

# Somerford Keynes Parish Council

## NEWSLETTER

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### Your Parish Council

Following the elections on May 7<sup>th</sup> we now have a slightly different line-up of Parish Councillors. We give our thanks and best wishes to Tessa de Bertodano, who has stepped down after 20 years' service; and we welcome Michele Pinto as a new Councillor. The full list of Parish Councillors appears at the head of this newsletter and all are happy to listen to any comments or problems you may have – you can obtain their telephone numbers from the Clerk if you don't know them.

### District Councillor

Since the electoral boundary changes we are now in a single-member Ward with Kemble, Poole Keynes, Coates and Rodmarton. Our new District Councillor is Tony Berry who lives in Kemble. He can be contacted by email at [tony.berry@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:tony.berry@cotswold.gov.uk).

### Emailed Newsletters

If you are happy to have your Parish Council newsletters emailed to you in future please can you let Karen Mogridge know ([karen.mogridge@somerfordconsulting.co.uk](mailto:karen.mogridge@somerfordconsulting.co.uk)).

Sending them out by email would not only help us to save on paper and printing costs, it would also make life a bit easier for Parish Councillors (who currently deliver them by hand). Your email address will be held on its own list and will not be used for any other purposes.

If you don't want to receive the newsletter by email it will of course still be delivered to you.

### 'Buddy' System for Medical Emergencies

If you haven't yet organised your 'Buddies' (see the last Parish Council newsletter for details) this is a reminder to do so. Remember, in a medical emergency (especially if it is necessary to send someone to fetch the Defibrillator from the Village Hall) you can ask the Emergency telephone operator to contact a 'Buddy' on your behalf.

### Defibrillator Awareness

Following the success of the Community Awareness session last year, it is proposed to repeat it in late November. This will be particularly useful for any one who didn't attend the first session, but will be a good refresher for those who did.

### Neigh Bridge

The WILD project team (Water with Integrated Local Delivery) will soon be undertaking works on the Thames at Neigh Bridge with the object

of improving water quality and biodiversity. These will include bank improvements, the removal of overhanging branches and fencing of some sections to keep dogs from disturbing the wildlife. There will also be some amenity works at the site, including the construction of a boardwalk between the car park and the Thames Path, where there is often flooding in winter.

The Parish Council expressed strong reservations regarding the imposition of parking charges at Neigh Bridge. The meter installed has now been stolen, along with the cash it contained. We understand that installation of a new meter is planned, and we remain concerned that this may lead to increased parking in the village. We will continue to monitor the situation so please let the Clerk know if you see anyone parking dangerously or inconsiderately or if you see anything untoward.

### Security

There has recently been a spate of intrusions and break-ins in Somerford Keynes and neighbouring Parishes. Both outbuildings and houses have been targeted, sometimes when the owner was on the premises.

We do ask all Parishioners to be vigilant both about their own and their neighbours' properties. This includes informing the Police of any suspicious activity, and making a quick check over the fence if a burglar alarm goes off.

If you think you see something suspicious actually happening, do not hesitate to dial 999 to report it. Less time-critical reports can be made by telephoning 101. The Police collect data on all incidents, which helps them to identify patterns and potentially match them to crimes. They can only do this if we bring these incidents to their attention.

### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm** Fete at Somerford Keynes House (more details overleaf)



Sarah Powell, Chair

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*The unadopted minutes of the Parish Council are displayed on the Parish Notice Board together with bus and mobile library timetables. The agenda for the next meeting is also displayed some days before each meeting. **Parish Council meetings are always open to the public.** The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.*

# Somerford Keynes Fayre

From 2pm

Somerford Keynes House

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

*By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Burton*



**Plants**



**Cream Teas  
Pimms  
Cakes**



**Children's Games  
Bouncy Castle**



**Preserves  
& Crafts**



**Books**



**Art Show**



**Dog Show**



**Photographic  
Competition**

## Help needed

To help for half an hour on the tea stall, please telephone **Lynda Isherwood** (861872). She really needs you to do this in advance!

**Heavy gang** please meet at the Village Hall for 10.00am, and again later in the day to help clear up.

## Goods wanted for stalls

Please deliver cakes to **Jo Cook** either on the Friday or Saturday morning, or take directly to Somerford Keynes House on the Saturday.

Bottles for the bottle stall to **Jan Coleridge** (861550).

Raffle prizes to **Ronnie Dunn** (861613).

Plants for the plant stall to **Sophie Livingstone** (861420).

## Dog Show

Judging starts at 2.30pm. Just bring your dog along, no need to register in advance! For further details please contact **the Goldman family** (861705).

## Photographic Competition

Children (Primary and Secondary): UK Wildlife

Adults (no age limit): UK Heritage

For rules please see posters around the village, or contact **Mike Wilding** (861416). Entries must be delivered to Mill End Cottage, Mill Lane, by 6.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Photographs will be on display in the Church on the afternoon of the Fayre.