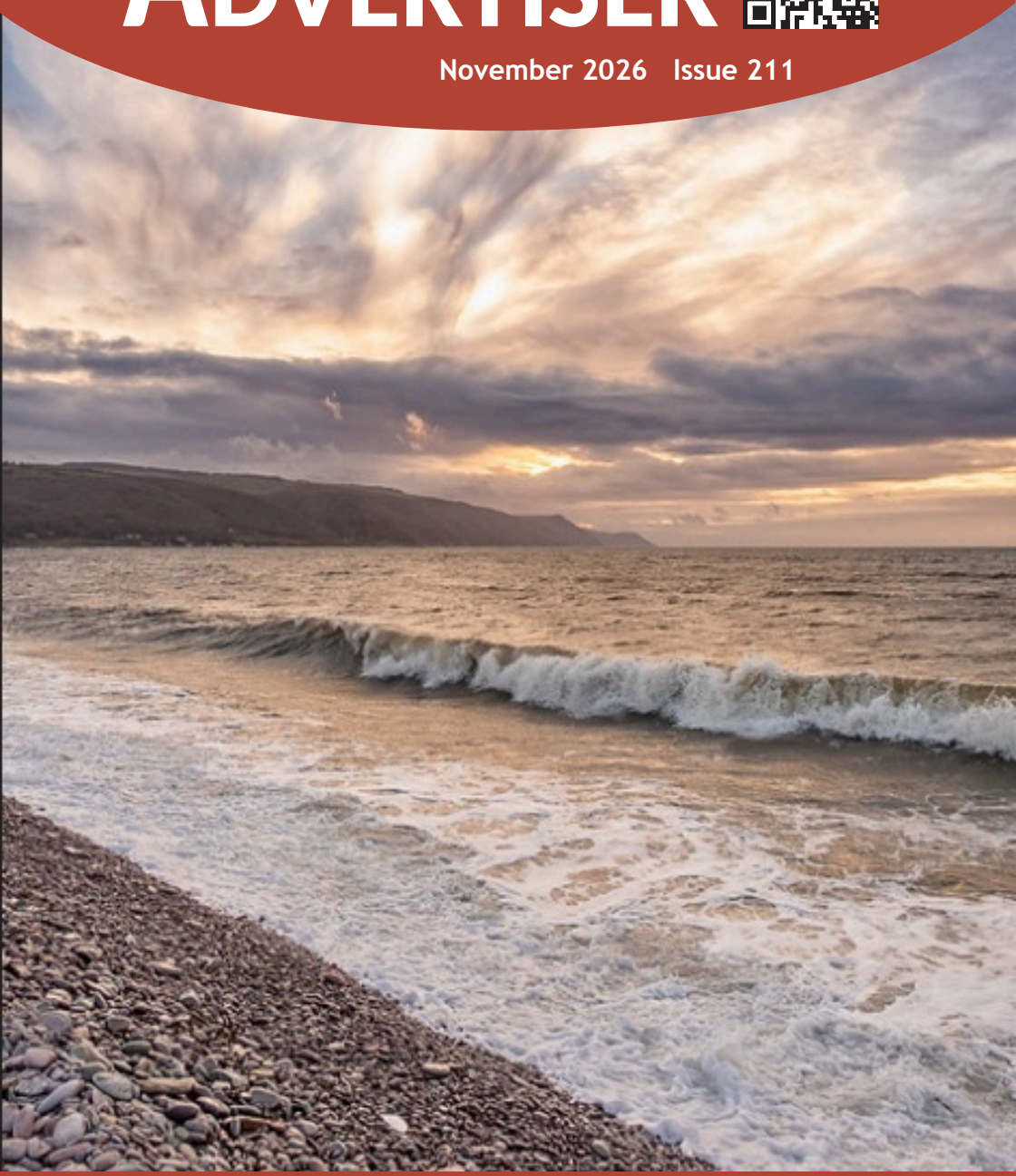
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With Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to get in touch about promoting your festive events in our December issue. Please send to advertise@watchetadvertiser.com by 15th November. We welcome community articles which are included free of charge.

For those living in Watchet and surrounding areas and want to attend Remembrance Services, the dates and times are on page 7.

There are many festive events taking place in November and some have been included in this issue. Coming up in December is Watchet Late Night Extravaganza on the 4th and the annual Santa Charity Fun Run on the 6th.,

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Somerset Council to return to renewable electricity in 2027

Somerset Council will switch back to renewable electricity from April 2027 supporting its commitment to tackling climate change and achieving net zero.

The new “Clean Renewable” tariff will ensure electricity purchased through the Council’s contract comes from wind, solar and hydro sources, covering all metered and unmetered supplies.

The Council moved to a standard tariff in 2024 amid financial pressures. Earlier this year councillors approved an additional £53,000 to fund the return to renewable energy, representing less than 1% of annual electricity spending.The Council spends around £6.58 million a year on electricity, consuming approximately 17.88 million kWh over 12 months.

Somerset’s wider energy strategy also supports renewable generation. Its Somerset Energy Investment Plan recorded more than 520MW of renewable electricity capacity in 2023, equivalent to 29% of the county’s electricity consumption.



The Council is also replacing older street lights with energy-efficient LEDs and introducing a centralised management system to improve control, monitor faults and reduce energy use and costs.

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Staying secure with 2FA and 3DS

Dear Readers,

You may have come across the terms 2FA and 3D Secure while using your computer or phone, particularly when logging into an account or buying something online. They sound rather technical and they can be, but the basic idea behind both is quite simple. They are there to make sure that you really are the person trying to access your account, or make a payment.

Let's start with 2FA or Two Factor Authentication. Normally you prove who you are by entering a password. With 2F Authentication you provide a second piece of information as well. This could be a code sent to your phone, a code generated by an authentication app, or even your fingerprint or Face ID.

You may already use 2FA without giving it much thought. Your bank might ask you to approve a login through its app, or Facebook, Google or Microsoft might ask you for a code when you sign in from a new device. The idea is that even if somebody manages to discover your password, they still need that second factor to get into your account.

It is particularly important for your email account because email is often used to reset passwords for other services. If you protect that it can help protect many of your other accounts too.

Now 3D Secure. This is specifically concerned with online payments. Steve, who is one of my clients, this week came to me asking for help with his bank. He is a bit of a technology dinosaur but has managed this far without 3D Secure. His bank however had other ideas and said he needed to secure his accounts. This meant he needed an app but having also moved to a smart phone, this additional concept didn't help the situation! Anyway, when you buy something online, your bank may ask you to confirm that the payment is really yours and not a Nigerian Prince trying to take your money. You might receive a notification from your banking app asking you to approve the transaction, or you may be asked for another form of verification.

The important thing to remember is that 3D Secure and 2FA are not exactly the same thing. 2FA is a general security method that can be used for many different types of accounts. 3D Secure is a system specifically designed to help protect online card payments. However, 3D Secure can use methods such as 2FA to confirm that it really is you.

There is one piece of advice I can give about this. Never approve something simply because a notification appears on your phone. Check what you are approving first. If you receive a banking notification for a purchase you didn't make, dont approve it. Contact your bank instead.

These extra security steps can occasionally feel like a nuisance, but a few seconds of checking is a small price to pay for keeping your accounts secure and your money safe!

Technology sometimes makes things slightly more complicated. In this case, it is complicated for a very good reason.

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Remembrance Services in Watchet

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Remembrance Sunday 8th November

A Remembrance Parade will muster on The Esplanade, leaving at 14:45. A Remembrance Service will be held in the Methodist Church at 15:00 followed by a Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial.

Armistice Day Wednesday 11th November

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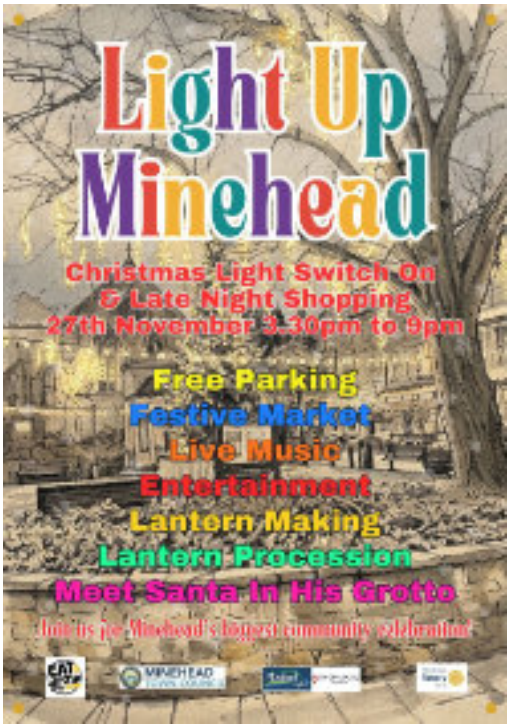
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TAUNTON BREWHOUSE

Monday 5 October 2026

TAUNTON THEATRE ASSOCIATION LTD ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

With deep regret the Trustees of Taunton Theatre Association Ltd announce that, after careful consideration and exhausting all possible alternatives, the charitable company will cease operating on 31st October 2026. They confirm that Taunton Brewhouse will close on the same date.

All performances and events scheduled for October will go ahead as advertised. Tickets are still available for some of these shows and patrons are asked to book online if you wish to come to one of these events.

For thirteen years, TTA has been dedicated to operating Taunton Brewhouse as the town's leading venue for theatre, live performance and creative expression, a much valued and loved community space.

Since the theatre's temporary closure was announced on 21st September, we have worked to find a way forward. However, a combination of reduced funding, rising operational costs, increased responsibilities for building maintenance and lower ticket sales have left the charity unable to continue its work sustainably. Despite the generosity of individuals who have donated or pledged financial support over the past week, we have concluded that the regulatory and organisational frameworks in which we have to operate do not give us the time to develop and implement a robust survival plan.

Chair of Trustees, Val Hammon, said: "This is an incredibly difficult moment for everyone connected to TTA. We are immensely proud of what we have achieved together and deeply grateful to our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners who have stood with us over the years. Although this chapter is closing, the legacy of our work will live on through the lives we have touched. The theatre building remains in the ownership of Somerset Council, and we hope that, in due course, a new team of enthusiasts will bring the vision and energy needed to reopen it. I believe we are all united in thinking it inconceivable that Taunton should be without a public theatre."

We understand that this news will be upsetting to many.

If any member of the public holds a ticket booking for an event from 1st November 2026 onwards, we recommend that they retain the booking confirmation and evidence of payment. Ticket holders will receive further information about the claims process in due course.

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Coffee & Cakes in the Bar
Saturday 7 November, 10.00 – 12.00

Barnstormers present - ABIGAILS PARTY
12 – 14 November, 7.30pm

Abigail's Party, a 1977 tragicomedy by Mike Leigh, explores suburban England's social dynamics. The play follows Beverly, Laurence, Angela, Tony, and Susan as their drinks party spirals into chaos, revealing underlying tensions and unexpected consequences.

The Royal Opera
ENCORE LIVE BROADCAST - CARMEN
15 November, 2.00pm

Under the oppressive heat of the Spanish sun, the fiercely independent Carmen attracts the attention of Don José. She warns him not to fall in love with her, but his obsession knows no bounds. Damiano Michieletto's searing production returns, casting scorching light on the lust, violence and destructive desire of Bizet's ever-popular opera.

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AGATHA CHRUSTY & THE VILLAGE HALL MURDERS
26 – 28 November, 7.30pm

Agatha Crusty (pronounced Croosty), a crime writer, visits Chortleby for a relaxing break but becomes entangled in a series of murders. With a cast of quirky suspects and an incompetent detective, this murder mystery promises both humour and intrigue.

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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