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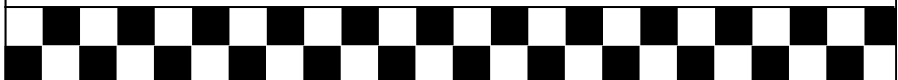
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The Seavingtons' News

This morning the weather forecasters are telling us to dust off our barbeques. However, they do not tell us if this is meant to be the preliminary move before storing them until next year!

Personally, I have found this year's weather most frustrating. It has been difficult to plan ahead for any outside activity and almost impossible to keep our garden under control. Further, the combination of weather and wildlife has made it our most unproductive year since moving to Somerset.

Thus, it was a great, and welcome, surprise to see the amount and quality of produce displayed at last Saturday's Gardening Club show. It is always interesting to peer, metaphorically of course, over someone else's fence to see the fruits of their labour. This year, judging by the results, that labour must have been more intense than usual.

It was good also to see the continuation of the special competitions for the children with entries of a high standard and the new *Haddon Junior Cup* as a spur to enter.

I would like to proffer my congratulations to the gardeners and thanks to the Seavington Gardening Club for both encouraging them and putting on such an excellent show. The results of the various classes may be found, as usual, in our special centre pull-out section.

David Froome

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Village Diary—September 2012

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1st September	11.00 am	Ham Hill archaeology site open day at Ham Hill—pp5 & 6
1st September	9.00 am	Church Trust Book Sale at Winchester Cottages (opposite Volunteer) - p 19
3rd September	7.00 pm	Installation of new Rector at SS Peter & Paul Church South Petherton pp 13 & 16
10th September	6.30 pm	Seavington Youth Club resumes—p 27
13th September	7.30 pm	Gardening Club Quiz by Mike Short—p 25
29th September	9.30 am	Save the Day Recycling Conference at Bridgwater—p 26
6 October	6.00 pm	St Michael's Church Trust Safari Supper—see p 18

Regular Activities

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

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

2nd September	11.15 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
9th September	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9th September	11.15 am Family Service (Followed by coffee)
16th September	11.15 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
23rd September	11.15 am Matins (BCP)
30th September	11.15 am Patronal Festival of St Michael

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A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

The weather still remains the top subject in the farming world, I have in the past mentioned that there seems to be no set pattern to climate change, maybe I am wrong? For each time I get around to delivering my share of the Seavingtons' News the weather seems to be improving. Shortly after delivering them, I had taken to writing the next entry. This time however I went off to Gloucester and enjoyed a weekend of sunshine, which continued for the following week. On the last very hot day I visited Montacute House and whilst there I made a huge mistake. I bought a straw hat! So look no further, I am responsible for the unsettled spell as at the end of July and the opening week of August 2012.

Another hot subject among the dairy farmers has been the issue over farm gate milk prices.

This is a clear case of history repeating its self. Human nature has not changed, or if it has, it is not for the better. Back in 1933 there was an organisation formed known as the Milk Marketing Board this was set up to put stability into the market place to prevent the milk buyers dictating the price paid to the producer. The MMB was made up of representatives from both sides of the industry and government officials.

I think most dairy farmers of my age group would say that it provided stability for the industry and it seems ages ago that it was disbanded, but it was only dissolved during 2002 as a result of a mandate by the Thatcher government.

This brings to the fore the farmers greatest headache which is National and European politics. In recent years we have seen political ideals come and go as to how food production is controlled. We have been involved in Grain and Butter Mountains; Land Set Aside; Milk Production Quotas and a whole lot more. The sad part about all these changes is they have come about as a result of political manipulation since we became members of the European Economic Community.

Farming more than likely stands on the threshold of more changes because of the current system known as the single farm payment. This is far too complicated for me to try and explain, but there is evidence that this system, like the others, is not sustainable in the long term. If this is the case our farmers will be required to adapt to a change of direction once more.

If my vegetable garden is anything to go by it looks as though the general theme will be much lower yields from most of our crops this year, which will mean a knock on effect for us all. I do wonder how well our national potato crops will turn out, mine in the garden are at least fifty percent down, because of a slow start followed by the crop being struck down almost overnight by the potato blight during mid July. The potato blight is a common enough threat and the professional grower wards it off with a regular spray routine.

The only time I can recall this happening to my potatoes on such a grand scale was back in 1986 when I had grown them on top of the Blackdown Hills near Brown Down Common. They were also stripped of their leaves overnight, but much earlier in the season. I had secretly, up until now, considered that may have been influenced by the Chernobyl nuclear explosion as Brown Down Common is around 800ft above sea level.

The national corn harvest is now underway with most of the winter sown barley harvested. The type of weather the cereal crops have endured this summer has been the perfect environment for every kind of fungal disease around, unchecked these would have decimated this years harvest. Fortunately, because of the use of modern fungicides the damage will be limited, nevertheless my bet is overall yields will be well down on last year.

Ham Hill Archaeology

Hayley Roberts (07850 341 664)
Cambridge Archaeological Unit, University of Cambridge

The Ham Hill Project would like to thank Jo Mills for inviting us to present at the Millennium Hall on the 2nd of August and we wish her and The Village Store the best of luck for the rest of their fundraising. We were overwhelmed by the interest shown in our project and hope to return to speak again next year.

In the meantime we invite you to visit our excavations; site tours meet by the main excavation area at 14.30pm from Sunday to Thursday until the 13th of September. There will also be an open day on the 1st of September when we are asking for members of the public to bring any artefacts, photos or memories from Ham Hill that may help with our investigations.

Please email hr270@cam.ac.uk or, call me on 07850 341 664 or go to www.hamhillfort.info for further information. (See also article on page 6)

Recent Village Talks

Jo Mills (01460 241886)

More than 40 people gathered in Seavington Millennium Hall in June to enjoy a fascinating talk by Kate Lynch. The evening charted Kate's journey from non-painter, to Art School in her 30's, through to the development and execution of not one, but three, rural art projects: Willow; Lamb to Loom and The Beekeeper and the Bee. Attendees were also able to inspect bee-keeping equipment displayed by local suppliers ABeeC, and an extensive range of honey and beeswax products produced by mother and daughter beekeepers Rosemary and Eleanor Burgess from Taunton who also feature in Kate's book about the project.

Thanks are due to ABeeC, Rosemary and Eleanor and especially to Kate who generously donated her speaker's fee to the fund.

This event was followed in early August by a talk about the current archaeological excavation project on Ham Hill given by Professor Niall Sharples of Cardiff University. The evening was an absolute sell out and the audience requested that Niall return next year to give us an update on the project! The talk explored the changing theories archaeologists have proposed for the use of hill forts and suggested ways in which a university-based project could prove (or disprove) these ideas and bring together information from disparate excavations and surveys which have happened on Ham Hill during the past century as well as collecting information and recording any finds which locals might have.

Clearly this is work in progress and there are plans afoot to host another Ham Hill talk next year. Early booking is recommended!!!! Many thanks are due to Niall and to Hayley Roberts of Cambridge University Field Unit who brought along some fabulous artefacts and answered questions after the talk.

The sum raised to date for projects to enhance the facilities offered at Seavington Community Shop and Café is a few pence short of £840.

The next event will be on the evening of 19th October and will feature a talk by Julian Temperley, founder of the Burrow Hill Cider and Cider Brandy Companies. This will be the culmination of Apple Day celebrations during which various activities will be take place in the shop and café. More details will appear in the next issue of the Seavingtons' News.



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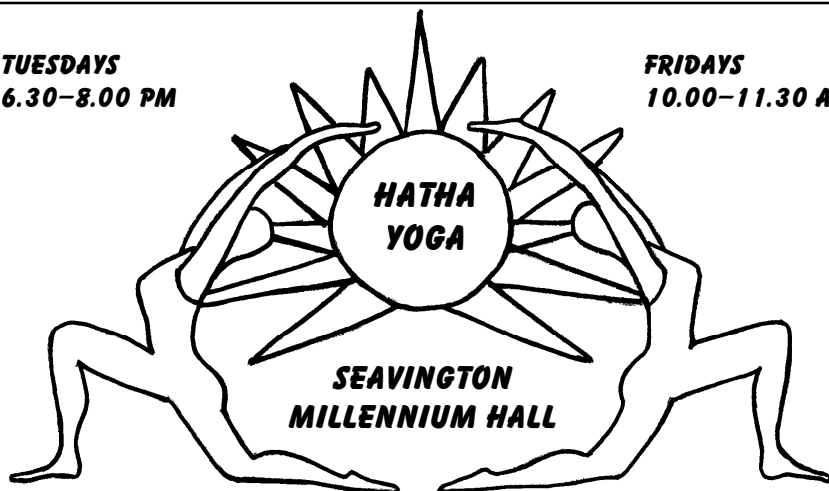
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Arrival of the new Rector

Steve Harrison (01460 249266)

No, this is not a portrait of the man, but you won't have to wait much longer to see what he really looks like! The Revd Tom Handy will have moved into the Rectory by the time this edition of the Seavingtons' News hits the streets. His 'institution' as rector is on Monday 3rd September and that marks the 'official' start of the job, so to speak. However you may well see him around before that and if you do, do say hello with all the gusto of a traditional Seavington welcome.

So who is this Tom Handy? From the position of my lofty years I would have to describe him as a young man; think more than the village speed limit but very definitely less than Phylosan. He is married to Becky and they have two children Sophia and Josephine both not yet of school age. It will be brilliant to have a young family occupying the Rectory again and fully immersing themselves in the concerns of family life in the villages as well as those of the church.

Tom comes to us from the distant pastures of Shepton Mallet. He would certainly describe himself as a 'Somerset man' - having lived the vast majority of his life in Somerset villages and towns, a position in his home county was one of the strong attractions of the vacancy here. It might also have had something to do with the local real ales on tap. Do expect to see him in the Volly sometime exercising a discerning palate. He enjoys music and plays both the guitar and the banjo so if you are a partaker of the music scene at the David Hall you might very well bump into him there.

Earlier, I mentioned Tom's institution service. This is not only a formality, but also a welcome and a celebration. It goes without saying that you are most welcome to come; it would be terrific to have the church full. The service is at St Peter & St Paul's church and starts at 7:00pm though I would recommend getting there early to be sure of getting a seat – a substantial number of places are reserved for invited community representatives and for Tom's friends and family, so seats for the rest of us are a bit limited. There will be a finger buffet in the Infant School after the service.

Now, in case you are thinking "the rector lives in South Petherton, so not much to do with us in Seavington" let me persuade you otherwise. What Tom will be rector of is *'The United Benefice of South Petherton with the Seavingtons'*. What's in a name? Well, very often quite a lot. Tom's role in the Seavingtons is not just an afterthought – it's a fundamental part. There may be two parishes, but there is one benefice and it's a 'united' one at that. There is one Parochial Church Council made up of people from both parishes. There are four churchwardens and while two happen to live in Seavington and two in South Petherton there is absolutely no difference in their roles – all four are churchwardens of the whole benefice both technically and for all practical purposes. The services and worship are planned to work together so that between the two churches all needs are met – they complement each other rather than just doing what they do in isolation.

News from Seavington Playing Field Association

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

As you all know the Committee has been looking for a new Bookings Clerk, Key Holder and Cleaner following the illness of Janet Goode. I am pleased to say that the Committee has appointed Mrs Pauline Eardley to take on this role. It will be Pauline who you will need to contact regarding any bookings of the Hall or Playing Field – telephone number 01460 240995. The Committee would like to thank Janet for all her hard work in looking after the Hall for many years.

Following two open meetings where it was made clear that the SPFA has been having some difficulties with regards to Committee Members at their meeting on Thursday 9th August some interim changes have been made to take us to the next AGM. The Committee were informed by Peter Ashley that he wished to relinquish some of his roles, due to age and family commitments. As a result of this the following officers were agreed:-

Chair:	Pauline Parsons
Vice-Chair i/c Playing Field:	Mark Isaacs
Vice Chair i/c Hall:	Annie Prichard
(Annie will be working closely with Pauline Eardley)	
Treasurer:	Peter Ashley
Secretary:	Sally Gough
Minutes Secretary:	Michael Harrison
Other Committee Members:	Elaine Edwards, Lesley Gudgeon, Amanda Jagers, Anne Osborne, Harry O'Neill

During the next few months a New Constitution will be agreed with the Charities Commissioners. The Committee are also in the process of drawing up new forms for hiring the hall and will be reviewing the hire costs. It is hoped that in the not too distant future these forms will be available through the village web-site.

The Committee is very grateful that Peter Ashley has decided to stay as Treasurer for the time being as his knowledge of both the Hall and Playing Field will be invaluable in order that the baton can be passed on smoothly.

Lottery - Firstly we would like to apologise that not all Lottery monies have been collected, but the intention is that this will be completed very

Seavington Gardening Club

Annual Flower Show - August 11th 2012

Seavington Gardening Club would like to thank everyone who entered the show this year. The number of entries was surprising given the awful weather earlier in the year. It was particularly good to see a good level of competition in the vegetable classes.

2012 saw the first winner of the Haddon Junior Cup for the under twelves. The cup was presented to the Gardening Club by Leslie and Muriel Haddon at the show, to encourage participation by younger village residents. Hannah Day was the successful entrant.

Thanks go to Anne and David Wills who presented the prizes on Saturday. Thanks also to everyone who helped the day to run so smoothly.

Seavington Gardening Club Flower Show is open to all village residents to enter; membership of the club is not required. We look forward to even more entries for the next show on August 10th 2013.

The overall winners for 2012 were:

1 st	Pauline Parsons	38 points
2 nd	Sarah Day	29 points
3 rd	Vernon White	28 points

Seavington Gardening Club Flower Show 2012

Competition Results

Division I - Flowers				
Class		1st	2nd	3rd
2	Roses - Floribunda	-	Linda George	-
3	Roses - Specimen	Sue Dewsbury	Pauline Parsons	Kate Mulligan
4	Annuals	Sarah Day	Pauline Parsons	-
5	Pansies	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman	-
6	Vase Mixed Flowers	Sarah Day	Sheila Reyland	Jane White
7	Vase Mixed Perennials	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman	Kate Mulligan
8	Vase Single Headed Flowers	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman	-
10	Oriental Lily	Marlene Tolman	-	-
11	Dahlias - Decorative	Anne Wills	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman
12	Dahlias - Miscellaneous	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman	Anne Wills
13	Gladioli	Pauline Parsons	-	-
14	Gladioli - Specimen	Marlene Tolman	Pauline Parsons	-
15	Flowering Pot Plant	Marlene Tolman	Jane White	-
17	Flower Arrangement in a Basket	Sheila Reyland	Pauline Parsons	Jane White
18	Flower Arrangement - Miniature	Pauline Parsons	Sheila Reyland	Jane White
19	Sweet Peas	Pauline Parsons	Marlene Tolman	Anne Wills
20	Foliage Arrangement	Pauline Parsons	Sue Dewsbury	Linda George
21	Cacti or Succulent	Marlene Tolman	Jane White	Katherine Smith
22	Mixed Shrubs	Pauline Parsons	Kate Mulligan	Marlene Tolman
Overall: 1st - Pauline Parsons, 37pts; 2nd - Marlene Tolman, 24pts; 3rd - Jane White, 7pts				

Division 2a - Vegetables				
Class		1st	2nd	3rd
30	Potatoes - White	Vernon White	Sarah Day	Linda George
31	Potatoes - Coloured	Vernon White	Sarah Day	Tony Tolman
32	Onions (as pulled)	Ken Dewsbury	Vernon White	Tony Tolman
34	Shallots	Tony Tolman	Vernon White	Ken Dewsbury
35	Shallots, pickling	Tony Tolman	-	-
36	Beetroot	Vernon White	-	-
37	Runner Beans	Sarah Day	Linda George	David Wills
38	Longest Runner Bean	David Wills	Sarah Day	Vernon White
39	Dwarf French Beans	Linda George	Vernon White	-
40	Collection of 4 Salad Vegetables	Tony Tolman	-	-
42	Chilli Peppers	Tony Tolman	-	-
43	Courgettes	-	Tony Tolman	-
45	Carrots	Vernon White	Ken Dewsbury	Sarah Day
46	Tomatoes	Tony Tolman	Sarah Day	Ken Dewsbury
47	Tomatoes (cherry type)	Sarah Day	Tony Tolman	Audrey Rutter
48	Five Tomatoes on the Vine	Sarah Day	Ken Dewsbury	-
50	Trug of Mixed Vegetables	Vernon White	Tony Tolman	-
Overall: 1st - Tony Tolman, 23 pts; 2nd - Vernon White, 22 pts; 3rd - Sarah Day, 18pts				

Division 3				
Class		1st	2nd	3rd
59	Homemade Jelly	Katherine Smith	-	-
60	Homemade Lemon Curd	-	Katherine Smith	-
61	Homemade Jam	Katherine Smith	Linda George	-
62	Homemade Marmalade	Linda George	-	-
63	Homemade Chutney	Carol Peckham	-	-
64	Photograph - Flower	Vernon White	Sarah Day	Jane White
65	Photograph - Water	Vernon White	David Wills	Linda George
67	Cheese and Chive Bread	Sarah Day	Phil Eardley	Katherine Smith
68	Somerset Cider Apple Cake	Katherine Smith	Jane White	Sue Dewsbury
69	Handmade Greetings Card	Linda George	Jane White	Pauline Parsons
70	Craft Item	Jane White	Marlene Tolman	Katherine Smith
Overall: 1st - Katherine Smith, 13 pts; 2nd - Linda George, 9 pts; 3rd - Jane White, 8pts				

Division 4 - Children				
Class		1st	2nd	3rd
75	Decorated Crown	Ellie Ash	Ruby Ash	Gwen Turner
76	Decorate a Jam Jar	Ruby Ash	Ellie Ash	-
77	Three Decorated Biscuits	Ellie Ash	Gwen Turner	-
78	Underwater World in a shoe box	Lauren Turner	Hannah Day	-
79	Three Squares of MARS Bar cake	Hannah Day	Lauren Turner	-
80	Royal Vehicle made from Recycled Materials	Lauren Turner	Hannah Day	-
81	Photograph - A Celebration	Hannah Day	-	-
Overall: 1st - Hannah Day, 10 pts; 2nd - Ellie Ash / Lauren Turner, 8pts; 3rd -Ruby Ash, 5pts				

shortly and that just 6 draws will be made but obviously this will mean the monthly prize money will be more. The amount given will be dependent upon the number of tickets sold. For newcomers to the village the cost of a ticket is £10 for the year. If you would like a ticket please let a committee member know. Many thanks to all of you who have, or are about to, renew your tickets.

Forthcoming events – dates for your Diary

Saturday 27 th October 2012	Serenade Singers
Sunday 4 th November	Bonfire Night
(this date agreed to avoid Bridgwater Carnival)	
Saturday 10 th November	Lest we forget
Saturday 1 st December	Christmas Bazaar

More details of all of the above will be in the Seavingtons' News nearer the time.



Bath & Wells Diocesan Association
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 4 Robert Perry (Bath)
 5 Tobias B Dando (Templecombe)
 6 Brian V Mountjoy (Conductor) (Glastonbury)
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 First Peal on a working bell for Jono

South Meade—The National Garden Scheme

Robin & Charo Ritchie

We wish to thank all who ventured to see our garden open for charity in June. Unfortunately the weather was not kind . We raised £620. A very big thank you and here's hoping 2013 will have a better Summer.

We would like to say thank you to the Seavington and Over Stratton garden clubs for coming on the 12 of July, considering the weather was cold, grey and wet, we were amazed at how many of you turned out! We must be tough cookie resilient gardeners.

It was great to see you all and we enjoyed your company.

Somerset Arts Weeks start on the 15th of September. Hope to see you.

Happy gardening

Institution Service of Rev Tom Handy Mon 3rd Sept 7pm

Carol Talbot (01460 241478); Manda Jaggars (01460 240554)

The service, which marks the licensing of Rev Handy as Rector of South Petherton with the Seavingtons will take place at St Peter and St Paul's Church, South Petherton. Everyone is very welcome to the service and the reception afterwards (to be held in South Petherton Church of England Infants School.) Organisations in Seavington will be represented and we anticipate (and hope for) a very full church, so please arrive early. If you would like to contribute finger foods for the reception buffet, please sign the list in St Michael's or contact Manda or Carol.

The Rectory office number should be connected by the time of the institution (01460 240377.)

For those of you who were unable to join us at St Mary's on 12th August, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Rev D Fyfe for her inspiring leadership and pastoral care during the inter-regnum.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you need any information about St Michael's services or other activities in the parish.

Choir Seeks More Singers

Jessica Vale, on 01935 477344

Yeovil Chamber Choir is a small mixed-voice choir drawn from people living in Somerset and Dorset who enjoy singing (mainly but not exclusively) classical music in a variety of venues. In the last year, as well as giving three concerts of our own in Yeovil and Crewkerne, we also sang in "Too Hot to Handel" at the Octagon Theatre and took part in the Festival of the Voice at Stourhead. Our Musical Director is Helen Brind, a professional music teacher, conductor and voice coach from Dorset.

The Choir meets on Wednesday evenings in term-time and we are looking for more members who can commit to regular rehearsal. On the 12th of September we will start rehearsals for our November concert programme which will include pieces by Purcell, Dyson, Di Lasso, Monteverdi and Victoria. Prospective new members need to pass a short and not-too-scary audition, and there are some free places for people under the age of 26.

For more information please see the Choir's website www.yeovilchamberchoir.org or telephone the Chairman, Jessica Vale, on 01935 477344.

Parish Notice Boards

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Some of you may have noticed that the large board on the Millennium Hall has been repaired and is now in use without the danger of the glass panel falling out!! This Board is not locked and consequently can be used by anyone wishing to post notices.

However, the remaining boards are all locked. Some have wondered why. The decision to do this was taken to try and protect space for village notices. If you have notices that you wish to be put on these boards they can be left at either the Community Shop or The Volunteer and nominated Parish Councillors will ensure that they are displayed.

The small notice board on the Hall is being reserved for Parish Council information.

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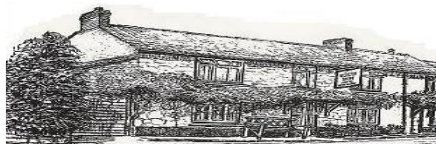
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Thursday 20th September – 7.30pm – The Millennium Hall, Seavington St. Mary
Entry: group members £2.50, non-group members £3.50, under 18’s free.
(tea/coffee & biscuits included) Wheelchair access.

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Alastair Fyfe (01460-241977)

The Trust is now preparing for its next major fundraising event. A Safari Supper is being organised in the village on **Saturday, 6th October**. Numbers have to be limited so, if you would like to be involved, either as a 'host' or a 'guest', please get in touch with either Alastair Fyfe (Tel: 241977) or Annie Prichard (Tel: 241762). Details of the event appear on page 18 in this edition of the Seavington News.

We will look forward to seeing you!

Seavington Gardening Club

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

Proposed Coach trip to RHS Wisley: 9 September 2012

Please note that, sadly, we have had to cancel our proposed visit to the Wisley Flower Show due to lack of support.

11th August – the Seavington Flower Show

Once again the annual Flower Show was very well supported with a wonderful show of exhibits of flowers, vegetables and crafts. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Show such a success and keep this village tradition going. (See our Chair Sarah Day's full report.)

Forthcoming programme:

7.30pm - 13 September 2012 – Fun Gardening Quiz with Mike Short. This meeting will be a normal meeting and not include our AGM as this will now be held in January 2013 following the EGM decision to change the Club's financial year. There will also be the Flower of the Month Competition!

6.30pm 11 October 2012 – 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.

Save the day: Saturday 29 September

Beth Prince (Somerset Waste Partnership)

FREE half-day waste prevention conference
Somerset Waste Action – help your community
The Canalside, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ

Is your organisation making a difference in your community? Of course it is ... but if you would like to do more – from helping people save cash to getting everyone a bit greener – Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is offering its assistance, including a FREE half-day event from 9.30am on Saturday 29 September.

Somerset's new waste prevention strategy aims to help everyone in Somerset minimise waste, save money and have fun developing positive habits with long-term benefits, from growing your own to make do and mend, smarter shopping to better use of food.

SWP is making resources available to the county's charities, clubs and community groups to promote the new strategy, including the free conference, which offers inspiration and information so you can discuss how your group can get involved a range of campaign initiatives in 2013 and beyond.

With engaging speakers, useful break-out sessions and networking opportunities, the conference will bring together many local organisations to:

- ◇ Discover free resources on offer to tackle waste and save money
- ◇ Tap into communication tools for reduction, reuse, and repair.
- ◇ Learn about successful waste prevention schemes.
- ◇ Share waste cutting experiences and ideas.

Any community group can benefit from the new waste prevention strategy and the free waste action conference, whether it is involved directly in environment issues, helps vulnerable or low income families, or focuses on youth, disabled people, seniors, women, faith, tenants or ethnic minority groups.

So whether you are a “green group”, involved in helping others, or looking for interesting projects with a local benefit, this free conference is for you.

In saving waste, the new strategy and its campaign initiatives can help struggling families save money, develop individuals’ know-how and confidence, offer fun and education, and unite communities in important common goals at little or no cost.

And promoting waste prevention can also:

- ◇ Get local people engaged and active in your community
- ◇ Build their skills, interests and commitment
- ◇ Widen your network of supporters
- ◇ Raise your group’s profile

For details, visit:

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/about/campaigns/conference

Or email: recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk

News from Seavington Youth Club

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

The Summer holidays are nearly over, Mums and Dads will be getting back into some sort of routine again, no doubt a lot of juggling will have gone on!

Our Youth Club will restart on Monday 10th September. It would be lovely to see some new faces. The age range is 8—16 and we run from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm most Mondays during term time in the Seavington Millennium Hall.

There is always plenty to do. We have a Wii, X-Box+Kinect, table tennis, powerstilts, board games, football and cricket to name but a few. The best thing seems to be the tuck shop!

Good luck to all the children starting their new schools, we look forward to seeing you back at your Youth Club.

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.

Sir,

At about 8pm on August 12th my dog, Buster, who is generally considered to be well-trained and of good temperament, was bitten on the throat by a black dog which was one of at least six dogs being exercised by a man and his young daughter.

I write this in the hope that other dog-walkers might be aware and be saved the upset of having their dog attacked.

Yours Sincerely,
J.M. Mills, Dark Lane, Seavington.

Editor's Note: I recently received a telephone call from a company called TNS BMRB, claiming that it was calling on behalf of the government Home Office. The caller wanted me to tell her about our home security arrangements. Luckily, caution surged in and I asked her to repeat the name of the company and to give me it's address.

Click, and the call was terminated by the caller! You have been warned!

The Seavingtons' Weather in July 2012

	<i>This year—2012</i>	<i>Previous year—2011</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	11.03°C	11.72°C
Average Maximum	20.40°C	21.14°C
Mean	15.72°C	15.99°C
Rainfall		
Monthly Total	107.5mm (4.30")	29.7mm (1.19")
Yearly Total (to date)	531.5mm (21.26")	278.7mm (11.15")



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