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The Seavingtons' News

As we transition to a new year may I wish you all prosperity and health and the continued enjoyment of life in our village community?

I mention the community because our community spirit continues to thrive, the latest project being the newly planted orchard behind St Mary's Close—see pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

May I also thank everyone in the Seavingtons' News team for their efforts throughout the last year and anticipate their support during 2017.

As you feel and see, this month's issue is on the thin side because not enough of you are sending me articles; need I say more? Over to you.

David Froome, Editor

Holiday Waste & Re-cycling Collections

The waste and recycling collection over the Christmas and New Year holidays will be delayed by one day.

The collection due on Boxing Day, 26th December will be made on Tuesday 27th December 2017.

The collection due on Monday 2nd January will be made on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 13th January
until am Monday 16th January**

**The Latest Copy Date
for the next issue**

is the 15th January

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
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|---------------|---------|--|
| 25th December | 11.00am | Christmas Day Family Service at St Michael's Church |
| 9th January | Noon | Seniors' lunch in Village Café—p23 |
| 12th January | 7.30 pm | Gardening Club talk by Sally Nex "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea" —p15 |
| 14th January | 7.30 pm | Flix in the Stix "Anthropoid" at Hinton St. George Village Hall—p24 |
| 19th January | 7.30 pm | RSPB Group talk: "The Frozen North" - p23 |

Regular Activities

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|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 2 nd Monday | noon | Pensioners' Lunch in Village Café |
| 3 rd Wednesday | 10.00am | "GET2GETHER" Group in Village Café |
| 2 nd Thursday | 7.30pm | Seavington Gardening Club |

To keep up to date, check out the village web-site which is updated regularly and brings you the latest information on village matters, the programmes of village organisations and much more. Pass the address to your friends and relatives and let them keep in touch as well.

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

1st January No service but available at SS Peter & Paul, South Petherton, at 8.00 am (BCP), & 9.30 am (CW)

8th January 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

8th January 11.30 am Café Church at Seavington Café

15th January 11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

22nd January 11.30 am Matins

29th January 11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

Rev Tom Handy telephone: 01460 240377; revdtomhandy@hotmail.com

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Orchard Project Completed

Andrew Sutton (01460 249338)

On Saturday 10th December the final stage of the replanting of the orchard behind St. Mary's Close was completed when a specimen tree, an Amelanchier Grandiflora 'Robin Hill', was planted.

An enthusiastic group of thirty or so villagers turned up to watch Pauline Parsons and Arthur Lewis cut the ribbon around the tree so that everyone could then add their own trowel full of soil at the base of the tree.

Nigel England spoke fascinatingly about the history of the area and made a glowing tribute to the work of Karen Sutton, for co-ordinating and planning the restoration of the orchard. Karen then spoke and paid her own tribute to the many volunteers who had helped with the project, particularly Alan Newberry-Street and Phil Gordon-Smith, for their unfailing work and support.



Mulled cider, hot blackcurrant and nibbles were then partaken of and, despite the expected rain, everyone there was able to gather together to celebrate the coming together of the village to help develop and sustain a genuine village resource which should look truly beautiful when the spring time blossom arrives.

I would like to pay my own tribute to Karen's work in starting and maintaining this project. She has worked on this for the reward of knowing that the village will benefit from the restoration and revival of this traditional village feature.



These three photographs from the tree planting are reproduced with thanks to Roger Wotton.



Last Editorial. This will be the last time I write the Over The Counter article as I will be off travelling in 2017. What has struck me about the shop and café in the 3 years I have been writing the article is how well villagers come together when needed. Take the recent Christmas carols function, it could have been organised by one person who arranged everything but it wasn't. Marion managed to share out the load and there were over 15 villagers involved in setting the various serials up, all pulling together to ensure it was fun for everyone who attended. This community spirit has been a constant theme ever since the shop opened and I for one believe strongly that we have found something here that other less fortunate villages have not been able to find.

Christmas raffle. Thank you to all those who gave prizes, both local traders as well as individuals. You will be pleased to learn that the Christmas raffle earned over £200 this year for the shop.

Christmas Carols. Well the Father Christmas visit proved popular this year with numbers up once again on the previous year. What really pleased me was the number of youngsters who attended. The numbers were almost double last year.

Art & Craft. The new year starts with a change of pictures in the café and a change in the local craft on display. Do drop in and take a look at Kate Westwood's delightful prints and watercolours on the café walls. Kate has moved fairly recently to Lopen so you may not have seen her work before unless you saw it during the Somerset Arts Weeks; and if you did, never fear, she's found time to make some new pictures especially to show in Seavington! In the shop area you'll find Dorset farmer Peter Thomas's natural form turned bowls and platters. Peter tries to source all of his wood locally, much of it is from his farm near Rampisham. The difference in Peter's work is that he fills any natural cracks in the wood with gold! It's beautiful.

Festive brainteaser. There is still a chance to pickup your festive quiz at the shop and complete it before the end of business on Sat 7th Jan 2017. Entries are £1 each and proceeds will go to the shop fundraising which is trying to raise the £10k needed to pay for much needed air conditioning before the summer of 2017.

Storage The shipping container we are jointly purchasing with the SPFA is due to arrive towards the end of January. This is to store a variety of hall and shop seasonal equipment (summer chairs/tables, Christmas decorations, props in the park staging etc) which is currently housed in the Millennium Hall garage. It will be located out of sight behind the shop.

Quote of the month. “Wow, what a super shop. It is so light and roomy and the goods don’t seem to cost any more than local supermarkets. We will definitely be back” Surprised first time visitor from Ilminster.

Community shop contact no 01460 249730

News from Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school

Charlie Pattison (01460 241396)

Happy New Year! We are delighted to be welcoming some new children to our Pre 3 session this term and are sure they will settle into the Pre-school life very happily.

This term we are continuing to work through the alphabet and start with the letter “K”, we are expecting Kangaroos and Kings but are sure the children will come up with some other slightly more random ideas during show and Tell!

We are planning to resurrect the Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night as our big fundraiser with Shepton School this term and a Pancake Breakfast amongst other things. Our Crafty Christmas Morning was busy and fun and we used some of the money raised towards the Christmas Party.

Toddler Group –The first get together in the New Year will be Thursday 5th January – babies, toddlers and pre-school children and parents/carers very welcome at anytime during the morning for crafts, play and singing.

Happy New Year from all the staff, parents and children at Pre-school.

We do have space at our lovely Pre-school, please call Shelley or Kath 07765 43730/0776543 7301 or pop in to the Village Hall in Shepton Beauchamp- we’d love to meet you! Jessyandcharlie@hotmail.com or see our **FACEBOOK PAGE**

‘The Shepherd’s Calendar’

Christmas

Annie (01460 241762)

Neighbours resume their annual cheer,
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John Clare
(1793—1864)

During harsh weather, birds are forced to rely on berries, such as hawthorn and holly, when their normal food supply is locked in the frozen ground. Well stocked bird-feeders are life-savers.

Members of the Tit family, and other small birds, like to be acrobatic on nut-feeders and half-coconuts.

Most birds will come to bird-tables for scraps such as cooked bacon rinds (cut-up small), shredded suet, bread crumbs and diced cheese.

Birds, such as Chaffinch and Dunnock, will feed on crumbs beneath the tables. Remember though, not to put out too much at any one time, it may go bad and spread disease amongst the birds, such as Greenfinches. The rule is “little and often” if you are able to manage it. Fallen fruit, rotting on the ground, is welcomed by Blackbirds, Thrushes and wintering Fieldfares and Redwings.

During the freezing winter days it is important that bird-baths are kept free from ice. Birds always need drinking water but they also like to bathe during frosty weather to maintain their plumage in peak condition so as to stay warm.

There is a good supply of bird food: feed balls, sunflower and Niger seed, mixed seed and nuts available in our village shop.

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Reminder: Christmas Day Family Service

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Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

2016

This was a very good year for the Gardening Club. Our membership increased hugely and we have been privileged to have had many interesting and entertaining speakers as well as colourful and inspiring garden visits.

Our regular events such as the Plant Sale in May proved a record success and, despite the weather, the Open Gardens Day in June brought in plenty of visitors. The Flower Show in August surpassed all expectations with record entries in some of the categories. All this plus two discount shopping attractions in April and September, our Guest Night in October and the final end of year, excellent, Christmas Lunch at Frogmary Green Farm.

If you want to see photographs of some of these activities as well as our programme of events for 2017 then go to www.theseavingtons.org/village-organisations/gardening-club where there is also a link to our Facebook page.

2017

Just when you thought you could put your feet up and take a break over the Winter months we start all over again in January with our new programme. All the regular features are still there plus a day trip to RHS Rosemoor in June. We have a wide and varied range of speakers and we have extended the timings on the Garden Visits starting in May so that you can go along earlier, if you wish, to have more time to explore the gardens at your leisure.

The Flower Show Schedule will be published in the March or April edition of the Seavingtons' News but there are one or two categories you might like to prepare for earlier than that. For example, the chutney, jam, lemon curd and marmalade classes can be started whenever ingredients are readily available and the photography categories have no specific date requirements. This section includes, for the under 16 year olds, a photograph entitled "Family Pet" and then there are two open age classes for photographs entitled "Colours in the Garden" and "Village Life". So feel free to interpret these how you wish.

A huge thank you must go to the Gardening Club Committee for all their hard work throughout the year, to all our members for their support and to those volunteers who regularly help out at the various events. None of the above would be possible without you.

Reminder

The next meeting is on the 12th January and is a talk by Sally Nex entitled "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea". This will be at 7.30 in the Millennium Hall where annual subscriptions will be due at £8 for the year. New members always welcome as are visitors - £2 payable on the door. Refreshments and raffle available.

Flower of the Month Competition open to members.

For further information please contact Karen Day - tel 01460 249728

Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Gill Beveridge (01460 242828)

I am pleased to be able to report that the donations made by residents of our two villages enabled 29 Child Shoe Boxes to be sent this year. The total number of boxes from our area was 80.

May I thank everyone for their generosity which will help brighten the lives of deprived and refugee children at this time?

SPFA Village Lottery

Jackie Priddle (01460 240734)

Here are the SPFA Lottery winners for December 2016:

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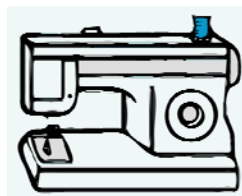
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A view from the field

Chris Gough (Chairman SPFA) - spfa@theseavington.org

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Market at the Millennium Hall. Unfortunately, we couldn't be there as we had a prior engagement.

It just remains for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us on the Committee and we hope that you will continue to support us in 2017.

‘Flix in the Stix’

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St. George ‘Flix in the Stix’ presents **‘ANTHROPOID’ (15)** on Saturday 14th of January 2017 in the Hinton St George Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 in advance in the Village Shop and Dorothy’s Tea Room or £5.50 on the door. To reserve ticket please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

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The Seavingtons’ Weather in November 2016

This year—2016

Previous year—2015

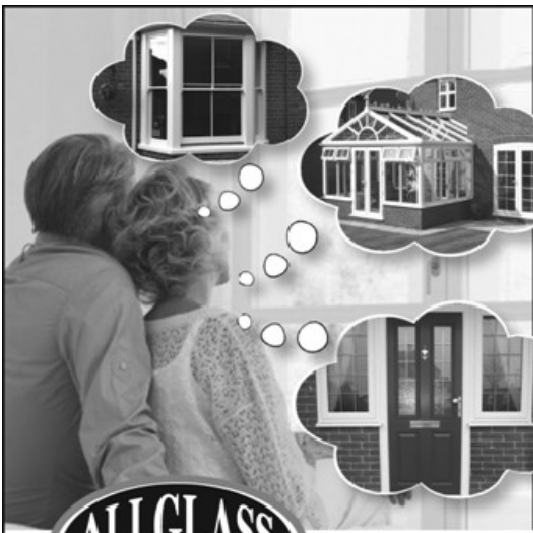
Temperature

Average Minimum	3.55C	5.63°C
Average Maximum	10.17°C	12.14°C
Mean	6.86°C	8.88°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	122.3 mm (4.89")	107.0 mm (4.28")
Total for the year	716.4 mm (28.67")	1038.2 mm (41.53")

We had 34.5 mm (1.36") of rain on Monday 21st November 2016



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