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The Seavingtons' News

Well, well, Summer has come and not gone again! I well remember my Devonian grandmother's regular description of the English Summer as "two fine days and a thunderstorm".

The last time I can remember a protracted hot spell like this was in 1976. The year is deeply imprinted on my mind because the aircraft I was working on was scheduled to go to Malta for a month of hot weather trials.

The engineers who were going to conduct the trials were incensed because, after noting that it was hotter in Wiltshire than Malta, I cancelled the overseas deployment and insisted that the work was carried out here instead. This saved the exchequer a considerable sum.

I can still feel the marks on my back from the assorted daggers!

May I wish you all the time to enjoy the weather while it lasts and hope that you have no after effects like mine!

David Froome

NB David Laws MP will be in Seavington (near the Millennium Hall) on Wednesday 31st July at approximately 11.45 am to meet local residents. This is your time to come and meet your MP.

A full list of the villages that David will be visiting and times will be posted on the Parish Council notice board on the Millennium Hall wall.

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 9th August
until am Monday 12th August**

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

is the 15th August

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

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

For bookings call Pauline Eardley on 07914 710926

For other Millennium Hall matters call Pauline Parsons on 01460 240193

24th July	8.00 pm	Quiz Night at The Volunteer Inn in aid of the SPFA—p7
10th August	2.30 pm	Seavington Annual Flower Show—p 21, 22
13th August	7.30 pm	Community Shop Association AGM—p 9
15th August	10..00am —4.00 pm	Yarlington Playbus at the Millennium Hall—p5, 21
20th August	7.30 pm	The Excavations at Ham Hill, Talk by Prof Niall Sharples—p 8, 31
9th September		Youth Club re-starts—p 17
26th September	7.00 pm	The Cockleshell Heroes; Talk by Paddy Ashdown—p 30

Regular Activities

Every Monday	6.30pm	Young People's Group—all ages
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.

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

4th August	11.30 am Holy Communion
11th August	08.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11th August	11.30 am Special service with Communion at <i>St Mary's Church</i>
18th August	11.30 am Holy Communion
25th August	11.30 am Matins

NB No service at Seavington on 5th Sunday in the month

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Please do not hesitate to telephone David Froome on 01460 249445 if you have any questions.

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‘The Seavingtons Village Plan’ Update Group

Nick Loxton (01460 242435; villageplan@theseavingtons.org)

The June 2013 Edition of The Seavingtons’ News contained a message from your Parish Council advising that The Village Plan, which was adopted in 2005, was in need of updating. Following this request from the Parish Council a number of local residents were asked to form an Update Group which was tasked to produce a Village Plan questionnaire which many of you kindly completed and returned to us.

To those of you who managed to get to the Village Hall on Sat 1st June not only to view the proposals for footpaths around the Playing Field but also to complete the Survey form on the future of OUR VILLAGES, a **HUGE THANK YOU!** from the Update Group

We are most grateful for the initial responses, fully realising that many people gave up valuable time to help us. This did, however, show us that we needed to change our method of canvassing your opinions by reaching more people, (we actually only got a total of 38 replies from the 220 households containing in excess of 550 residents in the Seavingtons).

Taking these results forward though, and because there is no rush to change the Plan immediately, but more a genuine desire to get it right when we do update it, we thought we’d make it easier for everybody (and us !) by breaking up the content into smaller bits and inserting questionnaires in the Seavingtons’ News on the various matters covered in the 2005 plan. We intend to attach these to the News over the next few months, together with their analysis and also make them available at any and every conceivable location within our community, to ensure that we reach as many of you as possible, and hopefully get a more representative view of **YOUR** desires for the future of the Seavingtons.

As the nights begin to draw in, from the comfort of your favorite armchair, you will also be able to email your replies to these and any other opinions to:-

villageplan@theseavingtons.org

The members of the Update Group are unanimous that uppermost in most peoples' minds is the question of future development within our community, be it new building, change of use of existing buildings, new roads, light industry, etc, etc, so the first questionnaire will concentrate on these issues. Subsequent questionnaires will concentrate on a number of different topics, the scope of which will be broadly taken from the questions that we posed in June and the 2005 Plan.....unless **YOU** think we've left **anything** out in which case please contact us at the above email address or via the joint chairpeople of the Update Group who are:-

Roger Clampitt 01460 241900 or
Nick Loxton 01460 242435

At the end of the day, the overall aim is to update the Village Plan with a consensus of your views, containing a concise and coherent statement of your vision for the future of our community, so please, could you all try and help us over the next few months? We really feel that it is critical that we have a clear understanding of the wishes of the residents of our two villages so that we already have the communities' views lodged with the District Council should any major change to the Councils' Core Strategy occur that could affect our villages.

The Seavingtons Plan Update Group (SPUG!)

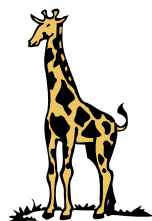


Seavington Play Day:

On the Yarlington Community Bus



Thursday August 15th
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A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

How the weather can change from year to year in this country has always amazed me, this summer is no exception. At last we are having days of unbroken sunshine, and the annual Wimbledon Tennis competition has come and gone almost with out interruption for rain.

The strange thing is I have been telling my son that the worst wet year I can recall during my farming career prior to 2012 was 1975 and that was followed by drought conditions during 1976. Even he is now starting to wonder if 2013 could follow the same pattern. The very welcome intense sunshine is already resulting in burnt patches around my lawn.

Another saying I have come up with in the past is “if I were going to be poor I would sooner it was because of dry weather rather than wet weather”. I will also add that I enjoyed life on the farm during the summer of 1976 above all the other years in spite of the problems the long dry period created.

Over sixty years on from starting work on the land, I now find myself usefully employed at my own leisure doing exactly the same kind of tasks that I was employed to do as a fifteen year old school leaver; jobs like picking up stones, a problem that is very prevalent on the Blackdown Hills. Most of them are flint and some can have razor sharp edges that can slice through the walls of tractor or implement tyres with ease if caught at the right angle. They also have the same effect on cow's feet.

After all the rain last year many of the main lanes across the fields have been eroded leaving loose stones scattered around. These flint stones have played a major role over hundreds of years in the development of the area, for they were the traditional building stone for the majority of the houses and their surrounding buildings.

The smaller stones also played a role in field drainage when thousands of field drains were laid during the nineteenth century. This involved teams of men hand digging trenches across the fields to open ditches at the field boundary hedges and part filling them with loose stones hand picked from the fields. Normally the trench would be at least twelve inches wide and

deep enough to take a similar depth of stones laid within nine inches of the surface and then back filled with soil. It is amazing just how well this very simple system has worked, only breaking down mainly because of a lack of maintenance of the open ditches at the field boundaries, this prevented the water in the drains from running freely away to the nearest brook, causing the water to back up the trench eventually filling the gaps between the stones with silt.

Many folk believe that farming is far more intensive than it used to be; I consider this not to be strictly true. During the years of very cheap labour like the 1800's there was a period when the standard of husbandry was very high indeed, old survey maps drawn up before the start of the twentieth century give a very good insight.

In many cases there were considerably fewer hedgerow trees and pollard trees were very commonplace because wood was such a vital requirement as a source of fuel. We still have many examples around our own farm some dating back hundreds of years.

Letting a tree grow to a given height then removing all the branches forms a pollard which results in a completely new growth. I can recall one large oak pollard that my wife and I cut right back to its trunk during 1962 providing a large amount of firewood. After the extreme surgery it took on an unusual shape - with all the branches removed it formed a silhouette like a huge old-fashioned village pump. To my knowledge this tree was cut back around twenty years later but now needs pruning again with a potential for another several tons of firewood. Enjoy this wonderful spell of summer weather!

Quiz Night at the Volunteer Inn

A Quiz night in aid of Seavington Playing Field Association is being held at the Volunteer Inn on Wednesday 24th July.

The quiz starts at 8pm and costs £1 per person to enter.

All are welcome.

Ham Hill Archaeology

Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

On Aug 20th Professor Niall Sharples returns to Seavington Millennium Hall to give a final talk about the 3 year excavation project that he, and his colleague Marcus Brittain from Cambridge University have been running.

Last year a full house at the hall was entertained with the story so far; however, in the weeks following the talk Alan Graham (Archaeologist and Seavington resident!!) made some fascinating discoveries in his trench across the ramparts of the Iron Age Hill fort. In fact the discoveries were so important that English Heritage have given permission for a much larger trench across the ramparts in this, the final season of excavations.

The talk will be given about 4 weeks into the excavation so we expect some pretty interesting things to be revealed. Last year's talk was a sell out so you are strongly advised to buy your tickets early as seats will be limited.

Tickets £6 in advance (£7.50 on the door), Under 16's £3 available from Seavington Community Store and Café, Water St Seavington, N&D News, South Petherton and from Ry Coffman.

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Alastair Fyfe (01460-241977)

Our next event will be an Illustrated Talk by none other than Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon. His Talk is entitled 'The Cockleshell Heroes'. It tells the story of the daring raid by Marine Commandos in 1942 against German merchant shipping moored in the French port of Bordeaux. Paddy Ashdown will give the Talk in the **Millennium Hall on Thursday, 26th September 2013.**

His Talk will **begin at 7.0 pm** with doors opening at 6.40 pm. Please note the slightly earlier start than usual. The cost of a ticket will be £6. There will be a licensed bar. Coffee/tea will be available.

Please put the date in your diary – then come along on the night and bring a friend! We would like Seavington to be well represented. This will be a splendid opportunity to listen to a high profile personality, who has researched his subject in great detail. It was one of the most secret and daring raids carried out during World War 2.

Paddy Ashdown will also be selling his latest book - “A Brilliant Little Operation: The Cockleshell Heroes and the Most Courageous Raid of World War 2”. He will be available to sign any books which are purchased.

Finally, the Trustees are pleased to welcome Chris Gough amongst their number. He has joined them as Honorary Treasurer, in succession to Michael Bancroft who looked after our finances, very ably, over a long period of time. Sally Gough has also agreed to become a Trustee, taking over from Christina Bancroft who will retire at the end of the year.



Over the Counter

Carolyn Farler (01460 249192)

Thank goodness we got the bigger and better freezer to hold extra ice cream for this hot weather.

The Café garden is looking very smart now thanks to the new fencing erected by the SPFA and the many plant pots carefully tended by Gill Beveridge . It is now an ideal place to sit and enjoy your drinks and snacks, and safe for the youngsters too.

Inside the store this month we have introduced some smoked fish products for you to try, and while you are in there don't forget Clive and June's Summer Raffle.

July 14th saw the third birthday of the shop and thanks must go to all the people who have contributed to the success of the operation so far. Once the euphoria of the opening had passed, it has taken a lot of commitment by a relatively small number of people to keep the store and café open day after day. It's for their sakes, as well as for the financial success, that we ask everyone to support our village venture.

August brings with it our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th at 7.30p.m. at the Millennium Hall. We hope that many of you, especially the shareholders, will come along that evening to understand the issues facing the business and hopefully contribute to the solutions.



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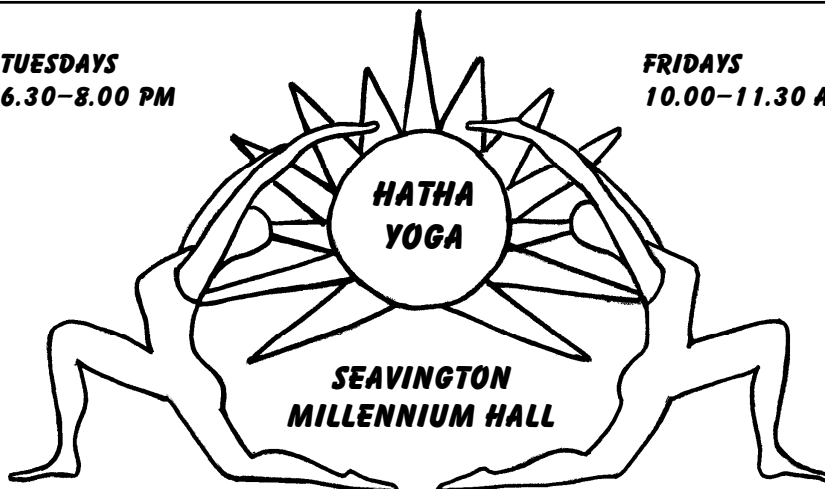
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Seavington Playing Field Association Lottery

Lesley Gudgeon (01460 240236)

The Seavington Playing Field Association lottery has now recommenced, running from June 2013 until March 2014, with prizes of:

First £30

Second £20; Third £15; Fourth £10; Fifth £10

Thank you to all those participating in the lottery and to all our collectors. Good luck to you all!

June Winners

1st	C Peckham
2nd	Sally Whitefield
3rd	May Harrison
4th	Marian Beresford
5th	Michael Harrison

July Winners

1st	Sue Bow
2nd	Ethan Ash
3rd	Andrea Patch
4th	Moirra Ades
5th	Mrs R Meadows

Seavington Youth Club News Letter

Jenny Isaacs (01460 240550) & Julie Ginno (01460 249099)

Seavington Youth Club was started by village residents in 2008 with the help of the Somerset Rural Youth Project. We hold sessions for 8-16 year olds every Monday during term time at the Seavington Millennium Hall from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. There is a one off annual subscription fee of £2.00 and a £1.00 entry fee per week.

We have a number of games and equipment that members can use, including pool table, table tennis, art and crafts table, board games, Wii console, Xbox 360 console, music centre, power stilts, footballs and a range of other sports equipment. The members can also get involved and help to set up and pack away the equipment, as well as taking it in turns to serve in the tuck shop. We also organise activities for the children from time to time; these have included in the past a samba drum workshop, circus skills night, electric guitar session and belly dancing session.

The club is run by volunteers and affiliated to the Somerset Rural Youth Project. Annual costs are covered by admission fees, tuck shop sales, fundraising and an annual grant from the parish council; we currently have 4 regular youth workers who ensure the children have a good time in a safe environment.

The contribution of our volunteers should be highlighted and we are very grateful for their dedication, enthusiasm and the time they spend encouraging and listening to our youths. If anybody thinks they might like to become a youth club volunteer please come down and see us or give us a ring.

If there are any children in the village or surrounding villages that would like to join please feel free to either come along to a session or give us a ring if you need any further details. The first date back after the summer holidays is Monday September 9th, we look forward to seeing you.

Message From Your Parish Council

Pauline Parsons (1460 240193)

Unfortunately the Parish Council has recently been informed that the person who acts as our 'Internal Auditor' for the accounts will not be able to do this for the year ending 31st March 2014.

This entails auditing the financial records that have been maintained by The Parish Council during the year and confirming that all is in order before they are available for parishioners to inspect and then forwarding to the External Auditor who is appointed by Central Government. Is there anyone willing to do this? For more information - please contact Pauline Parsons – 01460 240193.

At the Parish Council meeting on 25th June our new County Councillor Christopher Le Hardy advised that he has been appointed Chair of the Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant. To this end he would like to know of any Serving or Retired members of the armed forces – this also includes the Territorial Army Reserves.

Please let Pauline Parsons know if you would like your information given to Councillor Le Hardy – please either phone 240193 or e-mail to parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org.

House Martin

Delichon Urbica 5"(13cm)

Family-Hirundinidae—Swallows and Martins

Annie (01460 241762)

That hedged by Hedgerows studiously fretted trim.
Smile like a lady's face with lace laced prim
And on some moor or hill that seeks the sky
Lonely and nakedly, - utterly lie down,
And feel the sunshine throbbing on body and limb, My
frowsy brain in pleasant drunkenness swim,
Each rising thought sink back and dream drown,
Smiles creep o'er my face, and smother my lips, and cloy,
Each muscle sink to itself, and separately enjoy.

'High Summer'

By Ebenezer Jones—1820-60

The House Martin is a summer visitor, arriving in April and returning to the winter quarters, in sub-Saharan Africa, during October. On arrival, much time is spent feeding over wetlands before returning to nest sites. It will mix with the Swift in pursuit of aerial insects, its basic food, and associates with Sand Martin and Swallow but is not closely related in any way. The preferred habitat is farmland, meadows, and woodland with water close by.

Sexes are similar—white under-parts; glossy blue-black head and back and brown wings; the tail has a band of white above and is forked but not as elongated as the Swallow; short white feathered legs are conspicuous when setting on the ground (the only time) to collect mud for its nest.

The House Martin nests under the eaves of barns, houses and other buildings. An inverted beehive-type made of mud and cemented together with the bird's saliva; lined with feathers and other light-weight material caught on the wing. Two or maybe three broods of four to five glossy white pointed eggs laid from May onwards.

The call is a distinctive 'CHIRRUP'; a shrill 'TSEEP' when alarmed; the song is a soft, sweet twitter of melodious 'CHIRPS'. Like the House Sparrow, this bird has developed an attachment to man, certainly where nesting is concerned. The main problem is the mess made on walls and windows prompting many people to set about removing the nests. One

solution is to place a 6"(150mm) "SPLAHBOARD" over the window, below the nest, to catch most of the droppings.

Although still numerous and widespread recent moderate declines earn the House Martin a place on the 'Amber List' of conservation importance. It is one below 'RED' which is the highest priority, with species requiring urgent action e.g. The Cuckoo.

For Ladies Only

In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the Mystic delivered grave news: "There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Laura stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself and to stop her mind racing. She simply had to know.

She met the Fortune Teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

For some reason, wives tend to like this joke.....

The Children's Society Support

Gill Beveridge (01460 242828)

Thank you for your continued support for the Children's Society by letting me have your used postage stamps. To date, over £4,900 has been raised by the sale of these.

More stamps, especially foreign stamps or foreign postcards with the stamps still attached, are always welcome and can be left at: South Petherton - The Doctors' surgery or the Pharmacy at the hospital & St Peter and St Paul's Church. Ilminster - Just Things, the Fair Trade Shop in Silver Street. Seavington - The Community Shop. Crewkerne - The Children's Society Shop or they can be sent to or delivered to:

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Thank you again for your continuing support. If you want more details about the Children's Society, please visit **www.childrenssociety.org.uk**

Seavington Gardening Club

Ry Coffman 01460 240004 or ry.coff13@gmail.com)

Visit to Farndon Thatch, Puckington – Jane and Bob St John Wright

The 180 degree panoramic view from the garden is breath-taking, overlooking the Quantocks around to the Mendips, and even Glastonbury Tor can be seen on a clear day!

Jane and Bob brought the 15thC house five years ago and have transformed this former stonemason's cottage. Pieces of church masonry, remnants of its former life, ornament the garden! In the garden they have removed trees and moved the trees around with the plants that they inherited, and they've created cottage garden herbaceous borders, a pond, a sunken garden and lawns with many corners for enjoying the quiet of the garden with a table and chairs.

This evening we were blessed with an absolutely beautiful evening after a very hot 10 days, but Jane and Bob had managed to keep their garden looking fresh and full of colour. Colourful tubs bordered the wide patio in front of the house with double doors leading from the kitchen. Occupying visual points of the garden are sculptures by George Hider from Merriott – a wonderful ram, deer and chickens! Jane and Bob did not start with an overall plan for the garden; the garden has grown organically to take advantage of the site and soil.

There are also many fruit trees, as well as an interesting old Judas tree, and a vegetable garden. To finish, we enjoyed a cup of tea and delicious home-made cakes on the patio as the sun was going down. Farndon Thatch also provides Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and must be a wonderful place to stay. The gardens are regularly open through the NGS scheme if you wish to visit. This was our final visit for the summer and a big thank you to Charo Ritchie for arranging them on behalf of Seavington Gardening Club and Over Stratton Gardening Club.

Forthcoming events:

Seavington NGS Open Gardens - South Meade, Meade Lane will be open

from Monday 22 July to Saturday 27 July; Admission £3 and Plants for Sale.

Seavington Gardening Club FLOWER SHOW – Saturday 10th August

News From Seavington Playing Field Association

Pauline Parsons (1460 240193)

At a recent meeting of the SPFA the following officers were elected:-

Chair	Pauline Parsons
Vice Chair	Annie Prichard
Treasurer	David Bennett
Secretary	Sally Gough
Minutes Secretary	Michael Harrison

The Committee are very grateful that David agreed to become our Treasurer as this was the most difficult role to fill after we learnt that Peter Ashley would be leaving the village sometime in the future. Peter has agreed to stay on the committee for the time being as we are all aware that he still has a great deal of information that needs to be passed on.

The first of the Lottery draws has now been made – please see information re winners on page 16.

I am sure you will all agree that the field and play areas are looking great this year. The Parish Council are funding the cutting of the main field by SSDC but the SPFA are paying for the two play areas to be cut so we are really grateful for all of you who have supported the Lottery as half of the monies raised go towards the general maintenance of the field.

Our next fund raising event for SPFA is on 20th August – please see more information on page 31.

Date for your Diary - The Yarlinton Community Playbus will be on the Playing Field on Thursday 15th August from 10.00am-4.00pm. Please see more details on page 5.

Seavington Gardening Club

Sarah Day (01460 249291)

Member's Growing Competition

Every member of Seavington Gardening Club should now have a beautiful geranium growing on their windowsill or in their greenhouse, courtesy of the Gold Club. It may even have made it outside on those rare sunny days!

Don't forget to bring your plant, in the pot provided, along to the flower show on 10th August to be judged. The members' competition does not form part of the schedule and is just for fun (there is no entry fee for this). However, as per the rest of the show, all entries need to be at the hall by 9.30am on Saturday 10th August and may not be removed until 4pm.

If any member has a query, please contact me or one of the committee.

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Naming the Queen's Ships

David Eliot (01460 240758)

In the early 1970s, my Desk in the Directorate of Naval Operations, Ministry of Defence (MOD) embraced membership of the Navy's Ship Naming Committee, Chaired by the retired Rear Admiral who was Librarian of the Naval Historical Library. The other members came from the Naval Staff. The Committee met whenever there was a new class of ships to be Named.

Naming warships was laden with tradition and protocol. Every new Name had to be submitted to the Queen by the First Sea Lord; once approved, it was meant to be final. However, ships were sometimes re-named. This always caused *angst* because the First Sea Lord had to persuade the Queen of the wisdom thereof.

During my stint, the Navy ordered a new class of sixteen Patrol Craft. I suggested resurrecting some the names of the famous Second World War 'BLACK SWAN' Bird Class sloops; and was asked to work up a list of names in groups of four.

Indispensable to this exercise was 'Ship Names & Battle Honours of the Royal Navy', which listed every ship of the same name since the Spanish Armada in 1588 and her Battle Honours. ('ARMADA 1588' is the Navy's first Battle Honour.) For example, one of my frigates, the *YARMOUTH*, was the 9th ship of the name, with 16 Battle Honours: her forebears had fought with distinction over several centuries against Frenchmen, Germans, Hollanders, Spaniards and Americans. [Even a defeat could win one; the Navy's second Honour, 'AZORES 1590', commemorates Sir Richard Grenville's Last Fight of the *REVENGE*.]

The key to Committee approval was to propose names with a long history, several Battle Honours and, if possible, contemporary interest. My first four choices were *KINGFISHER*, *MAGPIE*, *CYGNET* & *PETEREL* – *MAGPIE* because the Duke of Edinburgh had commanded the sloop in the Mediterranean in 1950. These names were put to the First Sea Lord, who reported back that the Duke had forcibly rejected *MAGPIE*! The Committee chose *SANDPIPER* instead, and the Queen approved. The MOD later cancelled the last 12 ships and only the first four entered

service; but at least I can claim to have set the ball rolling to Name three warships.

Name approved, the next step was to unearth the ship's Crest & Motto. The Admiral excelled at this because he kept packs of 'Ships of the Royal Navy' cigarette cards, some dating from before the War, which not only featured the ship but its Crest & Motto in colour. He was very rarely defeated. (Crests & Mottoes gave scope for punning allusion: like the First World War submarine *K9* – the Crest was a Dog's Head and the Motto 'GORM', the Norse equivalent of Cerberus.)

Once in a blue moon the Navy acquired a warship needing an entirely new Name. Such was the *TENACITY*, a very fast, experimental Patrol Craft designed by Vosper Thornycroft for international sale; but it was before its time, the firm could not sell any and the MOD bought her for Fishery Protection.

There had been a *TENACIOUS*, but never a *TENACITY*, which would need a Crest & Motto; so the Committee invoked Clarenceaux King at Arms, the Heraldic Advisor to MOD. This *magnifico* duly submitted several designs on the theme of a Bulldog holding an Anchor-cable in its teeth while standing *passant regardant* on the Anchor. We chose a design and MOD paid an arm and a leg for Clarenceux's expertise!

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Dear Editor,

The total amount collected House to House for the RNLI at the end of June was £218.85. A very generous collection and we are very grateful for the support that villagers have given to us. I also wish to thank Sally Ann Howell for collecting in Lopen and Jane White who supported Julie Sibley in Watergore. Also my daughters and granddaughters who collected in Barrington, Over Stratton and Kingston.

There is another "thank-you" owed to the friends and neighbours who helped pitch the marquee for the Flower Festival; 8.30 am on a Saturday morning is above and beyond! They were also there on the Monday evening to help the Wyatt "Rent-a-Crowd" to strike it.

I am hoping that I will be able to have a coffee morning to sell RNLI Christmas Cards and Calendars at the end of October. Date to be decided later.

Thank you all for your continuous support. Peter & Mary Wyatt.

The Seavingtons' Weather in June 2013

This year—2013

Previous year—2012

Temperature

Average Minimum	10.34°C	10.22°C
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