



South Somerset News

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Don't miss Cinderella, our fun-filled, family pantomime for Christmas 2017

The Octagon Theatre's Cinderella, opening 8th December, looks set to break Box Office records for a fifth year!

Last year's Peter Pan saw record-breaking attendance of 29,000 people and sales for 2017/18 look likely to break records again.

Cinderella is the fastest selling pantomime production presented at South Somerset District Council's Octagon Theatre, with the opening night already sold out and over 19,000 tickets sold.

Running for four weeks and a total of 53 performances, Cinderella is written by Paul Hendy and will feature some well-known names and some new cast members – all of a West End standard.

As well as a fantastic cast, the production has lavish sets and costumes, a hilarious script, amazing special effects and plenty of audience participation!

Adam Burgan, Arts & Entertainment Venues Manager, said, "The pantomime is the highlight of the year at The Octagon with friends and family coming together to enjoy the traditional Christmas treat. Please book soon to make sure of your seats as a number of people missed out on tickets last year."

Cinderella runs from Friday 8th December 2017 until Sunday 7th January 2018. For more information or to book tickets visit, the Octagon Theatre website at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or call 01935 422884.



Cinderella is a perfect fit at the Octagon Theatre, guaranteed to bring fun and laughter.



Visit the Ninesprings Café & enjoy a drink after a venture into Yeovil Country Park.

Visit www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ninespringscafe



Celebrate Christmas with less waste

Simple planning will help cut Christmas waste, according to the Somerset Waste Partnership.

Top tips include using wish lists so every present is wanted, buying gifts that will last and be valued, using garden greenery to create compostable natural decorations, and making tree baubles from recycled materials.

And for all that food, the advice is to check cupboard stocks and eat into fridge and freezer to make space, make a meal plan with portion control, and use up leftovers.

Aside from closing on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day, recycling sites will be on their usual schedules. There will be collection changes – see below – across both festive weeks. All services will be back to usual from Monday 8 January.

For more on how to waste less, recycle more and save money this Christmas and throughout 2018, see www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.



Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 18 December - Friday 22 December 2017	No change
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Sunday 31 December
Monday 1 January 2018	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January
Monday 8 January onward	Usual collections resume

Recycle your real Christmas tree

For the third year running, residents in South Somerset will be able to leave their natural Christmas trees for shredding and recycling at various sites across the district.

A full list of the sites where you can recycle your Christmas tree will be available from Monday 18 December on our website at: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/xmastreecycling.

You will be able to deposit your tree from around the 2nd January. Dates will vary depending on location, however full details will be available on the Christmas tree recycling webpage.

Other ways to recycle your Christmas tree are also on the webpage.

Love your leftovers

Make your festive food go further by loving your Christmas dinner leftovers and using them for meals after the big day. Use these handy tips to stay safe and stress-free:

- Cool leftovers, then cover them and ensure that they go in the fridge or freezer within 1-2 hours. Leftovers should be eaten or frozen within 2 days (one day for rice dishes).
- You can freeze turkey, other meat and meals made from previously cooked and frozen meat, but once defrosted, you should eat the food within 24 hours.
- If you make a new meal such as curry or casserole from the leftovers, then you can also freeze this, even if you are using turkey that was originally frozen.
- If you have leftover wine you can pour it into an ice cube tray and freeze it for use at a later date in sauces or gravy.



Langport Christmas Market

2 December 2017

2.00pm - 6.00pm

Town Square & Angel, Langport

A host of Christmas market stalls followed by a fireworks display at 6.30pm on Cocklemoor

Wincanton Extravaganza 2017

2 December 2017

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Lantern parade & Christmas light switch on, children's rides, live entertainment, music and displays in the shops

Castle Cary Big Christmas

7 December 2017

5.00pm

Castle Cary Town

"Shop 'til you drop" with entertainment, lantern parade and a jolly Christmas atmosphere

South Petherton Christmas Market

9 December 2017

10.00am - 1.00pm

Blake Hall, Market Square

Event raising money for Breast Cancer Care and Women's Refuge

Christmas Tree Festival

11 - 16 December 2017

St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne

Vote for your favourite Christmas tree at this annual event in Crewkerne

Poptastic Christmas Party

15 December 2017

8.00pm

Westlands Entertainment Venue

Purchase tickets for this event at www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

New Jersey Nights 2018

29 January 2018

7.30pm

Octagon Theatre

Purchase tickets for this event at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk



Yeovil Markets

Lower Middle Street, Yeovil

Saturdays 2nd, 16th & 23rd December
Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th December
Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th
& Thursday 21st December

Saturday 9th December - Special guests will be Father Christmas along with his Reindeer, cuddly Snow dogs & more

Live Music ★ Hot & Cold Food ★ Local Produce ★
 Homeware, Gifts ★ Clothes & Accessories

New traders welcome

Contact for more details: 07973 725913

Laughing Boy Comedy Club

15 February 2018

8.00pm

Westlands Entertainment Venue

Purchase tickets for this event at www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

The South

17 February 2018

7.30pm

Westlands Entertainment Venue

Purchase tickets for this event at www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

20th Century Boy

5 - 7 March 2018

7.30pm start each evening

Octagon Theatre

Purchase tickets for this event at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

Literature Exchange

20 March 2018

Westlands Entertainment Venue

Look out for details of this event at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/latest-news

Ham Hill Egg Olympics

29 March 2018

Ham Hill Country Park

More info available in January at www.southsomersetcountryside.com

Yeovil Country Park Spring Trail

4 April 2018

Yeovil Country Park

More info available in January at www.southsomersetcountryside.com

Yeovil Country Park Fairy Tale Trail

29 May - 1 June 2018

Yeovil Country Park

More info available in January at www.southsomersetcountryside.com

Teddy Bears Picnic

19 June 2018

Yeovil Country Park

More info available in January at www.southsomersetcountryside.com

Look out for more great events across South Somerset at the various websites detailed.

Calendar celebrates Yeovil's past

A calendar illustrated with images from South Somerset District Council's heritage collection has been produced for 2018.

At just £6 each, there are fascinating photographs of Yeovil from SSDC's extensive photo collection. The calendar has a wide range of images which reflect change over time, including a photo of Yeovil's High Street in 1920, before the construction of King George Street. All profits go towards maintaining the collections at SSDC's Community Heritage Access Centre.



You can buy the calendars at the Community Heritage Access Centre (CHAC), SSDC Lufton Depot, Yeovil, BA22 8RP. Contact joseph.lewis@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462886, or order from CHAC by post - please add £1.50 for postage and packaging and send a cheque, payable to South Somerset District Council.

The calendars are also on sale at:

- Yeovil Tourist Information Centre, Petter's Way, Yeovil, BA20 1SH. yeoviltic@southsomerset.gov.uk
- A303 Visitor Centre at Cartgate, Cartgate Picnic Area, near Stoke Sub Hamdon, TA14 6RA (Monday & Friday only, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm). cartgatetic@southsomerset.gov.uk
- SSDC Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT



Make Christmas for someone this year by setting them up with Careline.

Careline gives a little extra support to people who want to go on living at home independently for as long as possible, while bringing peace of mind to their family and friends.

Do you...

- Live alone or sometimes feel at risk?
- Have elderly, frail or infirm dependents?
- Worry about their safety in an emergency?
- Want to help them to maintain their independence?

If yes, Careline can provide help at the touch of a button, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!

For all new installations booked before 31 January 2018 through this advertisement, we will waive our installation and set-up fee! Please quote this advert when you contact us. Tel: 01935 479815 or email: careline@southsomerset.gov.uk

Initial connections / set-up fee £32.85*. Hire and monitoring £3.84 per week. *This may be waived for people on certain benefits.

Beware of Facebook flytippers during the festive period

Residents across South Somerset are being warned not to take to Facebook to find a cheap way of disposing of waste this Christmas.

There is a growing industry of 'Facebook Flytippers' who pose online as legitimate waste removal companies but then dump the rubbish down country lanes and lay-bys. If fly-tipped waste can be traced back to its owner, the owner can be fined even if they had no idea it was going to be fly-tipped.

Every individual and business has a 'duty of care' to ensure they correctly dispose of their waste. Remember your responsibilities for waste disposal this Christmas.

Always be wary of businesses that only operate through social media, do not seem to have a landline number or business address, and offer a very cheap cash deal.

Never pay cash, always get a full receipt and note details of people and vehicles. Always check the business has a valid licence on the Environment Agency's website: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index>.

For more advice about how to fight fly-tipping in Somerset, visit: <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/about/fight-fly-tipping/>.

Flexible office space at Yeovil Innovation Centre

The Yeovil Innovation Centre is an evolving business community aimed at ambitious organisations and entrepreneurs looking for a flexible, prestigious, low-cost solution, with space for growth.

Our diverse community of tenants enjoy attractive office accommodation, super-fast 'leased-line' Internet and stunning hospitality and meeting areas, without the commitment of a long lease.

The Yeovil Innovation Centre offers:

- Suite sizes to suit all requirements (from 192 sq ft to 689 sq ft)
- All-inclusive rents with only one month's notice required to leave
- Access to business support, mentoring and development advice
- Ideal location for new business start-ups
- Access to 'The Hive' co-working space
- Meeting rooms and reception services
- Networking opportunities
- 24/7 access for tenants
- Free car parking

Meeting rooms are available to tenants and other businesses:

- Meeting rooms of varying sizes
- Rates start at £10 per hour (for up to 6 people)
- We can provide refreshments and a quality buffet lunch if required (at an additional cost)

See our website for current availability or contact us:

Yeovil Innovation Centre
Barracks Close
Copse Road
Yeovil
BA22 8RN

01935 385900
info@yeovilinnovationcentre.co.uk
www.yeovilinnovationcentre.co.uk



A 12 month green wheelie bin subscription is just £53.50*. At just over a pound a week, this service remains good value and offers a quick and easy way for your garden waste to be collected and composted.

A 24 month subscription is just £100*. As an alternative to bins you can purchase garden sacks from us which currently cost £26* for 10 sacks.

HOW TO JOIN:

Online: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/gardenwaste
Call: 01935 462462
Visit: call in to one of our offices
www.southsomerset.gov.uk/find-us

*Please note there is likely to be a price increase as of 1 April 2018. Visit our website for up to date prices.

Retail Support Initiative Grant brings improvement works to three South Somerset High Streets

Wincanton, Castle Cary and Bruton have all seen improvements to their High Streets in 2017, thanks to the Retail Support Initiative Grant.

The grant is made available to businesses located in the Wincanton, Castle Cary and Bruton areas and has enabled shopfront improvements to be made to shops in each of the towns. The Retail Support Initiative Grant provides funds to make improvements which visually enhance the heart of the town or village.

Wincanton has seen the former HSBC bank - closed since January 2016 - come to life and The Small Cake Shop, now Hooga Coffee, have a facelift. Retail Therapy has moved premises, giving it a better location on Castle Cary High Street. All businesses have received help via the Retail Support Initiative Grant.

'In It Together' for women's beginner classes

It can sometimes be a challenge to step into an established fitness session and feel comfortable. But with a new range of fitness classes for women coming in 2018, beginners can forget their worries and focus solely on the benefits and enjoyment of exercise.

As part of the In It Together project, South Somerset District Council is arranging a number of fitness classes for beginners. Zumba, Pilates, Kettlercise, plus much more, will be on offer at various locations across the district to help women and girls aged 14+ to be more active. If you are worried about going to an established class; try 'In It Together' to become more physically active.

You can find out more details about the beginners sessions coming to South Somerset on the In It Together Facebook page - www.facebook.com/inittogether, the Twitter account @iit_ssom or by calling 01935 462462.

In It Together is led by South Somerset District Council in partnership with Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) and Yarlinton Housing Group. The project was made possible thanks to National Lottery funding of £163,294 from Sport England.

Help make a splash in South Somerset

Swimming can improve your body and your mind, and can be the best exercise option for many. LED Leisure want to ensure that everyone learns the vital life skill of swimming as part of its Make a Splash campaign.

Make a Splash is designed to encourage more people to swim more often and make the most of their time in the pool and above all, to highlight the additional health benefits that water activities provide.

But in order to get more people into a swimming pool, Goldenstones and Wincanton Leisure centres are looking for outstanding individuals to join their team as Lifeguards and Swim Aquavators.

The Aquavator role is an exciting newly created role, supported by Sport England, to promote a greater awareness of the importance of swimming and to introduce adult non-swimmers to the water.

If you're an absolute beginner at swimming, why not dip your toe in the water with help from a Swim Aquavator at your local LED Leisure Centre?

To learn more about becoming a Swim Aquavator, contact Goldenstones Leisure Centre on 01935 845888 or Wincanton Leisure Centre on 01963 824400.

If you think you need to be a teenager to be a lifeguard, think again. LED Leisure are encouraging people of all ages to apply for the role whether 18 or 80, as long as they are fit enough.

For a full range of full and part-time lifeguarding opportunities with LED Leisure, visit www.ledleisure.co.uk/leisure-jobs-south-west.

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www.ledleisure.co.uk

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-  Text SSDC to 66777 followed by your query (standard network rates apply)
-  Visit us online: www.southsomerset.gov.uk
email us: ssdc@southsomerset.gov.uk

 Write to us: Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT

 Contact your local councillor:
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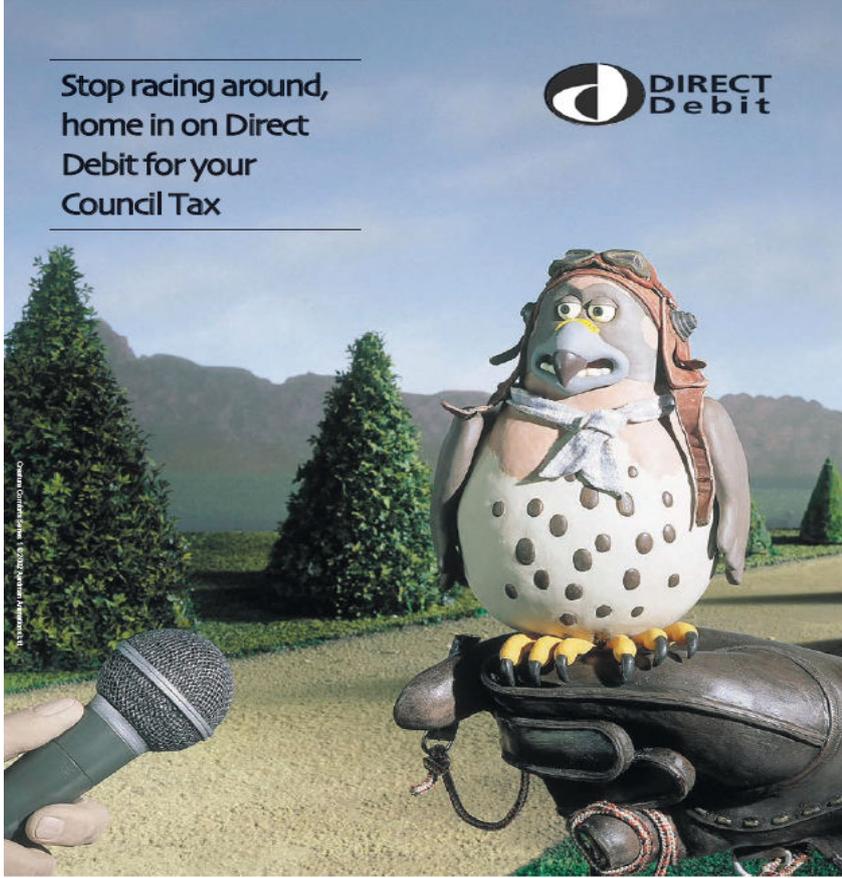
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-  Pay a car park fine, report a faulty pay & display machine
-  Register to vote in elections
-  Check recycling and waste collection days, report missed collections or request new containers
-  Apply for Housing Benefit & Council Tax Support, tell us about a change in circumstances, use our online benefit calculator

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26 October 2017 to 11 January 2018



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Council supporting homeowners with new heating systems

Now that the cold weather has arrived, the council is reminding homeowners across the district about a loan scheme to replace heating systems. The scheme has been developed to ensure everyone lives in a home that is warm and cosy over the winter months.

The loan scheme is open to people who heat their homes with gas, oil, Calor gas, LPG, electric or other sources and to those who do not currently have central heating. The scheme has been set up to enable homeowners to choose their own contractor and there are a variety of loan products available to suit individual needs and means.

The loans are delivered through Wessex Resolutions CIC, a not-for-profit Responsible Finance provider, in close partnership with the Council. The partnership has been running for nearly ten years across the South West and has helped a huge variety of homeowners, from people simply requiring a new gas boiler to those needing the whole system installed, through to people updating oil systems and those who have lived without heating for years because they did not know help was available.

In providing loans, the Council is ensuring that funds for homeowners are sustainable, with every repayment going back into the Council pot to lend to homeowners in the future.

For more information, call Wessex Resolutions direct on 01823 461099, visit www.wrcic.org.uk or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk

South Somerset's Gold Star winners

An enthusiastic audience was both thrilled and inspired when the red carpet was rolled out for young people and volunteers at South Somerset District Council's Gold Star Awards ceremony on Monday 23 October.

Now in its eleventh year, the Gold Star Awards has become a well-loved event and the 600-strong audience was treated to a heartening evening, singing the praises of South Somerset's inspirational people.

There were also performances from Kuk Sool Won of Yeovil, Dance Factory, Cary Amateur Theatrical Society and Orchard Gymnastics. The final act was Gus, Joe and Amy. Aged between 12 and 15, they overcame their nerves to produce a performance that got the audience clapping and cheering enthusiastically.

The Gold Star Awards primarily focus on celebrating young people and the adult volunteers working with them. Find out who the winners were in each of the categories at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/goldstars.



Take advantage of the Wessex Resolution CIC loan scheme this winter



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