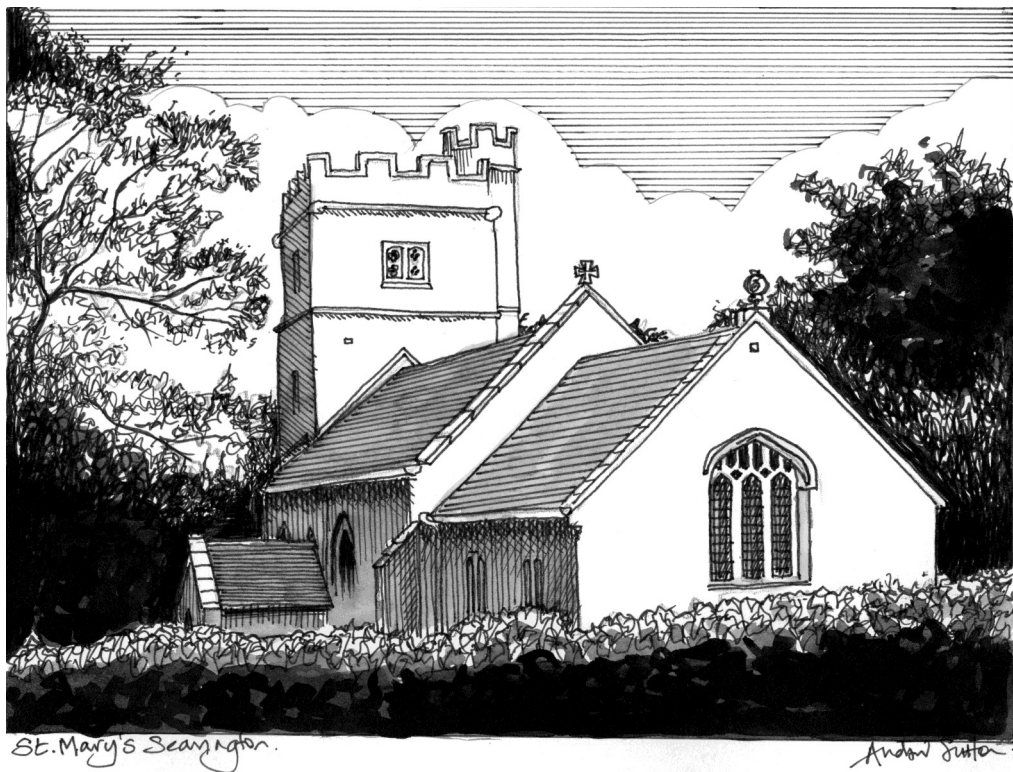


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August 2017



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The Seavingtons' News

This month my thoughts, expressed through this editorial, are focussed on issues that affect our villages and community.

First, you will remember that central government has funded telecommunications infrastructure to bring higher speed broadband Internet speeds to rural communities like ours. Whilst the cash took a long time to percolate to the Seavingtons, the local project was completed earlier this year, with telephone lines in Seavington St Mary being transferred to a new BT street cabinet in Church Lane. Sadly, due to some error, not everyone benefitted. If you are one of the disappointed ones please see the note on page 4.

Our Parish and District Councils have tried very hard to help dog walkers clear up their pet's excrement. There are "Poo Bags" dispensers and "Poo Bins" in strategic places throughout the area. This provision seems to have sparked a new problem—abandoned filled poo bags are being found all over the place. The Parish Council has asked me to remind everyone this sort of behaviour is not only irresponsible but potentially could have a very detrimental effect on residents' health, not to mention the danger to children.

Finally, you will have noticed that this village magazine has become slimmer over the past few issues. May I therefore repeat my regular request for articles from all of you—village activities, local history, hobbies or even fiction if you are minded that way. Without your input there will be no magazine; it is also dispiriting for the editorial team to detect apathy amongst our readers.

David Froome, Editor

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*All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
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| 9th August | Closing date for entry for The Seavington Flower Show –p5&6 |
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| 12th August | 7.30 pm Flix in the Stix at Hinton St George Village Hall—Beauty and the Beast-p14 |
| 14th August | noon Seniors' Lunch in Village Café—p 23 |
| 29th August | 7.00 pm Community Shop Annual General Meeting in Village Café –p8&9 |

Regular Activities

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| 2 nd Monday | noon Seniors' Lunch in Village Café |
| 3 rd Tuesday | 7.00 pm Parish Council Meeting |
| 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 August	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
13th August	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th August	11.30 am Patronal Service at St Mary's Church NB There is no Café Church in August
20th August	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
27th August	11.30 am Matins

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Seavington Broadband Speeds

David Froome (01460 249445)

In our March 2017 issue I commented on BT's new broadband street cabinet which had been installed in Church Lane. This was intended to bring much faster internet speeds to the residents of Seavington St Mary. Certainly I, and many of my neighbours benefitted with speeds close to 40 Mbps.

It now appears that not everyone has been given the benefits they were meant to receive. Some folk have been told by their internet services provider (ISP) that the higher speeds are not available. The shortfall does not appear to be related to geography—some people at the extremity of the village have the higher speeds and some in the centre do not.

Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) the local government QUANGO managing the, government funded, broadband programme are looking into these anomalies but need to know the extent of the problem.

Since the problem became obvious at least two residents have had their speeds upgraded to close to 40 Mbps from a much lower figure. It is fairly clear that the issue arises due some glitch on the part of BT which is easily corrected once it is pointed out.

The Seavingtons' News has agreed to carry out a simple survey to help CDS identify any homes which are still suffering from slow speed Internet.

Thus, if anyone else feels they are victims of the issue please let me know and I will pass the information to CDS as part of their investigation.

Just e-mail me (news@theseavingtons.org) with your address, telephone number and current broadband speed. It will also help if you let us know if you have asked your ISP for a higher speed and their response.

If you don't know your broadband speed there is a speed-tester you can use at: www.thinkbroadband.co.uk/speedtest

SPFA Lottery Draw Results

Jackie Priddle (01460 240734)

Thank you all for taking part in the SPFA Lottery this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number above. Here are the draw results for June and July 2017:

		<i>June 2017</i>	<i>July 2017</i>
First	£35	Ethan Ash	G Horner
Second	£20	Mr Loxston	Norma Burrell
Third	£15	Janet Pollock	J Norris
Fourth	£10	Moirra Ensor	Alan White
Fifth	£10	Adrian Keene	Allan Hoyles

Seavington Flower Show—Saturday 12th August

Correction to schedule:

Class 17, 18, 19 and 20 should read ‘Space’ and not ‘Base’.
This is the space you need to keep your arrangement within.
Any queries please contact Karen Day 01460 249728

‘Colours in the Garden’

‘Colours in the garden’ is just one of the photographic classes in this year’s Flower Show. As things start blooming why not start snapping away on your phone or camera? Colourful photos of a garden will be perfect for this class.



We also have a photographic class entitled ‘Village Life’ and for those of you under sixteen years of age a photographic class entitled ‘Family Pet’.

The Flower Show is on Saturday 12th August so you have plenty of time to get creative!



Seavington Flower Show Saturday 12th August



**Our annual Flower Show will
take place on Saturday 12th August.**

There are a wide range of classes to enter and we especially welcome first timers. Even if you feel you don't have green fingers why not try the home produce classes or photography or craft sections. Give it a go and surprise yourself!

We also have a lot of classes for children which are free to enter. Classes include 'Design a Mouse Mat', 'A Miniature Space Garden' and 'Item of Jewelry made from Edible Materials'. This could be a chance to boost your pocket money as any child placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive prize money.

For full breakdown of classes please visit <http://www.the-seavingtons.org/village-organisations/gardening-club/> and click on the Flower Show link at the top of the page or pick up a schedule from the Seavington Store. Details of how to enter and the entry form itself are on the back two pages of this schedule.

**All entries need to be in by Wednesday 9th August
We cannot accept entries after this date**

We would still love to see you even if you don't wish to enter the competition. Just come along and look at the exhibits - entry is free and refreshments are available with a slice of delicious homemade cake into the bargain. This is as much a village social event as a Flower Show so please come along and support us.

The doors open at 2.30pm and cups will be presented from 3.30pm

Help and guidance can be sought prior to the event by contacting
Karen Day 01460 249728

Summer Time

Annie (01460 241762)

The cattle graze along the ground,
The lark she wets her wings
And chatters as she whirls around,
Then to the wet corn sings
And hides upon her twitchy nest,
Refreshed with wet and speckled breast
To see the drops on bushes hing
And Blackbirds prune a dabbled wing.

John Clare (1793-1864)

A warm, clear, still summer evening. The breeze whispers over the wavering grasses and masses of clover. The buzz of the busy honey bees and butterflies flutter across the meadows.

In the nearby trees, wood pigeons call to each other “Gotta-Sore Toe-Sukey”. Overhead, Buzzards soar in wide spirals on the thermals with very little wing movement. Their enjoyment is heard by the drawn-out mewing “Pee-oo” across the skies. The Skylark gives forth an unending stream of warbling notes as it rises on quivering wings; mounting higher and higher until it is merely a black speck in the sky. The singing continues while descending then suddenly stops and drops silently, gliding to the ground.

After a summer-shower, Swallows swoop lowly over the meadow with a high-pitched “Twist-Twist-Twist” catching flying insects; while their young wait, excitedly twittering, perched on nearby overhead wires. As the evening closes in, the silence is broken, high in the sky, by the shrill piercing “Screech” of a party of chasing Swifts; in pursuit of a later supper of insects.

As the sun slowly sets, a Blackbird, in a neighbouring tree, closes the evening with its mellow, fluting song.

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Notes from the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 18th July 2017

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

1. Parish Councillors were advised that South Somerset District Council had agreed to the re-development of Yeovil Crematorium. This will be on the present site and will create 2 chapels, one small and one larger one as well as other improvements. As present there is no start date.
2. Parish Councillors were disappointed to be advised that the Small Improvement Scheme [SIS] that they had been discussion with our previous County Councillor, in connection with slowing traffic down on the C5012 had been turned down as it did not fit the criteria laid down by the SIS team. The speed of vehicles entering the village, either from the western or eastern side has not decreased over a number of years, despite discussions with Somerset Highways on a number of occasions. The Parish Council will continue to look at this problem. The SIS have promised our current County Councillor a report as to why the scheme submitted was not acceptable.
3. The Parish Council has now received the licence, for signing, that will enable Seavington Gardening Club, working with Mr & Mrs N Bragg from Frogmary Green, to enhance the village entrances with the installation of some planters. Various sites have been identified and will have to be agreed with County Highways when the work commences. It was felt that this scheme could go some way towards slowing traffic down.
4. An invitation has been received from the NHS to hold a 'Health Check Clinic' in the village. This is open to residents between the ages of 40 and 74 and is a national service which assesses a person's risk of developing heart attack, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease.

The health check provides advice and support on how a person may prevent or reduce their risks and live a healthier life. This is an ideal opportunity to offer the people of your town access to a free NHS Health Check, which could help them prevent long-term chronic conditions and potentially save their lives. The NHS Health Check provided by ToHealth is the same as the NHS Health Check that is provided by GPs and pharmacists. In order to qualify for a free health check, parishioners must be:

- ◆ Aged between 40 and 74
- ◆ Should not have received an NHS health check elsewhere in the last five years.
- ◆ Some parishioners may not qualify if they already have certain conditions or are taking certain medications (e.g. high blood pressure, high cholesterol etc).

Individuals must either live in Somerset County Council region, or be registered with a Somerset County Council GP.

The Parish Council are in discussion with the Health Check Clinic and the Trustees of The Millennium Hall to find a suitable date. It is anticipated that this will happen sometime later this year – probably October or November. Full details of what is involved will be published when a date is confirmed.

5. The SSDC Ranger Scheme is working well but the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from any resident if they feel any areas are still being neglected.
6. It was reported that the Share Certificates for those who paid to become members of the Community Land Trust should be delivered during August.
7. As the Parish Council do not plan to hold a monthly meeting in August please contact any Parish Councillor or e-mail parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org if you have any concerns.

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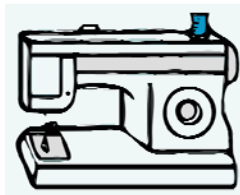
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‘Flix in the Stix’

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St. George ‘Flix in the Stix’ presents **‘BEAUTY AND THE BEAST’ (PG)**, on **SATURDAY 12th AUGUST 2017** in the Hinton Village Hall at **7.00 pm**. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy’s Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

Belle (Emma Watson), a bright, beautiful and independent young woman, is taken prisoner by a beast (Dan Stevens) in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the beast's hideous exterior, allowing her to recognise the kind heart and soul of the true prince that hides on the inside.

This is a highly acclaimed re-working of the Disney classic. Please note the earlier screening time for this film for cinema goers of all ages.

Access to Somerset Waste Sites

Somerset Waste is trying to reduce the congestion at its public waste disposal sites following introduction of controls on the dumping of waste by commercial users and those living outside the county. A vehicle permit scheme was introduced a few months ago as part of this process

Somerset's vehicle permits scheme has proved so successful that Somerset Waste Board has, after a full review and listening carefully to residents, decided to allow vans, pick-ups and car-towed trailers access whenever recycling sites are open, including all weekends.

Other simplifications include a clearer way to identify vehicles requiring permits by using their NI registration category, and adding all campervans and minibuses to the system.

A report on the permit scheme's first six months found that it achieved all its aims: to cut congestion, control illegal commercial users, bar out-of-county visitors from holding permits, maintain safety and improve services.

Some 22,000 Somerset residents with vans, pick-ups and car-towed trailers have taken a minute to order a free permit online directly or via a library.

Recycling site staff have seen a decrease in commercial users taking advantage of busy sites to sneak in waste they must legally pay to dispose of, while many out-of-county visitors have been barred from using sites.

The amount of waste brought in by illegal and out-of-county users has been cut significantly, saving hundreds of thousands of pounds, but forecasts of a rise in fly-tipping proved wrong, with overall dumping figures for Somerset falling to a five-year low.

For permit scheme information and to apply for a permit visit:
www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits

Somerset's recycling rate is almost unchanged at 52.71%, which past results suggest will beat South West and England averages. We have good results for plastic bottles, glass, garden waste, cardboard, metals, paint and food waste, balanced lower figures for paper, food and drink cans, motor and cooking oils, and electrical goods. Recycling sites performed very well, with throughput down 1,935 tonnes to 71,709 tonnes and an average recycling rate up by 0.67% to 76.59%.

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Visit to RHS Rosemoor 22/6/17

After a mini heatwave it was a bit of a relief, just for once, that the weather cooled down in time for our visit to Rosemoor.

It's a fantastic place for gardeners and for those who simply enjoy strolling through the extensive grounds. There are so many different styles of gardens from formal to woodland as well as fruit and vegetable ones plus streams and lakes. There are meadows, a Bicentenary Arboretum and the popular Lady Anne's Historic Garden. It's just as well that there are plenty of places to sit and admire the view and tea rooms for much needed refreshment.

Of course, the main attraction at this time of year had to be the rose gardens which not only looked spectacular but gave off plenty of perfume too. Talking to one of the gardeners there he did admit that dead heading them all was a bit like painting the Forth Rail Bridge as no sooner had you finished than you had to go back and do it all again. Well worth it though, but glad it's not me having to do it!

There is so much to take in it's difficult to fit everything in so a second visit is highly recommended.

Thanks to Karen Day for organising the coach and the visit.

Visit to Newton House on 13/7/17

The old adage of "saving the best until last" proved true for our final garden visit of this year.

Newton House is a beautiful Jacobean manor house built around 1608 - 1612 set in sixty acres of gardens and parkland. Tucked away near Yeovil town centre, forty acres lie in Somerest and twenty acres in Dorset, all part of a large estate known as Newton Surmaville.

Robin and Jane Cannon moved there in 2007 and have spent the last ten years renovating the house and gardens which were pretty much derelict at the time. Near the house there are walled gardens with herbaceous borders all beautifully colourful and immaculately kept. The greenhouse

here was full of ripening peaches but it is the fabulous parkland that creates the “wow” factor. It seems to stretch for miles with vistas, summer houses, fountains and the River Yeo running through it. It’s laid out in a formal geometric pattern with cleverly placed statues and obelisks at every turn and as you wander through it you would never believe you were literally just around the corner from the town centre.

Back in the flower border section there are various sculptures that have been placed in the flower beds including a “frog orchestra” near the ponds, a well placed scarecrow leaning against a tree, a couple of boys playing cricket, an artificial “green” bear complete with honey pot and assorted metal birds and plants.

This has to be one of the best gardens I have seen and many thanks to Robin and Jane for allowing us to see it and for the fantastic refreshments including their hand crafted gin, if you wished to purchase it.

The gardens are open by appointment only and for private functions or corporate events but certainly well worth visiting if you get the chance.

Huge thanks to Karen Day for organising everything and I feel that I can say on everyone’s behalf that we were all amazed with what was there.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 12th August - Flower Show

Last date for entries Wednesday 9th August - still time to enter - details and schedule available from village shop or www.theseavingtons.org/gardening-club.

On the day - doors open to the public at 2.30pm and cups presented from 3.30pm. There will be plants for sale plus refreshments and a raffle. Entry is free so do come along and support us - we’d love to see you.

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The air conditioning units have had one or two small teething troubles, some technical and some due to lack of knowledge on our part, but they are all working efficiently now. It only remains for us to pay the invoices for the small retentions and reclaim the grants that we have not yet received. Again, our thanks go to Marion Bennett for her persistence in arranging the claim for the grants, and also to the Parish Council for their contribution.

The café ran a successful Supper evening where the food featured was from Venezuela, thanks to Jane and our new volunteer, Cecilia Daryanani who inspired the idea. The normal café offerings are available from 10.00am weekdays and Saturdays until 4.30pm weekdays and 1.30 pm on Saturdays. There are specials on the board in the café most days.

The shop and café completed 7 years of trading on the 14 July without having a big celebration, although I believe a cake was seen being devoured by some volunteers. We will need to save up for our 10th anniversary, any ideas on the form of the celebration?

The display of Prints by Angela Naunton Davies in the cafe and the Ceramics by Jacky Duncan in the shop will be available for sale until Thursday 31st August. Watch this space for news of the next exhibitors in September.

We continue to investigate new suppliers and products that may appeal to our customers. It is our practise to also review various contracts from time to time, to ensure value for money. We have just changed the Chillers and Freezers maintenance contract in order to save money and use local people. We stock over 20 wines on our shelves as well as a selection of spirits and fortified wines. The Bar-B-Q season is now a popular activity and we supply firelighters, charcoal, and boxes of matches in the shop.

I have to correct the date given for the Store AGM in last month's issue which was shown as Tuesday 8th August. This has been delayed for three weeks until **Tuesday 29th August** in order to produce all the usual paperwork, in good time for the meeting.

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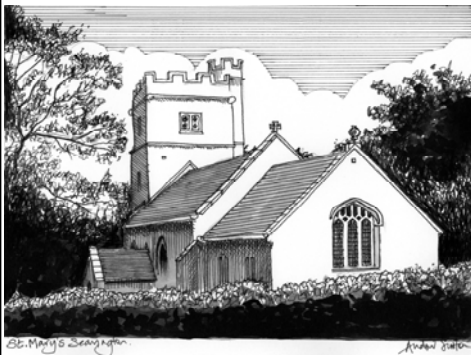
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Chris Gough (Chairman SPFA) - spfa@theseavingtons.org

Well, the Annual General Meeting has been and gone. I'm very pleased to report that the evening was indeed a lot less "interesting" than last year and no significant issues were raised. My first year as Chairman has been one where we have worked hard to consolidate and enhance the management team with the additional expertise of Nick Church (Premises) and Ray Thorogood (Outside facilities).

The improved co-operation that is now occurring between ourselves and the Community Shop is helping all concerned and we look forward to developing the relationship further in the years to come.

Like the Community Shop, I too have been in correspondence with the authorities to ensure that access to the Millennium Hall is maintained throughout the road closure and I have asked them to ensure that appropriate signage is also provided, so that our hirers can find us during the work.

As before, please contact me by email via SPFA to report any issues with the Hall or Playing Field.

The SPFA Lottery draws will commence this month with the draws for June and July. Thank you for supporting us and good luck!

The Seavingtons' Weather in June 2017

This year—2017

Previous year—2016

Temperature

Average Minimum	11.34°C	11.27°C
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Average Maximum	21.07°C	19.91°C
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Mean	16.21°C	15.59°C
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Rainfall

Monthly Total	64.3 mm (2.57")	60.5 mm (2.42")
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Total for the year	365.3 mm (14.61")	459.6mm (18.38")
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June 20th was the hottest day at 31.5°C



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