

THE SEAVINGTONS' NEWS

March 2012



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The Seavingtons' News

As you will have seen from this month's cover, our village is to be honoured with a visit from HRH The Countess of Wessex. In the short time available, the Countess will only visit our community shop and café but cannot fail to be impressed by the scale of our community's vibrancy as she sees the Millennium Hall and the Jubilee Playground, all established by local voluntary effort..

In this issue of The Seavingtons' News you will find much more information concerning the celebrations arranged to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. The organising committee, which meets again in The Volunteer on March 5th (see page 7), seems to be putting in place something for everyone.

The Box Kart race should have all the youngsters and DIY dads hard at work for the next couple of months whilst the marquee will offer opportunities for everyone to demonstrate their personal skills including the culinary capabilities of the same DIY dads. The scarecrow competition offers a lot of scope for caricature and humour, some of us will have to take more care over our gardening dress or we might, unknowingly, win a prize!

With spring just around the corner and Easter in prospect lets hope that we have seen the end of Jack Frost and can begin to contemplate those outside jobs that we have procrastinated over since October.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

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

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is the 15th March

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Village Diary—March 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

5th March	2.30 pm	NADFAS talk on the Treasures and Curiosities of the Royal Library at Windsor Castle—p 21
8th March	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk with slides “Roses Old and New” by Dinah Linton—p 4
10th March	7.30 pm	St Michael’s Church Trust Quiz Night—pp 5 & 27
15th March	7.30 pm	RSPB talk “Cuba—a flicker of interest” - p 27
20th March	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting—p 7
21st March	tba	HRH The Countess of Wessex visits Seavington Village Store & Café—p 5
30th March	7.15 pm	SPFA Easter Bingo—p 28

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 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

4th March	11.15 am Holy Communion
11th March	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11th March	11.15 am Matins
18th March	11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service see p 21
25th March	11.15 am Matins

Rev D Fyfe telephone: 01460 241977

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Seavington Gardening Club

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

‘Hidden Dorset’ – Photographic Presentation by Colin Varndell

The last time that we booked Colin for this presentation, a year or so ago, we had to cancel because of snow but this time we were lucky. Snow was forecast but it didn't arrive! In cold, grey February, it is a delight to be transported back to the warm colours of summer and the exquisite photographs taken by Colin.

Colin specialises in wildlife photographs and, in this presentation, the fauna of Dorset. For his type of perfection he has to plan the event carefully, baiting the site, then often has to wait in his hide for many hours before the subject comes into view and he gets his chance of a photograph.

Dorset has the most reptiles in Britain, so Colin has spent time tracking them down and photographing them, along with deer, badger, rabbits, foxes and many more. Many of his photographs can now be seen in many national publications, such as the BBC Wildlife magazine, and the Woodland Trust use him for their publicity. Colin had copies of books for sale which contain his photographs and cards - always popular with members! What could be better than beautiful photographs on a cold February night!

Plant of the Month: 1st Linda George – Hellebore, 2nd Gill Beveridge – Iris, 3rd David Wills - Daffodil

Next Meeting 7.30pm 8 March, 2012 Talk with slides: **‘Roses Old and New’** – Dinah Linton Chichley

The Gardening Club have decided to have an additional meeting in November as it seems such a long break between October and January, with just the Christmas dinner in between. So this year the meeting will be on the 8th November. In 1997 Gardening Club member David Ades made a video about the fundraising and construction of the Seavington Millennium Hall which runs for about an hour and he has kindly agreed to let us show it. This video is quite a historic record of the old pavilion, the days when the flower show was held in a marquee and much more. Please put this additional date in your diaries as not to be missed! Mulled wine and mince pies will be served!

Royal Visit to Seavington

March 21st 2012

We are delighted that that Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex will visit our Village Store and Café on Wednesday 21st March, during her brief visit to Somerset.

During the visit the Countess will be briefed on the development of community shops across England, the work of the Plunkett Foundation in supporting communities and their shops and, in particular, the programme of work that created our own community owned and operated social enterprise.

Her Royal Highness will also meet many of the committee and volunteers who work in the shop and café on a regular basis and unveil a plaque commemorating her visit.

Everyone from Seavington and the surrounding area is invited to come to the car park to welcome Her Royal Highness. The precise details and times will be announced nearer the day.

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

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Alastair Fyfe (01460 241977)

Our next event is a General Knowledge Quiz in the Millennium Hall on Saturday, 10th March 2012. Doors will open at 7.0 pm and the Quiz will start promptly at 7.30 pm. Tickets costing £7.50 (£9 on the night), including supper, are on sale in the Village Shop or they can be obtained from N & D News in South Petherton, Annie Prichard (01460-241762) or Alastair Fyfe (01460-241977).

Teams must not consist of more than 6 people. You can either 'build' your own team or be placed in a team by the organisers on the night. There will be a raffle and a licensed bar. Please come along and support your village church.

The Seavingtons Diamond Jubilee: Box Kart Race

As part of the Diamond Jubilee weekend celebrations, here in the Seavingtons, it is intended to mirror the planned nautical flavour of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London on the Thames, by using our own “river and its tributary” otherwise known as **Water** Street and Upton Lane to hold a Diamond Jubilee Grand Box Car Competition (with a nautical flavour!) on Sunday 3rd June 2012.

Depending upon the number of entrants the event will either consist of qualifying heats leading to a final “run”, or just one final run starting promptly at eight bells of the forenoon watch (1200 pm), down Upton Lane, an assisted negotiation of New Road with a compulsory change of driver, and then on down Water Street to the chequered flag by the post box triangle at the southern end of the street.

There will be strict scrutinising of the contestants’ karts and a totally fair and just system of handicapping will apply but the judge’s decision will be final with absolutely no right of appeal!

It is the organisers’ intention to welcome entries from as wide a spectrum of our villages’ inhabitants as possible, so family entries, mother/daughter, father/son, child pairs, OAPs, mother-in-law/father-in-law and any other combination that I’ve failed to identify are all encouraged to enter. Please just accept the handicapping system that we end up using!!!

Rules

1. Each kart shall display a nautical theme/paint scheme (for which special handicap points will be awarded accordingly), a unique number for identification and the uniform of the crew will also attract the attention of the handicap judge(s).
2. Each kart will have at least four wheels, never have been mass-produced-so no Vauxhall Corsas or the like, seating for both of the crew, a method of steering, and a proven system of braking. A current **Seavington** Tax disc and a displayed **Diamond** MOT certificate are not mandatory though again display of such will attract extra attention from the judges, and any form of insurance against any liability whatsoever is totally and wholly the responsibility of the individuals competing.
3. Kart driving teams must consist of only two people but may be backed up by a group of cheerleaders, engineering assistants and other general hangers-on, but a compulsory change of driver must

be made at the New Road intersection-any other driver changes will be at the discretion and direction of the team leader!

Due to the varying types of surface which may be encountered on the course it is strongly suggested that teams “walk the course” beforehand to note obstructions (an immediate one that comes to mind is the grating of the storm drain at the bottom of Upton Lane-a sure trap for the unwary pram wheel!) and perhaps produce a navigation plan.

Entrance to the event will be subject to a small fee (amount yet to be determined). There will also be a (small!) prize for the winning combination with any profit from the event going to the charities already decided by the Jubilee committee.

The overall idea is to have an enjoyable but safe afternoon which is fun, makes good spectator sport, and with a bit of luck if the weather sets fair, gives us all pleasant memories of an afternoon enjoyably spent in our villages commemorating Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee.

Overall coordination of the event is being undertaken by Jon Mounce at Luccombe, New Road (01460 240646) and Nick Loxton at Court Farm, Upton Lane (01460 242435). So please contact either of them for further details and to register your intent to participate.

Remember just like at Trafalgar “Seavington expects everyone to do their duty”

GOOD LUCK TO ALL

From the Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Millennium Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th March 2012.

The County Council officers responsible for improving broadband Internet access in Somerset are conducting a survey. You are invited to register your interest in better broadband speeds by going to www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk or by calling the dedicated hotline on 0844 463887.

Planning for Jubilee Celebrations

The next public planning meeting for The Queen’s Jubilee celebrations will be held in The Volunteer on Monday 5th March at 7.30 pm. Anyone from our villages is welcome to come along and help plan our events.

Seavington Jubilee Somerset Quiz Answers

The winners of the Seavington Jubilee Somerset Quiz were :-

Sue Collard, Seavington 49 points

Nicky Wotton, Seavington 49 points

Pauline Parsons, Seavington 49 points

It has been decided to combine the three prizes and share it between the three winners, who all had 49 points out of a possible 50.

The committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the quiz.

1.	Where is the largest Iron Age hill fort in Western Europe?	Ham Hill
2.	Which church is famous for its windows made by a German Prisoner-of-war?	East Chinnock Church
3.	What are Rich's, Hecks, Naish's and Thatchers	Cider Producers
4.	Where is the Frome Hoard on display?	Museum of Somerset, Taunton.
5.	How high above sea level is Glastonbury Tor?	521 Feet (158 m)
6.	It was while staying at a farmhouse near Culborne in the summer of 1797 that Samuel Taylor Coleridge dreamed the incidents of which unfinished poem?	Kubla Khan
7.	Where was the first Pontins holiday camp in the UK?	Brean Sands
8.	Where is John Hanning Speke, discoverer of the source of the Nile, buried?	Dowlish Wake
9.	Where in Somerset was "Crinkley Bottom"?	Cricket St. Thomas Wildlife Park
10.	In which year was the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal opened?	1827
11.	How many houses are in Bath's Royal Crescent?	30
12.	Where is Concorde 002 on display?	Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton
13.	Priddy, near Wells, the highest town on the Mendips, is famed for its Fair held in August on the vast village green. What is sold there?	Sheep
14.	What does Somerset literally translate as?	Land of the Summer People
15.	Which Somerset village has long been associated with the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill?	Kilmersdon
16.	In which year were the unitary authorities of North Somerset and Bath and North East Somerset created?	1996
17.	Which famous caverns were used for the filming of the 1975 Doctor Who TV series?	Wookey Hole
18.	Which Somerset market town is famous for its annual Cheese Show?	Frome
19.	Which manor house was the former home of the medical herbalist Henry Lyte?	Lytes Cary Manor
20.	Which famous English actor, comedian and writer was born in Weston-Super-Mare in 1939?	John Cleese

21.	What stone surrounds the famous Cheddar Gorge?	Limestone
22.	At which Elizabethan house was the 1995 film adaptation of Jane Austin's Sense and Sensibility partly filmed?	Montacute House
23.	Where in Somerset is EDF Energy hoping to build a new nuclear reactor site?	Hinkley Point
24.	Which river rises from the ground of the Wookey Hole Caves in the Mendip Hills?	River Axe
25.	To which saint is the chapel on top of Glastonbury Tor dedicated?	St Michael's Chapel
26.	On what night does Wassailing take place, with offerings to cider orchard spirits while trees are beaten with sticks to wake them up?	Usually Twelfth Night, 6th January, but can be 17th January
27.	Where are eels smoke-preserved in a tradition which can be traced back to the eel fisheries of Muchelney Abbey?	Brown and Forrest's Smokery, Hambridge
28.	How many miles of coastline does Somerset have?	50
29.	Where in Somerset is a famous cafe named after a Georgian pastry-cook?	Sally Lund's, which is the oldest house in Bath.
30.	Which doctor invented a biscuit named after himself and the place of his residence?	Dr. William Oliver—Bath Oliver
31.	Where are Cotleigh and Exmoor Ales produced?	Wiveliscombe
32.	What is the steepest gradient of Porlock Hill?	1:4 (25%)
33.	Where is the London Cigarette Card Company showroom, with over 2500 sets of cards on display?	Somerton
34.	Whose statue presides over the town centre in Bridgwater?	Admiral Robert Blake
35.	Where and what is 'The Old Ship Aground'	Minehead, A Pub
36.	What is the octagonal building on the village green at Kingsbury Episcopi?	It is the village's old lock-up
37.	In which town was Roger Bacon, philosopher and scientist, born in 1214?	Ilchester
38.	Which Somerset Cricketer came from Watchet, scored 23,000 runs and 50 centuries for the county, and played for England three times?	Harold Gimblett
39.	Which Australian captained Somerset County Cricket team for 12 seasons, played rugby for England, then cricket for Australia and later for England?	Sammy Woods
40.	Where is part of the High Street called Strawberry Bank?	Ilminster
41.	Who holds Yeovil Town's record of 691 overall appearances between 1958 and 1972?	Len Harris
42.	What was the colloquial name given to the railway line from Clevedon through Cheddar, Wells and Wookey, before it closed in 1968?	The Strawberry Line
43.	What are the full names of the two Lydeard villages?	Bishops Lydeard and Lydeard St Lawrence
44.	In which village is the central area known as 'the Pepper Pot' and the church as 'The Cathedral of the Moors'?	North Curry
45.	Which bridge in Somerset is the oldest bridge in Britain?	Tarr Steps
46.	Which Somerset village is twinned with Vernouillet in France?	Cheddar
47.	In which town does the River Chew meet the River Avon?	Keynsham
48.	Where in Somerset is Europe's first International Dark Sky Reserve	Exmoor National Park
49.	What was the name of the company which originally produced Babycham?	Showerings
50.	Where is the Windy Brewery based?	The Volunteer Inn, Seavington



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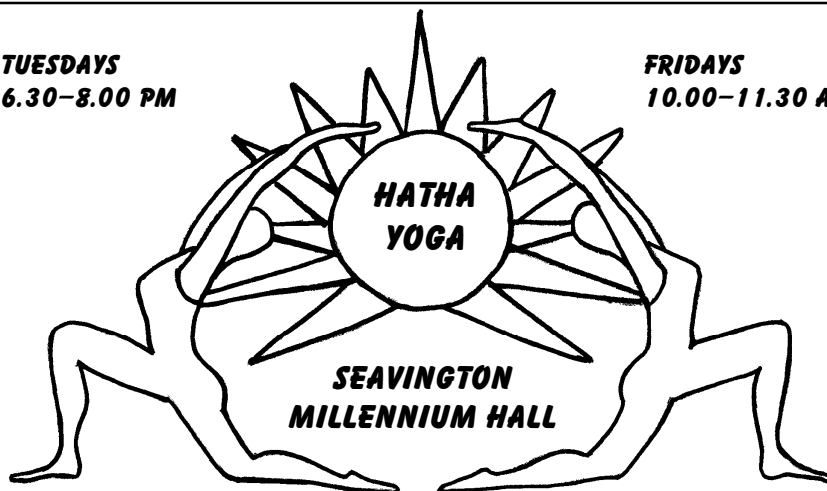
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Notes from our Youth Club

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

2012 seems to be moving on rather quickly! We have made a good start to the year with no interruptions from the weather, attendance has been good with members coming from Ilminster and Shepton Beauchamp. May we say thank-you to parents for making the effort to bring your children out on these dark nights? It's not long now until the clocks change and we can get out on to the playing field!

January saw a visit from Geoff who brought his circus skill equipment. The members enjoyed stilts, plate spinning, diabolos, unicycles and power stilts to name just a few. February will bring pancake night, a joint venture with the village store. It was such a success last year that we thought we'd do it again.

It will be nice to keep seeing you and we always like to see new faces.

Playing Field Trees: Best laid plans

Ry Coffman, Voluntary Tree Warden (01460 240004)

When the shop was built, quite of a lot of trees were lost in the corner of the far left-hand side of the playing field which in the past village children have enjoyed playing in. To compensate, two years ago we planted up the top left-hand corner with trees and shrubs.

With summer droughts and two hard winters these have been struggling. The strimming contractors have also taken their toll, (if bark is removed from right round the trunk of a tree or shrub it will die). Originally we made plastic shrub protection, and put the trees in tubes. The mowing men continually mowed into shrub protection and then took them off and threw them in the hedge! So we have decided to take a different approach.

SPFA have allowed us to put a low fence to separate off this area and for there to be no mowing or strimming behind the fence to create a wildlife area. The tree wardens will keep it tidy. When we took away the plastic shelters we didn't anticipate that the wildlife themselves would then turn into destroyers! Unfortunately in this cold weather rabbits and deer have been nibbling everything so we have had to put shrub guards back on some of the smaller shrubs and just hope the bigger ones survive the 'pruning'. However, I did see a pair of blue tits popping in and out of the nest box on

SEAVINGTON FLOWER SHOW

Organised by

SEAVINGTON GARDENING CLUB

At the

SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL

on

August 11th 2012

Judging at 10.00am

Show open to the public at 2.30pm

Awards to be presented by David and Anne Wills
at 4.00pm

REFRESHMENTS
AWARDS
CERTIFICATES

Cups for each division on points
Overall winner to be presented with the Peter Yolland Shield
Prizes for children's classes

Entrance fee 20p per exhibit
Children's classes free

DIVISION ONE – FLOWERS

Class			
1	Roses	<i>Mixed Hybrid Tea</i>	3 blooms
2	Roses	<i>Floribunda</i>	3 clusters
3	Roses	<i>Single Specimen Bloom</i>	
4	Annuals		3 stems
5	Pansies		4 blooms
6	1 Vase Mixed Flowers		6 stems
7	1 Vase Mixed Perennials		6 stems
8	1 Vase Single-headed Flowers		6 stems
10	Oriental Lily		1 stem
11	Dahlias	<i>Decorative</i>	3 blooms
12	Dahlias	<i>Misc.</i>	3 blooms
13	Gladioli		3 blooms
14	Gladioli		1 specimen
15	Flowering Pot Plant	<i>24 inches overall</i>	
17	Flower Arrangement in a Basket	<i>12 inches overall</i>	
18	Flower Arrangement	<i>Miniature in egg cup (mixed arrangement)</i>	
19	Sweet Peas		5 stems
20	Foliage Arrangement	<i>15 inches overall</i>	
21	Cacti or succulent		
22	Mixed Shrubs	<i>3 varieties</i>	3 stems

DIVISION TWO (A) – VEGETABLES & FRUIT

Class			
30	Potatoes		3 white
31	Potatoes		3 coloured
32	Onions	<i>As pulled</i>	3
33	Largest Onion		
34	Shallots		5
35	Shallots, pickling	<i>Max. diameter 1 inch</i>	5
36	Beetroot		3
37	Runner Beans		6
38	Longest Runner Bean		
39	Dwarf French Beans		6
40	Collection of 4 Salad Vegetables	<i>One of each</i> Display not more than 12 inches square	
41	Cucumber		2
42	Chilli Peppers		4
43	Courgettes	<i>4 to 6 inches long</i>	3
44	Arrangement of Different Herbs in Water	<i>Named</i>	6 max
45	Carrots		3
46	Tomatoes		5
47	Tomatoes (cherry type)		5
48	Five tomatoes on the vine	<i>Some may be green</i>	
50	Trug of mixed vegetables	<i>Keep within trug area</i>	
51	Mis-shapen vegetable		
52	Dish of 10 Soft Fruit or Berries		

DIVISION THREE

Class

59	Homemade Jelly (preserve)	
60	Homemade Lemon Curd	
61	Homemade Jam	
62	Homemade Marmalade	
63	Homemade Chutney	
	<i>Photographs and drawings may be mounted on a plain paper or card background for wall display.</i>	
64	Photograph – ‘Flower’	<i>No larger than A5</i>
65	Photograph – ‘Water’	<i>No larger than A5</i>
66	Drawing or Painting – ‘Garden’	<i>No larger than A4</i>
67	4 Cheese and Chive Bread Rolls	<i>Recipe in May Seavingtons’ News</i>
68	Somerset Cider Apple Cake	<i>Recipe in May Seavingtons’ News</i>
69	Handmade Greetings Card	<i>A6 (4” x 6”)</i>
70	Craft Item Miscellaneous	

DIVISION FOUR

Overall winner to be presented with the Haddon Cup

CHILDREN OPEN CLASSES – 12 years and under (must be child’s own work)

Please state age on exhibit

(1st prize £1.50, 2nd prize £1, 3rd prize 50p)

Class

Age: Up to 6 Years

75	Decorated crown	
76	Decorate a jam jar	
77	3 decorated biscuits	<i>On a plate</i>

Age: 7 – 12 years

78	Underwater world in a shoe box	
79	3 squares of Mars Bar Cake	<i>Recipe in May Seavingtons’ News</i>
80	Vehicle for a Royal Celebration using recycled materials	

Age: Open

81	Photograph – A Celebration	<i>No larger than A5</i>
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RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

All ADULT exhibitors must live within 2 miles radius of the parish of Seavington or be a member of the Seavington Gardening Club.

Division Four, children's class is open and must be their own work.

All entries of flowers and vegetables must be grown in the exhibitor's own garden or allotments (with exception of classes 17 and 18).

Only one exhibit may be entered in any class.

All entry forms to be handed to:

Mr John Tudor, Middlefield, Church Lane, Seavington St Mary

Miss Annie Prichard, 2, Winchester Cottages – opposite The Volunteer

All entries to be received by AUGUST 8th 2012

NO entries will be accepted after this date

The fee for entry is 20p per exhibit (children free)

All exhibits must be staged between 7.30am and 9.30am at the Seavington Millennium Hall on AUGUST 11th and not removed until 4.00pm.

Exhibitors must provide their own containers

THE DECISION OF THE INDEPENDENT JUDGES IS FINAL

Name.....

Address.....

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Class Nos.....

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Total Entry Fees.....

the Ash tree up in that corner (nest boxes on the playing field have been provided by David Wills) – so that's brilliant!

In addition, D Fyfe has donated a lovely Wellingtonia which self-seeded into her garden at The Beeches from her own now dead Wellingtonia. We have planted this in the right hand side of this area to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and later in the year we plan to have a small ceremony to dedicate it. In time it will become a Seavington landmark!

Are You Watching This Space, You Crafty Lot?

Seavington held its first Craft Fayre just before Christmas and we saw some lovely items, from photographs and paintings to jewellery and candles. In fact, the Fayre proved to be so popular it had its run extended.

With Easter fast approaching and with the knowledge that there are very gifted craft people in our midst, the time is ripe for Seavington's second Fayre. This will be held, as before in the village shop, and run from March 12th to April 14th. Set up day will be on Saturday 10th March.

It is open to all those in the surrounding area, not just Seavington and any crafter, either professional or amateur is welcome to apply. Application forms will be delivered shortly to the Seavingtons, but for those living outside the villages these forms will be found in the shop. Forms need to be completed and delivered to the shop, or dropped into Keyhaven, Townsend, by the 7th March.

The shop and café is a great showcase, attracting a variety of folk, from far and wide, so why not take this opportunity to make a bit of cash and promote yourself.

If you have any questions or need further information, please telephone, Sarah, 01460 240230, or Jill 01460 241311, they will be happy to help.

A charge of 15% per item sold will be levied, the proceeds being used to enhance the external appearance of the shop.

Found Property

Recently found in the Longforward Lane Area:

An item that would be useful to a long distance walker or runner. If you are the one to lose such an item, please telephone 01460 242277.

The Seavingtons Celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Scarecrow Competition

Scarecrows to be in place by Sunday 27th May

To be erected in a place easily visible from the road/pavement.

Saturday 2ND June 2012

Village Fete on Playing Field – 2.00pm – 5.00pm

[To include Craft Tent – see information regarding classes to enter]
(Entry forms will be in a later edition of The Seavingtons' News)

Also - various stalls and sideshows, skittles, competitions, bar,
Cream teas etc etc.

Evening entertainment at The Volunteer Inn

Sunday 3RD June 2012

Box Kart or Wheelbarrow race down Water Street to Playing Field.
[More information to be provided]

Street Party – Luncheon on Millennium Hall Car Park – 1.30pm

Judging of village Scarecrow competition. Winners to be
announced in the Marquee from 4.00pm where tea and cakes will be
available

Monday 4TH June 2012

Supper and Quiz evening in the Marquee – 7.00pm

Lighting of a Beacon/Bonfire – place to be announced 9.30pm

Craft Tent – Classes for –

Under 3 3 – 4 years 5 – 7 years 8 – 11 years
12 – 15 years 16 and over

Classes for entry – [All classes open to residents and non-residents –
professionals and amateurs!!] All cookery items can be made to your
own recipes.

All Ages	Children up to 15	Ladies	Gentlemen
1. Design and make a crown	11. Animal from Vegetable/ Fruit	16. Victoria Sandwich	21. Butterfly cakes – 3 on a plate
2. Decorated Hat	12. Decorated biscuits – 3 on a plate	17. Small tray cakes (of your choice – 5 on a plate	22. Shortbread biscuits – 3 on a plate
3. Garden in a seed tray	13. Photo of favourite animal	18. Cheese scones – 3 on a plate	23. Sausage rolls – 3 on a plate
4. Any handicraft item – coloured red, white and blue	14. Painting/ Drawing of the Queen	19. Apple spice cake	24. cheese straws – 6 on a plate
5. Decorated wellington boot	15. Collage of a rural scene using items found in the kitchen – A4	20. Family fruit cake	25. Fruity flapjacks – 5 on a plate
6. Decorated flower pot – (up to 4” in dia)			
7. Flower arrangement – up to 15” overall			
8. Pennant – depicting The Seavingtons - A5			
9. Hand made card – Congratulations on Diamond Jubilee			
10. Animal using a hard-boiled egg as its body (with or without shell			

PCSO Visits

Our new PCSO, Kym Rudge, has told us that she intends to visit the Café on the first Friday of each month between 4.00 and 5.00 pm. She will be there to discuss policing matters and will use the multi-purpose room if anyone wishes to speak confidentially.

I Thought we were Getting a New Rector! What Happened?

Revd D Fyfe (01460 241977)

That is what people have been saying to me.

I have been on holiday for two weeks, without my collar on, but now I think I ought to reply to the question SO....

Yes, we had hoped to be able to announce that we had a new parish priest, but it didn't work out that way. Seven people applied for the post of rector for the parish of South Petherton with the Seavingtons. There was a short list of four people. The interviewing panel was made up of two people from South Petherton, two from Seavington, the PCC Deputy Chairman, plus four people from the diocese.

The panel came to a unanimous decision to offer the post to one of the applicants. He suddenly realised that God was not calling him to this parish and made the difficult decision to say No, he could not accept. The panel then looked at the remaining three candidates and could not come to a unanimous decision. As a result it was decided to re-advertise the post in March and to interview again in early May. There you have it in a nutshell. We hope that we will have new parish priest in August.

So what happens in the meantime? It is more of the same. The church wardens (for the Seavingtons - Carol Talbot and Manda Jagers) look after the administration and the Ministry Team look after the services and the people! Who are the Ministry team? There are three priests:

Revd Clifford Jobson, a retired army padre: Revd Mark Jackson, a retired naval padre: Me – Revd D Fyfe an associate priest licensed to this parish (licensed associate priest means I'm yours, but I don't get paid!). Then we have two licensed Readers, Jennifer Phillips and Geoff Abery: two lay worship assistants, Manda Jagers and Carol Talbot: and one Reader Emeritus, (which means partly retired), Brenda Joynes.

We try to do all the things that the rector would do. We visit people, take communion to those who are sick or house-bound, we take services, we marry and bury and christen. We try to look after all of you as best we can. And we will continue to do that, as best we can. So if you need to talk to one of us please do ask. The parish phone number is 01460 240377.

We were all disappointed that it didn't work this time. But perhaps that is because the right person wasn't there and will be there next time!

The Thrush's Nest

John Clare, 1793—1864

Within a thick and spreading hawthorn bush
That overhung a molehill large and round
I heard from morn to morn a merry thrush
Sing hymns to sunrise, while I drank the sound
With joy and, often, an intruding guest,
I watched her secret toils from day to day
How true she warped the moss to form her nest
And modelled it within with wood and clay
And bye and bye like Heath Bells gilt with dew
There lay her shining eggs as bright as flowers
Ink-spotted over shells of greeny blue
And there I witnessed in the summer hours
A brood of nature's minstrels chirp and fly
Glad as the sunshine and the laughing sky.

Neroche DFAS

Peter Hill (01460 67779)

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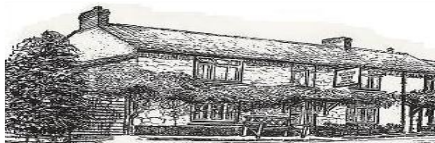
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Saturday, 10th March 2012 at 7.30 pm (Doors Open: 7.0 pm)
The Seavington Millennium Hall

Teams of 6 maximum

Make up a team beforehand — or just turn up and join a team on the night

Raffle and Licensed bar

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Easter Bingo

Seavington Millennium Hall

Friday 30th March

Doors Open 6.45pm - Eyes Down 7.15 pm

Seasonal Prizes - Refreshments

Free Admission - All Welcome

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**Charity 60's Party Night at Broadway Village Hall
Featuring OLD DOGZ NEWTRIX
On Saturday 5th May at 7pm**

Tickets are £8.00 from Carol Rogers on 01935 881510
Bring your own food and drink! (There will be no bar or hot drinks.)

The fun Party Night is all for a good reason. Local father of three Sergeant George Pas, 6th Battalion the Rifles was badly injured in a road accident last year. He is still recovering from surgery. Local fundraisers Carol and Doug Rogers are raising as much as possible to contribute towards two specialist wheelchairs to give him the chance to build his strength, become more mobile and to lead a more normal life. His family are also moving to a new specially designed bungalow in Chard on Valentine's day so they can all be together on the same level.

All proceeds are going to help George and his family to get a specialised wheelchair to improve his mobility and give him opportunities to retain a quality of life with his wife Emma and their three children.

Ring Carol now to book your tickets for a great night out to support this worthy cause.

Over the Counter:

News from The Seavingtons Community Shop & Cafe

Compiled by Laura Gowers and various volunteers!

So, have you heard the news? We have a royal visitor... HRH The Countess of Wessex is visiting the shop on 21st March while she's in Somerset. It's a great opportunity for us to show off our community shop as well as talk to her about the value of community shops up and down the country. Did you know that there are now over 260 community owned shops trading in England, Scotland and Wales? Please come and support the shop and the Countess of Wessex on 21st March. Times will be confirmed.

We've got a collection team together for the questionnaires and we'll be knocking on your door soon. If you haven't yet filled your questionnaire in, please do. Once collected and the results and comments analysed we will ensure that our village shop is stocking and doing what you want and need.

We are now running a book exchange from the shop. Buy a book for £1, read it and we will buy it back for 50p. The bookcase is in the café, perfect to browse whilst you have a coffee.

We have a couple of events coming up: We have invited Ilminster-based GLADE (Global Learning And Development Education) to help celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (27th Feb - 11th Mar). There will be a display about cocoa and chocolate including artifacts from Ghana which will be in the shop for both weeks. Then on Thursday 8 March GLADE will be running fun, short, have-a-go activities suitable for all ages during shop opening hours. Activities will be based on the quote '**before you have finished your breakfast, you will have relied on half the world**'. Why not pop along on the 8th and find out more.

The Seavington Art and Craft Fayre is back again from Monday 12th March for 4 weeks. The last craft fayre was very popular and by taking a small percentage from sales, the shop raised some more funds to help tidy up the outside. This is an ideal opportunity for the shop to support local artists/craftsmen by providing a window for their products, so go on, fill in the application form and start making things.

Don't forget Pancake day – Tuesday 21st February. We will have pancakes available in the café over lunchtime.

One last thing... we have had to have a rethink about the newspapers sold in the shop and so have made the decision to only purchase papers to cover customer orders. However, if you would like a paper (that isn't a regular order) please phone the shop before 3pm, and we will order the next days papers for you. We will still stock the local weeklies; (Somerset County Gazette, Western Gazette and Chard and Ilminster News) and there will always be a paper in the café to read whilst you have a cuppa.

SPFA LOTTERY

January Winners

First Prize £40 - No 219 Pauline Long

Second Prize £20 - No 8 Steven Ash

Third Prize £10 - No 85 Bob Myers

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

Book, Plant & Bric-a-Brac sale:

3rd March 2012

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Village Voice—letters to the editor

The Seavingtons' News wants to hear and publish your views on both the "News" itself and topics of importance or interest to our community. Please send your letters to the address on page 1. All opinions and views expressed are the sole responsibility of the writer and do not reflect the views of The Seavingtons' News. For legal reasons we must have the name and address of the writer but can normally publish over a pseudonym on request.

Dear Sir,

I wish to make all village residents aware of the need to park with consideration and in accordance with the Highway Code having recently become the recipient of a fixed penalty for causing an obstruction at the junction of School Lane and New road. My first in over eleven years of parking there! Clearly I have no case to make with the law of the land although in my opinion it would have been more community spirited for the PCSO concerned to have knocked and discussed it in person, however I would not wish other residents to fall foul of this latest campaign.

I now find myself looking for a legal parking position off of the main road which at present does not pose too many problems with two of my neighbours leaving the village, however in due course no doubt when these properties are occupied the car parking lottery will begin. This leads on to the hot topic of village parking or lack thereof. The issue has been raised at Parish Council level on several previous occasions but on each there has been absolutely nothing done to improve the situation or to offer up a better solution to what we currently have.

As some residents will no doubt be aware I own two individual garages beyond the last property along David's Lane and so it could be argued that parking is available here. I would counter that after more than 5 separate break-ins and theft from these I do not think it a safe or secure option, and that with this road used as a regular rat run for the Branston workforce, making it back to my property in one piece is not guaranteed especially at night.

I will of course comply with the law and should I find no where to park close to my home I will be forced to move further down School Lane by the Church, should other residents be forced to follow suit for this reason I can only see further problems arising on Sunday mornings specially concerning those attending services who rely on being able to park close to the church entrance.

I am sure those residents who have driveways and can park off road are less than amused with the likes of me and others who do not have this luxury. I can only apologise to you all but as I explained previously during debate at Parish Council level the parking issue has to be addressed, if you displace people from parking in historical locations legal or not, you will simply move them somewhere else, maybe right in front of your property.

Regards
Kevin Francis,
The Wishing Well, Seavington St Michael

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The Seavingtons' Weather in January 2012

This year—2012

Previous year—2011

Temperature

Average Minimum	3.34°C	1.08°C
Average Maximum	9.54°C	7.09°C
Mean	6.44°C	4.09°C

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