

Southam Town Council Newsletter

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MOP FAIR TO BE OPENED BY TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Mark Willoughby will open the Mop Fair at 3.30pm on Monday 13th October 2014.

FREE rides for all children



SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

June Council Meeting

Councillor Tony Bromwich was elected unopposed to represent Mill Hill Ward and was welcomed by the Mayor to his first Council Meeting. The Annual Accounts were approved by Council and forwarded to Grant Thornton, the external Auditors, to meet the 30th June deadline.

Stratford District Council Core Strategy consultation was responded to and STC again asked that the Stowe Valley Area of Restraint should be protected from **ALL** development and said that 'this area should be preserved as a Country Park for the benefit of the residents of Southam'

Council also considered the internal auditors report, complaints regarding road closures for charity events, parking problems, planning applications, and a reduction in the amount of affordable housing on the Bloor Homes/Southam United Football Club site.

A verbal report was received from the Burial Ground Working Party; it was agreed that it would continue its confidential negotiations with third parties but would also meet again with the Diocese.

July Council Meeting

Southam Town Council objected to the proposed Banner Homes development at Manders Croft. The Council believes that the Stowe Valley Area of Restraint should be preserved for the benefit of the people of Southam as a Country Park.

The Council's policy on the use of Social Media by Councillors and staff was approved (copy on next page). Southam Town Redevelopment Stakeholders Meeting and Safety and Speed on Welsh Road West were also discussed.

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 13th October 2014** 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 13TH 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,
- Penticke 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 ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS MOVED FROM WOOD STREET CAR PARK BY 12 NOON ON SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

VASA TRAVEL FOR PENSIONERS—ADMIN FEE

VASA has recently sent a letter to all passengers to advise that an administration fee will be introduced from 1st September 2014. This does not affect the Southam Town Council agreement to pay Southam bus pass holders for their journeys to medical appointments but passengers must pay the administration fees directly to the drivers on the day of the journey.

Fees are: 6 miles or less £1.00, 7-40 miles £2.00, 41-100 miles, £3.00, 100+ miles £5.00

Contact VASA, Voluntary Transport Service
Monday to Friday 10 am to 12.30 pm 01926 817525

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Background

The development and widespread use of social media including website fora have additional constraints on the way Councillors carry out their duties. Social media are by their very nature interactive processes and revolve around “conversations”; and as they occur online they will remain permanent. Councillors must take care and be respectful of what and where it is posted as there is potentially a large audience.

Scope

When considering using any form of social media there are points that Councillors and Staff must always accept and agree. These are as follows:

1. Unless specifically authorised, they must understand that they are communicating on a personal basis and not that of Southam Town Council.
2. May report decisions made by Council, but must take care to ensure that any comments made respect the Council's position.
3. Must consider what they are communicating very carefully and take all reasonable steps to ensure their views could not be misrepresented in any way.
4. Never engage in false, inappropriate, threatening, harassing or defaming conduct that would be harmful to the Council or its employees or would damage Council relationships.
5. Must never disclose confidential information through their position as Councillor or employee.
6. Abide by the Data Protection Act.
7. Treat others with respect. Avoid personal attacks and disrespectful, rude or offensive comments.
8. Comply with equality laws. Take care in publishing anything that might be considered sexist, racist, ageist, homophobic or anti-faith.
9. Ensure clarity and transparency between personal views and those authorised by the Council.
10. Refrain from trying to persuade the public to a particular view, promote an individual councillor's proposals, decisions or recommendations.
11. Be objective, balanced, informative and accurate.
12. Do not publish anything that could be deemed libellous.
13. Do not publish, link to or refer to obscene material.
14. Do not breach Copyright.
15. Avoid bias and pre determination.

SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

The next Blood Donor sessions will take place at the Grange Hall in the afternoon and evening of 4th September 2014, 6th November 2014 & 5th March 2015



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.

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!

COUNCIL MEETING PAPERS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council meeting papers and planning applications are available to be viewed by the public at Southam Town Council Offices at the Grange Hall between the hours of 9am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Some larger items may be copied for 'Councillor Only' but are available to the public on request.

Plans are also available at the Town Council office or online at

www.stratford.gov.uk or
www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

If you have any questions or queries about Southam Town Council business, or wish to see any documents relating to Council business, please contact the Town Clerk on 01926 814004 or email clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

Southam Town Council operates an open policy and only those items relating to staff, conduct, legal negotiations and items which are commercially sensitive are considered in the confidential part of the meeting.

DOG FOULING

PLEASE do not permit your dog to urinate in shop or residential doorways. 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.



DOG FOULING ENFORCEMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PLEASE CONTACT THE DOG WARDEN ON 01789 260839 OR YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

**District Councillors A Crump 07899904189,
J Ellard 07854141794 or T Bromwich 07879670599**

PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT AND OVERGROWN SHRUBS AND TREES.

Southam Town Council continues to receive numerous complaints about the obstructions of foot paths. Users of mobility scooters face severe difficulties in negotiating these obstructions and often it is impossible for them to find an alternative route.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY!

PLEASE CUT BACK SHRUBS AND TREES WHICH ARE OBSTRUCTING THE FOOT PATH.

ORGANISING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A CHARITY EVENT

Stratford District Council has the power to issue a temporary Road Closure Order for special public events such as a public procession, street party or festival etc. under S.21 Town Police Clauses Act 1847.



Application forms are available at www.stratford.gov.uk

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 12 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT TO ENABLE CONSULTATIONS TO TAKE PLACE

A road closure will require the erection of temporary route diversion signs, located ahead of the closure to warn traffic. This is a requirement of Warwickshire County Council, the Highway Authority. It is advisable to notify the Police of the event.

The District Council recommends that organisers take out Public Liability Insurance and a copy of this should be included with your application form along with a map showing the roads to be closed.

The order will be subject to conditions:

- Vehicular access for emergencies being available at all times.
- Road closure and diversion signs must be erected at the cost of your organisation and removed at the end of the closure.
- Your taking responsibility for stewarding the event, preferably using a traffic management company.
- Your organisation being responsible for clearing the highway after the conclusion of the event and for any damage which may be occasioned to the highway, including street furniture, during the entire period of preparation, the event and the clean up operation.
- No claims will be entertained by WCC, the highway authority, the District Council, the Town Council or any statutory undertaker in respect of accidental damage loss or injury sustained as a result of the event.
- If the event is held on land belonging to the District Council you MUST provide public liability insurance cover of at least £5 million.
- YOU MUST NOTIFY ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, Especially bus and taxi companies, emergency service and those fronting the roads, in writing at least 14 days prior to the event.
- Street notices advertising the closure must be placed in all roads closed by your organisation.
- Posters advising of the alternative bus stops should be placed at bus stops

ALL POSTERS MUST BE REMOVED FOLLOWING THE EVENT

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday September 25th 2014
Thursday October 23rd 2014
Thursday November 27th 2014
December Christmas Recess No Meeting
January 8th 2015 Precept Meeting
January 22nd January 2015



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

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & ROAD CLOSURE

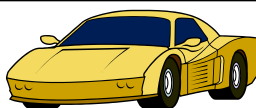


The Christmas Lights Switch On takes place on Friday 28th November 2014

Coventry Street and High Street, between Daventry Road and Meadow Road will be closed to all but emergency traffic between the hours of 1pm and 11pm.

PARKED VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CLOSED ROADS BEFORE 1PM.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED



VASA urgently needs Volunteer Drivers in Southam and surrounding villages. Drivers with their own cars are urgently required to transport people with a genuine need to medical appointments. We pay 45p per mile to cover your car expenses. Just drive the hours to suit you.

TELEPHONE 01789 296344 AND SPEAK TO ALISON OR ZENA

HS2 PETITION

Southam Town Council's Petition to oppose the HS2 Hybrid Bill was delivered to London by Councillor Bransby Thomas. Councillor Thomas will also return to give evidence on STC's behalf when called. Estimates are that it may take up to 3 years to hear all 1,925 petitions opposing the Bill.

The Grange Hall, Southam
presents
AD CONCERT BAND

A patriotic Concert to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of the First World War



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2014
7.30pm

Tickets: £12.50 to include Fish & Chip Supper (or chicken or pie) available from:
The Grange Hall 01926 813933 or
The Coffee Cup Cafe 01926 832288

Licensed Bar Opens 7.00pm

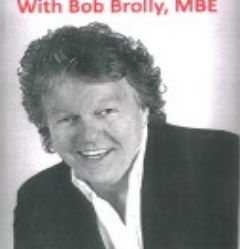
RE-TAKING THE TOWN OF SOUTHAM
SOUTHAM
SENSATION
ABBA TRIBUTE BAND



SELLING FAST!

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2014
8.30pm (Doors / Licensed Bar opens 7.30pm)
THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM
TICKETS: £12.00 : BOX OFFICE 01926 813933

THE GRANGE HALL, SOUTHAM
"A JOLLY BROLLY CHRISTMAS"
With Bob Brolly, MBE



SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 2014, 8.15pm
TICKETS: £12.00
BOX OFFICE: 01926 813933

K2.2
A TRADITIONAL FUN FILLED FAMILY PARTY



FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014
8.30pm
Adults £7.50
Children £5.00
FAMILY TICKET £20.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

THE GRANGE HALL, SOUTHAM
Box Office: 01926 813933

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Contact Carole at The Grange Hall on
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carole@thegrangehall.co.uk

SPEEDING—BANBURY ROAD

Recent enforcement of the 30mph speed limit in Banbury Road resulted in excess of 40 tickets being issued. Enforcement is ongoing. You have been warned. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

Contact Your Councillor	Ward	Telephone	E-mail
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Cllr Daphne Smith		01926 814430	
Cllr Chris Worsh		01926 817122	cllr.chrisworsh@tiscali.co.uk
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