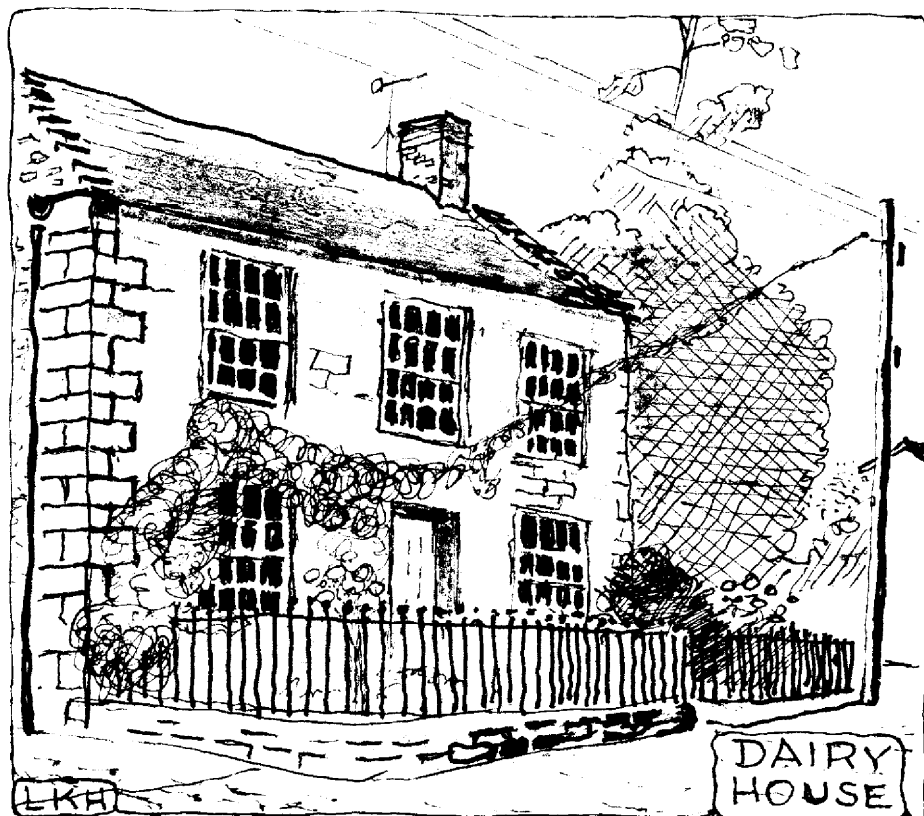


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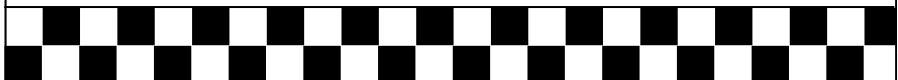
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The Seavingtons' News

On page 18 of this issue you will find the notice of the Seavington Playing Field Association's (SPFA) Annual General Meeting together with a plea for more proactive support from within our community.

A, possibly apocryphal, story I heard when I served on the SPFA committee concerned the only time the Millennium Hall was packed for the AGM; the committee had been so concerned about the health hazards from dog walking that it proposed banning dogs from the playing field.

Judging from the correspondence in this and the previous issue of the Seavingtons' News it appears that we could be heading towards another packed meeting although the power to ban dog walkers has also been given to the District Council who might not heed the local doggy lobby.

The problem is not confined to the playing field or our farms but extends to the pavements as well. Walking our grandchildren through the village is necessarily interrupted by parental cries of "watch where you put your feet".

If the children left their faeces on the pavement or playing field there would be a justifiable outcry by dog lovers and others. Why can't the same sense of decency and hygiene apply to dog owners as well as humans?

Come on Seavington, let's be reasonable about this!

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 8th June
until am Monday 11th June**

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

is the 15th June

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David Froome, Middlefield Barn, Church Lane, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster,
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Village Diary—June 2012

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

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| 1—6 June | Caravan Club Concert Band Rally on Playing Field—
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| 2— 4 June | HM The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in the villages
see centre pullout programme |
| 4—16 June | National Gardens Week at South Meade, Meade Lane,
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| 14 June | 7.00 pm Gardening Club visit to Frankham Farm -
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| 28 June | 7.30 pm "The Bee Keeper and the Bee" illustrated
talk by Kate Lynch—p5 |
| 5 July | 7.30 pm Seavington Playing Field Association Annual
General Meeting—p18 |

Regular Activities

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 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 Village Café |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am | Toddlers group (temporarily suspended) |
| 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

3rd June 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

There is no 11.15 am service on June 3rd

10th June 8.00 am Holy communion (BCP)

10th June 11.15 am Family Service

17th June 11.15 am Holy Communion

24th June 11.15 am Matins

Rev D Fyfe telephone: 01460 241977

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A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

No matter how grim the weather was a farming uncle of mine, a devout Christian, always reconciled the situation with the following. "There will always be a seed time and a harvest"

Today the media seem to be able to make a crisis of anything. Just a few weeks ago we had the spectacle of a young lady from the BBC standing in the river by a bridge in Dorset telling us of a crises for the wild life because the water levels were so low.

This was followed a week or so later with the same lady standing on the edge of the river bank with the water level almost to the top of arches of the bridge.

It was around February time that my son John casually remarked just how much winter fodder was still in stock, with the larger of our two silage bunkers still half full. This flashed a warning, having worked on the land for sixty years one thing stood out. If we had conserved a lot of winter fodder and enjoyed a good harvest the likelihood was we would need most of it to see us through the winter. On the other hand if we went into the winter with low stocks we normally enjoyed an early spring.

This past winter was rather exceptional; here in the southwest it tended to be mild with below average rainfall.

March had everyone fooled with some very high temperatures, yet the crops seemed reluctant to show much sign of growth, but it proved an ideal month for farmers who wanted to work on the land in preparation for spring sown crops.

By the middle of the month dairy herds were able to come out of their winter quarters and enjoy some warm sun on their backs. Unfortunately this was to prove very short lived, come April it was not long before the cows were looking to get back to those winter quarters, in convoy with their heads tipped down against the cold wind and driving rain as they plodded through muddy gateways back to the farmyards seeking shelter and food in the feeders.

By the time you read these comments I hope spring has truly arrived, and our cattle will be comfortable out in the fields by day and night.

The Bee-keeper & the Bee

An illustrated talk by Somerset Artist Kate Lynch
Seavington Millennium Hall, Thursday June 28th 7.30 pm
(doors open 7.00 pm)

Kate will speak about her latest rural art project, the paintings, drawings and first-hand accounts of the bee-keepers' year collected during the project, culminating in an exhibition at the Rural Life Museum and a book containing 40 paintings and drawings.

Relax afterwards with a free drink and talk to Kate, who will be available to sign books bought on the night. This is a fabulous chance to talk to the artist. The exhibition of the work is at the Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury and opens on June 16th.

Tickets £7.50 (U16s £5) available from June 4th at Seavington Village Store; N & D News, South Petherton; or from Jo Mills (01460) 241886

Calling All Seavington Businesses

Get your business listed on the village website

Despite the relatively small size of our two villages we believe there is a surprising amount of enterprising commercial activity going on in our community. We'd like to publicise that fact by adding a 'local businesses' page to the village website.

So if you have a business that is based in Seavington St Mary or Seavington St Michael and would like to promote it on the website please pop along to www.theseavingtons.org/village-businesses where you will find a simple form to submit your details.

It doesn't matter whether it's a small home-based one-person business or a multi-million pound operation. We'd like to know!

We shall be publishing the initial list, including a link to your website if you have one, shortly.

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

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Alastair Fyfe (01460 241977)

Following the success of the General Knowledge Quiz in March, the Trustees and Committee members have been allocating funds for certain repairs to the Church.

Those of you who have contributed to the Trust may like to know what their money has been spent on during recent months.

Repairs and refurbishment have resulted in the installation of new railings by Mark Isaacs, the repair and trimming of the large yew tree by Andrew Hutchings, some extensive work in the churchyard by Phil Gordon-Smith and the repair of the vestry window. In addition, a number of kind people have done work for us, either anonymously or without requesting any charge. This has included the production of a new notice board, a new church key and the laying of the hedge between the church and School Lane.

The Trust has agreed to pay for the repair of the window on the south side of the church which contains two small pieces of mediaeval glass. These pieces of glass are important and have considerable historic value. The work will be done by expert glaziers.

The Trustees will be meeting in June to discuss a major fundraising event in the Autumn. So, watch this space!

Congratulations are in order...

Steve & Georgie Ash are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their new family additions!

Two brothers and a sister for Ellie & Ruby! Born on Wednesday 25th April - Rhona 5lb 3oz, Frankie 4lb 3oz and Ethan 4lb 12oz. All are doing extremely well and should be home soon.

Very many thanks to everyone for all their kind messages, cards and gifts.

Steve & Georgie.



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Dominic Riley studied Art History at the University of Leeds, and Bookbinding at the London College of Printing. He has lectured to colleges, art centres and antiquarian book fairs in both the UK and USA. Dominic has also curated bookbinding exhibitions in San Francisco, where he lived for ten years, and writes for many specialist journals, including *The Ampersand*, *The Bookbinder* and *The New Bookbinder*. He lives in the Lake District, and says "If you have a passion, you must pass it on".

Visitors are welcome . Admission £3 (first two visits only). For more information see www.nerochedfas.org.uk

Caravan Club Concert Band

The Caravan Club Concert Band will be in Seavington for the Jubilee weekend. There will be caravans on the playing field, away from the site of the Jubilee Fete etc and the band will be playing as part of the celebratory events.

Thus, you should not be surprised to see extra traffic on our roads, the sight of parked caravans on the playing field and lots of new, friendly, faces temporarily in our community.

Let's make them welcome!

Seavington Gardening Club

Secretary: Ry Coffman (01460 240004; ry.coffman@virgin.net)

We had a very good discount shopping evening at Brimsmore Garden Centre jointly with Over Stratton Gardening Club with an interesting introduction to their new plant arrivals by one of their staff.

Visit on 10th May to Whitelackington Manor Gardens

After 2 days of fairly constant rain, miraculously by 6.00pm it had stopped and we were welcomed to Whitelackington Manor by Lord and Lady Cameron.

The Camerons have lived at Whitelackington Manor for 30 years and before we went to look around the gardens, Lord Cameron gave us a potted history of his family with relation to the Dillington and Whitelackington houses and estates.

When they moved into the Manor it had been a farm house for many years occupied by the Madge family who were farming the land, with no garden to speak of.

Over the next 30 years the Camerons have worked to transform the old farm yards and buildings to create a beautiful house with a big garden which looks as if it has been there for ever!

They planted some interesting trees initially which are now a framework for the garden, and created several ponds, one with a beautiful fountain of two dogs playing.

The Camerons walked round with us describing how they had tried to create a traditional garden for a Somerset country house using elements from the gardens at Dillington – particularly the ladies promenade walk and arboretum.

We were also able to view at a distance, in a field behind the house, the remains of the Sweet Chestnut where James Scott, the Duke of Monmouth gathered his 2,000 followers in 1685 on their way to Taunton before the Battle of Sedgemoor.

May is an awkward time in the garden after the bulbs and before the herbaceous borders come into flower, but even so it is a spectacular garden, which is hidden away and very private.



SEAVINGTON

St Mary and St Michael

Celebrates

Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee 1952 – 2012

Programme of Events for the weekend of
2nd June to 4th June 2012

*St Michael's Church will be decorated for the
weekend so please go and visit*

Saturday 2nd June

Fete Day

On the Playing Field Official opening at 2.00pm

Craft/Cookery Marquee – [entries to be in place by 10.30am]

◇ Classic Cars

◇ Cake Stall

◇ Toy Stall

◇ Plant/Produce Stall

◇ Cream Teas

(Served in Millennium Hall)

◇ Decorate the Cake/Biscuits

◇ Drinking Straws Draw

◇ 'Where in Seavington?' photo comp

◇ Skittles

◇ Tombola

◇ Book Stall

◇ Bric-a-Brac

◇ Beer Tent

◇ Face Painting

◇ Pea in the bottle

◇ Find the coin

◇ Pillory

The Caravan Club Concert Band will perform during the afternoon

Grand Draw tickets on sale – Draw to take place at 4.30pm followed by prize giving for the various competitions.

'School Sports Day races' – Races to start at 3.00pm and various heats will take place [depending on number of teams that enter.] Teams of 5 – business, family or organisations can enter

Evening Entertainment at the Volunteer Inn

Commencing at 5.30pm

BBQ with Special Jubilee Ales brewed on Premises

Sunday 3rd June

Box Cart Race

All carts to be in position at start—Court Farm by 11.30am

Race course – Down Upton Lane from Court Farm – stopping at junction with New Road – walk/push cart across road and then down Water Street finishing at Ile Bridge.

Entertainment – by Wyvern Jubilee Morris Men—formed in 1977 for the Silver Jubilee Street Parties—from 11.00am on various parts of the course.

Shared Community Luncheon

On the Millennium Hall Car Park

The Caravan Club Concert Band will perform during the event

This is an opportunity to join in something that HM the Queen has stated she would like to see happen in all communities.

A Pimms Bar will be open which will also serve soft drinks. You will be able to buy these at reasonable cost. Please bring food to share and maybe your own drink.

Drinks will be served from 12.30pm but the luncheon will start at 1.30pm, thus allowing sufficient time for those taking part in the Box Cart Race to participate.

During the afternoon you can walk around the village and judge the scarecrows.

Prizes will be awarded *in the Millennium Hall* at 4.30pm when tea and cake will be available at a nominal cost.

Monday 4th June

Quiz Evening & Ploughman's Supper

In the marquee on the Playing Field

Starting at 7.00pm

Licensed Bar

Followed by the lighting of Seavington's own beacon at the top of Easterdown at approximately 9.30pm.

Tickets available at The Volunteer, or The Community Shop, or on Fete Day or at the Community Lunch.

£5.00 – adults

£2.50 – children up to 12

The rules for the Box Kart race were published on pages 6 & 7 of the March 2012 issue of the Seavingtons' News and entry forms for all competitions were published in the May 2012 issue. Reprints of these are available in The Village Store.

Any queries about this programme of events may be addressed to Ruth Turner (01460 240126) or Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

All monies raised over the weekend will be divided between:

***The Children's Hospice (South West),
Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance,
and a Village project.***



Whitelackington Manor is not normally open to the public so members felt very privileged to have been allowed access by Lord and Lady Cameron.

Jubilee Weekend: The Gardening Club will be running a plant stall at our Jubilee celebrations on the Saturday.

Visit: 7.00pm 14 June to Frankham Farm at Ryme Intrinseca in Dorset. Visit will cost £4 with a buffet to follow. Frankham Farm will be open to the public for the last time this year and from the NGS website it looks a lovely garden. After visiting the gardens we will be having a buffet at the White Hart in Yetminster about 2 miles down the road which will be £7 per head. Money to Ry please by 7th June.

Coach trip to RHS Wisley: The Club will be running a coach trip to the RHS Wisley Flower Show on Sunday 9th September which we will open up to other local clubs. The trip is on the Sunday to take advantage of the plant sell-off at 4.30pm. The cost will be £21.50 per person to include coach trip and entrance. Please contact Ry with names if you wish to go; money will be collected nearer the time.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The final meeting of the Jubilee Planning Committee will take place on Thursday 31st May - 7.30pm in The Millennium Hall. All are welcome.

Collectors will soon be out and about the villages for donations for - The Tombola, Book and Toy Stalls, White Elephant stall and also promises of cakes. They will also be selling Grand Draw tickets - £1 a ticket but the First Prize is £100, 2nd £50 and many other prizes.

Please don't forget to get the entry forms in for the various competitions and, if possible, to have your scarecrow in place by Sunday 27th May.

However, late entries for all competitions will be accepted.

Please join in the 'festivities' to make it an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

Make a Note in your Diary

South Meade, Meade Lane, Seavington St Mary, TA19 0QL

Robin & Charo Ritchie are opening their garden for Charity under the umbrella of the NGS, (National Garden Scheme)

As I write this I still have quite a few things to do out in the garden and I hope the weather is nice and dry during the day and wet through the night ... I did say I hope.

Many of you have come in the past but the last two years we had a project revamping our koi pond which took time out from the NGS. We, or should I say I, decided to alter the English Garden area as well.

We are opening from the 4th of June to the 16th of June, but closed on Sunday 10th as I need to see and support other NGS gardens too. Time of opening 11am to 5pm. Entry is £3.00 with children free.

Delicious cakes and light bites at our village café and shop to end or start the garden visit!

Our garden has differing areas - the Japanese corner with beautiful Nishikoi, the Mediterranean area, and other mixed borders of shrubs, herbaceous, roses and over 100 Clematis dotted around the garden for all the seasons.

2012 certainly is "bring the party on" not only do we have the Olympics and the para-Olympics, our Queen's Jubilee celebration, the Queen's 86th birthday, to this list I must add The NGS 85th Anniversary having been founded in 1927, it is a registered charity created to raise money to donate to other charities.

Here are the names of our beneficiaries :

Macmillan Cancer Support, *Help the Hospice*, Perennial, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Cross Roads Care, National Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute, and our guest charity for this year is Alzheimer Society.

To mark this special Anniversary 120 of those original founders (609) are opening again!

You could go to their web www.ngs.org.uk and find out where they are. With this note we wish you happy gardening and look forward to seeing you.

Over the Counter:

News from The Seavingtons Community Shop & Café

Compiled by Laura Gowers and various volunteers!

Did you manage to join us for the couple of tasting days that we had recently?

The Moores biscuits went down a storm and the sauces and Sausage Shed sausages were very popular too. We are now stocking Sausage Shed sausages – my favourite is pork, stilton and cider, although you could try pork and marmalade (yes really – just try them!) and the pork sausages are gold award winners.

We are now turning our thought towards the jubilee weekend – it should be a fabulous weekend of festivities and we look forward to lots of fun and good weather. You never know, there may be a committee member or 2 in the stocks!!

The shop/café is about to embark on some fundraising to enable us to fill in the gaps between the café and shop and hopefully cut some of the noise out from the chillers.

To this end, we have some exciting talks planned; look out for the posters and adverts. For the first, Kate Lynch will give an illustrated talk about her new project, paintings and book 'The Beekeeper and the Bee' all about bees and Somerset bee-keepers. This will take place on Thursday June 28th. I hope you can join us.

We will have Bank Holiday opening times during the jubilee weekend – times will be on the doors.

Have a great bank holiday!

Jubilee Weekend Waste Collection

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Please note that the Seavington waste collections over the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend will be made on Monday 4th June as usual and not delayed until the Tuesday.

Seavington Playing Field Association

Annual General Meeting

(for the year ending 31st March 2012)

Thursday 5th July 2012

At 7.30 pm in The Millennium Hall

The SPFA desperately need more Members on the Committee so would anyone prepared to join the Committee please submit their names to:

Mr P Ashley, Chairman,
Caravelle, Upton Lane, Seavington, TA19 0PZ
By Wednesday 13th June 2012

Also, would Village Organisations please submit the name of their nominated representative to serve on the SPFA Committee for the next year to Mr Ashley, as above.

Crafty Credits

Phil Gordon-Smith (01460 242277)

As the May edition of the News was off to be published, the Craft Fayre ended. The month long, Fayre of local craft, arts and talent was once again a great success and added vital funds for external embellishments to the shop. Yet again a big thank you to all the shop volunteers, who enabled the money to be collected and recorded, and thanks of course to the artists themselves. Whilst there were repeats from the Christmas Fayre, there were many new crafts on display, all of which had Royal viewing, and gave lots of interest to visiting shop/cafe customers.

The next Fayre will be held later in the year, so there is plenty of time to build up stock, think of new ideas etc, and create some masterpieces.

Finally thanks to Jill and Sarah, who watched over the event and kept a count of the proceeds.



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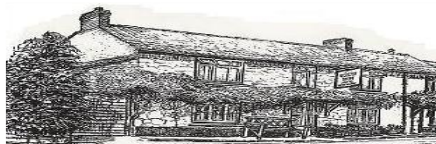
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Spring Song

Annie (01460 241762)

Thou hearest the Nightingale begin the Song of Spring:
The Lark sitting upon his earth bed, just as the morn
Appears, listens silent: then springing from the waving cornfield loud

He leads the Choir of Day; Trill, Trill, Trill, Trill:
Mounting upon wings of light into the green expanse:
Re-echoing against the lovely blue and shining heavenly shell:
His little throat labours with inspiration; every feather
On throat and wings vibrates with the effluence Divine.
All Nature listens silent to him, and the awful sun
Stands still upon the mountain looking on this little bird
With eyes of soft humility, and wonder, love and awe.
Then loud from their green covert all the birds begin their song,
The Thrush, the Linnet, and the Goldfinch, Robin and the Wren
Awake the Sun from his sweet reverie upon the Mountain:
The Nightingale again assays his song, and through the day
And through the night warbles luxuriant: every Bird of Song
Attending his loud harmony with admiration and love.

William Blake, 1757-1827

Nightingale—Luscinia megarhynchos 6½”

The Nightingale is a summer visitor from the African Continent from mid-April until early September.

It is widely known for its song rather than its brown appearance. It is usually found skulking amongst dense undergrowth in deciduous woodland. Its nest will be found close to or on the ground amongst vegetation. It raises a single brood.

It may be heard on a warm spring night and sometimes during the day with a soft call which is “wheet” and softer “tucc-tucc” or a hard call “tacc-tacc” and its alarm call is a harsh “iterr”. Its song may be heard from mid-April until early June—a wide range of melodious sounds, loud and clear, often commencing with a bubbling “chooc-chooc-chooc-chooc” followed by a rising, flutey, “pioo-pioo-pioo-pioo” which is repeated slowly ending in a lovely crescendo.

The last known record of a Nightingale singing in Seavington was 8th May 1974. Villagers flocked to see it and listen to its sweet song.

The Labrador Rescue Trust

Phil Gordon-Smith (01460 242277)

The Trust's coffee morning, held at the start of Labrador awareness week, raised a magnificent sum of £250 on the day, and with extra funds coming in the week after, it pushed the total to £263. The stall selling merchandise raised a further £41, and that also had funds added during the week after, thus pushing the total over the £300 mark. On top of this, and possibly more importantly, the morning had enquired for a possible three new homes for a Labrador.

Thanks has to go to Thandi and Jill B who did sterling work in the kitchen supplying the hot drinks and getting the washing up done, plus all those who provided cakes. However, a really huge thank you to everybody who contributed to the cause. And one final thank you has to go to D. J. Miles and Co for sponsoring the hot drinks available.



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Dear Editor,

I fully endorse the points made by Andrew Gillard in his letter, published in the May issue of the Seavington News.

Why, assuming they have it in the first place, do some dog owners lose any sense of responsibility when exercising their animals?

Notices have now had to be displayed at each end of the footpath at West Street Farm due to some dog owners failing miserably to control or clean-up after their dogs, showing a total lack of consideration for other users or for their surroundings. The grass grown on the adjacent land here is used for animal feed and any contamination, however minor, causes acute harm to livestock. Dog fouling is harmful, unsightly and is totally unnecessary.

It also seems beyond the comprehension of some that to deviate from actual footpaths without permission is to trespass, a practice which again is witnessed here far too frequently.

The message is simple- dogs are the responsibility of their owners, some of whom are clearly without common sense or any thought or consideration for others - animal or human.

Brian Murray
West Street Farm

Dear Editor

Over the past many years I have found it necessary to remind people to clear up after their dogs especially on the Playing Field.

Obviously it is still a problem having read Andrew Gillard's letter not only on the Playing Field but on the surrounding fields, verges and lanes.

As I have previously said it is an offence to allow dogs to foul in any public place and it could well be the District Council that bans dogs from the Playing Field, rather than the SPFA, if dog walkers do not pay more attention to what's going on with their pets.

I appreciate those who tie up their dogs outside the play areas, rather than take them in, but ask that they note and clear up what's been going on whilst they are playing with your children.

Disease from dog excrement is a serious matter and can be avoided with a little more care so please lets all take that little extra care.

With thanks,
Peter J Ashley
Chairman, SPFA

Temporary Golf Rules—1940

The British are known for their stiff upper lips and phlegm. This is well illustrated by the following temporary rules issued by a vulnerable golf club during World War II.

1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonable, but not guaranteed safe distance.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A Player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Caravan Club Concert Band at Seavington again!

Chris and Sally Gough (01460 240897)

Following the unexpected cancellation, (just a couple of days ago), of the Caravan Club National Rally due to be held at Eastnor Castle, Ledbury over the Jubilee weekend, Chris and Sally Gough approached the SPFA and Jubilee Committee to ask if the Band could be accommodated on the Playing Fields again and contribute to the village Jubilee celebrations.

The request was accepted without hesitation and so we are pleased to announce that the Caravan Club Concert Band (CCCB) will be coming back to Seavington a little sooner than we expected.

Full details of the CCCB contributions for the weekend will be published after consultation with the Jubilee Committee and we expect to have a band of around 30 - 35 players coming from all over the UK.

Up to 35 caravans and motorhomes are now due to attend. They will be arriving from Friday afternoon 1st June and departing on Wednesday morning 6th June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Seavingtons' Weather in April 2012

	<i>This year—2012</i>	<i>Previous year—2011</i>
<i>Temperature</i>		
Average Minimum	2.68°C	5.77°C
Average Maximum	12.65°C	18.21°C
Mean	7.67°C	11.99°C
<i>Rainfall</i>		
Monthly Total	150.5mm (6.02")	4.8mm (0.18")
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