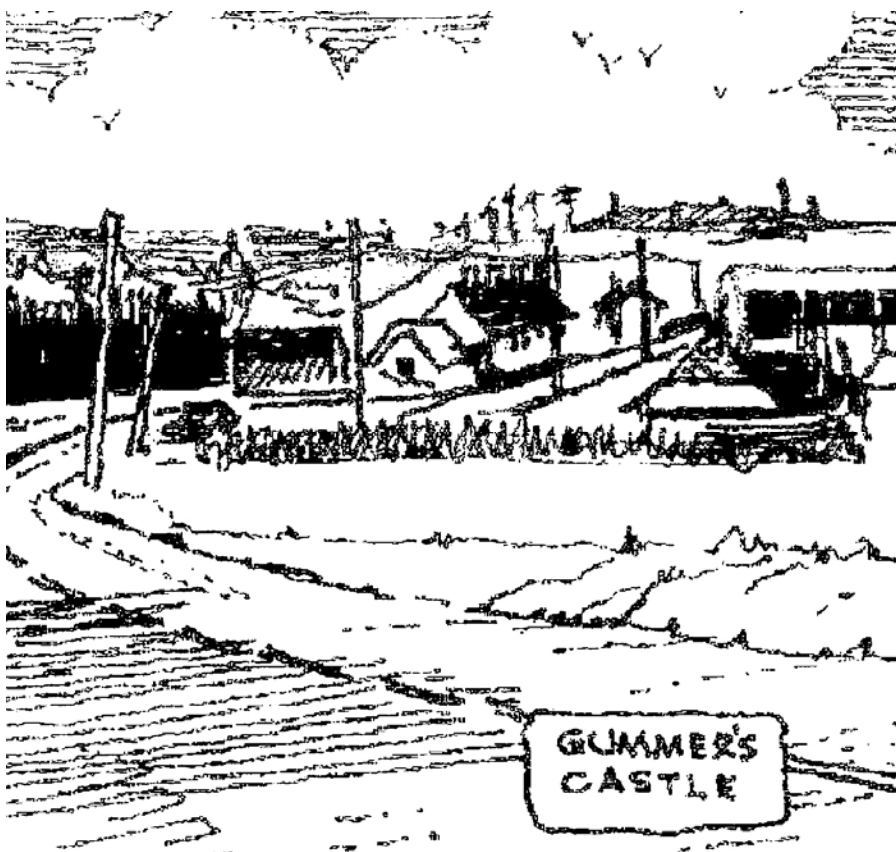


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The Seavingtons' News

In the last week of July our communities were enjoined to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening of our playing field and the 5th anniversary of the opening of our own community shop. This celebration was marked by a series of diverse entertainments and events that were thoughtfully planned and executed as well as strongly supported. An altogether enjoyable week.

At a time when communities are becoming less cohesive, due to the ease with which we can travel elsewhere and the fact that entertainment is “on tap” through TV and the Internet, there is less incentive to embark on such DIY events.

In years long passed the “Seavington Club” arranged similar festivities on an annual basis, although it is not clear if these were also fund raising events. Some photographs survive and are posted on the Seavington Web Museum web-site (www.seavingtonwebmuseum.org).

The organisers of this year's events will, no doubt, curse me for suggesting that they might consider a series of annual events. However, the pleasure given by the celebrations week and the funds raised for our local causes suggest to me that at least consideration should be given to instituting an annual "Seavington Week".

I conclude these thoughts by passing all our thanks to those who arranged the “celebration”.

David Froome

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
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16th October	7.30 pm	SPFA Apple Harvest Supper—p 26

Regular Activities

1st & 3rd Tuesday	2.30 pm	Sport 50 in the Millennium Hall
2 nd Monday	noon	Pensioners’ Lunches in Village Café
1 st Saturday	9.00 am— 2.00 pm	St Michael’s Church Seavington Trust Book Sale at 2, Winchester Cottages (opp. The Volunteer)
3 rd Wednesday	10.00am	“GET2GETHER” Group in Village Café
2 nd Thursday	7.30pm	Seavington Gardening Club

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

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

6th September	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
13th September	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th September	11.30 am Café Church in the Village Café
20th September	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
27th September	11.30 am Matins

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Over The Counter

Mark Ellis (01460 241112)

Village Celebrations. Wow what a fortnight of celebrations. We all owe a great debt of thanks to those who organised the various events. Sspecial thanks should also go to the Caravan Club Concert Band who once again did Seavington proud.

New Committee. With the AGM last week, the first duty of the management committee was to elect new officers. These are as follows: Mark Ellis (Chairman), Diane Bale (Secretary and Vice Chairman), Ken Lake (Treasurer), Lesley Young (Minutes Secretary). Other committee members are: Lis Tope, Marion Bennett, Shirley Farrington, Yvonne Best. That said there are still places for other committee members. Should you wish to offer your help, we meet once a month to try and ensure the shop and café serve everyone's needs so please call any member of the committee if you are interested.

Arts & Crafts. The Autumn Exhibition will feature well-known Somerset photographer Pauline Rook and her new line of colour photographs of flowers and a few of her atmospheric black and white rural scenes to compliment an exhibition of Somerset willow baskets made by Paul Tuck. Those who were living in Seavington in the 1970's and 80's may well recognise that name as Paul and his parents lived in Seavington St Mary for over 20 years and Paul even worked on Manor farm after he finished school and again when he had finished at Cannington College. Paul then moved to Exmoor to make hurdles and baskets; a business which is still thriving (<http://www.exmoorbasketsandhurdles.co.uk>). It is a real pleasure to welcome him and his work back to Seavington. Next private view is scheduled for 3rd September 6-7.30pm

Community Spirit. For me the best thing the shop and café bring to the village is a sense of community. Not so much ownership of the asset but more the Seniors lunches, get together meetings, providing a sweet shop and ice lollies within the village for our youth, support to the youth club, knowing your neighbour. Through the support of these functions we are seeing a greater footfall of villagers using the shop. These are all pointers to us helping generate that village spirit which some 10 years ago we were seeing diminish more and more what with the loss of the post office, the shop, the Pheasant hotel, the garage, St Mary's church. To me I feel the shop helps the other pillars in the village, the Volly, the Church and the various clubs to halt this decline and for that reason I believe we should continue work hard to maintain it.

Community shop contact no 01460 249730

SPFA Village Lottery

Lesley Gudgeon (01460 240236)

Here are the winners of the July and August 2015 SPFA Lottery draws:

	<i>July 2015</i>	<i>August 2015</i>
First	£35 Jenny Froome	Nick & Mark Ellis
Second	£20 Peter Wyatt	Sue Sprague
Third	£15 Barbara Hawkins	Sheila Riley
Fourth	£10 Abigail Keene	G Horner
Fifth	£10 Emma Northover	A Gudgeon

Seavington Playing Field Association – Update

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The Committee of the SPFA changed at the AGM held on the 14th July. Five village organisations – namely St Michael's Church, The Gardening Club, The Youth Club, The Community Shop and The Parish Council had already been approached and each have named a representative that will attend Meetings. That left vacancies for seven elected members. Lesley Gudgeon, Sally Gough, Nick Ellis and Anne Osborne had indicated that they did not wish to stand for re-election and as I was no longer the named representative for the Parish Council I also made the decision that I would not stand for election and therefore was standing down as Chair. Four people, namely David Bennett, Annie Prichard, Michael Harrison and Harry O'Neill indicated that they were prepared to stand and were elected en-bloc, unopposed. This means that there are still three vacancies to be filled. If you are interested please contact the Association. Ry Coffman is no longer a co-opted member of the Committee.

I would like to thank all those, past and present members and some who were not official members of the Committee, for their help and support when I took over the Chairmanship following Peter Ashley leaving the village. In particular I would like to thank Ry Coffman who obtained the grants that enabled the provision of the tarmac path and also Peter Ash who came out of retirement to act as Project Manager. The path was officially opened by Chris Wills and Martin Howell, both members of the original Committee, on Sunday 2nd August.

I am sure the new Committee will continue to ensure that two very valuable assets for the village go from strength to strength.

A Farmer's Diary

Farm Boy

At this time I am finding it particularly difficult to write of farming matters with out straying into the realms of farming and other politics. This is ironic, because last Friday I was pulling ragwort from beside the A303 as it runs past our farm to try and prevent the spread of this weed onto our land.

I can remember a time when this poisonous weed was a real menace in the countryside and was responsible for the death of many farm animals, particularly horses. So great was the problem that parliament introduced the injurious Weed act 1959. This also covered other weeds like Thistles and Docks.

The effects of this were the law was applied by the then Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food with vigour and farmers and land owners were subject to prosecution. In those days the most effective way of getting rid of it was to pull it by the roots. The law still stipulates that the plants are to be burnt because once wilted it is more attractive for animals to eat.

Because a generation of country folk had followed this practice, ragwort had almost vanished from the countryside. Its regeneration through seeding is known to be around seventy percent which is high by any standard. It can establish roots on almost any surface even concrete if seeds can find even the slightest crack. Ragwort seed, like those of the dandelion, are spread by air current.

Recently the law has been slightly amended and it now says: It is no longer an offence to have these injurious weeds growing on your land. In fact, it is now considered of significant conservation benefits. However, you are responsible for controlling them. You must not allow them to spread to agricultural land, particularly grazing areas or land used to produce conserved forage.

Until very recent times the highways and councils were honouring the 1959 Weed Act but there is very little sign of this happening to date and seed spread time is very close; any attempt to cut it off now will only complete the seed borne regeneration.

On another subject whilst huge numbers of folk around the World were rightly showing outrage at the death of a Lion by a trophy hunter. I was

very disappointed to see a dead Stoat that had been run over just yards from the entrance to my bungalow.

I have not seen a Stoat about for a very long time. I am indebted to the deceased because this year my garden was being vandalised by rabbits. I knew that just inside the field opposite there was a small colony and even some of them had fallen victim to the passing traffic. Judging by where my Stoat was lying he had come from that area. I have not seen any rabbits in the garden since.

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 10th September 7.30pm will be our next meeting in the Millennium Village Hall. Phil Kerton will be giving a talk about Sweet Peas. Visitors welcome - £2.00 per person.

For further information about Seavington Gardening Club please contact Karen Day (01460 249728).

New District Councillors

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The new District Councillors for Seavington and South Petherton, elected in May 2015 are:

Crispin Raikes	e-mail: crispin.raikes@southsomerset.gov.uk
Adam Dance	e-mail : adam.dance@southsomerset.gov.uk

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Summer Days

Annie (01460 241762)

Sing a song of summer days,
Leafy nooks and shady ways,
Nodding roses, apples red,
Clover like a carpet spread;
Stretch of meadows, splash'd with dew,
Silver clouds with sunlight through.

Anon

It is now a quiet time of year for birds. The breeding season is over. Adult birds are tired, they need to rest and shed their old feathers for a new set. As August slips into September the moult is over and birds are feather perfect again. It is also time for garden birds to vacate to the countryside. There is plenty to feed on in the fields and hedgerows. After a few weeks they will be back to the feeders and bird-tables.

Nest-boxes need to be cleaned out and new boxes to be erected, so that they may “weather” in time for next spring.

Few of the summer visitors are remaining in the gardens. The Cuckoo would have departed to Africa at the end of July, followed by the Swift and Whitethroat.

Swallows and House Martins are still feeding youngsters from their third broods and there are still plenty of flying insects. As each day passes though, increasing numbers amass on telegraph wires. They are noisily chattering and restless. Suddenly, many of them leave the wires and rise high in the sky calling excitedly and giving the impression that they are leaving, but they settle back on the wires. More will join them tomorrow, a sight to behold!

All too soon they will be gone—House Martins to West Central Africa and Swallows to Southern Africa—journey of some 6,000 miles. Both birds are daytime migrants and are able to feed en route.

It is said that September is the best month for Pied Wagtails. They enjoy the many midges and flies; rushing after them and dancing into the air. On the ground, they strut purposefully, looking all around them, their long tails constantly flicking. Even as autumn approaches, there are some lovely surprises to observe!



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Seavington Flower Show

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Saturday 8th August proved to be the perfect day for the Seavington Annual Flower Show.

It was an extremely well attended event for both visitors and competitors alike with particular praise from the judges for the quality of exhibits in the vegetable categories. This was good news for all the growers as conditions had been a bit tricky with recent cold and blustery weather and flowers going over too soon or not opening in time. So well done to everyone who took part.

Members of the Gardening Club held a petunia growing competition, beginning in early Spring with a very small plug plant, finishing at the show with a superb display of fully grown exhibits. The winner was Katherine Smith. The winner of the Best Floral Exhibit was Mary Wyatt for her Gladioli.

The overall show results are as follows:-

1st Vernon White 36pts
2nd Linda George 28pts
3rd Pauline Parsons 23pts

Congratulations to them and huge thanks to Mary Wyatt who presented the prizes. Thanks must also go to everyone who helped organise the show, those who entered the various categories, made cakes and generally gave their time to help out. It was a very successful day with the refreshments and plant sale proving very popular.

A big thank you must also go to Sarah Day for all her hard work in her final year as show organiser. We only hope such a high standard can be maintained in forthcoming shows to continue such a popular village event.

If you are thinking of entering next year you do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club, you just have to live in Seavington to be eligible. The judges are independent, not from the village and all entries are judged anonymously. Children's entries are free and are awarded cash prizes, so if you are thinking ahead this could be a chance to boost pocket money!

The 2016 show schedule will be in the Seavingtons' News and village website early next year.

For detailed results in each class see the next three pages.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Division I - Flowers			
1 Roses - Mixed Hybrid Tea	John Tudor	Gill Beveridge	-
2 Roses - Floribunda	John Tudor	-	-
3 Roses - Specimen	John Tudor	Charo Ritchie	Pauline Parsons
4 Annuals	Pauline Parsons	Linda George	-
5 Pansies	Lis Tope	-	-
6 Vase Mixed Flowers	Naomi Long	Jane White	Pauline Parsons
7 Vase Mixed Perennials	Lis Tope	Mary Wyatt	Sheila Reyland
8 Vase Single Headed Flowers	Karen Day	Pauline Parsons	-
9 Penstemon	Lis Tope	Sarah Day	Karen Day
10 Oriental Lily	Charo Ritchie	Jane White	-
11 Dahlias - Decorative	Jenny Deubert	Pauline Parsons	Anne Wills
12 Dahlias - Miscellaneous	Anne Wills	Pauline Parsons	Jenny Deubert
13 Gladioli	Mary Wyatt	Chris Ginger	John Tudor
14 Gladioli - Specimen	Mary Wyatt	Chris Ginger	-
15 Sweet Peas	Anne Wills	Karen Day	Pauline Parsons
17 Flower Arrangement - Golden Wedding	Joy Madge	Pauline Parsons	Linda George
18 Flower Arrangement - Miniature	Lis Tope	Pauline Parsons	Jane White
19 Arrangement of Seed Heads	Lis Tope	Pauline Parsons	Sheila Reyland
20 Foliage Arrangement	Linda George	Jane White	Sheila Reyland
22 Mixed Shrubs	Pauline Parsons	Linda George	Chris Ginger
Overall: 1st - Pauline Parsons, 21 pts; 2nd - Lis Tope, 15 pts; 3rd - John Tudor, 10 pts			

	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 2a - Vegetables			
30 Potatoes - White	Vernon White	Linda George	-
31 Potatoes - Coloured	Vernon White	-	-
32 Onions (as pulled)	Vernon White	David Wills	Glynis Tipping
33 Largest Onion	Glynis Tipping	David Wills	-
34 Shallots	Glynis Tipping	Vernon White	Katherine Smith
35 Shallots, pickling	Vernon White	Glynis Tipping	-
36 Beetroot	David Wills	Vernon White	Harry O'Neill
37 Runner Beans	Vernon White	Jenny Deubert	Glynis Tipping
38 Longest Runner Bean	Vernon White	Linda George & Harry O'Neill	David Wills
39 Dwarf French Beans	Linda George	Vernon White	Glynis Tipping
43 Courgettes	Katherine Smith	Harry O'Neill	-
44 Arrangement of Herbs	Vernon White	Sheila Reyland	Harry O'Neill
45 Carrots	Vernon White	-	-
46 Tomatoes	Ry Coffman	David Wills	Glynis Tipping
47 Tomatoes (cherry type)	Glynis Tipping	Ry Coffman	-
48 Five Tomatoes on the Vine	Glynis Tipping	-	-
50 Trug of Mixed Vegetables	Vernon White	-	-
51 Garden Freak	Harry O'Neill	Glynis Tipping	-
52 Lettuce	Harry O'Neill	-	-
Overall: 1st - Vernon White, 33 pts; 2nd - Glynis Tipping, 20 pts; 3rd - Harry O'Neill, 12 pts			

	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 3			
59 Homemade Jelly	Katherine Smith	-	-
60 Homemade Lemon Curd	Katherine Smith	Linda George	-
61 Homemade Jam	Kate Mulligan	Jenny Deubert	Linda George
62 Homemade Marmalade	-	Linda George	-
63 Homemade Chutney	Linda George	Jenny Deubert	Chris Ginger
64 Photograph - Somerset View	Graham Parsons	Pauline Parsons	-
67 Savoury Quiche	Katherine Smith	Linda George	Jane White
68 Fruit Cake	Mary Wyatt	Jane White	Linda George
69 Handmade Greetings Card	Jane White	Linda George	-
70 Craft Item	Katherine Smith	Jane White	Naomi Long
71 Cheese Scones, men only	Vernon White	Graham Parsons	-
Overall: 1st - Linda George, 13 pts; 2nd - Katherine Smith, 12 pts; 3rd - Jane White. 8 pts			

	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 4 - Children			
75 Decorated Plant Pot	Millie Cottreau	Carmell Smith	Ellah-Marie Smith
76 Coloured Poster	Millie Cottreau	Bethany Reyland	Ellah-Marie Smith
77 3 Decorated Biscuits	Abigail Keene	Millie Cottreau	Oakley Reyland
78 Filled Matchbox	Noah Cottreau	Joseph Sainsbury	Charlotte O'Neill & Thomas Sainsbury
79 Building Made From Junk	Noah Cottreau	Thomas Sainsbury	Joseph Sainsbury
80 3 Butterfly Cakes	Jorja Doble	Eve Meecham	Thomas Sainsbury
81 Photograph - Holiday	Thomas Sainsbury	Charlotte O'Neill	Joseph Sainsbury
Overall: 1st - Mille Cottreau, 8 pts; 2nd - Thomas Sainsbury, 7 pts; 3rd - Noah Cottreau, 6 pts			

Village Voice—letters to the editor

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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the organising group I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone for their support of The Seavingtons' Celebrations. All the events were very well attended and entered into with spirit and enthusiasm. We would like to thank all those who donated items for the Quiz Night raffle and Have a Field Day stalls - your contributions contributed greatly to our enjoyment and financial success. Also thank you to the many people who helped in so many different ways both before, during and after the events. Your efforts and support were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you must also go to our many local sponsors. Branstons Ltd gave generous financial support and the local businesses who donated such wonderful prizes for our Grand Draw greatly boosted our ticket sales.

We were delighted to share our Celebrations with members of the Caravan Club of Great Britain Concert Band. Their participation in events added to our enjoyment. The Bavarian Evening and above all the splendid Proms in the (car) Park were highlights of the week. Thank you to all concerned.

The question many of you have been asking is "How much did we make?". The treasurers have just finished crunching the figures and we are delighted to say that a total of £3.5k profit has been made over the week's events. Well done everyone! This will be split between the Shop and SFPA and provides a very welcome boost to their respective funds.

Our two anniversaries, the fifth birthday of our Community Shop and the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the Seavington Playing Field have been well and truly celebrated! Let's hope future generations will continue to support and enjoy our wonderful village amenities.

Marion Bennett

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Dear Editor,

How to meet the neighbours and make new friends

The list is endless:

Sing in the Church choir
Join the Gardening Club
Go to the pub
Become a volunteer in the community shop

But, please don't do what we did and have a tiny burn-up igniting the compost bin which in turn set fire to our, fairly new, fence and adjoining neighbours' panels (sorry Pauline, thank you for being so understanding).

We can't thank Thandi's husband enough for yanking us out of our armchairs saying that our November 5th had come early. Using our hosepipe Gerald watered like mad until the Fire Brigade chief and his team arrived and took over.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Thandi took over the tea making facilities. Thank you both so much for being there.

On a more serious note, may we please say how lucky we are to have the most caring neighbours?

Warmest regards, Edward & Vivian Rudd

Dear Editor,

May I thank the residents of Seavington for participating in last month's coffee morning in support of the Guide Dogs? I am pleased to report that the morning raised a total of £520 for this very worthwhile cause.

Carolyn Farler

“Have a Field Day” Race Winners

Ry Coffman (01460 240004)

The Sack Race:	Hannah Best
The Wobble:	Hannah Best
Newspaper Race:	Noah Cottreau
Jelly Bean Relay:	Noah, Kelly and Clare Cottreau, Matthew Deubert
Dressing Up Race:	Thomas Sainsbury, Jorja Doble, Charlotte O'Neill, Kelly Cottreau, Noah Cottreau
Pop a Bag Race:	Charlotte O'Neill, Jorja Doble, Hannah Best, Noah Best, Joseph Sainsbury
Dog Owner & egg & spoon race:	Philip Cabon and Tassie Katherine Carr and Sam

Seavington Youth Club

Janine Lewis (07922 181948)

The youth club has got off to a flying start since its re-opening in April and we are delighted with the support we have received from our youngsters who attend, as well as the SPFA and other residents in the village.

The summer months saw evenings where we were mostly outdoors enjoying the weather, with lots going on: football, mini athletics, large ten pin bowling. There was also a range of inside activities going on, with the craft table and pool being very popular.

Heading towards the new academic year we hope to have some kind of a Halloween activity and other usual activities and intend to end the term with a Christmas party/celebration.

All are welcome, aged between 8 and 16 years, we look forward to welcoming old and new members when we reconvene in September (7th). Meetings for the remainder of 2015 are:

7th and 28th September
5th and 19th October
9th and 30th November
7th December



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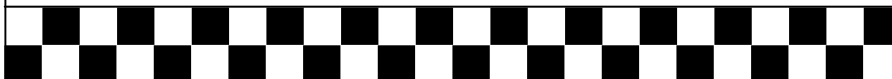
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Seavington Flower Festival

Sheila Reyland (01460 240668)

This year's flower festival marked the 5th anniversary of the village shop and 40 years of the playing field. In lieu of these celebrations the theme of the flower festival was anniversaries with arrangements reflecting weddings and other special occasions. After being blessed at Sunday morning service the festival introduced two new flower pedestals in memory of Ian Riley and Ann Reyland.

A sunny Saturday meant a great turnout of visitors viewing the arrangements and enjoying the lovely homemade tea & cakes. While Sunday's weather wasn't as great we still saw some brave souls ready to defy the rain and have a look at the beautiful flowers.

Of course the festival can't operate without the help of its volunteers so I would like to take a moment to thank a few people. Firstly thank you to the church flower ladies for all their time and imagination in creating such beautiful arrangements. Thanks to Mary and Peter Wyatt for the marquee and water boiler, and to Dawn for her help with the equipment. Thank you Sue Dewsberry for organising the cake donations and thanks to those who served the refreshments. In addition thanks goes to Ry Coffman for the use of her kitchen, Annie for staying in the church, and Gordon Rodgers for helping with the electrics.

A final thank you to those who attended, donations exceeded £450 and will be given to the St Michael's Seavington Church Trust.

The Seavingtons' Weather in July 2015

	<i>This year—2015</i>	<i>Previous year—2014</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	11.62°C	12.57°C
Average Maximum	21.13°C	25.15°C
Mean	16.38°C	18.86°C
Rainfall		
Monthly Total	69.9mm (2.80")	20.1mm (0.80")
Total for the year	332.3mm (13.30")	705.1mm (28.20")

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