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The Seavingtons' News

How time passes when you are enjoying an English summer! By next month's issue of The Seavingtons' News Christmas will be just around the corner, we will be choosing a new colour for our covers and the whole yearly cycle will start again.

For the past few years we have prepared a Seavingtons' Year Book which has been included with our January edition as a pull out section for you to keep for reference throughout the year.

The Year Book contains contact details for clubs and organisations within our community and our elected representatives, dates for the waste paper collections etc. I know a handful of people who retain this but wonder how many of you do find it useful. Would those of you who would like to see it continued please drop me an e-mail or paper note telling me and also offer suggestions for making it more useful?

Of course, the value of the Year Book depends on its accuracy, thus, may I ask all village organisations and clubs to send me their latest contact information together with any updates to their entries?

If you have mislaid your copy of the Year Book you can find it on the village web-site (www.theseavingtons.org) by clicking "Community" on the top bar and then selecting The Seavingtons' News.

David Froome

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Village Diary—November 2012

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

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27th October	7.30 pm	Serenade—Choir concert—p 30
4th November	6.00 pm	Village Bonfire & Fireworks—p 28
5th November	7.15 pm	NADFAS meeting “Aspects of Love in Art”—p 19
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15th November	10.30 am	RNLI Coffee Morning—p 29
22nd November	7.30 pm	RSPB Talk—Dartmoor National Park—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	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.

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

4th November	11.15 am	All Saints Service
11th November	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
11th November	10.50 am	Remembrance Service with Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am
18th November	11.15 am	Holy Communion CW
25th November	11.15 am	Matins

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The building of Seavington Millennium Hall

David Ades explains the background behind his video record

When it was decided in the early 1990s that Seavington should try to replace its ageing wooden village hall with a modern building, I accepted Bob Ash's invitation to become the first Treasurer of the newly-formed steering committee that would attempt to raise the necessary funds.

The first years were a struggle, and I can well remember attending many committee meetings on rainy winter nights when we tried to come up with brilliant ideas for fund-raising events. Progress was slow at first, and not everyone in the village believed that we would succeed. But gradually it started to seem that success was within our grasp, and the committee began to investigate the logistics of the scheme and, most importantly, how funds could be raised from outside sources.

It was clear that no official body would support us with money unless we demonstrated that we could raise a reasonable amount ourselves, but the figures were starting to add up. It was around this time that pressure of other work forced me to hand over to Peter Ashley as Treasurer, and there is no doubt that this proved to be a very fortuitous move. Peter had the expert knowledge of the building trade that I certainly lacked, which was so essential if the project was ever to succeed. Under his guidance things started to happen: grants were obtained, plans were drawn up and finally the go-ahead was given.

On a rainy August Monday – 4 August 1997 to be precise - Bob Ash operated the digger to cut the first piece of turf where the Millennium Hall was to be built, and I captured the occasion on my video camera. At this point I must explain that I make no claims to be any kind of expert in the film making business, but I enjoy taking home movies, and at the back of my mind I wondered if people might, one day, be interested in seeing how the Millennium Hall project was launched.

Five days later I recorded the annual Seavington Village Fete and Flower Show, one of numerous fund-raising events. You will spot the old village hall (affectionately called 'the pavilion') still at the top of the playing fields. It served us well for many years, but its days were numbered!

As the hall started to take shape out of the soil (and mud!) at the south end of the playing field, every so often I walked down Water Street with my video camera to record what was happening. Roy Sibley kindly allowed me to get in everyone's way, and after a few weeks they had

probably got used to me. When the hall was really taking shape, on 24 January 1998 members of the committee were invited to look around, with one hilarious moment (when you see the video you'll understand what I mean!).

Finally the great day came on 11 April 1998 when the hall was officially opened by Ewen (now Lord) Cameron and various local dignitaries who had helped in various ways. Prominent among these, of course, were Peter Ashley and Bob Ash. On that day there were so many villagers crammed into the hall. It was a truly wonderful occasion, which surely made everyone who had been involved and supported the project very proud.

I should mention that my video is not – and was never meant to be – anything other than an accurate visual record of events associated with the building of the hall. As some of you will know, I am involved in the music business, and my work sometimes requires me to choose music for the background in documentary films. But on this occasion I have resisted all temptation to produce a special soundtrack, or any fancy editing. You will see the video just as it was originally shot.

Although the soundtrack is in stereo, in 1997 high definition and wide-screen video cameras were still a few years away, so don't expect the picture quality you now see on your large TV screens. But do come along with your friends, and see if you can spot yourselves. You can chatter as much as you like during the video, although you'll probably want to hear what is said during the speeches on the opening day.

“The Building of Seavington Millennium Hall” will be screened by Seavington Gardening Club at the Hall on Thursday 8th November, commencing at 7:30pm. This is an open meeting for all villagers, not just members of the Club.

Playing Field Lottery

Tickets for the Playing Field Lottery are available from members of the SPFA Committee. These cost £10 for the six monthly draws and up to half the proceeds are given back as cash prizes each month.

The draw for the first two months will take place immediately after the fireworks on Sunday 4th November—see page 25 for details.

News from Seavington Youth Club

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

We started back to Youth Club on 10th September and what a good start we had! There were lots of new faces from Seavington, Ilminster and Shepton; numbers attending the Youth Club are looking good.

The 50 inch television has now arrived, purchased with the kind donation from Branstons. The children enjoy dancing and playing football on the Wii or X-Box in front of the gigantic screen! We have also received a £150 donation from the South Petherton with the Seavingtons PCC which was very welcome and will help the Youth Club to keep going.

We will be having our AGM on the 15th October from 6.00—6.30 pm. We would like to see some new faces and helpers are always welcome.

On 22nd October we will be holding a Halloween party with fancy dress prizes for the best boys' and girls' outfits together with games, fun and food. Its usually a great scream!!! As usual, we look forward to seeing you.

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Tony Carter - Chairman of the Trustees

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The **PROBLEM** is that the post and rail fencing around the car park and along the road boundary really needs replacing and much of it is very rotten indeed. We are patching up various failures at the moment but young people in particular tend to ignore the gates and climb over the fence. Often the rail collapses under their weight and this clearly represents a safety hazard.

In addition the drainage field dealing with the water overflow from the septic tank has collapsed and needs excavation and relaying of the land drains.

Sorting this all out needs contractors and the bill will be about £5,000!

The **OPPORTUNITY** is that the Government has put £500,000 into a special fund to assist small charities through online donations via www.localgiving.com

This website now has a page dedicated to the above charity and if you donate £10 then the Trust will receive £20 and if you also Gift Aid your donation then even more! The easiest way to find our page is to enter your postcode on the home page and click the search button for nearby charities.

You can donate any amount up to £1000 but all donations only attract an extra £10 under this scheme from the government.

Wherever you live in South Somerset please help this local charity to continue to provide sporting facilities and a marvellous children's adventure playground by donating £10 or a little bit more. There are many people who are supportive of what we do but might find it easier to donate rather than attend a coffee morning!

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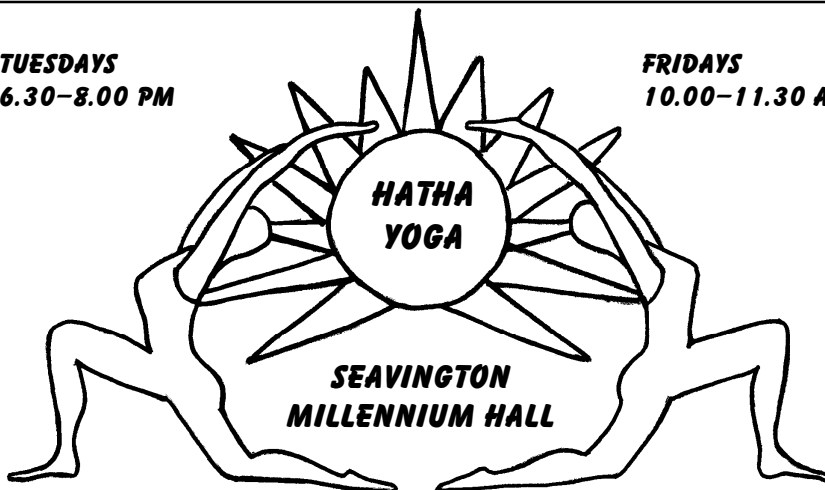
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Seavington Gardening Club

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11 October – Guest Night with talk ‘The All-Year-Round Border’ with Mike Pollock

Guest Night was once again very well attended with a record number of visitors! Members again excelled themselves producing a delicious buffet which was enjoyed before our talk. A huge thank-you again to all our Club members who produced such a wonderful range of dishes!

Inches of rain have fallen in the last week, and gardening has been impossible, so Mike’s talk was a welcome reminder of future horticultural possibilities! We started with a little Garden History and then Mike walked us through the garden’s seasons with many interesting recommendations for the back, middle and front of our borders – many of the photos taken at Rathdown.

It is clearly possible to buy the right plants to have a colourful garden all year round. Mike’s knowledge of plants, their history and provenance made this an extremely fascinating evening. So that we did not need to write down the plant names Mike came armed with lists of all the plants that he was talking about for members. We are clearly very fortunate to have such a distinguished member of the horticultural world in our midst!

Flower of the Month

1. Anne Wills – Dahlia
2. Jackie Hann - Cyclamen
3. Sue Dewsbury – Begonia

This was the final ‘Flower of the Month’ competition for 2012 and the overall winner for this year is Jackie Hann who was presented with the Irene Williams Memorial Plate by our Chair Sarah Day.

For our new November meeting we would like to invite members to bring in some photos of their gardens which we will display for members to enjoy at our Social Evening.

6th November: Daffodil planting around the Playing Field. SSDC are supplying the parish with a supply of bulbs and we have decided to plant them on the verge and around some of the trees this year. Volunteers requested! Please meet us at the Millennium Hall car park at 11.30am.

7.30pm 8 November **NEW** Social Evening:

A video about the construction of the Millennium Hall by David Ades

The Gardening Club have decided that the additional new meeting date will be an Open Evening annually, particularly this year, to encourage Seavington non-members to see David's film. This video is quite an historic record of Seavington made 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! The Garden Club will supply the mulled wine – could members please be kind enough to contribute mince pies? (Austerity measures at the SGC!)

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Alastair Fyfe (01460 241977)

The Safari Supper was held in the village on Saturday, 6th October. It was particularly pleasing as it brought together a wide cross-section of people in the village. The event was organised by Annie Prichard who did a fantastic job. It required a great deal of coordination and careful planning. We are most grateful to her. Our thanks must also go to all those who acted as 'hosts' during the course of the evening. Without their willingness and generosity, the event could not have taken place.

The 'party-goers' initially met at the Beeches and then dispersed, in groups, to other houses, finally finishing up at the Volunteer for a welcome coffee (or something rather stronger!). Our thanks go to Ruth and Colin Turner for allowing some 35 people to invade their premises late in the evening!

The profit going to the Church Trust was £320. This is a great result. It was particularly nice to be able to raise this money in such an enjoyable way!

News from the SPFA

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

As indicated in a recent News Letter there have been changes with regard to the Committee of the SPFA and I would like to thank the team of 'volunteers' who are completing some of the jobs that were needed to be done.

However, there are still other areas that need some urgent consideration. Both, the Parish Council and the SPFA have received complaints that the grass cutting has not been particularly good this year. The cost to the Parish Council – and, of course, that means you - has been some £2,100 just for cutting the field from March to September, so in order to try and cut costs the SPFA are looking for someone to cut the enclosed play areas. We already have an offer from someone to cut the small area behind the Hall. Unfortunately the SPFA have no equipment so this would have to be provided as well. Payment would be considered.

As you will know several years ago the SPFA stopped fundraising on a grand scale as there were other organisations in the village that had to raise monies and at the time the SPFA had sufficient funds for day to day expenses. The Committee now feel that the SPFA – including the Millennium Hall – need a 5 year plan of what we would like to do.

Often grants are available but at very short notice so we think that if we have a plan we may be in a better place to make an application. Many will be wondering why the monies raised during the Jubilee celebrations for a new piece of play equipment has not yet been spent; but again, before we make any decision we would like to know what the children would actually like and where it should be put. Also the Millennium Hall has now been in use for over 12 years and could probably do with a re-vamp, but what would you like to see?

Ideas can be sent to the Seavingtons' News, any member of the Committee, or children can discuss their ideas with the Youth Club leaders.

The SSDC are once again providing Seavington with 2,000 daffodil bulbs for planting. They will be in the village on Tuesday 6th November at 11.30am. If anyone could help with the planting that would be great. We will meet in the Millennium Hall Car Park as the plan is to plant some around the trees on the playing field, but if anyone has any other ideas please let me know before then. If we have sufficient 'planters' we could cover several areas of the villages.

From the Parish Council

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Both the Parish and District Councils have received numerous complaints about dog fouling and fly tipping of garden waste in the Rowdells Orchard area. These are both matters within the District Council's areas of responsibility and the enforcement officers are now dealing with them.

The enforcement officers have drawn our attention to the penalties for those involved in the above:

i The owners of dogs should note that, under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005, the maximum fine for not clearing up after a dog is £1,000. Prosecutions can be brought or Fixed Penalty Notices of £80 can be issued to anyone who does not clear up after their dog, on the evidence of any member of the public.

ii Under the Environmental Act 1990 action will be taken against anyone found fly-tipping waste, including garden waste. Such prosecutions can be brought against anyone seen fly-tipping on the evidence of any member of the public. The maximum fine is £50,000 and/or 5 years in prison.

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A Farmer's diary

Farm Boy

Back on our farm the combine harvester has been cleaned down and stored away for another year. Fortunately we do not have to sell our corn as it is all processed through a roller mill and fed to the dairy cattle, this is just as well as some of it was rather high in moisture content. This can cause it to sweat whilst in storage and spoil, eventually going mouldy which makes it unsuitable for any kind of use. To avoid this, our two-partly filled grain bins have had cold air ventilation fans running twenty-four hours a day continually moving the air between the stored grains. This is not cheap nor is the cost of grain drying.

Normally September is a month when the farmer can progress with tidying up behind the harvest preparing for sowing much of the following years corn crops. This time it is proving a struggle and there is little sign of improvement as we move into October.

For those who have little or no farming knowledge, but have an interest you could not do better than stand by the Seavington Stone at Boxstone Cross and view the fields that are in the same parcel as Loxtons garden machinery, this is situated between the Ilminster bye-pass and the old A303. These fields are always managed to the highest standards and not unexpectedly are well on the way to being prepared for next year's crops. But even they are looking rather waterlogged and it will take a few fine days before drilling the new crops can commence.

Here at the Seavingtons the soil is sandy and mostly well drained. I wish I could say the same about our own farm on the eastern slope of the Blackdown Hills; this runs away to heavy clay and is never easy but with a very wet time it seems near impossible. I have continued to help out since harvest and spent several days with the farms mechanical digger putting in some land drains and digging a ditch in one of the fields that my son purchased in the spring. It is the perfect season to discover the badly drained areas.

Our dairy cows have been back in their winter quarters for the last seventy-two hours with little hope on the horizon of going back out into the fields. If this continues it will mean the herd has been brought in a month earlier than usual. A major worry as at least one month's winter feed has already been fed. This is alarming for when we came out of last winter we had considerable grass silage in hand but this was used during the early part of the wet summer and then fodder intended for this

coming winter had to be introduced. October is the month when maize crops are normally harvested for silage, maize is a crop that enjoys the sunshine and dry conditions and this years crops are poor or non existent, there was some very weak takes, some fields were then replanted. Even where the crops are reasonable getting into the fields to harvest them could be a nightmare.

It all sounds like a tale of woe, but for those of us who enjoy farm life it is just another hurdle to deal with. The last few days I have been coppicing around the approach to our slurry lagoon. This was built and landscaped in 1990 and it is amazing how the saplings we planted have become trees and now require cutting down allowing new growth to start again. The ash trees have been a menace by spreading seed all over the place resulting in new seedlings springing up even in the joins in the concrete yards and under the farm buildings walls.

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Peter Hill, Vice-chairman (01460 67779)

Aspects of Love in Art

by Pamela Halford BA (Hons) MA

Monday 5th November 2012 at 7pm for 7.15pm
Seavington Millennium Hall, Water Street, Seavington

Pamela Halford will discuss how artists portray love. She is a freelance lecturer, and researcher/scriptwriter and director at the BBC. She has lectured widely for the English Speaking Union, the National Trust, Art and Historical Societies, the National Gallery and Bath University.

Some artists express their personal experience in their art, depicting themselves and their families – wives, mistresses or animals, and we gain insight into their lives. Others use imagination to portray love in a myriad of ways, providing us with charming, puzzling, hilarious or disturbing images.

Humour and wit are never far away in this illustrated talk, and she will show the work of caricaturists who delight in exploiting human feelings. Art work from 2650 BC to the present day, sometimes accompanied by an appropriate poem or an odd ode, will play on your emotions!

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

Peregrine Falcon

Falco Peregrinus (15"- 19")

Annie (01460 241762)

There is a pleasure in the Pathless woods.
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but Nature more,
From these our interview.....

Lord Byron, Childe Harold (1812)

There have been several sightings of the Peregrine Falcon, around here, this summer. A powerful bird, with the female being larger than the male.

In falconry terms the female is the Falcon and the male is the Tiercel (tassel or tercel-gentle, because it is about a third, that is a tierce, of the size of the female falcon).

The Peregrine has a whitish-grey head, back and wings which are long, broad and pointed. White to warm buff under-parts with lovely patterned black bars and lightly barred under-wings. A relatively short tail and a powerful hind claw with which to ensnare its prey.

It soars with wing-tips slightly splayed, and spots its prey a long way off; so with wings folded, to increase momentum, it will make a dive or stoop* that may reach up to 180 m.p.h. What an experience for any onlooker! If by chance the bird should miss, it will continue to stoop* at its prey until successful.

Diet is medium-sized birds, killed on the wing (as above); sometimes rabbits and small mammals.

Mainly silent but will utter a harsh, rasping-"Kraah-Kraah-Kraah".

* Stoop—Downward bend of body

Branston Donation is a Class Act

Local potato company Branston Ltd has donated £1,400 to a local pre-school, enabling the group to buy a range of equipment and facilities to improve the children's day to day learning.

The Ilminster-based site of the UK's leading potato supplier donated the money to Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School as part of its commitment to supporting local communities. The school has 28 children on its register aged between two and four years and 11 months' old.

The money was used to purchase and install a child height sink, a touch screen computer and some educational toys including three wooden jigsaws and £100 of Lego. The school also purchased a CD player which the children can use to record their own voices.

Shelley Bacon, a supervisor at the pre-school, says: "This donation from Branston is absolutely fantastic news and we have invested it well. We have needed a sink for quite a while now and have been using a washing up bowl on a chair as an interim measure! We had to fill it up using a jug, but it is great that we now have a sink with running water.

"We have also bought a touch screen computer which the children are fascinated by and will be so useful. We feel we have really put the money to good use. Every year we have to do all the fundraising ourselves, and it can be a real challenge. So when Branston approached us about a donation, it made such a huge difference to us and we are all thrilled."

As a thank you, the children have put together an abstract painting for the company's reception area.

Ian Wait, general manager of the Ilminster site of Branston, said: "As a company we like to support our local communities and we felt that the Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School was a really worthy cause. As they are solely responsible for all their own fundraising, we wanted to give them a contribution and are delighted with how much they have bought with our donation. I am also really pleased with our newly acquired art from the children and it has taken pride of place in our reception area."

Parish Council Meeting

The date of the November meeting of the Parish Council has been changed to Tuesday 20th November.

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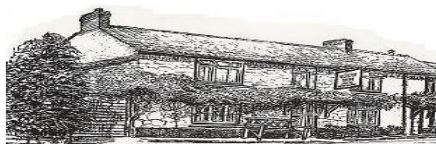
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Wednesday 7th November 2012

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Wednesday 21st November 2012

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Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School

Heather Copeland (07765437301)

The new term is now well under way and all the new children are settling in well. We have had the first of our Wellie walks down across Cowleaze and into the fields. We were able to collect a handful of stray straw that the combine harvester had left behind and made it into straw houses as part of our 3 little pigs theme. We will be going on to learn "Five little bees" and the butterfly song leading up to the harvest service in church, when we join the school for harvest time. The second walk took us up to see the Alpacas in the field behind the pub and across the fields and back to Cowleaze for a picnic. Fun was had by all.

Shelley Bacon our Supervisor has now completed 25 years service with our group, which is an amazing achievement. We celebrated this special occasion by joining together with parents, committee members, members of the community, staff and children old and new for a presentation in the village hall. Shelley was presented with cards and gifts including a photo album of all the year groups of children that have been to pre-school over the last 25 years. It was quite an emotional occasion. Thank you to everyone who came along to make this special for her.

Also a BIG THANK YOU to Branston Ltd and General Manager Ian Wait for their very kind donation. We have been able to purchase a flat screen computer for the children to use together with a selection of puzzles, Lego, music player and masks and been able to install a much needed child friendly sink in the cloakroom. Many. many thanks from the children, parents, committee and staff.

Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Service is on Sunday 11th November at 10.45 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, School Lane.

Everyone is welcome as we remember those who fell in wars which guaranteed the freedom we enjoy today . We shall also remember our Armed-Forces who are at present overseas making the same sacrifices.

The SPFA and Heritage Theatre Present

Lest We Forget

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Seavington Millennium Hall
Saturday 10th November; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets: Adults £5, accompanied children free

Available from the Village Store or committee members from mid October

Light refreshments will be available during the interval
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The Seavingtons' Weather in September 2012

This year—2012

Previous year—2011

Temperature

Average Minimum	9.49°C	11.92°C
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Average Maximum	18.36°C	20.03°C
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Mean	13.93°C	15.97°C
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Rainfall

Monthly Total	72.9mm (2.92")	38.6mm (1.54")
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Yearly Total (to date)	727.2mm (29.09")	382.8mm (15.31")
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The wettest September day was Sunday 23rd with 52.3mm (2.09")



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