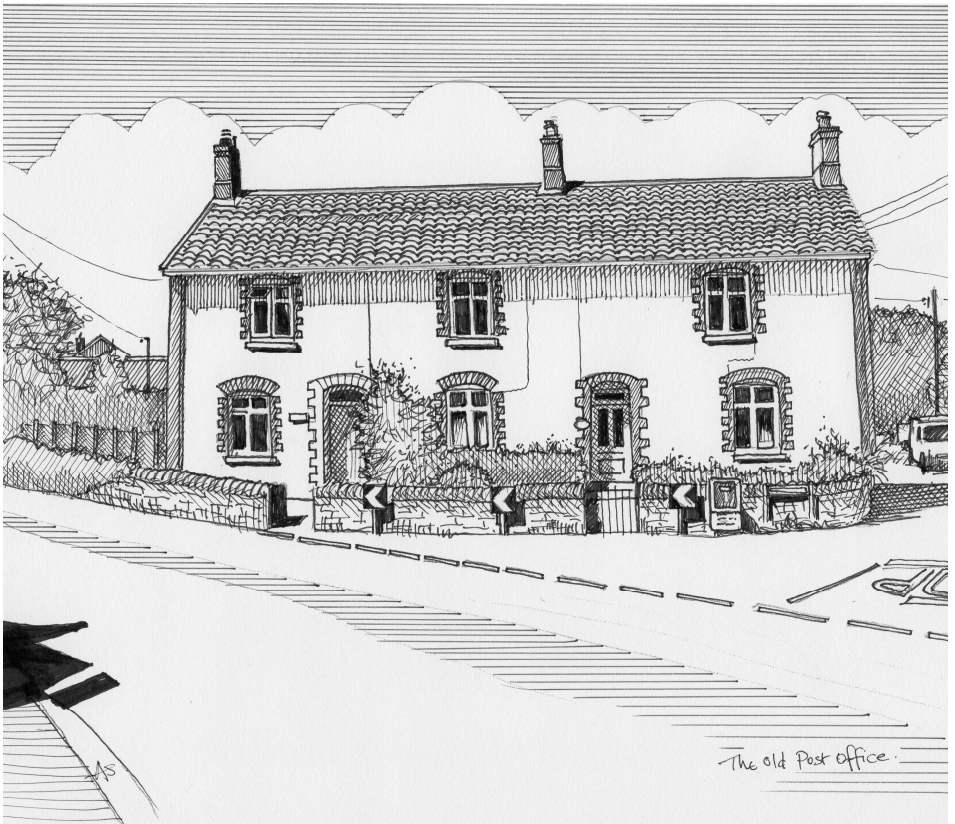


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The Seavingtons' News

First, some good news! Our Village Youth Club is to re-open on Monday April 20th. You will find the details on page 19 of this issue of The Seavingtons' News. Let us, as a community, offer advanced thanks to the volunteers who are making this possible. In a small, comparatively isolated rural community like ours, facilities for our youngsters are both more essential and more difficult to provide than in urban areas.

Now, some not-so-good news. As you know, The Seavingtons' News depends on all villagers supporting our monthly waste paper collection. Recently we have had some problems with under capacity and have taken steps to deal with the issue—details on page 5.

This month we experimented with the placing of the skip to try and reduce its monthly impact on parking spaces. We will continue to adjust the skip position until we reach a sensible compromise.

However, coinciding with our change of position, we attracted an arsonist who set fire to the contents late Friday evening or early Saturday morning. The Fire Brigade came out at four in the morning and dealt with the blaze but it will leave us short on our monthly 2 tonne target.

In the longer term, if we see repeated vandalism of this, or any other, sort we shall have to abandon the waste paper collection and, ultimately, there may be no monthly magazine dropping through your letterbox.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

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for the next issue**

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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

5th April	11.00 am	Easter Day Service—p 8
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th April	2.30 pm	Sport 50—pp 6 & 30
9th April	7.30 pm	Gardening Club Talk by Martin Young: “Hostas, Heucheras & Hellebores”—p 21
13th April	Noon	Seniors’ Lunch in the Village Café—p 31
16th April	7.30 pm	RSPB Group Meeting Talk by Ed Drewitt: “New Zealand’s Wild Gems” - p 31
20th April	6.30 pm	The Village Youth Club reopens—p 19
20th April	7.00 pm	Gardening Club: Visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre with talk –p 21

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

29th March	11.00 am Palm Sunday Service
5th April	11.00 am Easter Sunday Family Communion
12th April	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
12th April	11.30 am Café Church at Seavington Café
19th April	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
26th April	11.30 am Matins

A complete list of all Holy Week services is on page 30

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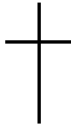
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David Clive Ades 1938—2015

David moved to Seavington St. Michael in 1989, with his wife, Moira, and daughter, Fenella, after retiring early at the age of fifty, from a career in Banking.

He spent most of his spare time working with music, which had been a passion since childhood. He was a founder member of the Robert Farnon Appreciation Society in 1956, and later became the Treasurer, Secretary and Editor of the Society's magazine, *Journal into Melody*. He continued to run the Society until it finally disbanded in December 2014. In recent years he concentrated on compiling, and produced over 140 CDs using music that was now free of copyright restrictions, to ensure it wasn't lost for future generations of music lovers.

David enjoyed, and entered fully into, village life in Seavington. He was the first Treasurer for the Playing Fields Committee which was formed to raise funds to build the new Millennium Hall. He made a film of the progress of the Hall as it was being built and a copy of this is now in the Hall and Village archives.

David willingly arranged a number of musical quizzes, as fund raisers for various village organisations, and these were eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by many. He was also a member of the Gardening Club, and will probably be remembered most for providing the cheese at the annual dinners!

More recently, Friday lunchtimes were spent in the Volunteer Inn, where David and Moira were able to meet up with some friends and have a chat over a nice meal.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, and a gentleman to all who knew him.

The Waste Paper Skip

David Froome, Editor (01460 249445; news@theseavingtons.org)

Most of our readers know that The Seavingtons' News is produced by a voluntary team and delivered, free of charge, to every household and business in our two villages. This has been going on since the first issue was produced by Mesdames Alexander, Jack and Spencer in December 1980.

The costs of production are covered by a mix of advertising revenue and the proceeds of our monthly waste paper collection. Taken together, these sources of revenue have allowed us to make capital purchases of printing and finishing equipment and to give a series of grants to various village clubs and organisations.

You will remember that we used to have two medium-sized skips each month and regularly provided 1½ skips of paper and card. A couple of years ago Viridor withdrew the second skip on the grounds that it was not economic for them to provide two. We managed to negotiate an arrangement where we always had a large, albeit covered, skip.

Recently, we have found the single large skip is inadequate and a number of residents had to take their waste home. We believe that part of the problem is that it is not possible to fill a lidded skip right to the top. I am pleased to report that Viridor have agreed to provide an open-topped skip of the same size for the next few months.

Another problem has been that unflattened empty cardboard boxes have been put into the skip occupying valuable space whilst adding little weight. May I ask that, in future, you to flatten any empty boxes or, alternatively, fill them with waste paper so as to save space.

It would also help if early arrivals at the skip would place their waste at the rear rather than placing it close to the doors where it makes it difficult for others to place their waste further back. Once the skip is so full that paper is spilling out of the doors one of us closes the doors. With the open skip it will be possible to put waste into the top of the skip after the doors have been closed.

The SPFA have asked us to try the skip in a new position this month. Please let us now your views on the new arrangement.

May I ask you all to continue to save your waste and try the new arrangements? Without your help in this there might soon be no village magazine.

Sport 50 comes to Seavington

As reported last month, Sport 50, a District Council scheme to help the over 50s keep fit, is coming to Seavington.

Throughout April, on Tuesday afternoons, there will be taster sessions. The scheme will allow you to try a range of activities including badminton, short tennis, table tennis, new age curling, boccia and seated volleyball.

There is no forward booking involved, just turn up at the Millennium Hall at 2.30 pm on Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th April.

If you have any questions please call Sam Wenden-de-Lira at South Somerset District Council on 01935 462346

The Ten Commandments for Old Married Men

by Verno

Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all thy soul, for she is a jewel beyond compare;

Thou shalt cherish thy children and thy grandchildren;

Thou shalt eat what is set before thee, without complaint;

Thou shalt always ensure that thou and thy wife singeth to the same score;

Thou shalt listen; and not interrupt the discourse of others;

Thou shalt always remember to do that which thy wife desireth: and stay not upon the execution thereof;

Thou shalt do such works as pleaseth thy wife: and desist from that which displeaseth her;

Thou shalt learn from thy mistakes;

Thou shalt accept without demur thy wife's opinion of thy manifold failings;

Imprint these immutable laws of matrimony in thy *Codex Geneticus* that thy days may long be accounted in love, harmony and peace.

Yellow Hammer

Emberiza Citrinella 6½"

Annie (01460 241762)

When earliest buds begin to bulge, his note,
simple, reiterated oft, is heard
On leafless briar, or half-grown hedgerow tree;
Nor does he cease his note till Autumn's leaves
Fall fluttering round his golden head so bright.

Anon

Yellow Hammer is a corruption of "yellow ammer", the German word for Bunting. In folklore, it is believed to be sacred to the sun god. It is not all that shy of people and you may observe quite closely, on the top of hedgerows, the male's song of "little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese". The song is heard from late February through to August. Another thing that is interesting to watch is the courtship. This includes a chase in which the cock pursues the hen in flight, at the end of which they may well fall the ground and mate. The male may also parade around the hen, wings and tail spread and his crest erect. Persistent fellow isn't he?

The Yellow Hammer is found on the edge of copses, woods and along hedgerows. It also favours open country especially in Winter when flocks will roam around fields of stubble. Their main food being the seeds of grasses, weeds and cereals. During the breeding season the young are fed on insects, larvæ and other invertebrates.

Recognition is quite easy as the male has a bright yellow head (brown in Winter) and underparts with chestnut streaks on the sides of the breast; the back is brown streaked with black.

The wing-feathers are broadly edged with reddish-brown but the tail is darker with white edging. The female colouring is a much darker yellow but has distinctive dark markings on her head.

The nest is a neat cup of grasses lined with hair, built by the female on or near the ground of hedges, bushes or even amongst brambles. 3– 5 whitish eggs, with reddish spots, are laid from May through to August and there maybe as many as three broods.

The Seavington Playing Field Association

Pauline Parsons, Chair (01460 240193)

The Committee of the SPFA are very thankful that the Parish Council pays for the majority of the maintenance of the playing field and also for the verge alongside the field. However, recently comments have been received about the state of the verge (which is actually a Highways verge and should be their responsibility to keep tidy—which we know would only happen once a year!!) caused by vehicles driving on to it and parking for long periods of time.

This has become more of a concern over the last few months as the verge has been wet and vehicles are leaving deep tyre marks. Now that the daffodils are showing many have been destroyed by such parking. These bulbs were planted some time ago by a number of residents who are trying to enhance the village surroundings and these residents are now saying “was the effort worth it”.

Please can I ask that this verge is not used as a general car parking area? There are times when parking could be allowed in the Hall car park (if there is not a large function taking place). You only need to contact the SPFA and ask.

‘Flix in the Sticks’

Rosemary Tout (01460 72906)

Hinton St. George ‘Flix in the Sticks’ presents ‘Mr Turner’ (12A), on Saturday, April 11th 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.

St. Michael’s Church, Seavington

Easter Day

Sunday 5th April

Family Communion Service, 11.00 a.m.

Please come and celebrate with us



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Thursday 30 July A festive evening at The Volunteer with Morris Dancers

Saturday 1 August Have a Field Day - fun sports, stalls and games for all the family, followed by a feast and Proms in the Car Park.

Sunday 2 August Songs of Praise on the field followed by a picnic.

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COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

SPFA Village Lottery

Lesley Gudgeon (01460 240236)

Following the draw for March we now have a break until June to collect the next ten months' monies.

The cost of a lottery number is £10 for the year. If you would like to play the Seavington Lottery please contact me, Lesley Gudgeon, on 01460 240236. Good luck to all who play!

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

First	£35	Julian Bonning
Second	£20	Ellie Ash
Third	£15	Robert Northover
Fourth	£10	Sian Sainsbury
Fifth	£10	John Best

St Michael's Church

Manda Jagers (240554 & Carol Talbot 241478)

A beautiful old wooden cross has been rescued at St Michael's Church. It stands over 5 feet tall and we would like it to be decorated for Easter. Please bring along posies of flowers to our Easter Day Family Communion service at 11am.

If you cannot be there, you are welcome to bring them to the church on Easter Saturday afternoon or contact one of the Churchwardens.

Orchard News

Karen Sutton (01460 249338; karenjsutton@hotmail.com)

In the last newsletter, Pauline Parsons mentioned that some residents were talking to SSDC about improving the orchard behind St Mary's Close, as it belongs to the district council and not to the village.

In February, Lis Tope and I met Steven Fox, the Chief Horticultural Officer, to see what he thought would be achievable. He immediately noticed the two trees which have fallen down and suggested their removal. He felt the three remaining trees could be lightly trimmed at the correct time and that we **could** plant a number of local variety apple trees in the autumn, as some people have suggested. Alternatively, you may have other ideas about how to improve the area for the good of the whole village.

Lis and I also asked that SSDC clear some growth at the far boundary of the site to leave a wild area that is safer. This could also be planted with wild flowers and bulbs. We may involve a group of people at a later date to clear rubbish that has accumulated there.

We welcome suggestions from village residents, as planning is at a very early stage. I am currently looking for funding which Steve Fox has said he could supplement to purchase planting.

If you have suggestions or comments to make, please contact me via email, see above.



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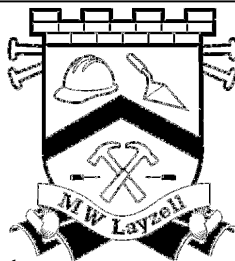
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Farmers Diary for April 2015

Farm Boy

This morning March 12th I did something out of the usual; this involved taking a walk down to the village shop and back with my daughter. How come? Well I have managed to pick up a cold and did not want to pass it on, so as a precaution rather than chat indoors we decided to try and keep out in clear air.

There was a stiff breeze but with a light jacket on the temperature was pleasant and judging by the daffodils and other plants including the weeds in my flower borders it seems spring is just around the corner.

Had I not been feeling a bit under the weather, I would have been at the farm trying to help wrap up the last of our winter's hedge laying operations. With less than thirty yards left on a double bank it should not take us too long.

From a drawer in my rather untidy office I have pulled out my first farm accounts book running from March 1966 until August 1977. In April 1966 I had just taken over the farm as a tenant and had borrowed 100% of the capital needed to purchase my parents' half share of the stock and equipment. Like many farmers' sons of that era, I had worked at home for my board and lodging and a little pocket money. To give my parents their well earned due they kept a promise, it was made during 1955 "One day half the stock and equipment would be mine" It took around ten years and it equalled £2000.

Using this I am going to try and put modern times into some kind of perspective. How this will work out I have no idea.

Let's start with the milk cheque for April 1966 from our rather low yielding cross bred herd of thirty cows - £400.50. Referring to a second find from another cupboard, my 1966 diary, includes a record of the daily milk output from our then sixty acre holding. Total output for April 1966 was 2456 gallons which is the equivalent of 11165 litres. The price per litre was 3.6 pence. In April 2015 average price should average around 25 pence per litre; some being paid more others less, this depending on who is buying the individual producer's milk. During 1966 the milk prices were regulated by the, now defunct, Milk Marketing Board so at that time the basic price was common to all producers, other than those who kept Channel Island breeds because of their high butter fat production that earned a premium.

According to the figures the milk price today appears to be about six or seven times higher than in 1966. How does this compare with grain prices I wonder? I was not into growing corn at that time, but I believe the lowest I can recall in that era was about £23.00 per ton and if we multiply that by 7 it comes out at £161 per tonne. I think most arable farmers would be rather pleased if they could get that price today.

Other revealing facts: house keeping and my national insurance contribution came to £37. 75 for the month. At that time my wife and I had a three year old and a nine month old child. How times have changed? Of course this money was just for household shopping and any little luxury my thrifty young wife could conjure up for her small brood.

It also looks as though 200 gallons of tractor diesel cost me £12.75 this is vastly different to today's prices. Nevertheless farmers overall were much more cautious regarding their use of tractors than their counterparts are today.

Life was so much simpler, for a start this was long before VAT was first introduced. But I have a feeling the basic rate of income tax was around 33% and interest rates were higher than today. Bank repayments were very strict. During my first trading year I had to undertake that I would transfer £100 or 25% of my monthly milk cheque, whichever was the greater into my loan account. This originally stood at £1500 and I also had an overdraft of £500 on my current account.

This money transfer was to ensure I could pay the rent and interest on my borrowing. The result of this strict regime was that a year later my loan account was reduced to £637 after paying the rent and my current account was in credit by around £500.

This quickly changed when I bought my first five acres of land and a brand new tractor during the following months. The old saying "Great Oaks grow from little acorns" did apply in those times. Like fashions life is inclined to go around in circles so let us hope that one day such opportunities will once more return. "Big is beautiful" is not for me, I just see it as a convenience for those who want more than their fair share.

Have a chuckle

Fred says "Joe, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador.

"Blow that" says Joe, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

Neighbourhood Watch

Carolyn Farler (01460 249192)

Subject: Never Talk About Your Bank Account To Strangers

Fraudsters are targeting people by “cold calling” them on the telephone. The scam starts with the following simple activity:

They will state that they are from the Bank Fraud department, the Police or other Law Enforcement. They will then tell the victim that fraud is being carried out on the victim’s bank account and that to prevent it they need to carry out any of the below activities:-

- ◇ Need to access your bank accounts online.
- ◇ Need to hand over your pin numbers and bank cards to a courier/official sent to collect them.
- ◇ Need to hand over money to a courier/ official sent to collect it.
- ◇ Need to transfer your money to another “safe” bank account(s) which they provide details of.

In order to prove their own credentials they will often ask you to telephone the “fraud” number you may have on the back of your bank card, or they may even ask you to telephone the Police to check that there is an official investigation, or telephone your own bank once the phone call to them is terminated.

Do not be fooled!

Do not telephone anyone at that stage as the phone line remains open and you are simply telephoning them back without realising. They will then continue with your assistance in stealing your money by any of the above methods.

PROTECT YOURSELF

- ◇ The bank or the police will never telephone you “out of the blue” to ask you to transfer money into another account or hand over any of your money or bank cards. It is your money!!

- ◇ The bank or the police will never ask for your personal bank account details, or pin numbers over the phone.
- ◇ If you really want to check the credentials of a caller then go into your bank and ask to speak to the bank manager or use another phone to call the bank or police.
- ◇ If you are still unsure then attend a police station.
- ◇ **Never discuss your banking details with strangers who call you!**

Seavington Youth Club

Janine Lewis (07922181948)

We are pleased to announce that Seavington Youth Club will once again open its doors (at Seavington Millennium Hall) commencing Monday 20th April, from 6.30pm until 7.45pm.

Come along to meet new friends and enjoy craft activities, gaming, pool table, tuck shop and loads more!

Ages 8- 16 welcome. Registration forms will be available on the evening but can be collected beforehand from any of the committee members listed below. Yearly registration fee is £2 per member and a further £1 per session attended.

In the first instance we will run the club on a twice monthly basis. Confirmed dates will be published in the Seavingtons News in May, on village notice boards and will be available for collection from the club on youth nights.

All volunteers are DBS checked, we are covered by insurance and have affiliated to Somerset Rural Youth for advice and support. Come along to find out more, we look forward to seeing you.

Committee:

Chair: Janine Lewis (janineannlewis@talktalk.net) Tel: 079221 81948

Treasurer: Claire O'Neill (ce.oneill@hotmail.com) Tel : 01460 242069 and 07891 579321

Secretary: Jane Rice (janerice7@aol.com) Tel: 01460 41981 and 07522 420513

Play Leader: Cheryl Herrick -cdh5330@hotmail.com Tel: 07969 374662

Seavington Gardening Club

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

12th March 2015 - Marion Dale 'Arts & Crafts in the Edwardian Garden' ;
by Karen Day

Our speaker this month was Marion Dale, an RHS medal winning garden designer who is based near Yeovil. Her background was not originally based in horticulture but after moving house and gaining an uncared for garden she decided to enrol on a Garden Design course in 2004, she followed this with a Landscape and Garden Design course at Lackham Horticultural College. Since qualifying she's enjoyed a very successful career as a Garden Designer, which includes winning an RHS award.

Marion explained how the Arts and Crafts movement started in 1880 as a reaction against all things Victorian, particularly against their love of formal mass planted bedding schemes, which could be found in many gardens and parks.

The Arts and Crafts style of gardening was a more natural style of gardening. Some of the most influential people of this era were William Morris, Gertrude Jekyll, Edwin Lutyens and Harold Peto. They believed that a house and garden should be created as one rather than two separate entities.

The main elements to an Arts and Crafts garden were:

Hard landscaping: walls, pathway, arches etc. were all used in the design of these gardens and were constructed from recycled materials or hand crafted using traditional skills.

Hedging or Topiary: this was used to divide spaces and create interesting lines of vision within the garden.

'Spill over planting': natural planting was used to soften stone terraces, pathways and walls. Predominately herbaceous perennials were used to create this look. Plants were allowed to grow and fall naturally rather than being forced into regimented structure and patterns, which had been seen during the Victorian times. Often colour themes were used to create mood and impact.

The Arts and Crafts garden was further developed by Lawrence Johnston at Hidcote Manor Gardens. He transformed this style of gardening, using hedging to create a series of interconnecting rooms within the garden. All these rooms can be approached from different angles, which provide a fresh outlook with each change of direction.

The Arts and Crafts style of gardening was short lived as the advent of the First World War meant that many of the gardeners and craftsmen went to fight, many never returned. After the war a lot of these gardens were grassed over as they were very labour intensive and therefore expensive to run. However, today we still see themes from this era within many of our own gardens. Just on a much smaller scale!

Hestercombe near Taunton or Barrington Court, Barrington are good examples of an Arts and Crafts Style of garden in our area or a little further afield near Chipping Camden is Hidcote Manor Gardens.

Flower of the Month

1st Karen Day – Anemone coronaria ‘Mister Fokker’

2nd Mary Wyatt – Daphne

3rd Linda George – Pink Camellia

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday April 9th, 7.30pm, Talk; Martin Young, Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores.

Monday April 20th, Brimsmore visit/talk at Brimsmore Garden Centre at 7.00pm.

Plant sale: 10am – 4pm Saturday 28th March East Lambrook Manor Gardens, East Lambrook.

Plant sale: 10am – 4pm Sunday 12th April Mapperton House, Beaminster, Dorset.

Plant sale: 10am – 4pm Sunday 19th April Burrow Farm Gardens, Axminster.

Plant sale: 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 25th April West Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton.

Community Support. I have often thought that without the support of our own villagers that the shop would not be viable as a going concern. This of course is true of all such community shops, yet community shops are a growing phenomenon in the countryside with now over 400 in England alone. An increasing number of these are close to us in Somerset; Kingsbury, Hinton, Stoke Sub Hambdon, Kingsdon, Spaxton, Oake, Churchinford, Winsham, Thorncombe are all local to us and are presumably springing up because their communities like ours are not prepared to accept no shop in their villages.

This phenomenon does not occur without the help and support of local residents and here in Seavington I am forever surprised at how we are able to replace those many volunteers who we loose either through leaving the village, or merely ceasing to do volunteer duties with other volunteers, but as a village we always seem to achieve this effortlessly.

Don't get me wrong, as a shop we could always do with more volunteers of course, yet we are never so short of volunteers that we need to close up shop. I am convinced that for a village of our size and population we punch above our weight and that this is an achievement we should **all** be proud of.

Easter Raffle. Once again, Clive and June have put on another raffle for us with tickets on sale in the shop at the princely sum of 50p each. Our raffles are a major source of fundraising for the shop and I know for this reason are supported by many of you. Funds from this raffle will go towards replacing the ageing cooker we have in our café and we are hopeful we will have reached our goal of £3800 by May this year. Previous raffles have helped us obtain amongst other things Christmas decorations, a replacement freezer, a new printer, additional stock shelving, a new freezer and a music licence for the premises.

Seniors' Lunches. These continue to run once a month, normally on the second Monday of the month, and they continue to be most popular regularly reaching full capacity. They provide a subsidised hot locally prepared two course meal and drink but above all are an enjoyable venue

to meet and chat with others. If the demand was there then we would increase the frequency but we are closely monitoring this and believe we are not quite there yet. Watch this space.

Easter Opening Times. Please be aware that the shop and café will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday this year but will be open as normal at other times.

Community shop contact no 01460 249730

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Sheila Reyland (01460 241238)

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If you would like to know more about the group come & see what is entailed we would be delighted to hear from you. Feel free to call me on the above telephone number.

Recycling and Refuse Collections

Bank Holiday Changes

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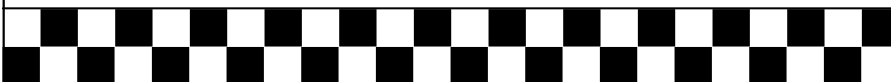
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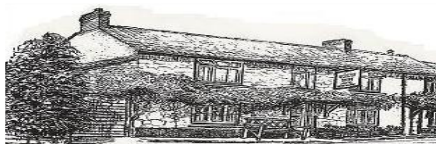
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Wednesday 1st April <i>Day of waiting</i>	5.30 pm	<i>Meditation and Compline</i> St James', East Lambrook
Thursday 2nd April <i>Maunday Thursday</i>	7.00 pm	<i>Agapæ Supper</i> St Peter & St Paul's, South Petherton
Friday 3rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	2.30 am	<i>Reflection</i> St Peter & St Paul's, South Petherton
Friday 3rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	2.30 pm	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i> St Mary's Seavington*
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The Seavingtons' Weather in February 2015

This year—2015

Previous year—2014

Temperature

Average Minimum	0.91°C	3.54°C
Average Maximum	8.11°C	9.53°C
Mean	4.51°C	6.53°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	47.0mm (1.88")	202.4mm (8.10")
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