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June 2011





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The Seavingtons' News

From time to time I am tempted to turn the pages of old copies of The Seavingtons' News, both before and after I became editor.

I am surprised at how lean today's magazine is compared with those of just a very few years ago. There are fewer reports from clubs and societies; we have lost the Social Club, Football and Cricket Clubs. There are also far fewer contributions of articles from readers. Turn over the page to our Village Diary and you see that it is full of blank space.

I wonder if our lives have changed to be more boring over the last 5—10 years. Are we really hooked on television, do we not have outside interests or have the pressures of life turned us into creatures who no longer want to be part of a social community?

Having posed the question it is clear that we can be passionate about some things. You only have to turn to the correspondence on pages 24-27 to see that we have ideals of the sort of community we want but seem too tired to support.

Last time there was correspondence on this scale it was over the proposal to ban dog walkers from our playing field!

David Froome

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The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 10th June
until am Monday 13th June**

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for the July 2011 issue**

is the 15th June

Editorial content and diary entries to:

David Froome, Middlefield Barn, Church Lane, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster,
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Village Diary—June 2011

All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
For bookings call Janet Goode on 01460 240220
For other Millennium Hall matters call Peter Ashley on 01460 240353

29th May	11.15 am	Rogation Sunday Service at Castle Farm—see p 7
9th June	7.00 pm	Gardening Club visit to Yews Farm, Martock—see p 14
25th June	2.30 pm	Seavington Gardening Club 30th Birthday Party—see p 14

Regular Activities

Every Monday	6.30pm	Young People's Group—all ages
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 Café
Tuesday	9.30 am	In term time: Parents, babies & Toddlers Group
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

29th May	11.15 am Rogation Sunday at Castle Farm
5th June	11.15 am Holy Communion
12th June	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.15 am Family Communion for Pentecost
19th June	11.15 am Holy Communion
26th June	11.15 am Matins

On the second Sunday of most months there is a Family Service of about 45 minutes to which everyone is warmly welcomed, when our younger members are encouraged to participate.

St Michael's Church, in School Lane, is open during the day, for private prayer. Carol Talbot has made a lovely prayer board which is placed at the back of the church, please add your prayer requests to this, at any time.

Rev David Jasper's office telephone number is 01460 240377
Rev D Fyfe's telephone number is 01460 241977

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Contributions to both the Seavingtons' News and the web-site are welcomed. You may submit electronically or by handwritten or typed manuscript to the editor at the address on page 1. Please do not hesitate to telephone David Froome on 01460 249445 if you have any questions.

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The Festival of Flowers Celebrating Easter St Michael's Church, Seavington

Sheila Riley (01460 242778)

What a wonderful Easter we were able to celebrate in the Seavingtons. Wonderful weather and, more importantly, we were able to enjoy one another's company at the Flower Festival.

It was a great privilege for me to work with such a great team of volunteers. The marquee, tables and chairs with the bunting leading up to the Church was so welcoming, drawing us into the festival of Easter Joy in flowers.

The flowers were set off by the wonderful array of greenery. Thank you for letting the team raid your gardens. Without your help the festival would not have happened.

A very big thank-you to all the flower arrangers. We had visualised spring flowers but, with the warm weather, plans had to be revised. The resulting displays really portrayed the story of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I would like to thank the two young men Joseph, 4½, and Thomas, 2¾, who made the delightful Easter garden.

The cakes and biscuits were delicious and your generosity in providing such variety, catering for all tastes, was much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the team of helpers who manned the refreshment tent. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did..

Because of the excellent publicity over the preceding weeks people from outside our immediate area were encouraged to come and enjoy our church and to feel the warmth of the Seavington Community. Everyone I know was made to feel very welcome to join in the festival in the church.

Our thanks go to the Rector David Jasper and our Curate "D" Fyfe for all the help and encouragement they gave to the team. I know how much we appreciated their support.

Visitors were generous with donations to the church which were much appreciated; a total of £653.03 was raised.

Thank you again for everyone's hard work and support; I so appreciated being part of the team and hope that you all enjoyed it as much as I did. A real community effort.

What shall we do next?!!

The Seavingtons' News Grants

You will all know that The Seavingtons' News is delivered free each month to every home and business in the two villages. This is possible because we raise funds through the villages' waste paper collection and advertising which, at present, cover our production costs.

We need to keep a reasonable reserve of money to cover eventualities; to cover the cost of repairs or replacement of equipment and to tide us over if our main funding takes a dip for some reason.

Beyond production costs and the need to maintain the reserve we have, historically, made grants for various village activities. For example, last year we granted £250 for footpath maintenance which the County Council is no longer able to support.

Accordingly, we invite village organisations to apply for grants of up to £250 during 2011. To request a grant, organisations just need to set out on paper what they wish to spend the money on and how much they would like, up to a maximum of £250. The only restriction is that any grant must be spent on a capital item and not used to cover routine running costs etc.

Requests should be sent to: Heather Scott, Treasurer, The Seavingtons' News, Four Gables, Water Street, Seavington, Ilminster, TA19 0QH to arrive no later than 19th June 2011.

Walking around the villages on a Monday we often see waste paper set out for the Council's collection. If you save it instead for our monthly skip collection your waste paper and cardboard can contribute to our community's activities—the Seavingtons' News or our other organisations—well worth the effort!

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

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Our MP Visits the Seavingtons

Seavingtons' Keen Correspondent

On the 21st April, 2011, The Right Honourable David Laws, MP for Yeovil, was campaigning on behalf of local Liberal Democrat candidates Simon Bending and Jo Dawson for the forthcoming local by-elections on 5th May. Mr Laws stopped for a brief chat explaining:

“I am very lucky to be out in the Somerset countryside on this incredibly sunny day.”

He was also clearly very impressed by the new shop which he had not yet seen since it had been opened:

“I am delighted to see the new shop open. This is a huge achievement for a village of this size. People who have been involved should feel immensely proud of their achievements.”

Mr Laws noticeably had a close knowledge of the village and its developments over the past few years also recalling when the Millennium Hall had been opened.

(If you have some news but don't feel like writing it up yourself – contact us news@theseavingtons.org and we will write your article for you!)

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

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Alastair Fyfe (01460-241977)

The Avon & Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir gave a Concert in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, South Petherton on Saturday, 7th May. A large number of people filled the church to hear a varied and nostalgic programme of choral music, ranging from the classics to shows and pop music.

We were privileged to have the Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset Constabulary in the audience. As a result of this concert, the Trust made a magnificent profit of £900.

Royal Wedding Village Barn Dance & Ceilidh

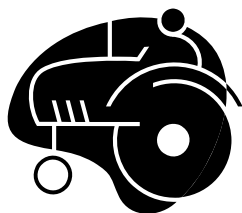
Peter Ashley (01460 240353)

The Royal Wedding had obviously set the mood for celebrating with what must be the largest number of villagers for quite a while enjoying the music, dancing and supper.

In fact the number attending was about the maximum allowing sufficient space for the very energetic dancing by the young and the not so young!

The music was by 'Jeroka' and their caller. Supper was sausages, jacket potatoes and baked beans with ample liquid refreshment provided by the 'Shop'.

Sincere thanks go to the behind the scenes band of workers cooking sausages and baked potatoes, kindly donated by Branstons, serving and manning the bar and lastly but very important those helping with the washing up and putting away the morning after. Thanks also to the Parish Council for their support and encouragement.



St Michael's Church Rogation Sunday Sunday 29th May 2011

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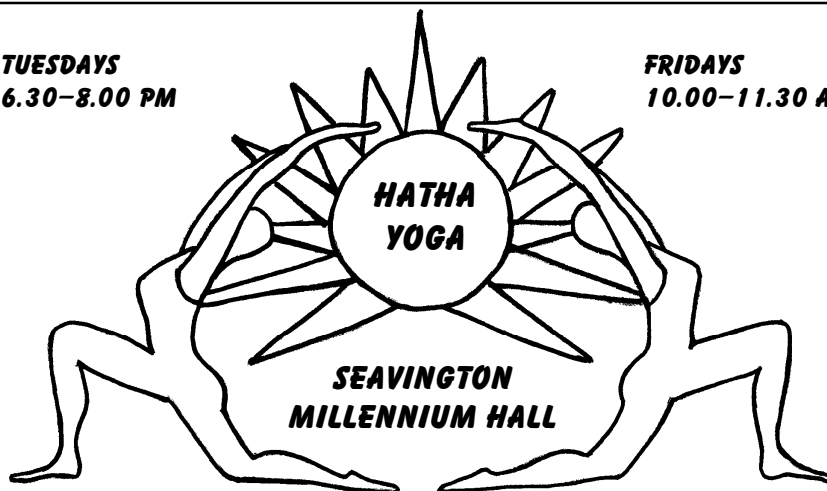
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Nuthatch

Sitta Europea (5½")

Annie (01460 241762)

Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on,
Soon will the musk carnations break and swell,
Soon shall we have gold-dusted snapdragons,
Sweet-Williams with its homely cottage-smells,
And stocks in fragrant blow.

Matthew Arnold (1822-88)

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 likes old deciduous trees and is often seen climbing up or down them in short jerky movements searching for insects and larvae, 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.

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-que”.

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Seavington Gardening Club

Secretary: Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

12th May - Visit to The Old Rectory, Netherbury

Gardening Club members enjoyed a superb visit on a sunny evening to the Old Rectory, Netherbury. Mr & Mrs Mehigan, Simon and Amanda, brought the property 17 years ago and a great number of fir trees had to be removed before the garden could be planned. Amanda designed the five acre garden with its yew hedge walks and parterres.

The bog garden is planted with primulas and irises, natural planting, geraniums, and comfrey everywhere with other lovely shrubs including magnolias and mock orange. The beech house was great fun, where members could view right down the garden. The greenhouse, built in the last year, is made of red brick and local oak and is a 1923 replica. The evening ended with a generous buffet at the Admiral Hood.

Forthcoming Events:

7:00pm 9th June – Visit to Yews Farm, Martock

www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/gardenfinder/garden.aspx?id=14635

The June 9th visit is to Yews Farm in Martock. This garden is described in the NGS book as ‘1 acre of theatrical planting in large walled garden. Outsized plants in jungle garden. Sculptural planting for height, shape and leaf texture. Self-seeded gravel garden, box and bay ball border, espalier apples, cloud pruning. Working organic kitchen garden. Hens, pigs and orchard.’ Entry is £4 and the buffet to follow has been arranged at our very own Volly at £8. *Names and money to Ry please by 1st June.*

2:30pm 25th June – Seavington Gardening Club’s 30th Birthday Party Celebration at Seavington Millennium Hall

Our 30th Anniversary Tea Party celebrations on 25th June are now finalised with the invitations sent and the cakes and sandwiches ordered! We are planning fun gardening-related activities for the afternoon with a little Seavington History thrown in!! **IF YOU RECEIVED AN INVITATION - PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPLY TO RY BY 1ST JUNE!!**

7:00pm 14th July – Visit to The Bishop’s Palace, Wells

www.bishopspalacewells.co.uk

The last visit of the summer is a fascinating visit to the magnificent 14 acres of the Bishop’s Palace Gardens at Wells. The inclusive cost of this

visit with buffet at the Bishops Palace is £12.95. The Final deadline for this visit is 25th June as numbers have to be submitted BY POST 2 weeks before visit. *Names and money to Ry please for this visit by 25th June.*

25th September – Coach Visit to RHS Malvern Autumn Show

www.threecounties.co.uk/malvernautumn

Seavington Gardening Club is putting on a trip to RHS Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 25th September.

We are going on the last day of the show as we have been advised that this is the best day to go as they sell off all the plants! As there are 53 places on the coach to fill (half are currently spoken for), we have opened the trip to other local gardening clubs. There are still places available, so please contact Ry if you would like to come along. The cost will be £12 entrance and £10 for the coach per person. If there are any other non-Gardening Club Seavington people who would like to come, please contact Ry.

For future meeting dates please see the Seavington village website:
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The Grouped Parish Council of Seavington

Secretary: Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Following the hustings on May 5th, the new Parish Council met on Tuesday 17th May. The Council agreed the responsibilities of individual members thus:

Name	Office	Contact number	Responsibilities/Liaison	Parish
Simon Madge	Chair	242437	Lengthsman	St Mary
Peter Ashley	Vice Chair	240353	Highways	St Michael
Pauline Parsons	Clerk	240193	Responsible Financial Officer	St Michael
Sally Cooper		241549		St Michael
Elaine Edwards		241601	SPFA	St Mary
Brenda Lake		249304	Highways Community Shop	St Mary
Ruth Turner		240126		St Mary

Any Planning decisions needed will be dealt with by all Councillors.

During the year the Parish Council intend to re-visit the Parish Plan so any comments/views on this would be most welcome. Parishioners with other responsibilities linked to the Parish Council are:-

Andrew Gillard
Ry Coffman and Alan Graham
David Froome

Parish Paths Liaison Officer
Tree Wardens
Seavington News

At present we do not have a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator to work with the Police and the team of residents already in place. If anyone is interested please let us know.

Also, for the financial year ending 31st March 2012 we need an internal auditor. If you are interested in doing this please contact Pauline Parsons to find out what is entailed. The job is not onerous but does not offer any remuneration.

Overhanging Vegetation etc

At this time of year the Parish Council feel it pertinent to remind residents that they are liable for any damage, injury etc caused by vegetation or obstacles that are overhanging/on the highway or pavements.

Please can we all look at any areas of our properties that are close to the highway and cut back/move any offending materials. If anyone has problems in doing this please contact a Parish Councillor who may be able to arrange for the work to be done – but a charge will be made.

Seavington Parish Councillors

Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School

Heather Copeland (0776 543 7301)

The second half of the summer term is already upon us and the school visits have been going well. We have been busy planting at Cowleaze Meadow but we have the feeling that some little four legged friends are having a feast on our new plants and as fast as we plant them, they are being eaten!!! We will have to find something that rabbits don't like to eat! Our Summer Fun Day is on Saturday 18th June at the village hall from 2pm onwards. Children's races start off the afternoon followed by the usual stalls and refreshments. Please come along and support this event.

Bags2School collection is happening again in June with a collection on the 24th, so if you have any clothing, bags, belts or bedding you don't want, we can collect it and receive money towards our pre-school funds. Bags will be available in the village stores or place items in a black plastic bag and bring to the village hall during pre-school hours.

We had our very own Royal Wedding celebrations in the week prior to the main event and Fr. Geoff conducted a mini wedding service, all the guests and bride and groom looked fantastic.

From our PCSO

Rachel Napper (0845 456 7000)

Don't get caught out by burglars in the unseasonably warm weather. Here are some Top Tips to keep your home safe in summer:

- ◇ Always secure windows and doors – even in warmer weather and especially at night
- ◇ Keep small high-value items like your car keys, mobile phone, wallet, handbag and jewellery out of sight, and ensure they can not be seen through cat flaps and letter boxes
- ◇ Set light switch timers for when you are out or away on holiday
- ◇ Take an interest in the security at the homes of vulnerable family members and look out for your neighbours.
- ◇ Report any suspicious behaviour immediately through a 999 call. It is common for an offender to check out a number of properties for entry points before finding a vulnerable home.
- ◇ Keep photos of your jewellery, take a note of serial numbers and mark your property with a forensic code liquid, like SmartWater. For further information please visit www.smartwater.com
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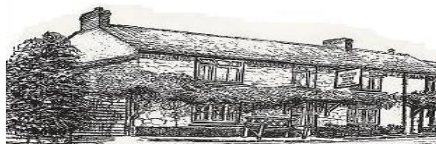
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Dear Sir,

I must applaud Mr Norman Smith for bringing up the subject of village communities. Something we should talk about because all community activity is important to the well being of a village.

We are very lucky to have so many different activities in what is a small area. There is the Seavington Playing Field Association and Millennium Hall. Great facilities for sporting and many other activities.

There is St Michael's Church and the Allotment. There is also the Village Shop and, of course, the Pub.

Mr Smith indicates that individual community activities should complement each other and not seek to compete. This is absolutely right and in an ideal world it would happen. However it is not an ideal world and gentle competition is good for everyone.

In any business you have to go out and seek support and interest, otherwise that business will fail. I accept that community run ventures rely on the unpaid help of volunteers and that if you have a business that does not have free labour then you are starting at a disadvantage.

I suppose this debate is really about the Shop and the Village Pub. The Millennium Hall has been around for a while and has established a niche for itself and a working business model.

I am not on the committee of the shop but I do know that every endeavour has been made to avoid open competition with the Pub. The Shop Cafe could have had an Alcohol License but this was vetoed by the committee as it would have appeared to offer direct competition with the Pub.

I would like to comment on the Pub. I like the Volly, I like any Pub that sells good beer! I would go there more often if it had more user friendly hours. As it is I enjoy an early drink, particularly in the summer, so I am forced to go to either Hinton or Dinnington. These two Public Houses move with the times and arrange their opening hours to catch customers

and it is not surprising that, there, I meet like minded Seavington Villagers.

So everyone has to look at their business model. What do they want to achieve? How can they attract and keep customers? How strong is their will to succeed?

The debate will no doubt rumble on but we need to keep our eye on the main point. We need to keep the facilities we have. The Pub and the Shop. Vital life blood in any Village.

Jim Lawton

Dear Sir,

Following on from the letter in the Seavingtons' News re: the village public house and community activities, your unnamed correspondent echoed my thoughts entirely.

Whilst I believe that the village shop is a fine example of good practice, and of what can be achieved by a community pulling together, I do not feel that the cafe is operating in the same category. It is one thing to fill a much needed gap with a shop manned by volunteers, and another to run a cafe which appears to operate in direct competition with an existing business that, apart from being at the centre of the community, is someone's livelihood. At best, this is thoughtless, at worst, destructive, although doubtless this has happened quite unwittingly. It should be perfectly possible for those operating on a voluntary basis to have some consideration and look at areas where they appear to be in direct competition with the public house, and to remedy this immediately, thus working so that the two establishments are operating in a complementary and harmonious fashion.

Yours faithfully,
Georgina Connor (Mrs)

Dear Sir,

I certainly agree that villagers should support their local public house. Having owned a busy freehold for 10 years prior to retirement I am very familiar with the difficulties involved, especially having "weathered" the 1992 recession.

I am sure that it is not made easier by trying to run the "pub" with a young family and a husband away at work during the week.

However, there are a few things I have always found helpful. Opening times should suit the customer base. Friendly owners, efficient and trained staff, with, above all, a welcoming smile, will enhance any business.

Lorrie Ensor

Sir,

I note with puzzlement but not surprise the correspondence in the 'Seavington News' concerning community spirit and the local public house. I have a few simple suggestions for increasing the beer trade there.

Firstly, open for the evening at 5 pm; the elderly ladies and gentlemen of the village tend to keep early hours, and do not want to wait until 6:30 for their just rewards after a hard day's gardening.

Secondly, but by no means least, adopt a friendly and efficient service for the patrons, and above all SMILE and say hello.

Nearby establishments could be visited and studied to great advantage. May I suggest the Docks (Rose & Crown) and the Poulett in Hinton St. George where they will also find many Seavington residents?

Let's have a village pub we can all be proud of!

John Schofield

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the letter in last months Seavingtons' News concerning amenities within the village.

Personally I am pleased that the Seavingtons have a church, pub, hall and Community Store with café. This is a beautiful part of the world to live in and the local facilities here, only serve to enhance our quality of life, making this a more desirable place to live in, and which in turn may have a knock on effect on property values.

During the hours I have spent serving in the café as a volunteer I realise

that a number of non residents use our community store on a regular basis and frequently comment on how lucky we are to live in such a friendly well kept village.

I have also noticed a number of local residents who during the weekday especially, come into the store/cafe looking to meet up with a friend or find a friendly face to talk to. Many of the other café users are young mothers or grandparents with young children visiting the Jubilee Playground. The café being open all day provides an opportunity for this social activity to happen naturally.

As for the debate about pub versus café and whether we need both, of course we do. In an average week the café and pub are only open for a short period of time together. The café is by definition only that, serving light refreshments not alcohol or full meals.

The pub in turn needs our custom as we have all watched the number of pubs dwindle across the county and indeed across the country as a whole. The ability of being able to walk to a local pub and enjoy a drink or two is important to many.

There is a need for us to support all the facilities we have and those involved in running them, when and where we are able, otherwise we may be in real danger of losing any or all of them.

Brenda Lake

Editor's Note: The letter from the mysterious and elusive Mr Smith has certainly sparked interest and controversy! To reflect the balance of people's views we have printed all the letters received which were attributable and have ignored letters which were anonymous or whose writers were not prepared to be identified. We now consider this correspondence closed.

We hope that, following this public debate, everyone can revert to rational thinking and recognise, as most level-headed people in the villages can see, that ALL village facilities should be supported. Creating an antagonistic scenario will be mutually damaging to both the Pub, Shop & Cafe and the community's long term interests.

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Can I through The Seavington News express our thanks and appreciation to all who have made our move into the village such a pleasant event the friendliness shown is really appreciated?

On a slightly different note please ask the indulgence of some kind animal lover to look in your property to see if it would be possible to park my caravan, the corner of a yard or field would be great. This van is used solely to attend animal charity fund raising events for The RRWT www.rhodesianridgebackwelfaretrust.com

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Trevor and June Smith
6 Rowdells Orchard

Editor's note: Please see pp24—27 for further Village Voice letters

The Seavingtons' Weather in April 2011

	<i>This year—2011</i>	<i>Previous year—2010</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	5.77°C	3.67°C
Average Maximum	18.21°C	14.95°C
Average Mean	11.99°C	9.31°C
Rainfall		
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