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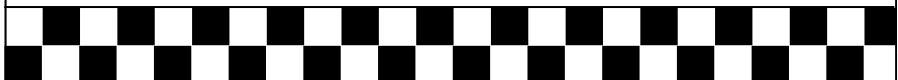
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The Seavingtons' News

Another year draws towards its end and the need to choose a new colour for the covers of the 2013 issues of our two villages' monthly magazine looms—decisions, decisions!

Conclusion of another set of 12 issues should not pass without my sincere thanks to all our contributors. Without them there would be no magazine worth printing. However, there is always scope for more contributions be they your own work of fiction, an article of local interest or a series on a given topic like Farm Boy's Diary. Please consider contributing and adding value to the tapestry we already enjoy.

May I also take this opportunity to pass on seasonal best wishes from the entire Seavingtons' News Team and to wish you all a healthy and successful 2013.

You may have seen mention in the press of improvements to our local telephone exchange to improve broadband Internet speeds. In my case the effect of this was to reduce my speed!

This time last year I drew attention to the County Council's work under the Government's Broadband UK project. Apparently they are now almost ready to place a contract with BT but, surprisingly, still refuse to say whether this will help us in Seavington. How you can place a contract without knowing what you want delivered escapes me! As I advised last year, if this concerns you please lobby our County Councillor—Paul Maxwell: pmmaxwell@somerset.gov.uk.

David Froome

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Village Diary—December 2012

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

For bookings call Pauline Eardley on 01460 240995

For other Millennium Hall matters call Pauline Parsons on 01460 240193

1st December	9.00 am	SPFA Christmas Bazaar—p 30
3rd December	12.30 pm	Seniors' Lunch at the Café—p 29
3rd December	6.30 pm	NADFAS talk "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Ann Clements BA FRSA—p 19
12th December	8.00 pm	XMAS Quiz at The Volunteer—p28
16th December	11.30 am	Family Carols at St Mary's Church—p 29
23rd December	4.00 pm	Christingle Service at St Michael's—p 31
29th December	10.30 am	"Boxing Day Walkies" - p 30
31st December	8.00 pm	New Year Dance— p 27

Regular Activities

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

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www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

2nd December	11.30 am Holy Communion
9th December	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9th December	11.30 am Family Service
16th December	11.30 am Carol Service at St Mary's Church
23rd December	11.30 am Matins
23rd December	4.00 pm Christingle Service—see p31
Christmas Day	11.30 am Holy Communion
30th December	9.30 am Holy Communion at South Petherton

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Stories from the Seavington
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A Seavington Textile Factory

This is a request for information from Mr Brian Murless Hon. Archivist for the Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society (SIAS)

The making of shirts and detachable collars was the last textile industry to be introduced into Somerset during the 19th century. One such entrepreneur was Alfred K. Cook of London whose company operated factories in Chard (Crimchard and Snowdon), Ilminster (High Street and Listers Hill) and the Excelsior Works in Taunton. To this list can be added Seavington St. Michael which appears in Kelly's trade directories of Somerset for 1897 and 1902.

The precise opening and closure dates are currently unknown along with the size of the factory but its location is thought to have been at the south end of David's Lane near the junction with New Road.

Employment would have been provided chiefly for women and girls whose dextrous hands could sew and iron as well as launder. There were sewing machines and gas-powered irons but the 'wet' activities such as starching and washing the cotton cloth must have seemed like domestic chores only carried out on a grander scale.

If your family has lived in or around the Seavingtons for several generations you may have had a grandmother or great grandmother who helped to make collars and shirts. It is also possible that photographs survive of both the workforce and the factory building.

If so, please get in touch with the Editor or Ry Coffman or Carolyn Farler so that any stories or pictures could be passed on to Mr Murless and appear in the magazine and on the website as part of the History Project.

Phone numbers: Ry Coffman—01460 240004, Carolyn Farler—01460 249192.

Apple Day 2012

Jo Mills (01460 241886)

Apple Day activities filled the day at Seavington Shop & Café on Friday 19th October. Village tree warden Ry Coffman demonstrated how to make apple juice and gave eager customers samples of freshly made juice, discussed the pros and cons of using different varieties and explained how to keep home-made juice. Several customers had a go at beating the National Apple Day record for the longest apple peel (which is over 37 feet!) The Seavington winner was shop volunteer Pauline Woodward with 2.16metres (about 7ft) – a valiant effort!

Local food and drinks producers Sally Anns Cake, Sausage Shed Sausages, Burrow Hill and Perry's cider provided samples of apple-y products to taste whilst the café put on a special menu featuring apples and delicious home-made apple pies. The artistic were able to print greetings cards using apples to print with, and several marvellous designs were created much to the surprise of the makers.

The shop was decorated with apples and apple bunting and a display of 20 varieties of apple welcomed the customers into the shop. Shoppers stopping for Afternoon Tea were treated to a selection of readings by local poet and broadcaster James Crowden who read from his books 'Ciderland' and 'Cider: the forgotten Miracle'.

The evening event : A very amusing talk in the village hall by Julian Temperley about the revival of cider distilling in Somerset was well attended. Those of us in the audience who are involved with the shop will never tire of hearing the phrase 'available in Fortnum's, Harvey Nichols and Seavington Shop'. Thanks Julian, it's an advertising slogan which I'm sure will appeal to all three establishments!

After the talk we were treated to tasters of Somerset Pomona and Orchard Mist, a Pimms-like concoction invented by Julian. There have been several requests for the Orchard Mist 'recipe' so I will give the approximate proportions for one serving here: 1 part Kingston Black Aperitif to 3 parts lemonade with a splash of apple juice. Serve over ice with a mint leaf and strawberries or raspberries when in season.

The evening raised almost £300 towards Jo Mills' fund raising efforts to raise money to complete the partitioning between the shop and the café. Thanks are due to all those who helped to make the day a success and to James and Julian who generously gave their time.

Farmers diary for Nov 2012

Farm Boy

As October draws to a close there is an air of desperation as farmers and contactors struggle to harvest the last of this year's crops, such as maize for silage and root crops including potatoes whilst at the same time attempting to sow the majority of next year's cereal crops.

Frustration is the buzzword for it seems nigh on impossible to have two dry days in succession. We could do with a fortnight dry; this however is unlikely to happen unless there is a sharp fall in the temperature, which could well bring a new set of problems.

Last evening I had a long chat on the telephone with my friend Eddie, who farms on the Norfolk/Suffolk border, I wanted to try and establish how things were progressing in East Anglia. Eddie is a great guy and represents the best of the farming community that I am so fond of. He along with his wife Audrey have always played an active part in their village community, from their youth with the Young Farmers Clubs through to Eddie as church warden, and a well respected chairman of their parish council for many years. He is a keen chorister and in spite of being in his 80's he still has a great voice and enjoys participating in the church choir and amateur dramatics. Fortunately his health and good nature still allows him the energy to pull his weight back on the farm.

I first met him back in the 1980s when he and his son kept a milking herd, but they sold that many years ago and now rely on beef cattle, arable and turkey production.

By what he told me the weather seems to have been a little kinder over in East Anglia and they had managed to drill about a third of their winter corn, but they are also still hampered by wet conditions. He added some farmers had sown much larger areas mainly using the latest style top cultivation methods; this cuts out the traditional plough. As I drove through Dillington around lunchtime today I could see fields freshly drilled by this type of machinery. It will be very interesting to see how well the crops progress compared to those sown behind the plough a few hundred yards along the road.

Surface cultivation has been around for sometime, but the latest generation of machinery is far more sophisticated, however it needs loads of power up front, and I suspect under current conditions the best results would come from a tractor operating on tracks rather than

wheels, tracks have been favoured on the fenland for many decades, this is an area of low lying arable land that stretches from Lincoln down to Cambridge.

Back at the farm I have completed the coppicing that I mentioned in last months Seavingtons' News, during the process I felt I had learnt something; only to discover that I may well have arrived at the bus stop just as the bus had left.

I have reached the conclusion that planting a waste area of land with ash trees would be a worthwhile venture, because my estimated girth growth for both the twenty year old Ash trees that I felled was around three quarters of an inch per annum. Ash is an ideal wood for domestic burning. Now sadly we understand that our native ash is under threat from a new disease, this is very bad news, so let us hope that any spread can be controlled.

Footnote; *it is now the 12th November and looking around at the farming scene it still looks pretty grim because there has been no real let up in the wet weather.*

To the Generous People of the Seavingtons 'Thank You'

Steve Harrison, PCC Vice-Chairman (01460 249266)

At the end of September, St Michael's Church held its annual gift day; this is a fund-raiser to support the maintenance both of the parish church and its contribution to the village communities. It is never easy asking for money. However, it is a real joy to say a heart-felt 'thank you' to so many from the Seavingtons who responded so generously.

Lest We Forget

Annie, SPFA Vice-Chairman (01460 241762)

At the Millennium Hall on Saturday 10th November there was an enjoyable presentation of "Lest We Forget", given by Heritage Theatre. The performance contained some very moving and thoughtful readings and a good sing-along of memorable songs.

We offer grateful thanks to Heritage Theatre for donating a part of its fee to the Royal British Legion.



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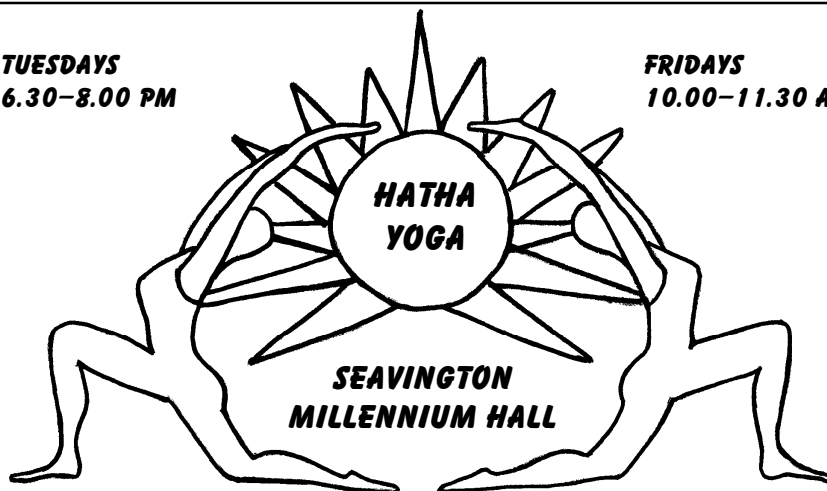
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Seavington Gardening Club Programme 2013

All indoor meetings are held at the Seavington Millennium Hall.

Contact: Ry Coffman, Secretary 01460 240004. Membership £7.50 Visitors: £2.

All meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month except the April Shopping trip.

Time & Date	Subject
7.30pm 10 January	Talk/slides 'Lift the Latch garden through the year' with Pauline and David Wright
7.30pm 14 February	Talk/demo 'Propagation' with Neil Lovesey of Picket Lane Nursery Plants for Sale
7.30pm 14 March	AGM + talk/slides 'Peonies and Irises' with Susannah Applegate Plants for sale
7.30pm 11 April	Talk 'Dahlias' with Terry Bratcher Plants for sale
6.45pm for 7.00pm 15 April	Talk/Coffee/Tea 25% Discount Shopping at Brimsmore (with Over Stratton Gardening Club)
7.00pm 9 May	Visit: The Old Rectory , Church St, Limington, Nr Yeovil BA22 8EQ John Langdon and Paul Vintner £3.50p + buffet tbc
11 May 10.00am	PLANT SALE at the Millennium Hall
7.00pm 13 June	Visit: Moorland Cottage , Moor, South Petherton – Helen and Dick Gale £4 + buffet tbc
7.00pm 11 July	Visit: Farndon Thatch , Puckington, Ilminster with Bob and Jane St John Wright £3 + refreshments
2.30pm 10 August	FLOWER SHOW Seavington Gardening Club Flower Show , Millennium Hall
7.30pm 12 September	Talk: 'Autumn Colour in the Garden' – the Gold Club – Plants for Sale
7.30pm 10 October	GUEST NIGHT Buffet/Talk: 'Granma's Garden' – Yvonne Bell
7.30pm 14 November	Social tbc
December	Christmas Lunch tbc

Over the counter

Carolyn Farler (01460 249192)

Following the AGM and election of new committee members, Simon Madge has taken on the role of temporary Chairman as well as his current responsibilities of Parish Council Liaison. Ken Lake retains his role as Treasurer and Lesley Young has become Minutes Secretary. The other members are Terry Jagers, Liz Tope and Carolyn Farler. The present committee would like to pass on its thanks to the previous members for all their time and effort to make our Village Store & Café the success it is.

The business is working well to the point that the café is almost a victim of its own success. Trade is increasing and special promotions like the Seniors' Lunches have become a much sought after event with bookings required well ahead of the date. All this puts a great deal of pressure on our regular cooks who would love to have some more volunteers to help with serving for a couple of hours at the busier times of the day. But it is great to see that the café is becoming a popular venue for villagers as well visitors. Sunday opening has also proved popular, with regulars coming in to enjoy their Sunday papers with great coffee and bacon rolls.

The shop is now ready for Christmas with a delicious array of Christmas goods to supplement the increasing range of locally sourced goods already on display, the Arts & Craft exhibition giving another dimension to the items on sale. And don't forget Father Christmas will be coming on the 14th when there will be music, carols and mince pies to greet him. So it is good to report that the trading figures are on target for this year – but we must not get complacent.

There are still many loans to pay off before we can get a true picture of our success. We still need every one of you to support the venture by using the store for a few items each week, perhaps pop in for coffee or lunch once a week, and of course invite your friends to join you. There are still opportunities to become involved as a £5 shareholder, or to give some time to become a volunteer – there are so many ways just a few hours a week can be so helpful to the organisation. This is a community project and a great asset to the Seavingtons so there is a responsibility on all of us to use it and make it a success.

Finally the Management Committee would like to thank every volunteer who gives their time and energy to keeping the Store & Café open, clean and tidy, and running smoothly, as well as always providing a warm welcome to all the customers. It shows how much can be achieved when people decide to pull together. Great work everyone. Wishing all of you a Happy Christmas and to us a prosperous New Year.

“Sing-A-Long-A-Carol”

Please join Carol, Manda and Annie on Tuesday 18th or Saturday 22nd December (or brave both days!!)

Or Join us when you hear us!!

We will be ‘carolling around the Seavingtons and ending each time at the Volunteer for hot drinks and snacks.

Starting at the Millennium Hall at 6.30 p.m. for approximately 2 hours. For more information please ring Annie on 01460 241762 (answerphone).

In Aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

SPFA Lottery Winners for November

Lesley Gudgeon (01460 240236)

1st Draw

1st	J Willerton
2nd	R Clampitt
3rd	G Rogers
4th	M Tolman
5th	S Bow

2nd Draw

1st	M Isaacs
2nd	C Male
3rd	A Gudgeon
4th	J & G Lock
5th	J Parsons

Household Waste & Recycling

Household Waste and Recycling collection dates over the holiday period are the usual days, i.e. Monday 24th December and Monday 31st December.

News from St Michael's Church

Manda Jagers (01460 240554)

Please note that the main service at Seavington now starts at 11.30am each Sunday. Also, as of 30th Dec, there will be only one service in the parish on the fifth Sunday of the month (except Easter Day.) This will take place at SS Peter and Paul in South Petherton. Please contact Carol or Manda if you require a lift or need any more information.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the clever "Flower Ladies" for making our church so beautiful for the Harvest Festival on 7th Sept. Sheila Riley co-ordinates the flower rota and would welcome any extra help if you have would like to join her team.

Phil Eardley made a beautiful harvest loaf for the service (and I thought his hidden talent was karaoke!) This, with the many very generous donations from the people of Seavington, was taken to Barnabas House, to help them to learn how to prepare and cook meals for themselves. The staff and residents were incredibly grateful and wrote a letter of thanks to Rev Handy the next day.

Many of you will know that Rev D Fyfe is now licensed to assist Rev Geoff Wade in the Winsmoor Parish. Fortunately, this is not goodbye to Seavington, but rather adding another string to her bow (which includes being Chaplain at South Petherton Hospital.) At the Matins service on 28th October, D was presented with a silver photo frame and a photo of St Michael's. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this present.

Just a reminder that, as usual, each house in the Parish will receive a Christmas Card containing all the Christmas services in Seavington and South Petherton. You will be assured of a warm welcome at each one; we hope you will come along to some or all of them. If you do not receive a church magazine, there is a copy in the shop and church, let us know if you would like to receive one. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have the News to share information.

Rev Tom Handy can be contacted on 01460 241377 (his day off is Friday.)

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year from Manda Jagers and Carol Talbot, Churchwardens.

Seavington Youth Club

Jenny Isaacs (01460 240550)

We had our AGM on the 15th October, thank you to the committee for agreeing to stay on for another year, so a huge thanks to Antony Smith, Julie Ginno, Jenny and Mark Isaacs. Also thank you to Pauline Parsons for attending the meeting, it was nice to see another face!!!

On the 22nd October we had the Youth Club Halloween party. A huge, huge thank you to Sarah Smith, Sheila Reyland and Naomi Jagers for all their help along with the committee to make this evening as successful as it always is. Fun was had by all. The fancy dress outfits were amazing, thanks to the parents for helping the children with these.

We had contacts in the box, apple bobbing, the flour game, hot dogs cakes and lots of sweets! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The last Youth Club for the year will be the 17th of December. We look forward to seeing as many of you back in 2013.

Youth Club re-starts January the 14th.

Serenade Concert

Elaine Edwards (01460 241601)

The princely amount of £435.00 was raised by the choir at the Millennium Hall on Saturday 27th October 2012. The proceeds were donated to the Meningitis Trust and the Seavington Playing Fields Association (217.50 each).

My thanks go to Annie, who ran the raffle, Peter, our master of ceremonies, Sally, on the door and Jenny and David, in the bar. Also, many thanks to the choir members for the entertainment and David Suttcliffe our choir leader.

Last but not least, thank you to all the people who attended the evening and those who couldn't attend but gave donations.

Neroche DFAS

Peter Hill, Vice-chairman (01460 67779)

In the Bleak Midwinter

By Ann Clements BA FRSA

Monday 3rd December 2012

6.30 p.m. for a wine reception and mince pies, talk at 7.15 p.m.
Seavington Millennium Hall

Ann Clements will give a seasonal presentation on how artists have responded to snow, from 18th Century peasants drying their clothes, through 17th Century Frost Fairs on the Thames, to 19th Century skaters in the Bois de Boulogne. The lecture will trace how, over a period of 500 years, artists have reacted to the challenges of winter. Much shivering, with brush and palette! Ann Clements has produced a book with the same title as our talk. She is an art historian, and has wide experience of lecturing both at home - including at the V&A Museum and for the National Trust - and abroad. Her earlier work includes cataloguing English watercolours and drawings for the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, research for the Paul Mellon Foundation, and working as an associate lecturer for Surrey University. She has lectured on several cruise lines and was a magistrate for 20 years.

Visitors welcome - admission £3 (first two visits only).

For more information see www.nerochedfas.org.uk

Posada

Posada is the word for an inn in Spanish. "Posada" is the tradition in South America where the crib figures, Mary, Joseph and the donkey travel daily from house to house on their way to church in time for Christmas.

Posada starts on the first Sunday in Advent, which this year is Sunday 2nd December.

If any family would like to have the crib figurines for a night they should call Annie Prichard on 01460 241762 and she will be happy to explain more to you.

An Unwelcome Visitor to our Shores

Ash dieback disease – (Chalara fraxinea)

Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

With my tree warden's hat on, I would like to mention a few things about the above new disease which is affecting ash trees. Currently as I write this, no cases have yet been identified in Somerset but it is probably only a matter of time. It is a fungus whose spores are transmitted on the wind and has probably arrived in Britain on the wind or imported ash trees.

We need to be vigilant so if anyone thinks their trees may be affected can they let the tree wardens know so that we can get them reported to the Forestry Commission and checked. It seems to be most obvious in young trees with hanging dead blackened leaves and discoloured brown tree bark with lesions. For information about identifying the disease please see: www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara.

The government has just announced that no mature trees should be sacrificed to try to stop the disease but young diseased trees will be controlled while hopefully immunity develops.

Ry Coffman 01460 240004, Alan Graham 01460 241886, Phil Gordon-Smith 01460 242277, Voluntary Tree Wardens, Seavington Parish Council

Seavington Gardening Club

Secretary: Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

Thank you to everyone who turned out to plant daffodil bulbs on Tuesday 6th November. It was a lovely sunny morning, perfect for planting 2,000 more bulbs along the front of the Playing Field in the verge and around the circular bank in the play area, so they should make a great show in the spring!

7.30pm 8 November **NEW** Social Evening:

A video on the construction of the Millennium Hall by David Ades

We welcomed members and non-members to the first Social Open Evening that the Gardening Club has held; it is a new extra November meeting and an opportunity to do something a bit different! Mince pies

and mulled wine were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who contributed mince pies!

David's film recorded events from the August 1977 turf cutting and fund raising events, and the actual building, all leading up to and including the opening of the Millennium Hall in April 1998. It is now a historic document recording people that are gone and places that have changed. A timely reminder, 14 years later, of the amount of work put in by the Hall Committee to bring to fruition the Hall that we all use today.

The film also reminded us what a debt the village owes in particular to Chairman Bob Ash and Treasurer Peter Ashley and the rest of the committee for all their hard work fund-raising and applying for grants.

It has changed the village and became a model for the creation of the new Play Area in 2000 and then Shop and Café in 2010. Most other villages around here are very envious of our facilities. So huge thanks to David for filming this historic record and making it available to us.

Thursday 13 December:

Seavington Gardening Club Christmas Lunch at Monk's Yard

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 13th at Monk's Yard for a delicious lunch! If you still haven't booked your place please speak to Charo 01460 249690.

7.30pm 10 January 2013:

'Lift the Latch' Garden through the year.

We start the New Year with a photographic visit to this wonderful garden near Chard which we visited a few years ago on one of our summer evening trips when it tipped down! It will be fun to see it again, with owners Pauline and David Wright, in much better conditions and hopefully inspire us for the forthcoming gardening year!

Note: new email address: ry.coff13@gmail.com

Flooding Awareness

The County Council has joined a European project to find the best methods of communicating flood risk and preparedness techniques to the communities of Somerset. You are invited to assist by completing a questionnaire at:

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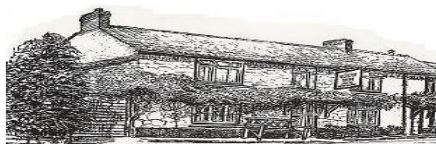
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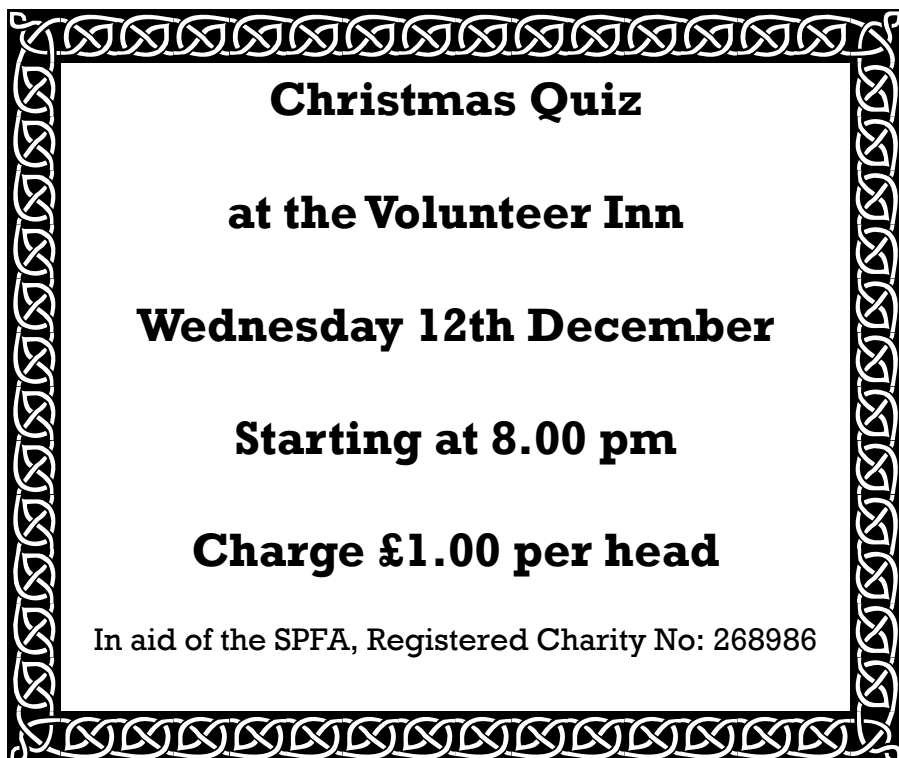
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Specials at The Volunteer.

Starting in Dec various meal deals will be available during the week days only. Main courses from £5.00.

Still going strong are our pie nights on Wed evening. To book a table call Ruth on 01460 240126

We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year from Ruth, Colin, Morgan, Lauren, and Gwen.

Don't forget...



There is a Family Carol Service at

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Saturday 29th December

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Please meet at the Millennium Hall at 10.30 am. If you don’t fancy the walk, join us for brunch! Dogs welcome.

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Seavington Millennium Hall

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The Christingle Service
On Sunday 23rd December at 4.00 pm
St Michael's Church



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After the service there are mince pies and mulled wine at The Beeches by kind invitation of D and Alastair Fyfe.

Mums—there will be a rehearsal in St Michael's Church on Saturday 22nd December at 3.00 pm.

For more information please call Manda (01460 240554), Carol (01460 240748) or Annie (01460 241762). There are answerphones so you can leave a message and we will call back.

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To the Editor:

I would just like to say a BIG Thank You to everyone who helped, and attended the 3 talks I organised to raise money to complete the partitioning between the shop and café. A consultation phase has now been started by the committee to finalise the proposal and hopefully work will start before too long. The total raised by the three events was £1137.23. Thank you for your support in this venture! There will be a formal presentation of the monies to the shop committee in due course.

Jo Mills

Lifeboat Coffee Morning

Mary Wyatt has informed us that the takings at the Coffee Morning in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) were £577.65p.

We offer our congratulations and thanks to Mary and Peter Wyatt for all their work in support of the RNLI.

The Seavingtons' Weather in October 2012

	<i>This year—2012</i>	<i>Previous year—2011</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	7.18°C	9.75°C
Average Maximum	13.97°C	16.82°C
Mean	10.58°C	12.99°C
Rainfall		
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