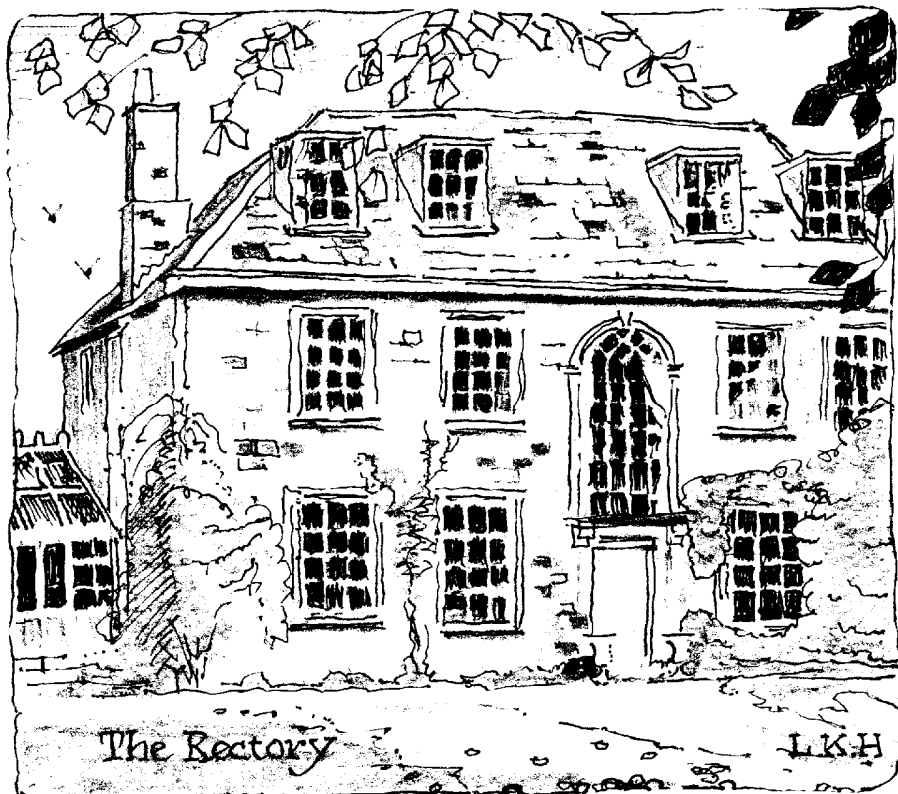


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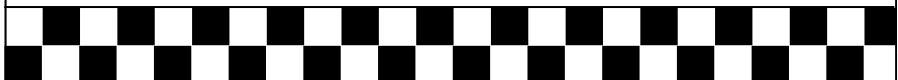
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The Seavingtons' News

It is now thirty years since the first issue of The Seavingtons' News dropped through the villages' letterboxes. Since then, with only a couple of short interruptions, things have run like clockwork with everyone receiving their monthly dose of local news, events and more general articles.

As you know, this free magazine is funded by a combination of advertising revenue and the proceeds of the monthly waste paper collection. This has been sufficient to allow us to accumulate some equipment such as a collator, printer and folding machine that allow us to be largely independent of outside contractors and still produce a reasonably good looking magazine.

There is a team of five volunteers who swing into action every month to produce the magazine and another ten who carry out the door to door delivery. This is an impressive effort, particularly when you consider that it has been going on for thirty years.

However, one thing is beginning to hurt. Overheard in the pub was one resident telling a newcomer "...oh, its mainly adverts". Putting aside the fact that without the adverts there would be no magazine, he was, to some extent, right. These days there are not nearly as many articles written by you, or as much news from village clubs and societies as there used to be.

As the long winter evenings draw in you all have the opportunity to put this right. Why not write about you hobby or interests or research some local theme and share it with your neighbours? Over to you Seavington, I look forward to a full letterbox.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 12th October
until am Monday 15th October**

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

is the 15th October

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Village Diary—October 2012

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

For bookings call Pauline Eardley on 01460 240995

For other Millennium Hall matters call Peter Ashley on 01460 240353

1st October	7.15 pm	NADFAS— Talk on Contemporary Silver by Rosemary Ransome Wallis— see p 27
6th October	6.00 pm	St Michael's Church Trust Safari Supper — see p 18
11th October	6.30 pm	Gardening Club—Guest Night Buffet followed by talk—see p 5
18th October	7.30 pm	RSPB Group-talk on “My rumble through the USA” by David Kjaer —see p 25
19th October		Apple Day in the Village Store – see p 16
19th October	7.30 pm	Talk “Maturing the Spirit” by Julian Temperley – see p 27
10th November	7.30 pm	Lest We Forget by the Heritage Theatre – see p 15

Regular Activities

Every Monday	6.30pm	Young People's Group—all ages
1 st Saturday	9.00 am— 2.00 pm	St Michael's Church Seavington Trust Book Sale at 2, Winchester Cottages (opposite The Volunteer)
3 rd Wednesday	10.00am	“GET2GETHER” Group in Village Café
Tuesday	9.30 am	Toddlers group (temporarily suspended)
2 nd Thursday	7.30pm	Seavington Gardening Club

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

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

7th October	11.15 am Holy Communion—Harvest Festival
14th October	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
14th October	11.15 am Family Service
21st October	11.15 am Holy Communion
28th October	11.15 am Matins

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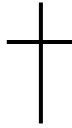
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Raymond England—1928-2012

Ray England, who passed way on 10th August 2012 was born in Seavington and remained in the villages for his entire life. Born in School Lane, Ray and his parents subsequently moved around the villages with homes in Upton Lane, Winchester Cottages and Water Street in Seavington St Mary. Ray attended Seavington School which had two classes, one for the youngsters and one for the older boys who left aged fourteen.

Ray and his brother Wilfred helped their father with his allotment, the beginning of an interest in the land and agriculture which lasted throughout his life. He started work in 1942, during the war, first with the bakery in South Petherton and then at the Lopen flax mill. Neither appealed and he took work at Court Farm in Upton Lane before, about 1953, transferring to Manor Farm, working for the Madge family. Upon his marriage to Christine, from Allowenshay, Mr Madge purchased Rose Cottage in Seavington St Mary for them to live in and Ray remained at Manor Farm for most of his working years.

In those days the farm made its own cider, which was stronger than today's variety. Ray's day would start early with a break for lunch around 10.00 am, during which he would eat his bread and cheese with cider from the barrel to wash it down. This didn't inhibit driving a tractor for the rest of the day! At the end of the working day there was another large glass of cider.

After retirement from the hard work of the farm Ray took on work at Brakes' Garage and the delivery of newspapers throughout the two villages claiming, with a broad smile, to be the oldest paper boy in the country! He enjoyed these jobs because of the chats and interaction with customers.

He also turned his attention to voluntary work, helping others. Ray would ferry people to and from hospital or collect their medicines from the chemist as well as driving them to stations or airports.

Later, Ray would take walks through the village engaging in conversations with those whom he knew and who had the time to listen to his limitless fund of entertaining "short stories"!

A countryman through and through and a privilege to have known him.

Seavington Gardening Club

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

13 September - Fun Gardening Quiz with Mike Short

As past chair of Monkton Elm Gardening Club, Mike started producing quizzes for his own club which were so popular that other clubs also started requesting quizzes. Mike also writes the quizzes for 'Country Gardener' magazine. He had some very testing questions for us, for example: 'What is the most popular house plant?' or 'How many flowers does a bee have to visit to make a pound of honey?' or 'Where would you see snow mould?' and 'What does Avalon mean?'. So as well as being well quizzed we also learnt the answers to quite a lot of questions too! Mike described his quizzes as 'fun' and fun it definitely was!

Flower of the Month

1. Jackie Hann – Rose
2. Ry Coffman – Echinacea
3. Jane White - Rudbeckia

11 October 2012, 6.30pm – Guest Night Buffet followed by Talk with slides 'The All Year Round Mixed Border' with Mike Pollock. Also the final of the Flower of the Month competition for this year with the presentation of the Irene Williams Memorial Plate.

8 November, 7.30pm 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!)

Rev. Tom Handy Installed as Rector

Carol Talbot (01460 241478)

On 3rd September, at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church South Petherton, after weeks of preparations including the careful wording of the service which was checked & rechecked (and even a rehearsal), we were ready for this important service.

Tom's family and friends, local dignitaries, clergy and congregation were all invited along to celebrate the installation. Beautiful music was played by Daniel Cummins and the church was full of welcoming flowers.

The service began with a long procession including the Choir, readers, clergy, vergers (Annie looked very smart in her new cassock), Churchwardens, D as the Bishop's Chaplain, and finally Bishop Peter of Bath & Wells.

Tom had to wait, he had to be invited into the Church by the Churchwardens. Many old traditions were observed including presenting Tom to various parts of the Church, including the door, the bell and his chair. Rosemary Tout, Lay Chair, did the reading, Bishop Peter gave the sermon, and several carefully chosen hymns were sung. Various people presented Tom with symbolic items such as oil for healing; even a map of the Parish was presented by the 2 village Civil Parish Councillors.

Tom made his vows to the Bishop followed by applause from everyone. At this point I felt quite relieved, the long interregnum was over, we had our new Rector, and the church wardens are no longer in charge!

We finished the way we began, with a long procession, but this time Tom was present, the music played and the bells rang a long peel of celebration. It was quite 'something' and so very British. We adjourned to the Infant School for a well earned drink & nibbles.

So welcome Tom, Becky, Josephine and Sophia, we're so happy you've joined us.



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Heather Copeland (07765437301)

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We are putting on a ladies Fashion Show on Monday 1st October to raise much needed funds for the pre school. All the clothes are high street fashion at bargain prices. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine. Call the pre-school for tickets or call into Shepton Beauchamp village stores. So why not enjoy a much needed night out with friends and support our event.

Bags2school collection happening again in October, if you have any unwanted clothes, handbags, linen etc. please drop off your items at the village hall Shepton Beauchamp during pre-school hours.

2B OR NOT 2B

Phil Gordon-Smith (01460 242277)

Yes, sketchers it's decision time, and that applies to all you other crafters as well. The next Craft Fayre is due to open its doors, at the village shop, in November, and run until Christmas Eve.

So, if you fancy having a go at something constructive, or know of some one who would like to enter a craft then you can get in touch to find out more, or simply fill out the application form from the centre of this magazine. We will again be asking for 15% commission, all proceeds going towards the enhancement of the shop.

For further information, please have a chat to either Jill, (01460 241311), or Sarah (01460 240230), or pick up an application form from the shop. The filled form can be returned to the shop, and you will be contacted as to what happens next.

The Fayre dates are 13th November until 24th December.

A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

I suppose from the average farmer's point of view August 2012 was almost a washout, the rain storms were so severe that on one occasion our dairy herd along with others close by were confined to their winter quarters for twenty-four hours.

As well as this concession through all of the summer nights the cows were allowed open access to the buildings. This is far from normal practice; on top of that they were given supplementary fodder right up until Sept 7th. so on that occasion they were somewhat aghast to discover the feeders with just a small amount of rolled grain, the net result was the following morning not a single cow was in the yard waiting to be milked. This is what one normally expects during summer mornings, unless a new mum had returned looking for her calf.

Fortunately towards the end of August the weather improved and offered a glimmer of hope for would be harvesters. The combines started to roll again leaving deep ruts in the soggy cornfields, some like our own on more than one occasion finishing up having to be rescued by tractor and chain after finding that extra soft patch.

Son and daughter in law were given a well deserved complimentary night in London and a day at the Paralympic games, so this brought pressure for us to try and get as much of the corn harvested as possible before 7th September.

The last day of August brought a full moon and found me back at the controls of our 1970's built New Holland combine harvester, this old combine, we bought back in the early 1980's, as well as harvesting our own corn did a good deal of contract work.

So the old machine and even older driver were to try and prove their worth, not easy when with less than a second of notice the machine could sink to her belly. This did however lead to a bright moment, once we had cut around the field several times the frequency of sinking decreased, so John thought it safe to leave me to go and bale some straw in another field.

After sometime had passed I called him on his mobile phone, his language was rather blue, "You're not ***** stuck again?" I replied "No !!

**The Seavington
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13th November
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24th December
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Come on you crafty lot...

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So... it's time to GET MAKING.

Space is at a premium and we are therefore having to restrict the area for exhibiting in order to offer as many people as possible the chance to sell.

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Sarah: 01460 240230

or Jill: 01460 241311

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Please return this form to the shop by 2nd November.

I need one of the trailers emptying, one is brim full of grain and I am running out of space because the other is over half full”

I am not sure if it was the influence of watching the Paralympics, but suddenly yesterday I felt I had been reincarnated, John was baling purchased straw over here at Seavington, whilst I was still back at the farm stacking bales. Once I had completed my task, I called him. “Do you want me to bring the loader tractor across and stack your bales?”

Reply “Yes better bring on the bale trailer as well” I have never been let loose with that one before. When I was a young man just out of the army I ran a lorry and used to buy and sell straw, the truck carried 300 small bales, normal load was about five and a half tons. The trailer I brought over yesterday can carry 34 large bales with a total weight over eight tons. How things have changed and as far as bale handling is concerned all for the best, those small bales were damned hard work.

The SPFA and Heritage Theatre Present

Lest We Forget

Heritage Theatre, a locally based amateur group, is proud to present a tribute to all the service men, women and civilians involved in WWI and WWII. The performance will include selected verse, songs, sound bites and music linked by a narration to guide the audience through the principal events of WWI and WWII.

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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Apple Day in Seavington: Friday October 19th 2012

Seavington Store & Café (01460 249730)

Apple Day is an annual celebration of apples and orchards, held on or close to October 21st each year. Initiated by *Common Ground* with an apple event at Covent Garden in 1990, the day is promoted as a way of celebrating and demonstrating that variety and richness matter to a locality.

Since 1990 orchards have been saved, old apple varieties re-discovered and many, many people have begun to consider local apples and apple trees with renewed enthusiasm.

This year the 23rd Apple Day will be celebrated around the country, and for the second year Seavington Community Shop & Café is joining in. On **October 19th** you can take part in it with a wide range of activities during the day; and the day will close with an evening talk in the Millennium Hall.

A variety of mini- activities will happen in the shop & café throughout the day including cake, apple juice and cider **tasting**, card **printing** (using apples of course) as well as a display of named apple varieties – including cider apples from Perry's orchards.

At 11am and again at 3pm there will be an **Apple Juicing Demonstration** - why not bring one or two of your own apples and watch them turned into juice and taste the delights of *really* fresh juice?

We will also be having a fun competition – “*How long is your apple peel?*” Bring your favourite peeler and we'll provide the apple. Why not peel yours whilst enjoying a cuppa from the café? We'll measure the peel and present the winner(s) with a suitably apple-y prize at the end of the day (**Apple Peeling** between 10.30 and 4.30).

The café will be featuring Apple Day specials too.

At 4 o'clock there will be **Poems at Tea Time**: you are invited to take tea in the café whilst local poet, author, and broadcaster James Crowden reads some of his apple-y poems and perhaps some of his

other work too. You are welcome to bring a favourite poem along for James to read whilst you tuck in!

Evening Event: In the evening Julian Temperley from Burrow Hill Cider Brandy will be giving a talk at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall, Seavington, about apples, cider and his adventures in brandy making entitled: **Maturing the Spirit**. This promises to be an informative and amusing evening as Julian has a story for every occasion!

Tickets are limited; and following the sell-out success of the Ham Hill talk we recommend booking early – tickets will be available in October at Seavington Community Store & Café and from N&D News in South Petherton (£5 adults; U16's £3).

A thought about advertising

Heather Scott (01460 241437)

Over this last year we have received a number of different advertisements from individuals and companies who are keen to offer their services and products to villagers.

The other day, when I was using Google to search for a service on the internet, I reminded myself that my first port of call should really be our advertisers who take the trouble to advertise in our the village magazine. It is partly through the revenue from advertising that the village newsletter is free to everyone. Suffice it to say that I did find what I wanted in the Seavingtons' News, the service was excellent and it was great value for money! So now you have your new copy of the Seavingtons' News, take some time to look at the adverts and give those individuals and companies a chance to give you the product or service you are looking for.

And the paper skip:

Another big **thank you** to everyone who brings their paper and cardboard to the paper skip each month. In July we had recycled 2.74 tons – not quite as much as the last quarter's figures where we managed 2.4 tons in April, 3.2 tons in May and 2.98 tons in June – however it is still a great amount to support the Seavingtons' News. As always, if anyone needs help in taking their paper to the skip please get in touch!

Marketing!

Two beggars are sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One has a Cross in front of him; the other one is holding the Star of David. Many people go by, look at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the Cross.

The Pope comes by. He stops to watch the throngs of people giving money to the beggar who holds the Cross while none give to the beggar holding the Star of David. Finally, the Pope approaches the beggar with the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who is holding a Cross. In fact, they would probably give more money to him just out of spite."

The beggar with the Star of David listened to the Pope, smiled, and turned to the beggar with the Cross and said, "Moshe, would you look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing!"

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Safari Supper Round The Seavingtons Saturday 6th October 2012

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Tickets £15 each—Includes Supper and Raffle
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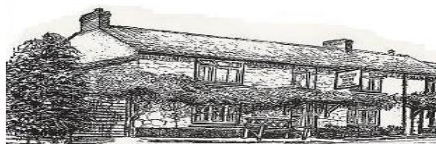
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Thursday 18th October – 7.30pm – The Millennium Hall, Seavington St. Mary
Entry: group members £2.50, non-group members £3.50, under 18's free.
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2012 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Monica Pye (01460 241861)

Collections for the 2012 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will officially commence on Saturday 27th October.

Last year the Seavingtons contributed very generously. Our service men and women are still engaged on hazardous duties abroad and at home.

May I ask you all to again give generously this year?

Lest We Forget

Sally Gough (01460 240897)

Lest We Forget is returning to Seavington by popular demand. If you have not seen the show before, or even if you saw it last year, I hope you will enjoy it. The first half of the show concentrates on the Great War with the second half focussing on WW2. There are plenty of opportunities to sing along and the performance also includes a range of sound bites to add realism. The first half lasts about 45 minutes and the second half about half an hour so it shouldn't be too long for older children. Tickets will be available from mid-October from Committee Members or Seavington Community Shop.

South Petherton Photographic Society

South Petherton Photographic Society meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of most months starting at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Palmer Street, South Petherton, TA13 5BD.

Cost including refreshments is £1.50 for members and £2.50 for non-members; the October meetings are:

Wednesday 3rd October 2012

Basic Composition and an Artists View
With local artist Ron Kenway

Wednesday 17th October 2012

RAW Processing – What you can do in processing camera raw images and why you might shoot in this format

What's on for Apple Day—Friday October 19th

All in the Village Store and Café except the talk by Julian Temperley, which is in the Millennium Hall.

- ◇ All Day **Display** of Eating, Cooking and Cider Apples
 - ◇ 10am - 4 pm **Printing with Apples** (Make greeting cards using apples)
 - ◇ 10am - 4pm **Longest Apple Peel Competition** (Bring your favourite peeler!)
 - ◇ 11 am **Juicing Demonstration**
 - ◇ 3pm **Juicing Demonstration**
 - ◇ 4pm - 5pm **Poems at Tea-Time** Local poet, author & broadcaster James Crowden will read poems & prose about Apples & Cider in the café
 - ◇ 10am-5pm **Local Food and Drinks Tasting** in the shop
 - ◇ 7.30pm **Maturing The Spirit** A Talk by Julian Temperley of The Burrow Hill Cider Brandy C° in the Millennium Hall. Tickets in Advance £5 (U16 £3)
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Neroche DFAS

Peter Hill, Vice-chairman (01460 67779)

Contemporary Silver—its Development in the 20th & 21st Centuries

by Rosemary Ransome Wallis, FRSA FRBS

Monday 1st October 2012 at 7pm for 7.15pm
Seavington Millennium Hall, Water Street, Seavington

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

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,

On behalf of myself and Pam can I sincerely thank everyone who sent us such lovely cards and letters following the loss of Dad? It was very heart warming to know that Dad had touched so many people's lives. Also, may I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful family; we are very lucky to have a lot of our family living in the village or close by and their support at this time is very comforting.

Nigel and Pam England

Sir, We would like to say thank you to all of you who joined us for the S.U.R.E. lunch at Torosay, Seavington St. Michael on the 12th August and helped us achieve a donation of £900 for the Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment. We couldn't have done it without you.

Steph Snowdon & Carolyn Farler

The Seavingtons' Weather in August 2012

	<i>This year—2012</i>	<i>Previous year—2011</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	13.35°C	11.46°C
Average Maximum	20.92°C	20.64°C
Mean	17.13°C	16.05°C
Rainfall		
Monthly Total	122.8mm (4.91")	65.5mm (2.62")
Yearly Total (to date)	654.3mm (26.17")	344.2mm (13.77")

Another wet and cold August! Previous wet Augusts include:
1999: 115.9mm; 1997: 204.2mm; 1986: 123.4mm and 1974: 115.8mm



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