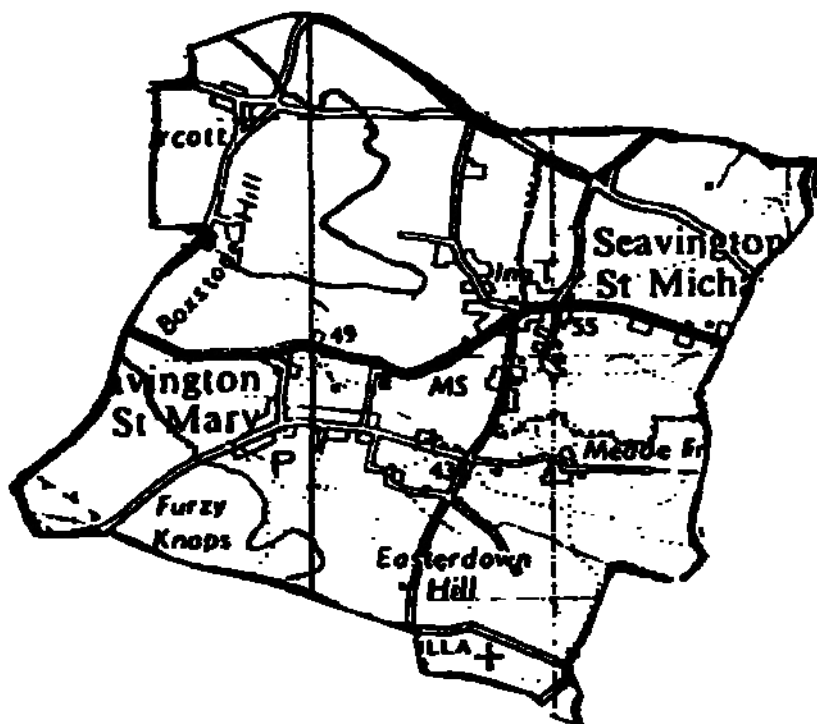


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If you don't currently save your waste for the village collection may I entreat you to start now and contribute to the maintenance of our community.

This leads me to contemplate our delightful rural environment and our unfettered access to the countryside around us which is allowed by our local farming community.

It therefore saddened me to receive the letter from Andrew Gillard which is reproduced on page 36 of this magazine. It would appear that a few thoughtless dog walkers and ramblers could easily put this ready access, and the enjoyment we get from it, at risk. Please allow me to reinforce Andrew's plea for us to be more responsible.

David Froome

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Village Diary—May 2012

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

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6th May	8.45-12	Village Breakfast in the Café—p 24
10th May	7.00 pm	Gardening Club visit to Whitelackington Manor Gardens—p5
12th May	10-11.30	Gardening Club Plant Sale—p 23
14th May	12.30 am	Monday Munches Lunch Club in Café—p 24
14th May	7.15 pm	NADFAS talk on Crystal and Jade by Anne Haworth, expert and guide at Buckingham Palace—p 32
17th May	7.30 pm	RSPB Group—"Born to Fly" & "Crane Country" films about European Cranes and the Great Crane Project—p30

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

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

6th May	11.15 am Holy Communion
13th May	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th May	11.15 am Rogation Sunday at New Rydon Farm—see page 32 for details
17th May	7.15 am Ascension Day—Holy Communion
20th May	11.15 am Matins
27th May	11.15 am Whit Sunday—Holy Communion

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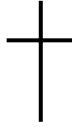
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Jan Yolland

Jan Yolland who died on February 18 2012 was the widow of Peter Yolland with whom she lived for more than 30 years at Southernaways, Seavington St Mary.

Jan emulated her father, the late Dr Fraser Carey LVO, in excelling at the Classics and in having an uncanny skill in caring for and about others.

She was a mistress of the arts of conversation and good, old-fashioned letter-writing, in which she displayed her prodigious memory and boundless vivacity.

Peter and Jan rejoiced in the countless pleasures of Somerset and they were meticulous custodians of their Elizabethan thatched cottages.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Jan at St Michael's Church, Seavington St Michael on Saturday 12 May at 3.00 p.m.

Jan's family will be very pleased to see anyone who would like to attend.

St Michael's Church Seavington

Sheila Riley (01460 242778)

Church Flowers and Cleaning

First of all a big thank you to all the ladies that are doing the flowers and cleaning. The church always looks very welcoming.

If there are any ladies or gentlemen who would be willing to join the rota you would be so welcome to join us.

It entails being responsible for the flowers and cleaning for a calendar month.

Do think about it—the Church needs you.

Seavington Gardening Club

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

I am having to write this before the Gardening Club trip to Brimsmore Garden Centre for our discount shopping evening on Monday 16th April but I expect we shall all have a beneficial visit. Our other forthcoming events are below.

Visit: 7.00pm 10 May Whitelackington Manor Gardens by kind permission of Lady Cameron. There will be a buffet afterwards at the Volunteer. Visit £4 and buffet £7. Names and money to Ry please by 3rd May.

Plant Sale: 10.00am – 11.30am 12 May Make a note in your diaries that the annual Plant Sale is coming up soon next month. Plants usually sell out pretty quickly so an early visit is advised before all the plants go!

Visit: 7.00pm 14 June to Frankham Farm at Ryme Intrinsica in Dorset. Visit will cost £4 with a buffet to follow still to be organised! Will advise next month.

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.

As a point of interest, The Seavington Web Museum now has records of many past Gardening Club events, through cuttings from the local newspapers – take a look and see under 'Village Life'. www.seavingtonwebmuseum.org.uk

Reminder: there will be an additional new Meeting: 7.30pm – 8th November A video about the fundraising and construction of the Millennium Hall by David Ades will be shown.

The Gardening Club have decided that the additional new meeting date will be an Open evening annually, particularly this year to encourage non-members to see David's film. This video is quite a historic record of Seavington 15 years ago featuring the old pavilion, the days when the flower show was held in a marquee, and much more, including lots of familiar Seavington residents! Please put this additional date in your diaries as not to be missed! Mulled wine and mince pies will be served!

Seavington Annual Flower Show 2012

Baking Competition Recipes

The Seavington Flower show will be held on Saturday 11th August. The schedule and entry form were printed in the March issue of The Seavingtons' News. Here are the recipes for the Baking Competition.

Mars Bar Slice

Ingredients

3 x ordinary sized Mars Bars chopped
75g Butter or Margarine
1 tbsp Golden Syrup
3 cups Rice Krispies
150g Milk Chocolate

Method

Put the 3 Mars Bars, Butter and Golden Syrup in bowl and microwave until melted (approx. 2 minutes).

Mix until smooth.

Stir in Rice Krispies.

Press mixture into greased, foiled 20cm square cake tin.

Put in fridge until firm.

Put Milk Chocolate in bowl and microwave until melted.

Spread over Mars Bar mixture and put in fridge until hard.

Once hard, cut into squares.

Quick Cheese and Chive Bread

Ingredients

250g self-raising flour, plus extra for kneading
salt and pepper
40g butter
125g cheddar cheese
small bunch fresh chives
1 egg
150ml milk
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Method

Set the oven to 200C/400F/gas mark 6 Brush the baking sheet with a little oil

Put the flour and salt and pepper into a large mixing bowl
Cut the butter into pieces and add to bowl, then rub in with your fingertips or an electric mixer until the mixture looks like fine crumbs
Grate the cheese coarsely and snip the chives into pieces with scissors.
Add the cheese and about 4 tspns of chives to the bowl and mix together
Beat the egg and add all but about 2 tspns of the egg to the flour mixture
Add the mustard then gradually mix in the milk to make a soft but not sticky ball with the fork or wooden spoon
Sprinkle the work surface with a little flour, then tip the dough on to it.
Knead until smooth, then pat into a circle about 18cm or a little bigger than your hand across
Cut into 6 segments and put slightly spaced apart on the baking sheet
Brush the tops of the rolls with the remaining egg

Bake in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes until well risen and golden.

Somerset Cider Apple Cake

Ingredients

175g sultanas
150ml dry cider
280g plain flour
1.5 tsp baking powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon
225g unrefined caster sugar
180g unsalted butter
2 eggs
finely grated zest of 1 lemon
2 large cooking apples such as Bramleys, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 3. Grease a 20cm springform cake tin and line the base with a circle of greaseproof paper
soak the sultanas in the cider for about 20 minutes
Sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon into a bowl
Cream the sugar and butter for about 5 minutes until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating as you go.
Fold in the dry ingredients, the lemon zest and the sliced apples
Stir in the soaked sultanas, along with any remaining cider
Spoon the mixture into a prepared tin and bake for 45-50 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean

Cool in the tin, then transfer to a rack to cool completely

Osaygefo the President

David Eliot (01460 240758)

In 1965 I was Staff Operations Officer to the Squadron Commander – a Captain - of the Navy's Cadet Training Squadron. It comprised 4 identical, modified anti-submarine frigates which cruised in the Mediterranean, West Indies, North America or Scandinavia for about 10 weeks at a time, 3 cruises annually. Each frigate replaced about 40 sailors with Naval Cadets from several Navies, who each underwent two cruises living on the Lower Deck. I sailed with the Squadron Commander in *EASTBOURNE*.

I planned where the Squadron went, and was all set for the West Indies in January. However, Prime Minister Harold Wilson ordered the Squadron to make a 'political' cruise to West Africa instead, visiting Senegal, Cape Verde Is., Ghana, Nigeria & Sierra Leone.

For our Ghana leg, *EASTBOURNE*, with *SCARBOROUGH*, visited Tema, the port of Accra, the Ghanaian capital. The main business of the 4-day visit was a Sea Day for Major General Obi, the Chief of Staff of the Ghanaian Armed Forces. However, when all had been planned, my Captain told me a State Secret: the *real* VIP for Monday's Sea Day would be Osaygefo (pronounced Oh-sadj-ee-foh) ('the Redeemer') Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana. The only people to know were him, me and his Secretary. The latter was to type out one copy only of the Sea Day Programme, substituting the President for the Chief of Staff in the header. I was then to deliver it personally to the Head of the small Ghanaian Navy, Commodore David Hansen, at Accra Castle.

David Hansen was an interesting character. He presumably had a Danish sea-captain or some such in his otherwise African ancestry. When the Gold Coast gained Independence in 1957 – the first British African colony to do so – Hansen was a Sergeant in the King's African Rifles. He was immediately Commissioned, and rose fast. By 1960 he was a Brigadier commanding a Ghanaian brigade in the Biafran War. Alas, his troops mutinied, cut him up with a panga, and left him for dead. He was rescued by missionaries, who restored him to health, more or less. One eye didn't work too well, but otherwise he was a vigorous and charismatic officer. Nkrumah valued his services so much that when he decided to found a Navy in the early '60s, David Hansen was appointed its Commodore.

On the Sunday afternoon, I happened to be on board, but the Captain was ashore. The Quartermaster suddenly brought the urgent news that the Commodore of the Ghanaian Navy had just come onboard, in uniform, with some Police! I shot on deck to meet them. There he was, with a posse of Security Police in their sky-blue uniforms. David Hansen introduced me to a small, sharp-featured Police Colonel, who asked me if I knew who was Sea Day VIP. I nodded. The Colonel then announced that we must de-ammunition the ship in case it blew up under Osaygefo the President! Before I could utter a word, the Commodore rounded on his equally black colleague and said, scornfully, 'You black ape! The British Navy has not had a ship blow up since the

battleship *VANGUARD* in 1917!'; not quite true, but an impressive grasp of naval history nonetheless.. Holed below the waterline by this broadside, the Colonel changed tack, asking how many lifeboats we had. I explained that we had twice as many boats as a normal frigate, and pointed out the inflatable rafts in their stowages. The Colonel thought for a moment, then said someone was to walk a yard behind the President all day carrying an inflated personal lifejacket! 'Will be done', says I smartly, and honour was satisfied. I was then introduced to an enormous bodyguard with a beaming smile – the President's Personal Protection Officer (PPPO), who would be one yard behind the President too.

When the visitors had gone, I sent for a reliable Cadet. I gave him my smart leather attaché case, into which he was to stuff a semi-inflated lifejacket; and ordered him to be at the gangway next morning, in his best uniform, as the VIP came onboard. He was then to follow one yard behind him all day.

Before dawn next day the roof of every building in the port overlooking the President's car route was manned by armed Security Police. My Captain had detailed me to be the President's *aide de camp*. At 0800 a convoy of cars drew up at the ship. Nkrumah emerged from the 5th car – good security – accompanied by his son aged 10, daughter aged 8, and their English nanny. The President managed to inspect the Guard of Honour – commanded by a Ghanaian Cadet – twice, an unusual feat. Safely onboard, we all went up to the open upper bridge for a good view of the day's proceedings, with my Cadet and his PPPO in close attendance. The latter was holding a small, red velvet-covered box. He opened it to show me its contents: a matched pair of revolvers, presumably loaded.

Standing at the side of the bridge with the President to watch leaving harbour, I felt dangerously exposed. He was dressed in a plain, dun-coloured tunic in the style of Chairman Mao; but I was in Whites and a much better target! The President was relaxed and affable, asking if it was going to be rough out at sea because he had once been a cabin-boy on ships plying between San Francisco and Acapulco, and was dreadfully sea-sick. I assured him we would be sailing on a millpond.

When *SCARBOROUGH* ranged alongside to transfer a man by jackstay, I lifted the President's son onto a box on the bulkhead so he could see better. Immediately, a big black hand came from behind me and squashed the boy into the metalwork: the PPPO taking his protection duties very seriously. I told him I would hold young Nkrumah and the hand disappeared.

The Sea Day programme went like clockwork; the President obviously enjoyed it and the tour of the upperworks that followed. Finally, he and his retinue repaired to the Wardroom for a buffet lunch - keeping my Cadet and his PPPO outside the door! The British High Commissioner later told my Captain that the whole day, indeed the whole visit, had been such a success that the President had approved a new supply ship for the Navy, apparently the top item on David Hansen's wish-list.



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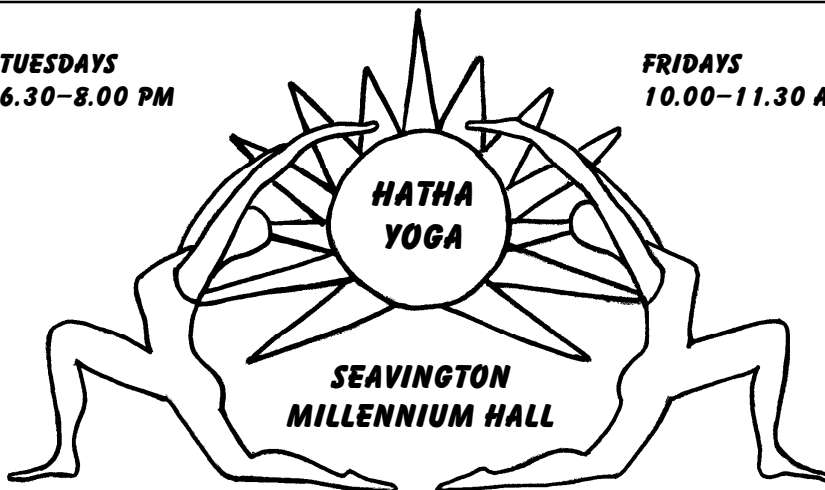
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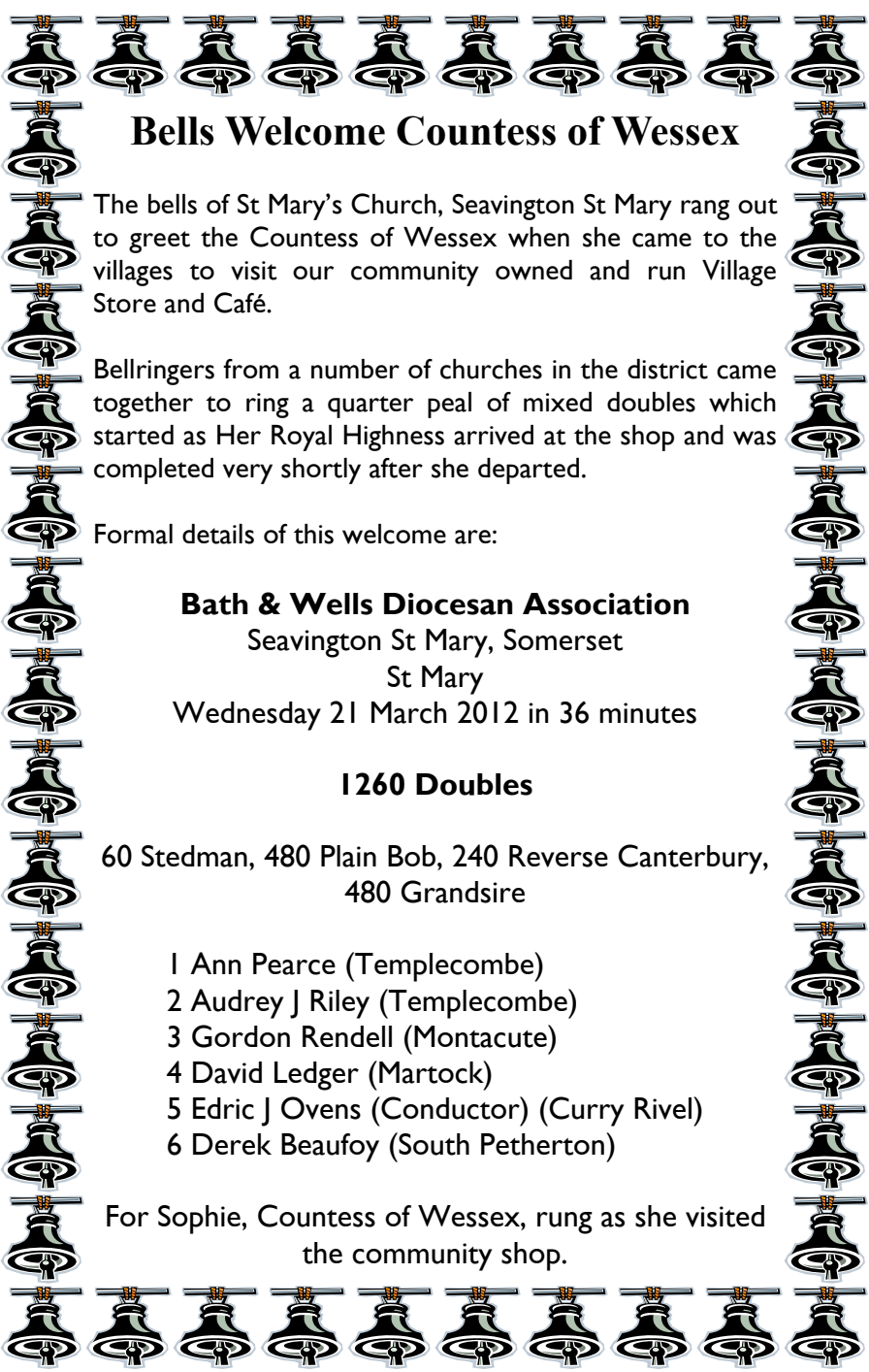
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Bells Welcome Countess of Wessex

The bells of St Mary's Church, Seavington St Mary rang out to greet the Countess of Wessex when she came to the villages to visit our community owned and run Village Store and Café.

Bellringers from a number of churches in the district came together to ring a quarter peal of mixed doubles which started as Her Royal Highness arrived at the shop and was completed very shortly after she departed.

Formal details of this welcome are:

Bath & Wells Diocesan Association
Seavington St Mary, Somerset
St Mary
Wednesday 21 March 2012 in 36 minutes

1260 Doubles

60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury,
480 Grandsire

- 1 Ann Pearce (Templecombe)
- 2 Audrey J Riley (Templecombe)
- 3 Gordon Rendell (Montacute)
- 4 David Ledger (Martock)
- 5 Edric J Ovens (Conductor) (Curry Rivel)
- 6 Derek Beaufoy (South Petherton)

For Sophie, Countess of Wessex, rung as she visited
the community shop.

Royal Visit to Seavington

Mark Ellis (01460 241112)

Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex GCVO visited the village on March 21st—the first Royal visit to the village for many, many, years. She was briefed on how the community shop and cafe were set up and now operates. During the visit she met a number of residents associated with the shop and cafe.

Simon Madge (as chair of the Parish Council) presented Her Royal Highness to a number of dignitaries including Patrick Palmer (Chairman of the SSDC Area North committee), Peter Couchman, Chief Executive of the Plunkett Foundation and Peter Ashley, Chairman of the Seavington Playing Field Association. Prior to her entering the shop, HRH addressed the small crowd of well-wishers who had assembled in the Millennium Hall car park. These included the Barrington Explorer group shown here.



On arrival The Countess meets members of the Barrington Explorer Group

David Froome, former Chairman (2006—2011) and a founding member of the Seavington Shop Association, who had planned the details of the visit, then led HRH into the shop and café where she was presented to a number of volunteers and others. She was firstly introduced to the three shop volunteers who were manning the till and check-out.



Joy Willerton, Ann Kinch & Millie Key were manning the check-out for the visit

After presentation to Ken Lake and Nick Ellis, the Shop Association's Treasurer and Secretary, HRH was taken into the office where she had a discussion with Thandi Wilson (our rota coordinator) and Anne Shaw (our book-keeper). Here she heard how, even 20 months after opening,



From left to right: Thandi Wilson, Anne Shaw and Her Royal Highness

the organisation is entirely run by volunteers and we are still supported by sufficient local people and volunteers to ensure we are able to open daily and cover each shift.

HRH then took time to admire the numerous goods on display in our Craft Fayre which displays a whole range of locally produced art and craft goods before moving through the shop and meeting Jo Mills (local food champion) and June Reeves (shop volunteer). June does 2 regular shifts per week and Jo manages to fit her contribution into her busy schedule when she can.



From left to right: Her Royal Highness, David Froome, Jo Mills and June Reeves



From left to right: Pauline Lawton, Brenda Lake, Pauline Woodward and Her Royal Highness

Once in the cafe she met a number of volunteers, including the team on duty preparing the food for the Get 2 Gether Group lunch.

This group is a local organisation which uses the café as a meeting place, exemplifying the sort of use the cafe can be put to for the benefit of the villages.



Left to Right: Local producers Wendy Jeffery, Mike Jeffery, Sally Sherwood and Colin Tyler with the basket of local foods to be presented to Her Royal Highness at the end of her visit



L to R: Get2Gether Group members Sheila Riley, Audrey Rutter and Her Royal Highness

As well as meeting the members of the Get2Gether Group Her Royal Highness was able to meet a small number of our local food producers from amongst the 40 or so suppliers who keep the shop stocked as well as many shop and café volunteers, Shop Association friends, retired committee members and other well-wishers.

Finally Her Royal Highness was invited by Simon Madge, Chair of the Parish Council, to unveil a plaque commemorating her visit and whilst



Simon Madge thanks Her Royal Highness

making this request he thanked the volunteer force (past and present) which is instrumental in ensuring the shop and café are stocked, manned, financed, advertised and operated successfully for the villages.

HRH then unveiled the commemorative plaque which will form a permanent reminder of the day. Finally, Millie Key, a volunteer conducting her Duke of Edinburgh's Award community service in the shop, presented Her Royal Highness with a basket containing a range of locally produced goods which are all on sale in the shop.



*Millie Key presents Her Royal Highness with a basket of local foods from the shop
The newly unveiled plaque is in the background*

During the event, HRH spoke to a number of people and many photographs were taken capturing the day. Whilst there is not space to show them all here, a full set of photographs has been

posted on to the village website (www.theseavingtons.org). For those unable to access the website, electronic copies of all these photographs have also been loaded onto the café computer and residents are welcome to view and take copies of these if they wish.

This Royal visit to our villages although a brief event, signifies the support HRH holds for village stores throughout the country. As she said in her brief speech whilst unveiling the plaque, village stores are vital to support the village way of life which is something we all cherish. Along with the pub, church and other institutions, our shop has once again become intrinsic in supporting the way we choose to live; as villagers.



The Seavingtons

Celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee



ENTRY FORM – [No fee payable for any entry]

[All competition entries are on this one form. It would help if we could have as many entries known by Monday 21st May. However, last minute entries for the 'Craft Tent' and Box Cart race will be accepted on the day. If you make a late entry to the Scarecrow competition please let one of the organisers know.]

Family Name

Address

.....

Scarecrow(s) - to be in place by Sunday 27th May - No of scarecrows]

Sited at

Box Cart race – Team Name

Race team of 5 persons - for 'School races' on Fete Day (2nd June) –
Family, Business or Village organisation can enter

Team Name

Craft Tent entries (please see March 2012 Seavingtons' News for Class numbers.)

All entries for the craft tent to be in place by 10.30am on Saturday 2nd June.

[please use form overleaf for all family entries]

COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE VOLUNTEER, THE COMMUNITY SHOP, or ELAINE EDWARDS [Peels, West Street] – by Monday 21st May please.

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Peter Ashley (01460 240353)

March 2012 Winners

First Prize £40 - No 92 Craig Rice

Second Prize £20 - No 250 Roy Sibley

Third Prize £10 - No 171 John Rutter

This draw concludes the 2011/2012 Season and our collectors will be calling as soon as possible to collect for the 2012/2013 Season. We hope you will continue to support the Playing Field in this way and hopefully you could be a WINNER!



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Saturday 12th May

10.00 to 11.30am

**Seavington Millennium Hall,
Water Street, Seavington**

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Doors Open 8.30am for Plants



Continental Village Breakfast

Where? *the Community Shop and Café*

When? *Sunday 6th May between 8.45-Midday*

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Due to popular demand we are holding another Continental style Breakfast & invite you to join us.

If you wish to book a specific time slot please ring ahead on 249730, which would be most helpful.

Ham Hill Excavations

Cambridge Archaeological Unit and the University of Cardiff are returning this summer to continue excavations at Ham Hill hillfort at Stoke Sub Hamdon. The work is in advance of quarrying being extended, and the excavation is located immediately to the east of the existing quarry.

This is a fantastic and unique opportunity to understand more about this hillfort and how it was used. Geophysical survey revealed a large rectangular enclosure which we suspect is Late Iron Age - one of several inside the hillfort. Last year's excavations exposed a large part of this enclosure but we still have a lot more to understand. This year we will be starting to investigate the inside of the enclosure and are hoping to find evidence of occupation including Iron Age grain pits.

We will give guided tours at 2.30pm from Sunday to Thursday every week from 29th July until 6th of September. Please come to visit us and see what we are finding. We can provide tours for groups at other times if booked in advance. If you require more information check out our website www.hamhillfort.info.



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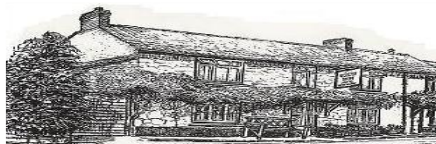
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Entry: group members £2.50, non-group members £3.50, under 18’s free.
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Sweeney Todd - October 23rd to 27th

Written by Steven Sondheim & Hugh Wheeler and directed by Philip Wells

In this hilariously crafty, comedic and captivating musical, a wrongfully imprisoned Sweeney Todd and his dazzlingly demented accomplice, Mrs. Lovett, cook up an unusual and macabre revenge scheme.

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Greenfinch

Carduelis Chloris (5¼"; Family: Fringillidae)

Annie (01460 241762)

Here, Alone, by the grass-green hearth
Tarry a little: the mood will come I
Feel your body a part of the earth;
Rest and quicken your thoughts at home;
Take your ease with the brooding trees;
Join in their deep-down silent mirth
The crumbling rock and the fertile loam.

John Davidson (1851-1909)

A delightful selection of sounds are once again being heard throughout the village this spring - a loud rapid "TRILL" with the finch-like call notes mixed in "TSOET" or repeated "JUP, JUP" with a nasal "DSWEEE" - Greenfinches.

Let's hope they are a healthy flock and stay that way. Please help them by remembering to clean your bird-tables and feeders regularly as they are very susceptible to disease and infection.

The male bird has an olive-green back and crown; with brighter yellow-green rump and yellow patches on the wings and sides of the rather short, slightly forked, tail. The female is much duller with less yellow. Both sexes are chunky looking with a large head and short, stubby, bill. In spring the male proclaims his presence with a distinctive display flight, circling over tree tops with slow flapping wings, calling as he goes. There is also a "bell-like" song.

Greenfinches are resident all year round. They are generally found in hedgerows, orchards, parks and gardens. It flocks with other small birds in autumn through to spring. Wintering flocks roost communally in evergreen trees and shrubs. They roam far afield, foraging for a variety of seeds and waste grain, returning to nesting grounds in early April. Several nests are often found together, high up in either ivy and other creepers, evergreen trees or thick hawthorn bushes.

A deep cup of twigs and grass, lined with fine roots, hair and feathers, is the nest in which 4-6 buffish, pale blue with a few brownish spots and streaks, eggs are laid; there may be 3 broods. The diet, as mentioned before, consists of a variety of seeds—especially the much-loved sunflower and nuts and they will be very dominant at the feeders, chasing other birds away.

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Peter Hill (01460 67779)

**Clear as ice, green as frost on leaves
A talk on crystal and jade through the ages**

**by Anne Haworth, a specialist in oriental ceramics and a guide
at Buckingham Palace.**

Monday 14th May 2012 at 7.15pm
Millennium Hall, Water Street, Seavington

Crystal and jade are materials that have, through the ages, been used to create works of art by poets and artists alike, and have been prized by connoisseurs for their exquisite beauty. In ancient times rock crystal, a very pure form of quartz, was believed to be ice which could never melt.

The possession of crystal vessels was a mark of status and wealth, and this lecture follows the story through the ages of rock crystal, a pure type of quartz, and of jade in Chinese, Indian and Western culture.

'ROGATION SUNDAY'

Sunday 13th May, 2012; 11.15 am

Philip and Sandra Vaux warmly invite you to
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Over the Counter:

News from The Seavingtons' Community Shop & Cafe

Compiled by Laura Gowers and various volunteers!

My 1 year's tenure as chair of the shop association is nearing an end and sadly commitments during the next 12 months mean that I am unable to stand again (although I hope to stay on the committee). So, I would like to ask for some one else to take the role of chair for the coming year. We have an excellent management and operations committee and unswerving dedication and hard work from our many volunteers. If you would like to discuss the idea with me please contact me or any committee member

Diary Dates:

Friday 27th April from 10am. Moores Biscuits (Morecombelake, Dorset).

Moores, famous for the Dorset Knob, have been making biscuits in Dorset, using the finest ingredients, for over 130 years. We stock a good range of their biscuits and several will be available for tasting in the shop on 27th. They are also available as twin packs in the cafe if you fancy trying a new flavour with your coffee.

Thursday 3rd May from 10am – 1pm. Mowzown Hot Pepper Sauce (South Petherton)

Mowzown is made by local entrepreneur Maurice "Mo" Reckitts and based on a Caribbean sauce. This recipe has been perfected over many years by making it for family and friends who finally persuaded him it was good enough to market. The sauce tasting will be complimented by sausages from The Sausage Shed, also on sale in the shop soon.

Monday 14th May — We are hoping to run the first of our Monday Munches Lunch Club. Join us at midday for a good value lunch for a minimum of £3. Ring and reserve a place and we may be able to help with your transport if required. We also need a little more volunteer help for our Monday Munches lunch club. So if you could help with transport runs, help in the kitchen or help clear up afterwards, please pop into the shop/café and leave your contact details.

Why not Follow us on Facebook and 'friend' the store's page? Find us as Seavington-store and keep up to date with offers and events at the cafe and shop.

Community Shop Survey Results

Laura Gowers (01460 240606)

Thank you all for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire or give us your thoughts on the shop and café. There was a considerable response with almost every village household visited, although a number of people were out when we called. With both your views and the returned questionnaires (some by post) we were able to collect opinions from 88 households which represents 35% of all households in the villages. Were we reliant solely on the questionnaires returned, we would not be able to read too much in to some of the results as it is likely that the result would be skewed since those who were not interested in the shop would probably not return the questionnaire. However, by visiting as many households as possible and inputting all your views, we believe we have captured a truer reflection of village sentiment and have overcome this potential skewing of the results.

Firstly, I am pleased to report that there is an overwhelming degree of support for the shop and café with 83% answering the question on shop importance to the village with a 4 or 5 and only 12% seeing the importance as a 1 or 2. Likewise there was an equally high level of support for the café with a massive 91% of responses indicating that the village should have a café in the future and 70% of households saying they use the café now. Only 12 respondents (14%) indicated they never use the shop or café, many of whom went on to say that the shop opening times and their working hours were incompatible. Of these 12 respondents only 14% answered the question on shop importance to the village with a 1 or 2. ie even though they do not use it, 71% of them felt the shop and café were important to the village with a 4 or 5 score. This shows a high degree of feeling in the villages that the shop and café should stay.

We analysed the time of day when you used the shop and café which confirmed our belief from till receipt analysis (each till receipt is timed) that there is an even spread throughout the day of café and shop usage. That said, there were only a small number of requests for opening hour changes. 6% asked for daily opening to be extended from 6pm to 8pm and 6% asked for the shop to open on Sunday mornings with 4% asking for the shop to be open longer on Saturday afternoons. There were no requests for the shop to open earlier in the morning.

When it comes to the goods you feel the shop should stock now or in the future, your views were very helpful. Unsurprisingly, Bakery, Dairy, Fruit & Veg and tinned goods all feature greatly however your appetite for local goods and greetings cards has surprised us. Also you have indicated a desire for Newspapers & magazines to be available once again. We will need to analyse this further as the recent decision to stop stocking these items was made because there was so much waste. Needless to say our stocking policy will now be further reviewed.

As far as future services that are provided by the shop & café, the results here were also very useful with both Café and Postal services clearly popular. The management team will use these results to shape the services the shop provides in the future.

There were also many views on what improvements that both the shop and café should make. Firstly the shop.

Most of your comments here were directed at our stocking policy with both a greater range of goods requested as well as some criticism of out of date stock made. We will analyse this in more detail before deciding on what course of action to take. In addition, information provided by the shop was raised. The notice board area in the shop has now been sectioned into three areas for information to be posted; These cover, Shop & Café News, What's on Locally and Local Adverts (although we are looking to improve further the local advertising facility in the near future). We also have a presence on the Seavingtons website at www.theseavingtons.org giving details of opening times, events program, local producers and a host of other information.

Next we looked at comments you made about the café and whilst I have already mentioned the café's popularity, nevertheless it is not above criticism and we will look to address the issue of speed of service and consistency you raised. A greater range of meals was requested and although the range of foods available in the café have necessarily been limited over the last 20 months whilst we only have one volunteer staffing it. However, our staffing policy is currently being reviewed and if we are able to find additional capacity to increase café staff on duty then this will allow a greater range of food to be served.

Finally I would like to thank all those who contributed and apologise to those we might have missed. Please feel free to drop your thoughts and ideas in to the duty volunteer or any committee member. Rest assured we intend to use the results from this survey to better the service the shop and café provide to the villages.

Notes from Seavington Youth Club

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

Yipee! The clocks have changed, so now, on a Monday evening, the members of the Youth Club can enjoy the playing field and burn off some of that amazing energy that they all have. The Monday before we broke up for the Easter holidays we had an Easter Egg Hunt around the play area, a mad rush to see who could find the most eggs.

The Youth Club has some brilliant news—Branstons have given us some money to buy two sets of power stilts and a projector. We consider ourselves very lucky and feel that a very big “Thank You” must go their way.

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 Editor,

I would just like to remind people that when they are out walking across the fields that the gates and the electric fences are there for a reason, therefore, I would very much appreciate it if you could leave them as you find them. Recently I went to bring the cows in for milking only to find that they had been shut in the wrong field without access to water on one of the hot days, and I had a lot of very thirsty cows.

I would also like to remind the irresponsible dog owners that they are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs as this is also becoming an ever increasing problem in the fields with the cows grazing, causing health problems and higher vet bills!!

Your co-operation in these matters would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks

Andrew Gillard, Herd Manager, Manor Farm

The Seavingtons' Weather in March 2012

This year—2012

Previous year—2011

Temperature

Average Minimum	3.81°C	2.16°C
Average Maximum	14.00°C	12.23°C
Mean	8.91°C	7.20°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	20.6mm (0.82")	22.8mm (0.91")
Yearly Total (to date)	78.3mm (3.13")	153.1mm (6.12")

Driest March since 1990 (18.9mm) but then, that was after 280mm in January and February of that year.



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