

Southam Town Council Newsletter

CHRISTMAS 2012

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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Our community here in Southam is very fortunate to live in such a lovely historic market town. The Christmas Lights will soon herald the start of the Christmas Season and we will begin to make preparations for our Christmas festivities.

This is a time for families, and children in Particular, to come together and celebrate this traditional holiday. In doing so we must not forget those around us who are on their own, with no family and who will feel isolated at this joyous time. Please make the effort to help these neighbours and perhaps find some way to include them in your festivities.

I have visited many local organisations during this Mayoral year. Voluntary and community groups are finding it hard at the present time to continue their valuable work for the community and I trust you will continue to support them whenever you are able. They are a very important part of this community.

This year, the Town Council has again supported new activities in the town including the very successful 60's Retro day in September, which was organised by Southam First, and, in conjunction with Orbit and Southam at Play completed and opened the new play facilities in Mayfield Road in August.

During the year we have celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Southam played its part with a town centre entertainment organised by Southam First on the Jubilee Weekend and our town Carnival organised by the Lions Club. I know the townspeople would wish me to thank all the volunteers in these organisations for their hard work.

2013 will see further substantial progress with the Town Centre Redevelopment and residents will be given an opportunity to give their views on the final plans.

Thank you to all residents for supporting the town events and the efforts of our volunteers. I must write a special thank you to the adult volunteers who provide activities for our young people, including Scouts, Guides, Air Training Corps, Young Firefighters, St James Church and the Youth Club.

However you celebrate the forthcoming Christmas holiday, I wish you a happy time and a healthy New Year.

Councillor Mike Gaffney, Mayor of Southam

NEW DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTED

Following the resignation of Dave Wise as a Town Councillor, Councillor Jason Ward was elected to support the Mayor and serve as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current year.



NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTED

At the September meeting, Southam Town Council co-opted Councillor Eddie Thornley to the Merestone Ward vacancy on Southam Town Council.

Cllr Thornley moved to Southam in October 2011 when the company he worked for relocated to Banbury Road from Rugby. He takes a keen interest in local affairs and is now in a position to offer his time and energy in a more active role.

Contact details for all your Councillors can be found on the back cover of this publication.



CHURCHYARD SPACE

Southam Town Council has been aware for some time that burial space in St James Churchyard is running out. Currently there are only seven new spaces remaining; interment of ashes is not affected.

Neither the Town Council nor the District Council is a burial authority but Southam Town Council has been working actively for some time to find a solution to the problem. It is envisaged that a public meeting will be held early in 2013 to seek the views of residents as to the way forward.

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH



December Christmas Recess -
No Meeting

Thursday 10th January 2013 - Precept
Thursday 24th January 2013
Thursday 28th February 2013
Thursday 28th March 2013
Thursday 25th April 2013
Thursday 9th May 2013 - Annual Town Meeting
& Mayor Making

Thursday 23rd May 2013
Thursday 27th June 2013
Thursday 25th July 2013
August Recess - No Meeting
Thursday 26th September 2013
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,
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.

REPORT FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

Telephone **01926 412515** Monday to Friday
8am to 8pm Saturday 9am to 4pm 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
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A HAPPY NEWYEAR



**Stockton Household Waste Recycling
Centre—Winter Opening Hours 1st October to
31st March**

- Monday 9.30am - 3.15pm
- Saturday 8.30am - 4.15pm
- Sunday 8.30am - 4.15pm

SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

Your next blood donor sessions will take place
in The Grange Hall, Southam on Thursday
January 3rd and Thursday 7th March 2013



SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Town Council offices will close at 12 noon on Friday 21st
December 2012 and reopen on Wednesday 2nd January
2013 at 9am.



SALT BIN USE

Members of the public are welcome to use the
salt in the yellow bins to make the highways
and footways safer during icy weather.

Please remember to replace the lid after use.

Telephone 01926 814004 to report an empty bin.

GRANTS

At it's meeting in September, Southam Town Council
awarded Section 137 grants to:-

- Southam Church & Community Project
'Sing Inspiration' £ 1500
- Southam Area Action Group against HS2 £ 2000
- Friends of the Cardall Collection £ 1500
- Southam Christmas Lights LED Bulbs £ 2340

Grants will next be considered in February 2013.
Application forms may be obtained from the Council
Offices in the Grange Hall or are available from the
website at www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk and
should be returned to the Deputy Clerk by Monday 4th
February 2013

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Warwickshire Police promote 'Safer Neighbourhoods'
through the Community Forums. Additionally the Safer
Neighbourhood Teams hold a surgery prior to the forum
from 6.30 to 7.00pm during which time tea/coffee is
available.

Your next Community Forum meeting will take place at
Dallas Burston Polo Ground on Wednesday 12th
December 2012

BIN COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Please note that your bin collection dates will
not change over Christmas and New Year.



**AGE UK WARWICKSHIRE
HANDYPERSON SCHEME &
HANDYFIX.IT**



The Handyfix.it service provides minor repairs to domestic properties within the County. The works are carried out by one of a team of handymen, who are employed directly by Age UK and who have all been vetted through the Criminal Records Bureau for their suitability for working with older people. Examples of work which can be undertaken are:- Minor plumbing works and replacement of taps and washers, putting up shelving, curtain rails and similar, easing / rehangng of doors, replacing door locks etc. Handyfix.it is the fitting service for those departments of Age UK Warwickshire who provide stair and grab rails, key safes or any other practical aspects of daily life.

Please note that the handyerson scheme does not cover electrical, gas or roof work nor repairs to domestic appliances.

Warwickshire residents aged 50 and above, registered disabled and parents with disabled children may use the service.

This is a chargeable service and the current rate is £18.50 per hour (minimum charge -1 hour) plus 50p per mile travelling expenses from the Handyman's home to the client. If you are on any Means Tested Benefits the hourly rate is reduced to £5 per hour with no mileage charge; all costs include VAT.

Handyfix.it administration can be contacted on 01926 458131 or via e-mail - andyfix.it@ageukwarks.co.uk

TRAVEL GRANTS FOR THE OVER 65s!

Funds from travel tokens handed back to Southam Town Council remain available to provide grants for travel for Southam's over 65s.

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, Christmas parties 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, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA

Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to all those local residents, traders and organisations who gave so generously in time, money and raffle prizes to support the Mayor on the occasion of his Civic Dinner.

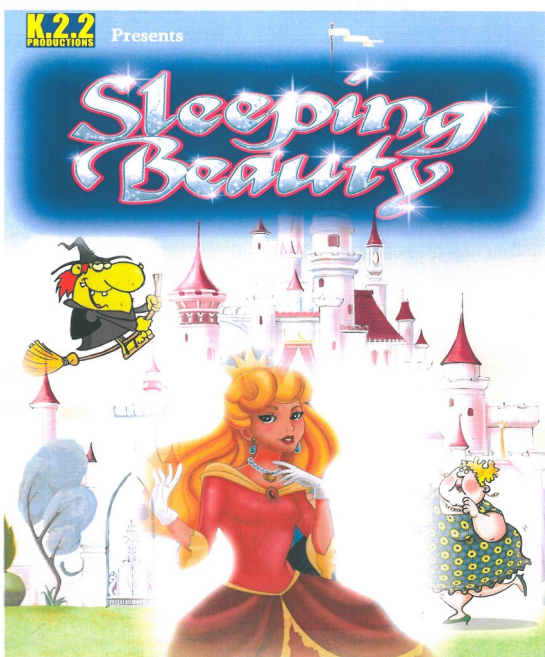


Eighty two people attended a very enjoyable evening at Galanos House and £493 was raised to support the Mayor's charities, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and Thare Machi Education

DOG FOULING

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

PLEASE do not permit your dog to urinate in shop or residential doorways. Dog fouling can be reported by calling 01789 260839



THE GRANGE HALL, SOUTHAM / SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 2012, 2.30pm

TICKETS: £6.50 adults / £5.50 children / £20.00 Family (2+3)

The Grange Hall 01926 813933 / Coffee Cup Café 01926 812288

**SOUTHAM TOWN MAYOR'S
CHARITY CONCERT
TICKET ORDER FORM**

in aid of

**WARWICKSHIRE AIR
AMBULANCE**

featuring the

DUNCHURCH BAND



Saturday 16th February 2013 at 7.30pm

Grange Hall Southam

Tickets £10

Bar & Tea & Coffee Available

Please send me Tickets for the Mayor's Charity Band
Concert I enclose my cheque for £.....

Please make cheques payable to 'The Town Mayor's Fund' and
send to Deputy Town Clerk, Southam Town Council, The Grange
Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA Tel 01926 814004



Name.....

Address.....

Tel No.....

Email Address.....

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

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