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The Seavingtons' News

First, after last month's story of doom and gloom concerning our monthly waste paper skip, may I thank you all for rallying round and almost filling the April skip. It now looks as if the combination of the new position in the Millennium Hall car park and the large open-topped skip can be made to work successfully.

Further, our Treasurer is reporting an increase in the amount of paper collected over the past three months. It won't be long before we will again be able to offer modest grants to village clubs and organisations.

This brings me neatly to drawing our youngsters' attention to the village Youth Club which has started again on Monday evening—see page 15. Unlike our local urban areas Seavington Youth Club has to rely entirely on volunteer adults for its sustainment. It only needs a few more folk to lend a hand to keep it going. You experience the satisfaction of working with our young people who, generally, don't deserve the criticism they often receive in the media. Why not give it a go?

The Seavingtons' News does not normally publicise village events more than a few weeks beforehand; we all have short memories and it can look like nagging. In 2015, however, we have some village anniversaries that are really worth celebrating—forty years since the acquisition of our Playing Field and five years since the opening of our Community Shop. You can see some of the celebration details on page 26, put them in your diary now.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

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

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

is the 15th May

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

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

For bookings call 07914 710926

For other Millennium Hall matters call Pauline Parsons on 01460 240193

May 2nd	9.00 am	St Michael's Church Trust book sale at 2, Winchester Cottages (Opp Volly)—p15
May 9th	10.00 am	Gardening Club Plant Sale—pp 9 & 26
May 9th	7.30 pm	Flix in the Sticks—The Theory of Everything Hinton St George Village Hall—p 5
May 11th	Noon	Seniors' Lunch in Village Café—p 27
May 11th	6.30 pm	Youth Club meeting—p 15
May 14th	7.00 pm	Gardening Club visit to "Rathdown", Upton Lane—p 9
May 18th	6.00 pm	Youth Club meeting—p 15
May 21st	7.30 pm	RSPB Group Film Show & AGM "Heart of the English Willow Industry" - p 27

Regular Activities

2 nd Monday	Noon	Pensioners' Lunches in Village Café
1 st Saturday	9.00 am— 2.00 pm	St Michael's Church Seavington Trust Book Sale at 2, Winchester Cottages (opposite The Volunteer)
3 rd Wednesday	10.00am	"GET2GETHER" Group in Village Café
2 nd Thursday	7.30pm	Seavington Gardening Club

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.

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

3rd May	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
10th May	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10th May	11.00 am Rogation Service (See page 25)
17th May	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
24th May	11.30 am Matins
31st May	11.30 am Trinity Sunday (TBA)

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Spring

Annie (01460 241762)

Now Daisies pied, and Violets blue,
and Lady-smocks all silver white, and
cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo now on every tree
Sings cuckoo, cuckoo.

Shakespeare

The following birds are just five of the many which migrate here from many parts of Africa. They mate here, make nests and may have up to three broods before flying back in early Autumn:

Cuckoo (Cuculus Canorus) 13"

Plumage: grey overall; wing tips darker; underparts whitish barred with grey; tail slate-grey tipped with white, sexes alike.

Habitat: Farmland, woodland, moorland, reed-beds.

Food: Insects, Caterpillars etc.

Nest: Lay eggs in the nest of Meadow Pipit, Reed Warbler, Dunnock.

Song: Cu-koo— cu-koo.

Swift (Apus apus) 6 ½"

Plumage: Long scythe-shaped wings; short-forked tail; body all dark-brown; indistinct whitish throat . Sexes alike.

Habitat: everywhere—especially near water and over towns—high in the sky, chasing each other screaming—"SREE".

Food: Insects caught on the wing.

Nest: House eaves, holes in walls, shallow and made with mud and feathers.

Arrives late April/early May and departs end of August. Will fly up to 500 miles in a day.

House Martin (Delichon Urbica) 5"

Plumage: upperparts dark metallic blue with contrasting white rump; underparts white, sexes alike.

Habitat: Towns and villages

Food: Insects on the wing.

Nest: Attached to buildings—under eaves or an overhang—made with mud, grasses and feathers.

Song: soft twitter and a strong—"TCHIRIP".

Swallow (Hirundo rustica) 7 ½"

Plumage: Deep steely blue upper parts; creamy underparts with bluish breast band; throat and forehead reddish chestnut; long tail streamers—longer on male than female; White spots on tail. Sexes alike.

Habitat: farmland, meadows, towns and villages. Like to roost in reed-beds at night.

Food: insects on the wing—especially over water—scooping up in the bill.

Nest: mud and straw in farm buildings, under bridges and will venture into sheds and garages.

See them on telegraph poles preening and twittering.

White Throat (Sylvia Communis) 5½"

Plumage: Greyish-brown upperparts, Chestnut wings. Male—grey head and nape. Female— browner grey head and nape. Both sexes have white throat and underparts; breast has touches of pink; outer tail feathers white.

Habitat: hedgerows, scrubs, bramble, thorn bushes.

Food: insects and berries.

Nest: low down in thickets and hedges.

The call is a sharp 'TAK—TAK' with a scolding 'CHURR'. Song, often emitted in a flittering, dancing flight, is a short scratchy warble of rapid notes ending in a shrill chatter.

HAPPY BIRD WATCHING!

'Flix in the Sticks'

Rosemary Tout (01460 72906)

Hinton St. George 'Flicks in the Sticks' presents 'The Theory of Everything' (12A), on Saturday, May 9th in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

There is never a good time for a working livestock farmer to take his family on holiday and matters have now been made worse because of newish legislation regarding taking children out of school.

So last week my son took the bull by the horns and decided to take advantage of the Easter school holiday for a week's break in South Wales. Not too far away in case he had to rush back for a major crisis!

So I made it my business to be over at the farm each morning just after the cows had been milked, so as to do what I could to head off any potential upset. Age is catching up these days so I tend to set out to arrive home for a late lunch around two in the afternoon.

Toby our apprentice is the only full time employee, so the milking was taken care of by a very experienced self employed old hand who regularly comes in and milks our cows at least two days a week. He is a jovial type of character who greets everyone with a big grin that is almost lost behind a Father Christmas style beard. This he claims he was born with. He is no longer a youngster so I am not sure his mother is around to confirm or deny it? After the morning milking is completed he hops in his van and goes on his way returning about four thirty for the afternoon milking.

This leaves all the yard work and cattle feeding to Toby and another part time helper who normally comes in two mornings a week to help out. His main job is to take care of the mixer wagon that feeds the dairy herd; this is a skilled operation. Firstly making sure the correct amount of ingredients are loaded and properly mixed. Then carefully manoeuvring what can be best described a cumbersome piece of trailed machinery around the cattle buildings trying to make sure the feed troughs are evenly filled without wrecking the place or the machine. I am pleased to report Arthur who is a young slim wiry sort of a chap completed his daily task without incident.

During the general routine I helped out where I could. After the yard work was completed and a late breakfast was consumed I oversaw whatever was on the agenda for the rest of the morning. Mainly it was just Toby and I. It can be very frustrating getting old because one's physical capabilities let you down so you feel at a disadvantage when it comes to manual work. But by the end of the week I felt much better thanks to the electric fencer where I excelled myself whilst poor Toby was reduced to a trembling wreck.

After a brief conversation with son John on Thursday morning it was obvious he was getting itchy feet to get home, the lovely weather was getting the better of him and he felt he should be working! No doubt on his travels he had seen dairy herds emerging from their winter quarters into nice green fields and thought ours should be doing the same. My immediate instructions were to make sure the electric fence system that circuits the grazing paddocks was fully operational for his return.

This is operated by a control box that is powered from the mains electricity back at the farm yard. So to make sure it worked correctly around the grazing complex it had to remain switched on during maintenance. I tried to explain to Toby that all he had to do was have a steel bar, just dig the point in the ground and then hold it against the live fence so as to send the current to earth whilst I carried out repairs like rejoining broken wires. Somehow he managed to get a nasty shock or two during the process. This was because he let the bar touch the wire before it was on the ground or vice versa whilst removing it.

What made it worse for him I was testing it by catching hold of the live fence and showing him my arm muscles twitching from the pulsating current.

I did notice Toby's Wellington boots were getting a bit thin in the sole; I don't expect that helped. This is one job where I can still get the better of John—he is also a bit sensitive when it comes to the electric fencer, unlike his wife who, like me, can deal with it.

Golfers are the worst...

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anaesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! We have a 10:00 am tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:30 already... I don't have time to wait for the anaesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have his tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain." So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth Honey, and show him . . ."

The Seavingtons' Footpaths

Thanks to the helpful approach of our local farmers the Seavingtons are blessed with a comprehensive and well maintained network of footpaths. These are monitored on a regular basis by Andrew Gillard, the Parish Council's Voluntary Footpaths Officer.

When some action is required to keep our footpaths in good order Andrew arranges for the appropriate work to be carried by either volunteers (often himself!) or through other arrangements.

Therefore, if you find anything amiss with one of our footpaths or stiles please contact Andrew to report the problem. Contacting any other person or organisation will only delay matters whilst the issue is referred to him.

Andrew Gillard can be contacted by 'phone or e-mail:

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Seavington Gardening Club

Chris Ginger, Secretary, (01460 929357 or chris.ginger@talktalk.net)

9th April - Talk by Martin Young on Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores

What an interesting and informative speaker we had in Martin Young from Nectar Plants of Upwey, Dorset. He is a member of Plant Heritage and a keen plant conservationist. He grows many plants and shrubs to attract butterflies and moths.

We were given, during the three combined short talks, a great deal of information about where best to grow and how to cultivate each of the many and varied types and species of Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores, also how to discourage the slugs, snails and other garden pests.

We were also shown some stunning slides illustrating the wide range and form each of the three plant types could produce.

Martin also brought along a great selection of lovely plants for sale which proved to be very popular with the club members. He also has a wide range of talks and quizzes available so I am sure we will be seeing him again in the future.

Flower of the Month;

- 1: Linda George – Iris
- 2: Mary Wyatt – Narcissus
- 3: Karen Day – Anemone Coronaria “Mount Everest”

Forthcoming Events; Monday April 20th, Joint visit/talk, with Over Stratton Gardening Club, to Brimsmore Garden Centre, Yeovil which starts at 7.00pm. Best to arrive early to enjoy a brief look around and maybe purchase something. Refreshments.

Seavington Gardening Club, Plant Sale; Saturday 9th May, opens 10.00am at Seavington Millennium Hall. If anyone has any plants to donate, the hall will be open from 8.30am for deliveries. Remember, plants sell very quickly, so come early! See advertisement page 26.

Seavington Gardening Club Garden visit; on the evening of Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm to Mike and Janet Pollock's “Rathdown”, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael. Members only. Restricted Numbers, but please contact Charo Richie or Chris Ginger to check availability remaining. Refreshments.

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Fundraising. As many of you will know from past experience, the shop and café regularly conducts a number of fundraising events/schemes all of which help to keep the shop and café solvent. Without your kind and generous aid we would not have been able to do many of the things we do. Over the last 5 years we have raised over £40k this way and have been able to: purchase new freezers, install windows between café and shop, Christmas decorations, dishwasher, improve signage, replace printer, install comfortable furniture, increase of stock range, bike rack to list but a few. Without your generosity much of this would have been impossible so please accept my thanks on behalf of the shop management committee for your support.

Survey. We will shortly be running a simple survey of our customers. This survey will be much simpler than the last one which we conducted over 2 years ago. We know that a good proportion of our café customers live outside the village and that most of our shop customers come from within the village. We also have a general feel for the services you would like us to deliver. However, we are trying to ascertain more scientifically where our customers come from and what we can do to improve the services we offer. If you are happy to help us then you may be asked a few simple questions when you are paying your bill at the till.

H&S help needed. Is there anyone in the village who could help us out with Health & Safety policy, assessments and periodic spot checks? Please let me know if you have a few hours you could spare us.

Purchasing help needed. Are you interested in helping out at the shop but are unable to commit to a regular shift? We have just the job for you. We need people to help out in the buying team. You would be responsible for ordering certain items once or twice a month. You would need to pop in to the shop every now and then and when the groceries you order are running low on the shelves, you would simply need to place an order for more. If you are interested in helping then please contact me or let the volunteer on duty know and we will call you to discuss in more detail.

Art & Craft. Displaying in May & Jun will be two local artists: Nicky Clarke (Wesport) will be showing her atmospheric water colours in the

café whilst in the shop the craft work is by Heather Hughes who will be displaying beautiful boxed silver & semi-precious stone jewellery.

Date to remember. Please make a note in your diaries of our AGM:
Tue 4th Aug at 1900

Community shop contact no 01460 249730

Seavington Youth Club

The dates for Youth Club meetings for the next four months are:

April: 20th and 27th

May: 11th and 18th

June: 8th, 15th, 29th (3 in June as there will only be one in July due to summer holidays)

July: 13th (Break for summer holidays, will resume in Sept - dates to be confirmed at later date.)

The club will open from 6.30 - 7.45pm to the children. £1 per session and £2 for yearly membership/registration.

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

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‘The Swift Emergencies of the Sea’

David Eliot (01460 240758)

5 – Coiled wire

From 1986 until 1995 I was HM Coastguards’s Regional Controller for South-west UK, based at Inter-national Maritime Rescue & Coordination Centre (MRCC) Falmouth, responsible for coordination of Search & Rescue (SAR) on the coast between Beachy Head and Bude, and the British area of responsibility in the eastern Atlantic.

At 1452 on 3 February 1994. the Greek-registered Bulk Carrier *CHRISTIANAKI*, outward bound from Europort to Caracas, Venezuela with a cargo of coiled wire, reported that the ship was in trouble in Storm Force conditions and heavy seas south-west of Ireland: one of the forward hatch covers had been ripped open and the ship was taking water. Worse still, nothing could be done on board to fix the problem.

As the afternoon wore on, the ship’s situation worsened as she continued to flood and become ever more down by the bows. At about 1615 the Master told the MRCC his crew were at Survival Stations. At 1630 the MRCC lost radio contact and assumed, rightly as it turned out, that the ship had foundered.

The position was too far into the Atlantic to be reached by Royal Navy SAR helicopters from Culdrose in Cornwall, but was just reachable from Castletown Bere in SW Ireland, although time on scene would only be 15 minutes. Whatever political tensions bedevilled Anglo--Irish relations, co-operation between HM Coastguard and the Irish Marine Emergency Service (IMES) was always excellent. One phone call from the Foreign Office to the Irish Foreign Ministry sufficed to gain permission for RAF Nimrod Maritime Patrol Aircraft based at Lossiemouth to overfly Ireland *en route* to incidents in the SW Approaches, thereby saving much valuable flying time; or for Navy helicopters to fly out of Castletown, as in this case.

Two SAR helicopters flew there, refuelled and then set out on a very hazardous night sortie in appalling conditions. On arrival, they reported floating wreckage, some lights, but no apparent survivors. The MRCC’s earlier distress broadcast had been answered by an eastbound Austrian merchant ship. (Land-locked Austria’s merchant marine is a legacy of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire’s ownership of Adriatic ports in former Yugoslavia.) The Master said he would steam through the area, but would

be unable to stop or alter course, so bad was the weather. Arriving at night, he reported wreckage and managed to grapple a partially-inflated liferaft without survivors.

The next day, a Royal Navy Survey Vessel, supported by a Nimrod Patrol Aircraft, thoroughly searched the area; a smashed lifeboat was found and some wreckage recovered, but again no survivors. The search was called off on 9 February. The lack of survivors suggested the ship had foundered very quickly and that most of the crew had gone down with her despite being fully prepared to abandon. The MRCC sadly recorded 'lost with all hands'. A month later IMES reported that two bodies in survival suits and wearing *CHRISTIANAKI* life-jackets had been washed up on the Irish coast, the only evidence that anyone onboard had succeeded in abandoning ship.

In my ten years as Regional Controller in Yarmouth and Falmouth, this incident was the only major maritime disaster where the entire crew of over 30 souls had been lost.

Spinach Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce

Ingredients

1 lb (450g) fresh Spinach, chopped and squeezed dry

3 potatoes, boiled and mashed

2 egg yolks

4 oz (110g or half a cup) butter

Seasoning

8 oz (225g or one cup) cottage or cream cheese

3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

¼ tsp salt

3 tbsp flour

A tomato sauce made from 1 lb fresh tomatoes (or a tin), onions, herbs and garlic, or a jar of good quality tomato sauce.

Method

Mix together the spinach, potatoes, egg yolks, sieved cottage cheese, half the butter, most of the Parmesan cheese, salt and flour.

Roll into a long, finger-thin, sausage on a floured surface and cut into pieces 2" (5 cm) long. Cook a few pieces at a time in boiling salted water. When pieces rise to the surface remove with a slotted spoon.

Keep water boiling and repeat the process until all the gnocchi are cooked.

Place in an oven-proof dish, cover with the homemade tomato sauce, sprinkle the rest of the Parmesan cheese over the top.

Brown in the oven and serve very hot.

Number 9 Bus Service

From 26th May 2015 the timetable for the Number 9 bus route is being amended. The new service is detailed below:

Donyatt - Ilminster - Crewkerne				Service 9	
Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)					
Donyatt, George Inn			0945	1230	
Ilminster Square			0955	1240	
Ilminster Medical Centre			0958	1243	
Seavington St. Mary			1007	1251	
Lopen			1012	1256	
Hinton St. George			1017	1301	
Merriott, Church		0829	1024	1308	
Crewkerne Ashlands Road		0835	1034	1318	
Crewkerne, George Hotel		0840	1038	1322	
Crewkerne , Kings Arms		0845	1045		1325
Crewkerne, Ashlands Road		0849	1049		1329
Merriott, Church		0901	1101		1341
Hinton St. George		0909	1109		R
Lopen		0914	1114		R
Seavington St. Mary		0919	1119		
Ilminster Square		0926	1126	1215	
Ilminster Medical Centre		0929		1218	
Donyatt, George Inn		0937		1226	

R—Serves Hinton St George and Lopen on this journey only on request from passengers on the bus.

Quite Possible!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags had not showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"



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THE SEAVINGTONS CELEBRATIONS

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Saturday 25 / Sunday 26 July Flower Festival at St Michael's Church.

Monday 27 July - Monday 3 August The Caravan Club Concert Band Rally

Tuesday 28 July Quiz Night in The Millennium Hall. All welcome.

Thursday 30 July A festive evening at The Volunteer with Morris Dancers

Saturday 1 August Have a Field Day - fun sports, stalls and games for all the family, followed by a feast and Proms in the Car Park.

Sunday 2 August Songs of Praise on the field followed by a picnic.

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR BOOKS, TOYS AND BRIC-A-BRAC
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The South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau has changed its enquiry line telephone number. From 13th April 2015 please call:

Somerset Adviceline: 03444 88 9623

Lines are open from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Clients who are deaf or hard of hearing can call the Citizens Advice Text Relay service on: 03444 111 445

This new telephone number replaces the 01935 421167 enquiry line number which will no longer be in operation.

South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau will be joining up with the other Citizens Advice Bureaux in Somerset to improve the delivery of telephone services.

When a resident from South Somerset dials the number their local dialling code will be identified and, in the first instance, their call will be routed to South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau. If there is no one available in South Somerset the call will go to another bureau in

The Seavingtons' Weather in March 2015

This year—2015

Previous year—2014

Temperature

Average Minimum	2.83°C	3.55°C
Average Maximum	10.78°C	12.25°C
Mean	6.81°C	7.90°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	30.8mm (1.23")	45.1mm (1.80")
Total for the year	157.3mm (6.29")	456.0mm (18.24")

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