southam Town Council objects to a planning application it is automatically referred to the SDC Planning Committee for a decision. Also, if a Ward Member makes a request or if a 'significant' number of objections are received by SDC, then the decision will be made by the Planning Committee of elected District Councillors. Developments which the Planning Office consider to be 'major' will also go to the Planning Committee. Members of the public can speak at a Planning Committee meeting by prior arrangement with Stratford District Council.

Before Southam Town Council comments on a plan it receives advice from its planning member who will have studied the plan, may have visited the site and will have taken into account any comments made by residents who have contacted the Town Council about the proposals.

From time to time, Southam Town Council is approached by companies with proposals for larger developments in the area. The Council uses these approaches for information and fact finding only and does not make any comment regarding the proposals until such time as a planning application is sent to it, for consultation, by Stratford District Council. These discussion may not result in any planning application being made.

On receipt of planning applications for multiple properties, Southam Town Council arranges a public meeting to give all Southam residents the opportunity to give their opinions on the proposals to the Council before it expresses an opinion to Stratford District Council.

Objections to planning application, either by individuals or by the Town Council, must be made on planning grounds which include:

- Non-compliance with approved planning policies
- Character of the area
- Loss of light
- Loss of privacy
- Noise and disturbance from the proposal
- Traffic generation and access
- Impact on the rural landscape

Planning grounds do not include:

- The impact on property values
- Boundary or other legal disputes
- Loss of view
- Restrictive covenants
- Competition between traders
- Possible damage to property caused by building work
- Access for maintenance

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND COUNCIL MEETING PAPERS

can be viewed at Southam Town Council Offices at the Grange Hall between the hours of 9am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

Plans are also available online at www.stratford.gov.uk or www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED TO SOUTHAM RESIDENTS

Additional patrols to control dog fouling are continuing to take place in Southam, paid for by Southam Town Council.

A Southam woman received a fixed penalty notice for failure to pick up after her dog on the Park Lane recreation ground.

A Local man received a fixed penalty notice for failure to pick up after his dog on the Holy Well Walk footpath. The man initially refused to give his name and address to the dog wardens and the Police attended.

Do not permit your dog to urinate in shop or residential doorways and always clean up after it! Failure to pick up after your dog may result in a **£75 fixed penalty fine**. Properly wrapped dog waste can be placed in litter bins.

PLEASE INFORM SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL IF YOU KNOW WHEN AND WHERE OFFENCES ARE TAKING PLACE; THE DOG WARDEN WILL THEN BE DIRECTED TO THE AREA CONCERNED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME OF DAY.

TEL 01926 814004



SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

The next Blood Donor session will take place at the Grange Hall in the afternoon and evening of Thursday 7th November 2013



WILLOW WALK VANDALISM

SCIF members, who have been working hard to restore the Willow Walk out beyond the Holy Well, were disappointed to find that all of the tall stakes used to support the trees had been stolen. As a result, some of the trees are now dead.

The volunteers will not give up. New trees will be planted and SCIF is appealing to walkers in the area to keep an eye on the trees and report any theft or vandalism.

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SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2013

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) Tickets £10
 The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA
 01926 813933

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COMING SOON !

Friday 8th November District of Dunchurch Brass
 Sunday 1st December Beauty & the Beast
 Saturday 7th December Bob Brolly, MBE
 'A Jolly Brolly Christmas'

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