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Welcome to the October Advertiser

The Advertiser is a great way to promote some of our fantastic local businesses, as well as sharing important community news and events. If there is something you would like included in the next issue, please send to advertise@watchetadvertiser.com by 15th October.

With Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to get in touch about promoting your festive events in our November and December issues.

The recent Watchet 1940's Weekend alongside the West Somerset Railway event was an outstanding success, and there has been overwhelming praise for the town's organisation and for the people who brought the 1940's to life. There is a great photo on the front cover and more on the opposite page, courtesy of Sandra Davies.

Somerset Art Weeks Festival runs from 19 September to 4 October.



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Please send advert artwork or other content via email to Bill or Christine at

advertise@watchetadvertiser.com

by the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.

We do not charge for community content.

The Advertiser is published at the end of each month, and is available as a printed booklet or to view online at:

www.watchetadvertiser.com and

www.facebook.com/WatchetAdvertiser.com



Dear Readers,

QR codes have become so common that we probably don't even notice them any more. Almost everywhere you look they are about. Restaurant tables, posters, tickets, letters, parking machines and even the occasional television advert. Point your phone at a little square of black and white and as if by magic, a website, Facebook page or even a WhatsApp chat appears.

But what is a QR code? And are they safe? QR stands for Quick Response and a QR code is essentially a clever way of storing information in a pattern that your phone's camera can read. So instead of typing a long address into your browser, you simply scan the code and your phone takes you there.

They are incredibly convenient. Restaurants use them for menus and ordering, businesses use them for payments and contact details, and event organisers use them for tickets and registration. They can save a surprising amount of time particularly when the alternative is typing a complicated web address into a tiny phone keyboard or trying to remember it as you pass by.

But just because they are there, does scanning a QR code make it automatically safe? A QR code can take you to the same sort of website as clicking a link in an email. If someone has created a malicious QR code it could take you to a fake website designed to steal your password, banking

or other personal details. It could be a QR code has been stuck over the legitimate one. example, you park your car, go to the parking machine with a QR code on it. Someone could potentially have placed another sticker over the genuine code directing you somewhere completely different so that you make a payment to them instead.

So before entering any personal or payment information have a quick look at the website address your phone has opened. Does it look like the company you expected? Is the spelling correct? If you are paying for something does the website look legitimate? Is the site using <https://> at the beginning?

A QR code does not need to be scanned simply because it is there. If someone sends you an unexpected QR code by email or message and tells you that you must scan it immediately, treat it with the same caution you would give an unexpected link or spam phone call.

QR codes themselves are not dangerous. They are simply another way of accessing information. The important part is where they take you. This doesn't mean all QR codes are bad but do remember that the little black and white square is a doorway, and it is always worth checking where the doorway leads before walking through it.

As always, any questions please send them to ICT@lyntonadvertiser.com

Powering up the Agratas site to help spark jobs and boost growth

A vital cable link that will power Somerset's flagship new battery manufacturing facility near Bridgwater is being installed this autumn. The Agratas facility which is set to create thousands of jobs and generate £700 million in economic value for the region each year, is re-industrialising a 308-acre brownfield site in the heart of Somerset.

The multi-billion pound battery manufacturing facility is the centrepiece of the Gravity Enterprise Zone and construction of the 525-metre-long Building One is well underway. Now project leaders need to install a vital high-powered electricity connection linking the Gravity site with the national power grid.

The cables need to cross the M5 between junctions 23 (Dunball) and 24 (Huntworth), and motorists are being advised of a short period of roadworks taking place in October. Agratas has listened to advice from local partners and the work has been carefully timed to avoid the school half-term break and the Guy Fawkes carnival season.



The work, which is due to start on 5 October 2026 and take up to 15 days involves cutting a trench into the M5 to lay ducting and install the cables. The trench will be dug from one side of the motorway to the other starting with the northbound carriageway.

Agratas is working with contractors and highways partners, Somerset Council and National Highways, to deliver the connection.

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Young Filmmakers Invited to Take Their First Steps into the Screen Industries with BFI Film Academy South West

Applications are now open for a free BFI Film Academy South West Introductory Course taking place in Minehead this October. Young people aged 16 to 19 with a passion for film and television are being invited to apply for an intensive week of practical filmmaking, masterclasses and industry insight, delivered by Somerset Film.

Running from 23–30 October 2026, the BFI Film Academy South West Introductory Course will give aspiring filmmakers the opportunity to learn directly from screen professionals, work with professional equipment and collaborate to make their own short films. No previous filmmaking experience or academic qualifications are required.

Course dates:

Online welcome: Friday 23 October 2026

In-person: Saturday 24, Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28, Thursday 29, and Friday 30 October 2026

Location: Minehead, Somerset

Cost: Free

Application deadline: Midnight, Sunday 11 October 2026

Find out more and apply:

www.somersetfilm.com/bfifilmacademysouthwest

BFI Film Academy South West is delivered by Somerset Film, supported by the UK Government and National Lottery funding.

For questions about the course, contact Somerset Film at info@somersetfilm.com or 01278 433187.



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Coffee & Cakes in the Bar
Saturday 3 October, 10.00 – 12.00

Pantaloons present - TWELTH NIGHT
Monday 5 October, 7.30pm
The critically acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company present their own brand of Shakespearean mayhem.

Regal Film Society - ROMERÍA (Cert 15)
Tuesday 6 October, 7.30pm
A young woman discovers her family in Galicia, uncovering unspoken past events.

BLOOMIN' CHURCH
Thursday 8 October, 7.30pm
This uplifting show cracks open the walls of "church," revealing the surprising potential to bloom when we're brave enough to be ourselves.

Volunteer Recruitment Meeting – Bar Area
Everyone welcome. Saturday 10 October, 11:00 – 1:00

Waterfront presents - FLEET STREET
22 – 24 October, 7.30pm
There's a killer on the loose and Hitler is making life a little difficult for the people of London.

The Average Scientist presents -
WONDERS OF OUR UNIVERSE
Sunday 25 October, 7.00pm
With breath-taking visuals and a soaring cinematic soundtrack, each moment is crafted to ignite your curiosity and stir your emotions.

Royal Ballet Live from the Opera House – MANON
Tuesday 27 October, 7.15pm
MacMillan's understanding of human psychology makes for an unflinching look into the moral degradation of Manon's Paris.

THE CARPENTERS EXPERIENCE
Friday 30 October, 7.30pm
Featuring the amazing voice of Maggie Nestor and eight top-class musicians.

REGAL COMEDY NIGHT
Saturday 31 October, 7.30pm
The evening will feature a professional line up from the cream of the UK Comedy Circuit.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at <https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson> or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430) between 9.30am and 12.00pm Monday – Saturday.

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