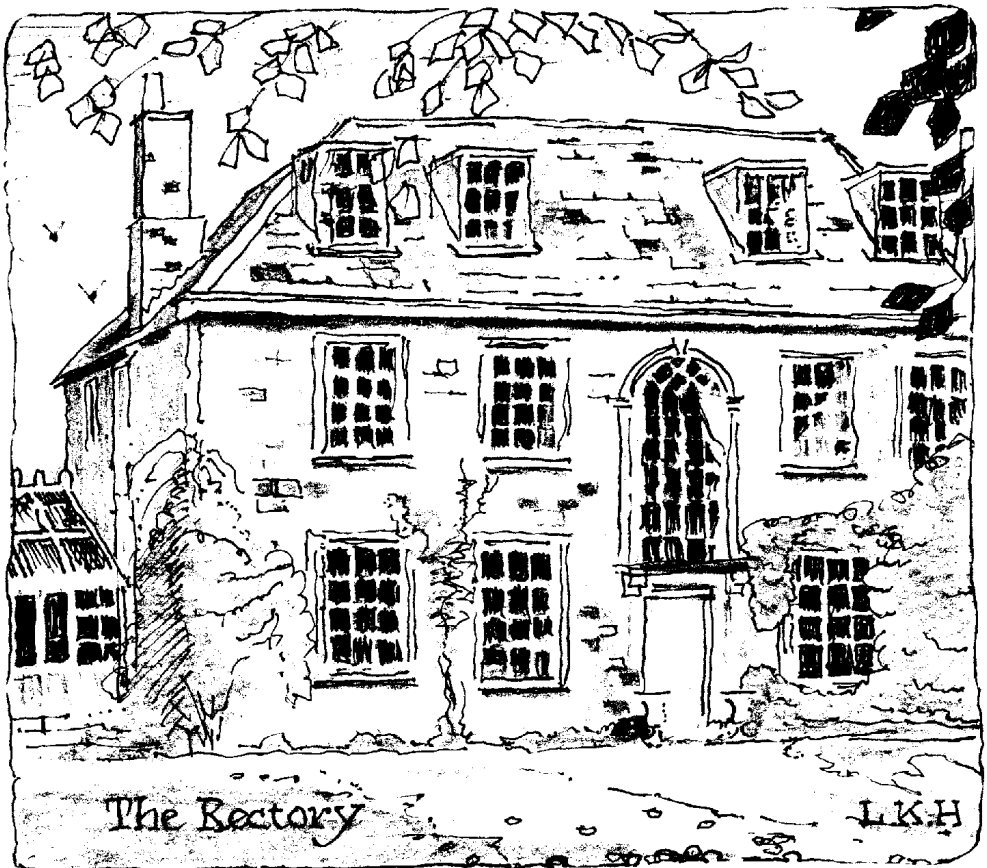


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The Seavingtons' News

At this time of the month I always find myself staring at a blank computer screen wondering how wise it is to put my thoughts on village life on to paper!

This month I have no doubts that I should be recommending a full turn-out for the Parish Council's AGM at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 24th March. You will find a note from the Parish Council about this on page 5 of this issue of The Seavingtons' News.

As the lowest tier of elected government, Parish Councils are not always accorded the scrutiny and credit that they deserve. It is therefore worth reminding ourselves that the Parish Council is responsible for the standards of our immediate living environment as well as an effective conduit to the higher levels of government.

Our elected councillors manage this work on a purely voluntary basis unlike those at the higher levels of government. Further, because they live as a part of our community, they are better motivated to carry out the Council's business in the most effective and efficient way. They often carry out tasks themselves rather than employing contractors thus both saving ratepayers' money and offering more timely responses to issues.

Therefore, an evening of our time on 24th March is the least we can do to both offer our thanks, support and opinions.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

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

**The Latest Copy Date
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is the 15th March

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall

For bookings call 07914 710926

For other Millennium Hall matters call Pauline Parsons on 01460 240193

March 5th	7.30 pm	Talk on wildlife conservation & bumblebees at Frogmary Green Farm—p 13
March 9th	Noon	Seniors' Lunch in Village Cafe—p 27
March 12th	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk “An introduction to Arts and Crafts and Edwardian Gardens” by Marion Dale—p 17
March 14th	7.30 pm	Flix in the Sticks at Hinton St George—The Imitation Game—p 5
March 15th	11.30 am	Mothers Day Service at St Michael's Church—p 5
March 19th	7.30 pm	RSPB Group talk “Saving Nature—How are we going to give Nature a home?” - p 27
March 24th	7.00 pm	Parish Council AGM—p 4

Regular Activities

2 nd Monday	Noon	Pensioners' Lunches in Village Café
1 st Saturday	9.00 am— 2.00 pm	St Michael's Church Seavington Trust Book Sale at 2, Winchester Cottages (opposite The Volunteer)
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.

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

1st March	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
8th March	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
8th March	11.30 am Café Church at Seavington Café
15th March	11.30 am Mothering Sunday
22nd March	11.30 am Matins
29th March	11.30 am Palm Sunday

Holy Week: 30th March—3rd April—please see the April Seavingtons' News, posters and fliers for details of services and the note on p15

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A Message from Your Parish Council

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

At the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January an increase in the Parish Precept was agreed unanimously. For the year 2015/2016 the amount requested is £13,750 + £770 Council Tax Reduction Support Grant allocation from Central Government making a total of £14,520. [For the year 2014/15 the figures were £13,000 + £930.]

Those of you who attended a meeting a few years ago will know that the Parish Precept part of your Council Tax is paid to the Parish Council to be spent within the parish. The Parish Council made the decision to a small increase as there are still concerns that in time Parish/Town Precepts may be capped as Central Government has already done with County and District Councils.

During the past year the Parish Council have bought into the SSDC Ranger Scheme following the collapse of the Lengthsman Scheme that had been managed by South Petherton Parish Council. When the Lengthsman Scheme was first introduced some years ago it was in receipt of monies from both the County Council and the District Council but gradually these grants have been removed so inevitably the Scheme was going to cost each contributing parish more.

Now the SSDC has introduced a 'Ranger' scheme and after discussion with the officers concerned a decision was made to buy into this scheme and a Ranger has been in the village since last September. I am sure all will agree that the villages need this scheme as more and more services, once carried out by County and/or the District Councils, have to be funded by Parish/Town Councils.

Much of the Parish precept for the past years has been spent on ensuring the villages look tidy, footpaths can be used, drains are kept free of silt and, of course, helping with any village organisations that need assistance with fund raising.

Most grant applications now will ask whether Parish Council assistance has been acquired. There may be areas of the villages that you feel are still neglected and the Parish Council would like to know where these are. A group of residents are already talking to SSDC with regard to doing some work in the orchard behind St Mary's Close and also establishing some planted troughs in various areas. Should any repair work be carried out to the footpath in Church Lane; should more work be done on the bank by Seavington House are just two areas that have been suggested.

Consequently Parish Councillors would like to invite you all to attend the Parish AGM on Tuesday 24th March, 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall when ideas and concerns can be aired and further discussed.

Sport 50 to come to Seavington

The South Somerset District Council has a scheme to help the over 50s keep fit. Known as “Sport 50” the scheme is continuing to gain in popularity with successful sessions now running in Tatworth, Mudford, Henstridge, Bruton, Kingsdon, Somerton and East Chinnock. In addition to the above communities, taster sessions recently started in West Coker too.

Sport50 offers anyone over the age of 50 the opportunity to try a wide range of adapted sports which can include badminton, short mat bowling, short tennis, boccia and seated volleyball.

In April there are to be four two-hour taster sessions in the Millennium Hall. Full details will be given in the April issue of The Seavingtons’ News and on the village notice boards and web-site.

‘Flix in the Sticks’

Rosemary Tout (01460 72906)

Hinton St. George ‘Flix in the Sticks’ presents ‘The Imitation Game’ (12A), on Saturday, March 14th in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy’s Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

Calling all Children

Mothering Sunday –15th March

At St Michael’s Church 11.30 am

Please bring Mum, Family & Friends to this special service. There will be bunches of flowers for you to give to them

Nuthatch

Sitta Europaea 5½"

Annie (01460 241762)

A little bit of blowing,
A little bit of snow,
A little bit of growing,
And crocuses will show;
On every twig that's lonely
A new green leaf will spring;
On every patient tree-top
A thrush will stop and sing.

Anon

The Nuthatch is a woodland bird but will visit gardens as it is rather partial to nuts! Its name derives from “nut-hack”, a reference to its ability to break open small nuts after wedging them into bark crevices. It is a thick-set little bird with a powerful pointed bill and short stubby tail. It is often seen climbing up a tree trunk in short jerky movements searching for insects and larvæ, its main diet.

Nuthatches have blue-grey upperparts and pale-buff to chestnut underparts. There is a bold black eye-stripe and white cheeks and throat. The sexes are similar but the chestnut flanks on the female are paler than those on the male bird.

The nest may be in a tree cavity, wall crevice, or even a nest-box. The hollow is lined with chips of bark and leaves. The entrance hole and any cracks are plastered with mud. This is to prevent larger birds eg Magpie, from reaching the nest. Sometimes two broods of 6-9 creamy white, reddish-spotted, eggs are laid from late April to June.

The Nuthatch is a cheerful bird and its call of “chit-chit-chit” is heard all year round. The song is a “quee-quee-quee-quee”.

Another bird fond of tree trunks is the Treecreeper. To help you tell the difference, “hatches go up”, “trees come down”!



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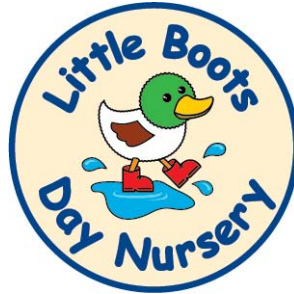
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RSPB News

Becky Hughes (01458 252820)

It's spring, and birds are starting to sing!

But why do birds start to sing in spring? Well, after each winter, birds old enough to breed are looking to set up a patch to call home, find a bird to nest with and start a family! So the best way for birds to get attention is to sing, and male birds do the singing in most species. Also, with spring and summer being warmer (usually), it's the best time for newly hatched birds to have a fighting chance of survival. So the birds you hear and see singing in your garden are males, who have established a territory, may have a female mate they are singing to, and may have a nest nearby too. Look out for young fledgling birds that have left their nests in April.

Or come on one of our March and April events:

The Big Bittern Count - Saturdays, 14 March, 21 March, 11 April, 5 am-7.15 am, Ham Wall
£15.00 per person

A unique opportunity to join our warden team for their annual bittern count. Take part in the survey and help us monitor our bittern population. Please bring a head torch, waterproofs, warm clothing and sturdy footwear as we walk through uneven terrain.

Booking essential. Tel: 01458 860494 Email: ham.wall@rspb.org.uk

Herons Above

Friday 3 April, Saturday 4 April, Sunday 5 April, Monday 6 April, Thursday 9 April, Friday 10 April, Saturday, 11 April, Swell Wood
Discover the herons at Swell Wood whilst they are building their nests and feeding their young.

Tel: 01458 252805 Email: swell.wood@rspb.org.uk

Easter Egg Race, Friday, 3 April 2015, 2 pm- 5 pm, Ham Wall
£3.00 per person

Go on a race for your Easter egg!

Tel: 01458 860494 Email: ham.wall@rspb.org.uk

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, 4 April 2015, 2 pm-5 pm, Swell Wood
£3.00 per child

Follow the Woodland Trail, solve the riddle and pick up your Easter egg.
Tel: 01458 252805 Email: swell.wood@rspb.org.uk

Mr Boombastic, Saturday, 18 April 2015, 6 am-9 am, Ham Wall
£5.00 per person

Join us on an early morning walk and listen to the booming of the Bitterns.
Booking essential. Tel: 01458 860494 Email: ham.wall@rspb.org.uk

Love being outdoors, enjoy chatting, and know a bit about the wildlife here in Somerset, in particular Ham Wall? Ever thought about volunteering on our reserves? We need volunteers to help as Visitor Events Assistants, Marketing Assistants, and Visitor Information Assistants.

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‘Wildlife Conservation and Bumblebees at Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton’

Denise Chamings (01460 240740 or denise.chamings@talktalk.net)

A joint meeting of South Somerset RSPB Local Group and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust will take place on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm in the Conference Room at Frogmary Green Farm, by kind invitation of Nick & Claire Bragg.

Nick will begin the evening by presenting a talk on the great work he and his team have been carrying out to encourage pollinators and other wildlife.

Aoife O'Rourke (South West Conservation Officer for the Bumblebee Trust) will then present an illustrated talk on bumblebees, their ecology and conservation and why monitoring them is so vital. There will be time to ask questions.

Everyone welcome – Entry is Free - there will be a nominal charge for refreshments. For further details contact Denise Chamings: 01460 240740 or denise.chamings@talktalk.net.

A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

Just in case you had not noticed this will possibly be a landmark year for us all because the outcome of this year's general election seems to be anyone's guess.

I believe that during my lifetime our politicians have never been viewed with such a lack of respect and, in spite of their rhetoric and promises, expectations on the part of the public has never been lower. Or am I just talking for myself?

It is February 6th and it sure feels cold outside. I arrived at the farm around 09.45 not knowing what I was likely to be doing. After helping out with the last of the routine work it was decided that Toby and I would be employed sawing and splitting logs until lunch time from one of the large heaps of cord wood that are the spoils of last years hedge renovations.

These stacks of cord wood are conveniently perched on a twenty foot high terrace behind the north side of the farm buildings which stand over 600 ft above sea level.

On the far horizon many miles away across the Somerset Levels are the Mendip Hills, so for me to say the estimated fourteen mph north-easterly wind was bracing is possibly the understatement of the day.

Toby, our sixteen year old apprentice, and I were using a relatively new toy; this is a wood processor that saws the lengths of cord wood into logs and then splits them. Well that's the theory, and to be fair to the machine if it was handling pit prop size trunks of wood from a fir forest it would perform well. Hedge wood is not like that it comes in all shapes and sizes so the machine has to be nursed.

Everything is very well guarded and driven from the power shaft and hydraulics of a tractor. It has a conveyor feeding the cordwood into the machine where what can only be described as a chain saw type device cuts the logs and then drops them down to be pushed through a splitting wedge. Then the logs are transported up an elevator and drop into a farm trailer.

For the first three quarters of an hour progress seemed slow. I was just feeding the cord wood onto the conveyor whilst Toby was working the controls and dealing with frequent blockages at the splitting device.

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DIVISION ONE – FLOWERS

Class

1	Roses	<i>Mixed Hybrid Tea</i>	3 blooms
2	Roses	<i>Floribunda</i>	3 clusters
3	Roses	<i>Single Specimen Bloom</i>	
4	Annuals		3 stems
5	Pansies		4 blooms
6	1 Vase Mixed Flowers		6 stems
7	1 Vase Mixed Perennials		6 stems
8	1 Vase Single-headed Flowers		6 stems
9	Penstemon		3 stems
10	Oriental Lily		1 stem
11	Dahlias	<i>Decorative</i>	3 blooms
12	Dahlias	<i>Misc.</i>	3 blooms
13	Gladioli		3 blooms
14	Gladioli		1 specimen
15	Sweet Peas		5 stems
17	Flower Arrangement for a Golden Wedding Celebration		
			<i>15 inches overall</i>
18	Flower Arrangement	<i>Miniature in egg cup (mixed arrangement)</i>	
19	Arrangement of Seed Heads		<i>15 inches overall</i>
20	Foliage Arrangement		<i>15 inches overall</i>
22	Mixed Shrubs	<i>3 varieties</i>	3 stems

DIVISION TWO (A) – VEGETABLES

Class

30	Potatoes		3 white
31	Potatoes		3 coloured
32	Onions	<i>As pulled</i>	3
33	Largest Onion		
34	Shallots		5
35	Shallots, pickling	<i>Max. diameter 1 inch</i>	5
36	Beetroot		3
37	Runner Beans		6
38	Longest Runner Bean		
39	Dwarf French Beans		6
40	Collection of 3 Salad Vegetables <i>One of each</i>		
	Display not more than 12 inches square		
43	Courgettes	<i>4 to 6 inches long</i>	3
44	Arrangement of Different Herbs in Water	<i>Named</i>	6 max
45	Carrots		3
46	Tomatoes		5
47	Tomatoes (cherry type)		5
48	Five tomatoes on the vine	<i>Some may be green</i>	
50	Trug of mixed vegetables	<i>Keep within trug area</i>	
51	Garden Freak		
52	Lettuce, a pair of any variety – with roots in water		

DIVISION THREE

Class

- 59 Homemade Jelly (preserve)
- 60 Homemade Lemon Curd
- 61 Homemade Jam
- 62 Homemade Marmalade
- 63 Homemade Chutney

Photographs may be mounted on a plain paper or card background for wall display.

- 64 Photograph – Somerset View *No larger than A5*
- 65 Photograph – Church Doorway / Porch *No larger than A5*
- 67 Savoury Quiche *max 8" diameter* *Any recipe*
- 68 Fruit Cake *Recipe in May Seavingtons' News*
- 69 Handmade Greetings Card *A6 (4" x 6")*
- 70 Craft Item Miscellaneous
- 71 4 Cheese Scones, men only *Any recipe*

DIVISION FOUR

CHILDREN OPEN CLASSES – 12 years and under (must be child's own work)

Please state age on exhibit

(1st prize £1.50, 2nd prize £1, 3rd prize 50p)

Class

Age: Up to 6 Years

- 75 Decorated Plant Pot *Up to 6" diameter*
- 76 Coloured poster – *sheet to be collected from village shop*
- 77 3 Decorated Rich Tea Biscuits *On a plate*

Age: 7 – 12 years

- 78 Matchbox containing as many different items as possible
Standard small matchbox approx 53mm x 35mm
- 79 Building made from junk *12" square base*
- 80 3 Butterfly Cakes *Any recipe* *On a plate*

Age: Open

- 81 Photograph – 'Holiday' *No larger than A5*

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

All ADULT exhibitors must live within 2 miles radius of the parish of Seavington or be a member of the Seavington Gardening Club.

Division Four, children's class is open and must be their own work.

All entries of flowers and vegetables must be grown in the exhibitor's own garden or allotments (with exception of classes 17, 18, 19 & 20).

Only one exhibit may be entered in any class.

All entry forms to be handed to:

Mr John Tudor, Middlefield, Church Lane, Seavington St Mary

Miss Annie Prichard, 2, Winchester Cottages – opposite The Volunteer

All entries to be received by **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5th 2015**

NO entries will be accepted after this date

The fee for entry is 20p per exhibit (children free)

All exhibits must be staged between 7.30am and 9.30am at the Seavington Millennium Hall on AUGUST 8th and not removed until 4.00pm.

Exhibitors must provide their own containers

THE DECISION OF THE INDEPENDENT JUDGES IS FINAL

Name.....
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Address.....
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Class
Nos.....
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Total Entry Fees.....

I found I was getting very cold and was thinking to myself why weren't we using the traditional circular saw that was parked in a shed about fifty yards away. I would have been operating that and would have kept warm.

Then it happened - the cutting chain came off the saw bar. Nice one, now one of the guards had to be unbolted and hinged back and the chain replaced on the cutter bar and then tensioned, this was no job for gloves.

After about fifteen minutes we were back in business and then things started to flow, It soon became obvious that the saw chain should have been tightened before we started.

This brings me back to our politicians and economists—they are so out of touch with reality they cannot be considered as real people. What I have been describing was an elderly man working with an enthusiastic youngster who did not complain about anything, even the cold, although he started off ill equipped, with just one light rubber glove, until I produced a pair from my pocket and before I had adorned myself with some heavy leather ones.

This lad, and others like him, deserves a good future and this kind of approach should be taken on board by those running our country as a priority.

I will even go as far as to say to my fellow dairy farmers who see the way forward as replacing human beings to milk their cows with robots. You will deserve everything that will surely come your way eventually.

The next generation needs inspiration that offers them a secure future. I am not against the wealthy but such privileges should be handled with consideration. Instead we often hear heavy criticism about those on social security.

I wonder if they ever ask themselves, could my actions help put them in that position?

Holy Week Services

As many of you will know, Rev Handy is unwell at the moment. As a consequence, the services for Easter and Holy Week will be advertised in the April edition of the Seavingtons' News. Please see posters around the village or contact Carol Talbot, Manda Jagers or Annie Prichard for information. I am sure all readers will join us in wishing Tom a speedy recovery.

Seavington Gardening Club

Chris Ginger, Secretary (01460 929357 or chris.ginger@talktalk.net)

12th February – Gold Club Talk – The Garden Centre Year – Mike Burks, Gardens Group.

Our speaker this month was Founder and Director of the Gardens Group Garden Centres. Mike Burks and his wife, Louise, started the 1st of three garden centres in 1987. Firstly in the disused walled garden at Sherborne Castle, (Castle Gardens), then Brimsmore, (Yeovil), and finally Poundbury Gardens, (nr Dorchester).

It was very interesting and informative as Mike took us through the ups and downs of the garden centre's trading patterns and how they have changed in the 28 years since they started at Sherborne.

His chart showed the very quiet 1st quarter of the year rising to the peak during the 2nd quarter. Then came the gradual slowing in the 3rd quarter ending with a now established rise towards the Christmas trading period. Mike told us how the year's pattern has changed and the garden centre trade has had to adapt and diversify due to changes, brought about by such as, make-over TV programmes, smaller gardens, younger families and rising popularity for growing your own veg etc. All of which leads to garden centres becoming known as "a day out destination", where people can enjoy a hot drink and cake, or a meal, then wander about shopping for gifts, clothes, garden furniture, food and of course, plants. Also, there is always someone who is able to help us with any horticultural queries we may have.

Because of this seasonal trend Mike's buyers are able to source their horticulture from specialist suppliers therefore enabling them to have the required amounts of plants available in peak condition.

Flower of the Month: 1st Tracy Ford – Daphne Odora, 2nd Ann Wills – Hellebore, 3rd David Wills – Hellebore.

Items Missing from the Programme: With my apologies there are 2 items **not** printed in the programme which are; our AGM will be held during the meeting on Thursday 12th March, and our meeting at Brimsmore Garden Centre, held jointly with Over Stratton Gardening Club, is on Monday 20th April at 7.00pm, although it is best to arrive earlier so you can have a look around.

Growing Competition: We will be having the growing competition again for the Flower Show and the plant is a Petunia Cascadia Rim Magenta. It is an

attractive plant with large magenta flowers with a cream edge. The plants have been ordered to arrive for the March meeting.

Plant Sale: Please remember the Plant Sale is on Saturday 9th May, opening at 10.00am, so please can you keep it in mind when you start sowing seeds/propagating plants. Annuals especially welcome.

Forthcoming Events: Thursday March 12th; Talk by Marion Dale; An Introduction to Arts and Crafts in the Edwardian Garden. Flower of the Month competition.

SPFA Village Lottery

Lesley Gudgeon (01460 240236)

Here are the winners of the February 2015 SPFA Lottery draw:

First	£35	J Powell
Second	£20	Frankie Ash
Third	£15	Mrs G Myers
Fourth	£10	Chris Reyland
Fifth	£10	Mrs G Beveridge

Rat Poison in School Lane

Nick Loxton

It has recently come to the attention of the Parish Council that a large quantity of Rat Poison has been dumped/placed at the entrance to a drain in School Lane. Unfortunately a resident's dog consumed some of the poison incurring not only a substantial Vet's bill but also the associated worry and upset caused by their pet's distress and illness.

Rat Poison **kills** not only rats but also domestic animals, as well as being a potential danger to humans especially inquisitive children. So however the poison came to be where it was discovered was, at best thoughtlessness but at worst an act of gross stupidity with total disregard for the safety and well-being of our residents and their pets.

Please dispose of unused or no-longer-required poisons sensibly and responsibly, and if in doubt please take advice as to their disposal rather than merely tipping them close to a water course.

Community work. As many of you will know, our shop has in the past been an ideal place for a number of people to gain worthwhile experience and training. We have had numerous youngsters employed on both the till and in the café gaining community experience as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme or as part of their school's National curriculum.

We have had several foreign students gaining a better knowledge of English and the English way of life. We have had several people go on to find paid employment following the experience and confidence they have gained whilst volunteering in the shop. I can count at least 20 people who I know have gained in this way in the last five years and believe that as a small village this is something we should all be proud to have had a part in orchestrating.

Canes. The shop now stocks and sells a small number of canes and walking sticks made locally in Hinton St George. Have a look and see if there is one that suits you. If these are popular then we shall increase the range of stock we hold.

Seavington Celebrations. Later this year our village will conduct a series of events to commemorate certain key birthdays within the village. Mark your diary for the Seavington Celebrations where we will have a quiz, morris dancers, Sat 1st Aug will see a fete with various stalls, competitions, BBQ, evening proms with the Caravan Club band whilst on Sun 2nd Aug there will be Songs of Praise with the Caravan Club band and a picnic lunch. The shop and café will play its part in ensuring these are a success and a credit to the village.

Local Craft Work. The locally created goods which have been on sale in the shop since January appear to be very popular. Sales are buoyant and new customers abound. You will have seen the handbag display from Jhaspers and coming for March and April there will be the work of 2 new artists on show and available to purchase – prints by Gemma Hibbs of West Milton, and a new collection of ceramics made especially for the occasion by Clive Pallot of South Petherton.

Community shop contact no 01460 249730

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I would like to say a huge thank you to two of our Parish Councillors, Nick Loxton and Pauline Parsons, for their prompt action in arranging for the safe removal of a quantity of rat poison from School Lane.

I was walking this route with my dogs on the evening of 10th February when one of them consumed a quantity of the poison which had been put on the roadside unprotected. As a result an urgent out of hours visit was necessary to our vet and medical treatment administered which saved her life but obviously incurred a cost.

I would like to remind people that the laying of rat poison in such an area is against the law and very dangerous to domestic animals, wild animals and the water course. If the irresponsible person who did this has a conscience may be they would like to come forward and offer an apology for the heartache and the financial costs they have caused to myself and my family.

Phil Eardlley

The Seavingtons' Weather in January 2015

This year—2015

Previous year—2014

Temperature

Average Minimum	2.94°C	3.62°C
Average Maximum	9.17°C	10.03°C
Mean	6.06°C	6.82°C

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Monthly Total	79.5mm (3.18")	208.5mm (5.16")
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