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November 2011



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The Seavingtons' News

You will find in the centre of this issue a four page “pull-out” which gives you the latest information on the planning of our two villages’ celebrations of next year’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The Committee is keen to have your reaction and urges you to attend the next meeting—at The Volunteer Inn at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th November—to have your say.

The Committee is also asking that you give some information and for the children to sign up for the Prince and Princess competition. Please help the Committee make the year memorable for your children by completing and returning the forms as requested.

The Committee is also keen to know if you have any “traditional village fete” sideshows and games lurking in some dark corner that it may borrow for the occasion. If you have these, or any other ideas, but can't join the meeting please call Ruth Turner at The Volunteer on 01460 240126.

Changing topics, we are now drafting the Seavingtons' Year Book which will be included with our January 2012 issue. May we ask all village organisations to send us their latest contact details and other information?

Any other suggestions for the Year Book or for improvement of The Seavingtons' News will also be welcomed. Please get in touch by telephone or e-mail—see below.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip! pm Friday 11th November
until am Monday 14th November

The Latest Copy Date is the 15th November
for the December 2011 issue

Editorial content and diary entries to:

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Village Diary—November 2011

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

For bookings call Janet Goode on 01460 240220

For other Millennium Hall matters call Peter Ashley on 01460 240353

November 5th	6.00 pm	Village Bonfire and Fireworks—see p 26
November 7th	7.15 pm	NADFAS talk “The Zeal of the Spirit” by Patricia White—see p15
November 11th	7.30 pm	“Lest We Forget” A presentation of remembrance of both world wars—see p14
November 12th	11.00 am	Seavington Hunt meets at the Village Store and Millennium Hall—see p6
November 17th	7.15 pm	RSPB Group talk “The Birds of Southern
November 21st to December 3rd		Arts & Crafts Fayre at Village Store—see October magazine or call at the store
November 26	9.00 am	Christmas Bazaar—see p 27

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	In term time: Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group
2 nd Thursday	7.30pm	Seavington Gardening Club

To keep up to date check out the village web-site which is updated regularly and brings you the latest information on village matters, the programmes of village organisations and much more. Pass the address to your friends and relatives and let them keep in touch as well.

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

30th October	11.15 am	Matins
6th November	11.15 am	Holy Communion
13th November	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
13th November	10.50 am	<i>Remembrance Service, including an Act of Remembrance of the people of Seavington who have been wounded and killed whilst serving our country.</i>
20th November	11.15 am	Holy Communion
27th November	11.15 am	Matins

Rev D Fyfe telephone: 01460 241977

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

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Seavington Gardening Club

Secretary: Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

13th October – Guest Night

Seavington Gardening Club were joined by members from Hinton St George, Martock, Long Sutton, Over Stratton and Barrington Gardening Clubs. Firstly, everybody enjoyed a delicious buffet - an enormous thank-you to members who once again contributed to an absolutely wonderful buffet.

Talk with slides by Bob Ayres on ‘The Hidden Gardens of London’

Bob's career in the London Police Force gave him an unusual insight into the gardens of London through years of 'pounding the beat' which took him into the crannies and corners of the City of London. The City has a battered history; the Romans, the Great Fire of London then the Blitz have all left their mark, and if you look carefully there are some gems of public gardens tucked away from the traffic and office buildings. The great Guilds and Livery Companies have created and recreated gardens at their grand premises, some of which are open to the public. Right by St Paul's there is a garden where trees have been planted which have been officially presented to the Archbishops. Some of the gardens are situated where some of the City's original 100 churches once stood – now peaceful gardens sometimes below ground level. Finding these gardens sparked an interest in Bob, and his wife Jean, in horticulture, becoming members of the RHS and Bob qualifying as an official London Gardens' Guide for the London Tourist Board. Bob and his wife now live at Burton Bradstock and are battling with the maritime nature of gardening on the coast!

Flower of the Month:

1st – Sue Dewsbury, 2nd Roy Sibley 3rd Katherine Smith.

Irene Williams Memorial Plate:

This year there was no overall winner of the Flower of the Month Competition: it was a draw between Julie Sibley, Katherine Smith and Kate Mulligan. The Irene Williams Memorial Plate was awarded to Katherine Smith to be shared with Julie and Kate.

This year the Gardening Club are having a Christmas Lunch on 1st December at 12.30 at the Monk's Yard. Charo Ritchie circulated menus to members to be returned to Charo by 14 November at the latest. Three courses cost £19.95 or £15.95 for two courses (both include coffee). Cheques should be made out to A.M. Ritchie and posted to 'South Meade', Meade Lane, Seavington TA19 0QL. Queries to 01460 249690.

SPFA Lottery 2011/2012 Season

September Winners

First Prize £40 - No 20 Jackie Keyte

Second Prize £20 - No 245 Jim Dare

Third Prize £10 - No 43 Joy Willerton

RNLI Coffee Morning

Thank you everyone for the brilliant support given at the R.N.L.I coffee morning held at Hunts House, Seavington-St-Michael on the 6th October. The magnificent sum of £614.63 was raised. This included the sale of Christmas cards, some very generous donations, the entrance fee and the raffle. Also a very big thank you to friends and family who helped set up everything in the morning.

Raffle prizes were won by J. Brown, B. Lake, D. Fyfe, D & A. Wills, P. Parsons, J. Beveridge and G. Myers.

Mary & Peter Wyatt and Joan Olds

St Michael's Church Seavington Trust

Book, Plant & Bric-a-Brac sale:

5th November 2011

at 2, Winchester Cottages (Opposite The Volunteer)

New and Second-hand Books

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A great selection for children of all ages from stories to study!

NB—Open 9.00 am to 2.00 pm—please come and browse

Over the Counter:

News from The Seavingtons Community Shop & Cafe

Laura Gowers and various volunteers!

Have you been into the shop recently? We've had a bit of a "make over"!

A group of our volunteers took a good hard look at the stock in the shop and the shelf layout and have moved shelves and products to display them to the best effect. We're all really pleased with the end result; it should make finding what you need a little easier. I hope you like it too.

We now stock frozen meat from Bonners. We have reduced the amount of fresh meat we have (although there will still be some) and Bonners will now vacuum pack and freeze meat for us, which is available in the tall freezer next to the dairy chiller.

We have a couple of new lines, one of which is Miles Tea. Miles Tea have been blending tea in the West Country since 1961. Their tea is currently blended and packed in Minehead. Why not give it a try?

There are a couple of events happening in the shop/café in November.

We are pleased to be hosting the First Seavington Craft Fayre at the end of November. This is a great opportunity to show off your creative talent and hopefully sell some exhibits to raise a bit of extra Christmas cash. The organisers have very generously offered the shop the 15% commission on sales, to enable us to tidy up the front of the shop.

So, as the flyer says "Come on you crafty lot" – get painting/knitting/ carving/sculpting/ and let's make the craft fair a success.

The Seavington Hunt are meeting in the car park at the Shop/café on 12th November by kind permission of the SPFA. They meet at 11am and should move off by 11.30am.

If you have some time to spare, why not come and volunteer at the shop or cafe. It's a great way to meet other people in the village and it is good

fun. We particularly need people who would like to volunteer in the café. Have a chat with any of the volunteers and they will pass your details to Thandi or myself.

Cleaner needed: The Shop and Café are in need of someone to help with cleaning. Can you spare a couple of hours, 2 days a week? At the moment this is a volunteer role. Please ring Laura on 01460 240606.

One last thing - Don't forget our new dry cleaning service which is now up and running. Collections and deliveries are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Museum of Somerset and the Somerset Military Museum

Alastair Fyfe

Four years after the disbandment of the former County Museum and Somerset Military Museum, both museums have re-opened to the public. They are still in their former location - the Castle - in the centre of Taunton.

The rebuilding, re-furbishing and the reorganisation of these two museums has cost £6.9 million of which £4.8 million came as a grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund. The remainder was raised through other grants, donations and public fundraising.

The Museum of Somerset provides a fantastic amount of information about the county in which we live. One hall covers the Monmouth Rebellion and the Bloody Assizes in detail and other special highlights are the huge Roman mosaic floor which was discovered in Low Ham and the largest collection of Roman coins ever found in this country in a single container – the Frome Hoard – which was excavated by Alan Graham, from Seavington St Mary.

The Somerset Military Museum tells the story of the regiments of Somerset, from the time of the origins of the Somerset Light Infantry in 1685 to the present time – the Rifles.

The Museums are open on Tuesday to Saturday from 10.0 am to 5.0 pm. Admission is FREE. There is a café and shop on the premises.



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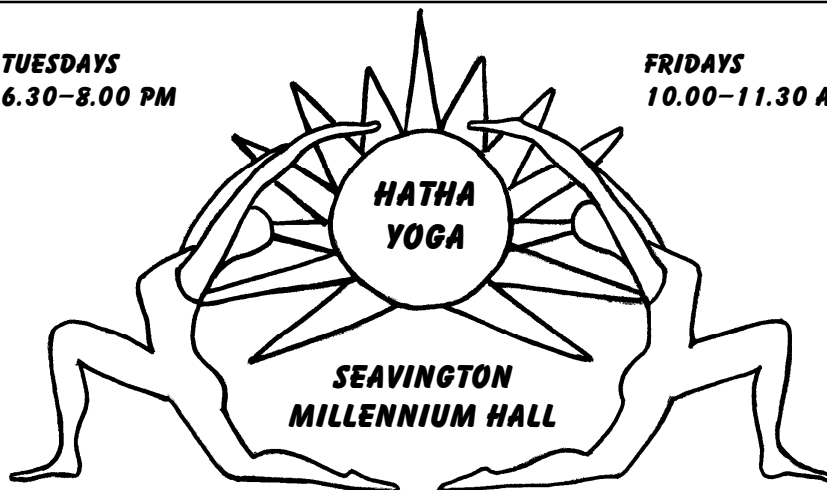
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Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Sunday service is on Sunday 13th November at 10.50 am at St Michael's Church, School Lane.

Everyone is invited and will be welcome as we remember those who fell in wars which guaranteed the freedoms we enjoy today.

Let us not forget that our forces are engaged overseas today making the same sacrifices.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - 2011

Monica Pye 01460 241861)

Collections will officially begin for the British Legion Poppy Appeal on Saturday 29th October.

Last year The Seavingtons very generously contributed £713 . 43p.

Our servicemen and women are still engaged in hazardous duties at home and abroad. Please give generously.

Seavington Millennium Hall

is marking Remembrance Day with

“Lest We Forget”

by The Heritage Theatre (President Prof. David Bellamy)

**a presentation of remembrance of both world wars
written and produced by Gervais Bellamy**

11th November 2011 at 7.30 pm

£5 inc tea coffee biscuits.

Tickets from committee members and Seavington Village Store

Neroche Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Peter Hill

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November 2011 at 7.15pm in Seavington Millennium Hall, Water Street, Seavington St Mary.

There will be a talk about the extraordinary creativity, scholarship and craftsmanship of mediaeval monks: 'The Zeal of the Spirit', given by Mrs Patricia Wright, who has written many books on the mediaeval world. She is a lecturer on cruises.

Monks, who were originally hermits and missionaries, formed communities where they raised buildings, lived a disciplined life, and developed many skills: as illuminators of manuscripts, copiers of books, mathematicians, makers of music, and cultivators of plants and fishes. They expressed their beliefs in art, and pursued experiments in such things as early calculators, optics and chemistry. They travelled widely in Europe and spread their centres of scholarship and learning. From the 9th to the 14th century, monks were the dynamo that drove the rebirth of Europe after the eclipse of Rome. Mrs Wright also looks at the fallible side of monastic life, and at some of their spectacular forms of sinning. She is a Chartered Surveyor with a first class degree in history, and she has also won a national prize for her fiction.

Visitors will be welcome. Admission £3.

Seavington Playing Field Association

Car Parking on Playing Field

The unauthorised parking of cars on the Playing Field was discussed at a recent meeting and it was agreed that this would be allowed on condition that permission was sought on behalf of the Playing Field from the Chairman, Mr Peter Ashley on 01460 240353, that the vehicles were fully road legal and insured and that owner (or owner's representative) details were given in case contact was required.

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New Police Contact Number

101 is the new number to contact Avon and Somerset Police when it's less urgent than 999, replacing the 0845 number. This has now been launched in the South West and will work across the rest of the country by the end of 2011; 101 will become the number to contact the police for non-emergencies.

It should be used for reporting a crime that does not need an urgent response, contacting a local officer, getting crime prevention advice, making an appointment with a police officer, telling us about local policing issues in your area, or any other non-emergency.

The police hope that the introduction of a nationwide and simple number will reduce the number of calls to 999; currently approximately one in four 999 calls to Avon and Somerset Police are genuine emergencies and one in four calls are inappropriate. The rest are calls needing police assistance that could have been dealt with by the non-emergency number

Calls to 101 will cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long that call may last and applies to landlines and mobile phones.

Not So Crafty After All!

Phil Gordon-Smith

Well, disappointingly the response to the Art and Craft Fayre, to be held later this month in the shop is, to put it mildly, awful. However, not wishing to disappoint those that have taken up the challenge the net has now been widened to include all villages around the Seavingtons. We have also received a keen response from further a field, which we can draw upon if our larger net fails to catch any interest.

Needless to say, there will be a Fayre, running from November 21st until the 3rd December, and hopefully we can inspire a few folk to come and visit. For those of you who now feel motivated and have discarded your application form, that appeared in last month's magazine, there are some more waiting to be filled out, in the shop. Once completed they can be handed back into the shop. You will be contacted with further details as appropriate.

Talk on the Future of Kew Gardens

We have been contacted by Kingsbury Garden Club who have booked an eminent speaker from Kew Gardens for a special talk by Gail Bromley MBE, educational development manager at Kew.

Kew's website says "Starting life as a taxonomist, finding and naming new plants for Kew Gardens, Gail moved into education to help initiate Kew's major education programmes for schools, the visiting public and professionals on environmental, plant science and heritage topics. She currently serves Kew, now a World Heritage site, in the field of education development and as an international advisor on biodiversity education. Gail sits on a number of advisory boards for education including Defra's Education and Public Understanding group; she is passionate about sustainability, education and enabling access to heritage for all audiences". The Kingsbury Episcopi club has asked other gardening clubs to spread the word so that as many people as possible have a chance to hear this speaker while she is in Somerset. The details of the talk are below.

"The Future of Kew in the 21st Century", a talk by Gail Bromley MBE, Education Development Manager of Kew Gardens.

At The Church Rooms, Church Street, Kingsbury Episcopi on Friday 9th December at 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets cost £4 (Mulled drink & mince pie included).

Anyone interested should contact Liz Randall on 01460 241626.

Village Waste Paper Collections

Heather Scott (01460 241437)

The waste paper and cardboard figures for July (1.94 tonnes), August (2.44 tonnes) and September (2.46 tonnes). Thank you to everyone who is contributing their paper and card for the good of the village in the monthly village collection.

We appreciate you making the effort to store your paper and to get to the skip each month and look forward to a continuing high return of paper and cardboard in the months to come and subsequent benefit to our villages.

Tawny Owl

Strix Aluco (15")

Annie (01460 241762)

Fall, leaves fall; die, flowers away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the Autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

Emile Brontë 1818—1848

The Tawny Owl is strictly nocturnal and seldom seen in flight during the day except when disturbed while roosting. It has an astonishingly flexible neck which allows it to turn its head almost full circle.

The Tawny Owl is of stout build. It flies on soft, silent, wings which are broad and rounded. Feathers are mottled chestnut-brown; deeply set black eyes which, unlike most other birds, are forward facing like humans. The tail is short and the talons are feathered, curved and strong. The bill is hooked and of a pale greenish-buff. The sexes are alike.

Though a bird often found in mature woodland it may also be seen in well wooded parks and gardens. In autumn it will establish its territory with much calling—"ke-wick, ke-wick" and hooting—"ho-hoo-hoo". The male, in its attempt to attract a mate may well clap its wings in display. No nest is built. The Tawny Owl will lay its eggs in an old tree hole, building or, maybe, in a deserted squirrel's drey.

One brood of 2-4 white, round, eggs are laid between March and May. The female incubates the eggs for 28-30 days. When hatched, the chicks are mainly fed by the male. Both parents, though, will continue to feed the young for up to three months after they have left the nest before they fend for themselves.

The Tawny Owl is a night hunter feeding on small mammals such as moles, mice, voles and other small birds. On damp warm nights earthworms surface to feed and mate and offer an easy feed when hunting is unproductive.



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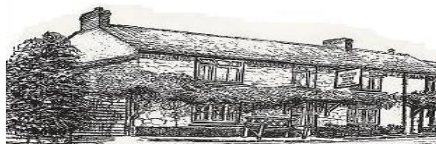
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or sent to me:

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With Many Thanks...

We wish to sincerely thank all the numerous villagers involved in making our wedding day on Saturday 10th September so special and enjoyable. Thank you to the shop/cafe for keeping the groom, ushers and helpers fed and watered whilst in the process of 'setting up in the marquee'. Thank you to Ruth at the Volly for laying on an excellent breakfast for our bridal party. The village Church looked amazing inside and out and we give special thanks to Shelia, Wendy, Joy and Norma for their hard work in arranging the flowers so beautifully. Please accept our apologies if the music or fireworks disturbed any of you into the evening.

TRIS & LUCY WICKS

A Police STOP at 2 AM...

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

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Alastair Fyfe (01460 241977)

Our final fundraising event of the year took place on Saturday, 1st October when Brian Grant gave an illustrated Talk entitled: "2011 - The Diamond Jubilee of the Hunter and the Sea Vixen". It was a thoroughly successful evening. Brian gave an excellent and evocative Talk about these two intrepid aircraft. The event was well attended.

The sum of £700 was raised for our village church. Our thanks go, of course, to all those from the village who attended and to the many who came from outside the village. Particular thanks go to those who helped with the administration and organisation of the event.

There were two winners of the sealed auction bid for a ride in Brian Grant's Tiger Moth – Mr John Henson and Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne.

Posada

Posada is the word for an inn in Spanish. "Posada" is the tradition in South America where the crib figures, Mary, Joseph and the donkey travel daily from house to house on their way to church in time for Christmas.

Posada starts on the first Sunday in Advent, which this year is Sunday 27th November.

If any family would like to have the crib figurines for a night they should call Annie Prichard on 01460 241762 and she will be happy to explain more to you.

Village Bonfire And Fireworks

Saturday 5th November

**Burgers - Hot Dogs - Soft Drinks
Licensed Bar in the Hall**

Starting at 6.00pm

Bonfire Lit at 6.30pm - Fireworks at 7.00pm

In aid of Playing Field Funds

Nothing to be put on Bonfire site till Friday 28th October

Donations for Fireworks to Peter Ashley, Caravelle, Upton Lane
Telephone: 01460 240353

Fitness Classes starting week commencing September 12th 2011

Tuesdays: Pilates—Barrington Hall 1.35pm - 2.25pm

Tuesdays: ZUMBA—Shepton Beauchamp Hall 7.50pm - 8.45pm

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ZUMBA: £4 pay on the door or £42.50 for 12 (roughly £3.50 per session),
Pilates please call me on 01460 241629 to reserve your space. See you soon!

Lisa Rock, Level 3 Pilates Institute, ZUMBA Dance fitness instructor



Visit Seavingtons' Community Shop and Café



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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.

A great big thank-you from Jill Bolton

I'd like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who has come to my rescue since having a tumble in the garden a couple of weeks ago. I don't know how I would have coped without you all. From getting me to hospital, grass cutting, meals, shopping and just popping in for a chat. I guess that is what living in a village is all about; I would not want to live anywhere else.

Obviously, I cannot do my shift in the shop at the moment, though I have a feeling that Thandi (our volunteer co-ordinator) will be keeping a close eye on my progress and at the first sign of improvement in my condition will have me back "on duty". She came to see me after my tumble, I'm sure that she was checking that my injuries are genuine and I am not playing truant! (only joking Thandi)

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to you all, oh and by the way, the bee that was the cause of it all is still happily buzzing around the village somewhere—she was not harmed!

The Seavingtons' Weather in September 2011

	<i>This year—2011</i>	<i>Previous year—2010</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	11.92°C	9.97°C
Average Maximum	20.03°C	19.08°C
Mean	15.97°C	14.53°C
Rainfall		
Monthly Total	38.6mm (1.54")	47.1mm (1.88")
Yearly Total (to date)	382.8mm (15.31")	404.9mm (16.24")



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