

MARCH 2020

I would like to express my sincere apologies to the post office and the garage for the article regarding the electricity and gas top-ups. I was unaware that both places in Montacute provided this service and it was not my intention to take any business away from either the post office or the garage but to assist residents on where they can get their top-ups now that the Co-Op are no longer providing this service.

Of course, it is much easier and convenient for residents living in or close to Montacute to get their top-ups in the village rather than travelling to Norton so please make use of this valuable facility in the village.

ALLOTMENTS

You may have noticed that we have cut down some trees inside the fence line at the front of the allotments. The parish council were not removing these trees for the sake of it; these trees were self-seeded Ash trees which were causing damage to the other trees along this fence line. At the last meeting it was discussed to plant some new trees in their place which would fruit yielding and appropriate for the allotment site.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – INVITATION TO TENDER

The grass cutting contract for the recreation ground, play area and allotments comes to an end on 30th April 2020. The new contract will run for a three-year period starting on 1st May 2020 to 30th April 2023. Any expressions of interest to tender should be made to the Parish Clerk at the contact details at the bottom of this article.

DONATION TOWARDS DEFIBRILATOR ACCESSORIES

The Parish Council would like to thank Montacute Post Office for the generous donation of £186.50. Nigel, Myrtle and Louise Hann have expressed that they would like the money to go towards defibrillator supplies such as the pads.

The money was raised by donations from the Post Office's Christmas lights in the yard and the knitted Christmas puddings, Santa hats and snowmen which were made by Gill and Peter Turner of Charlton Adam. Once again, thank you. Your donation is very much appreciated.

YEOVIL HALF MARATHON

Yeovil Half Marathon will take place on Sunday 29th March between 9:00 and 12:00. As in previous years there will be road closures in and around Montacute House and the road to Yeovil. More information about the event can be found on www.yeovilhalf.com and full details of the road closures can be found at <https://one.network/?tm=115976899>. There will also be advance event information signs deployed approximately 3 weeks before the event.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Somerset County Council's Adult Social Care team have implemented a new website www.somersetcommunityconnect.org.uk

Some of the key things on the site include:

- A directory of Micro-Providers - the growing network of small-scale, often single-person, care providers who can help with care at home.
- A list of drop-in events being run by a huge range of community and voluntary organisations in your local area
- Information about support for carers
- Help to access equipment through the county's two Independence and Advice Centres
- A directory of registered home care and care home providers

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month in the Village Hall except for August and December. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March 2020 at 7.15pm.

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