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The Seavingtons' News

Greetings to you all!

As you read this we are within the season of Lent – the days in the calendar that lead into Easter. Lent is a time which holds differing degrees of significance to individuals and families and it can be a useful time of reflection and self awareness. Many engage with Lent by 'giving something up' – a type of fasting driven by any number of different motivations.

At Café Church at Seavington in February we were reflecting on how we might engage with Lent in a way which doesn't just mean it is 'one more thing to do' (which risks missing any deeper meaning), a fast for fasting sake. The message that stuck with me was that Lent can be a time to fast from indifference. To try and commit to naming and overturning the apathy that can so easily and softly creep in to areas of our lives, be it with others, faith or ourselves.

Fasting from indifference is a challenging, life giving and world-changing act to explore (whether in Lent or not). I wonder what that might mean for you?

To sum up its gravity here are some words from Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Holocaust survivor:

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference".

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Rev Tom Handy

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

*All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
For bookings call 07905 215993 or hallbookings@theseavingtons.org*

28th February	8.00 pm	SPFA Quiz Night at the Volunteer –P10
8th March	7.30 pm	Gardening Club Talk “Dahlias for pleasure & Exhibition” by Brian Madder –p17
10th March	7.30 pm	Flix in the Stix at Hinton St George “Murder on the Orient Express” –p25
11th March	11.30 am	Mothering Sunday at St. Michael –p10
12th March	noon	Community Lunch in Village Café –pp 8, 32
15th March	7.30 pm	RSPB Group talk “ English Wildlife in Autumn & Winter –p31
20th March	7.30 pm	Parish Annual General Meeting –p23
31st March	2.00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea at St. Michael’s Church –p26
1st April	11.30 am	Easter Sunday at St Michael’s Church –p18
12th April	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk “Late Summer colour” by Derry Watkins –p21

Regular Activities

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.

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

4th March	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
11th March	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11th March	11.30 am Mothering Sunday (no café church)
18th March	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
25th March	11.30 am Morning Prayer

Rev Tom Handy telephone: 01460 240377; revdtomhandy@hotmail.com

The Seavingtons' Weather in January 2018

This year—2018

Previous year—2017

Temperature

Average Minimum	3.08°C	1.71°C
Average Maximum	9.59°C	8.19°C
Mean	6.33°C	4.95°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	64.0 mm (2.56")	77.5 mm (3.10")
Total for the year	64.0 mm (2.56")	77.5 mm (3.10")

Not the wettest January on record but there were only 7 days without rain!

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Continuing Traffic Issues

We note from the latest Parish Council News report within this month's Seavingtons' News that discussions between the Parish Council and Somerset County Council regarding SIS (Small Improvement Scheme) and SID (Speed Indicator Devices) continue at the usual pace!

We feel we have remained quiet for too long and are now writing in *total* support of previous comments made throughout last year within the Seavingtons' News regarding the on-going difficulties with the 'New Road' (C5021) that runs through our village. Items have included David Froome's May editorial, Neil Palmer's June response and other relevant issues within the notes of Parish Council Meetings.

Having lived in the same house on the corner of Davids Lane for over forty years, we have witnessed first hand and therefore feel we have real experience, in observing the changing conditions that are affecting our village environment. We have in the past written to and spoken directly to the Parish Council, and attended a site meeting at the bottom of David's Lane, with other residents and various agencies to reflect our genuine concerns regarding traffic issues. Over the years, these concerns have remained constant and in particular focused on the speed of passing traffic, lack of white-lining and general absence of any real traffic management scheme to influence the speed of *all* types of vehicles passing through this stretch of road. However, to date nothing of any substance appears to have been resolved or pursued with any real determined purpose!

We, along with other neighbours agree that living in Seavington is a pleasure and has undoubtedly *many* advantages, including the beautiful countryside surrounding us. We are very aware that nothing remains the same forever, but feel unfortunately our surrounding countryside with its local changing farming methodology has now become a *huge* contributing factor to our on-going environmental, traffic and speed problems.

Not only are we aware, (even though apparently disputed by various authorities,) that the road is used regularly as an alternative route when the A303 becomes blocked, we now have long periods of constant huge tractor and trailer units 'thundering' through our village. Although somewhat quieter at this time of the year, these vehicles can run throughout the day and late into the evening, seven days a week during maize harvesting time. These enormous farm vehicles with attached trailers are continuously going to and from a *huge* maize mountain on the outskirts of Ilminster. This modern farming operation has been proudly presented as a 'renewable energy project' from a 'green organisation' and tractors are obviously the preferred vehicle to transport amounts of maize destined for the local digester. However...how is this haulage operation supposed to be protecting the environment when causing such environmental hazards of noise and vibration, together with the ongoing dangers of increasing speed and pollution within its own local community?

Tractors have obviously *always* used the roads around our village for general farming needs; we live in a rural area and therefore totally accept this as usual practice. We do not need to be reminded by Parish Councillors of this fact, but the current activity is a completely different operation of both size and transportation issues, this appears to be a haulage operation and not what one would describe as 'farming.'

Having researched the relevant speed restrictions for such enormous tractor units, it appears that the maximum speed should be 25mph on any road. (There are some exceptions to this, for example a JCB Fastrack, but speed is still restricted by the type of farming equipment attached to the vehicle.) Nevertheless, all too often these relevant safety restrictions are *clearly* not being observed by all of the tractor unit drivers who race through our village so close to our homes, on what now appears, at certain times of the year, to literally be a 'tractor highway!!' From our observations, there is very little (if any) consideration shown for residents living so close to the road, for our vulnerable properties or for other traffic joining the road from driveways and/or other minor junctions. With the new developments currently being undertaken within the village we fear these dangers will only increase in the future.

Like others have previously stated, we have *genuine* fears that one day a very serious accident will happen and would urge the Parish Council in particular when speaking within PACT (Partner & Community Together) meetings to reflect genuine local concerns and pursue this matter with serious determination.

Chris & Barbara Hawkins

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We think that the posts along Water Street in front of the playing field and village hall are visually offensive, and completely inappropriate along the wide, grassy verge of a rural road. What is it all about?
Sincerely,
Alan Graham and Jo Mills

Our February Competition Results

The winner of the competition for younger readers in last month's magazine was Ruth Lewis who will receive a crisp £5 note as a prize.

Ruth's entry was selected in a draw of all the correct entries.

The answers are given in the matrix below.
The hidden word is "Seavington".

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Somerset Libraries Service Consultation 2018

The Somerset County Council is reviewing the provision of library services throughout the County.

A public consultation is now planned to start on Monday 29 January and will last for 12 weeks, seeking to put the service on a sustainable footing for the long-term, at a time when all our council budgets are under enormous pressure.

Nine area proposals have been produced showing options on how to deliver library services in individual communities going forward.

In summary, under the proposals, 15 of our 34 libraries would be seeking community involvement to remain open. Where this is not possible, services would instead be provided either through outreach in community venues or through additional mobile library stops.

For a further seven libraries, the County Council is consulting on two different options - either to seek community involvement or to keep existing library services as they currently are.

From Monday 29th January, members of the public, businesses and organisations are invited to read the proposals online at: www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation and complete a questionnaire, basing their responses on the library they visit most often and putting forward possible alternative proposals for consideration.

Library services will continue across Somerset whatever the response from this consultation and no decisions will be made until after the consultation concludes on 22 April and all results are fully analysed. A final decision will be made in June/July.

The full decision to go to consultation paper can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=632>

Appendix 1 provides a summary of the proposals and Appendix 4 gives a schedule of events across the county being held as part of the consultation.

Over the Counter

Ray Catling (01460 419900)

We are now into March. The year seems to pass so quickly. The heavy falls of snow have avoided Somerset. There has been no shortage of rain though.

Looking back, our Christmas Draw raised £675 for shop funds. The prizes were all donated, so a big thank you to all who gave prizes and to everyone who bought tickets.

The cafe has been very busy with regular and special events. Our monthly Seniors' Lunch is now to be a Community Lunch. You don't have to feel too young to benefit from Jane's delicious two course meal! The next Community Lunch will be on Monday 12th March. Please book to avoid disappointment and have a good time catching up with friends and neighbours. Our bi monthly Midweek Supper Club took place in mid February - a Retro Evening with the main course of coq au vin. I believe the English translation is "Cockerel run over by a van"! Watch out for the April Supper Club date.

You may have noticed, and to further remind everyone, between January and 13th March the shop will be closing at 5pm. We do not wish volunteers to work alone - perhaps you could help to increase our volunteer force to ease this problem.

The shop has maintained a consistent performance, stocking a varied selection of goods and hopefully all your household and larder essentials. Please note we only stock a small amount of bread each day, but you can order bread (by 3.30pm for delivery the following day). Our supplier, Bakery Roy-Al, produces an excellent selection of loaves and rolls, including white, wholemeal, sunflower, granary and corn, all of which can be sliced if you wish.

During March we will see two new exhibitions of art and craft work. David Brown will exhibit his ceramics and Ann Novey will display her paintings. David Brown is based in Merriott and his predominantly blue ceramics are well established favourites in the area. Ann Novey already provides us with her very popular greetings cards and we will enjoy seeing her paintings in the cafe. All items are for sale and the shop gets commission on each sale.

A date for your diary. There will be a Spring Quiz Night on Friday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. Our Quiz master will be Ian Pamplin, there will be a bar and delicious buffet supper. Tickets at £8 are available from the till.

I volunteer in the shop and have noticed we have many new customers. After using the shop and cafe and paying at the till many have commented on how enjoyable their visit and experience have been. They stated that they would be

very likely to make further visits. Please continue to spread the word to your friends and neighbours - word of mouth is our most effective advertisement.

So to all our customers, from near and far, please visit and spend your money as often as you can. The shop has become such an important place for so many people. The more we use it, the more we can do to secure its long term future.

SPFA Lottery Draw Results

Jackie Priddle (01460 240734)

Here are the draw results for February 2018:

First	£35	Sheila Riley
Second	£20	Adam Gough
Third	£15	Giles Lock
Fourth	£10	Jeffery Booker
Fifth	£10	Tony Horobin



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Quiz Night at the Volunteer Inn

The monthly quiz night at the Volunteer Inn on Wednesday 28th February is being held as part of the World's Biggest Pub Quiz, and is raising money for Prostate Cancer UK. The quiz starts at 8pm, and the entry fee is £2 per person.

To book a place at the quiz, contact the Volunteer Inn (01460 240126).

St Michael's Church—Calling all children

Mothering Sunday—11th March, 11.30 a.m.

Please bring Mum, Family and Friends to this special service. There will be bunches of flowers for you to give to them.

Seavingtons' News Copy Dates

The Parish Council has moved its monthly meetings to the third Tuesday of each month. So that important news from the Parish Council can be drawn to your attention in a timely manner The Seavingtons' News has been asked to delay its copy dates until after these meetings.

Accordingly, on an experimental basis, our copy dates will be delayed until the twentieth of each month except December, when the copy date will be 12th December for the January 2019 edition.

This change, affecting everyone from the Editor to our street deliverers, will become permanent once we are certain that we can ensure that everyone has their copy in time for the start of the relevant month.

Operation Christmas Child

Gill Beveridge tells us that 27 shoeboxes, filled by residents of the Seavingtons, went to Romania for Christmas.

These contained knitted hats and gloves as well as glove puppets. She already has the patterns for the Christmas 2018 boxes and can let you have them if you contact her on 01460 242828.

Gill's collection of postage stamps for the Children's Society has now raised £11,000 between South Petherton and Seavington. Anyone with used postage stamps may contribute by placing them in the jar behind the counter in the village store.



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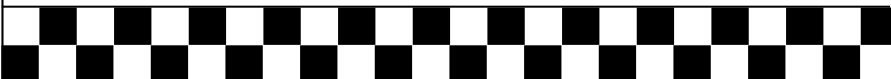
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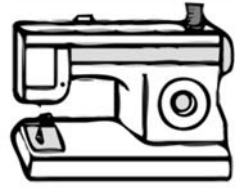
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Tree Sparrow

Annie (01460 241762)

Passer Montamus (Family: Passeridae) 5½"

I love to hear the Autumn crow go by
and see the starnels darken down the sky;
The bleaching stack the bustling Sparrow leaves,
And plops with merry note beneath the eaves.

John Clare (1793—1864)

This lovely little bird is often over-looked as it is very similar to the house Sparrow, but smaller. Closer inspection will reveal the whole of the crown and nape are a rich chestnut. The underparts are a pale buffish grey; the back and wings are broadly streaked with black, brown and chestnut.

On the wings there is a double white bar. The white face has a black spot on each cheek, rather like a comma. The black bib is smaller than that of the House Sparrow; the legs are pale brown and the bill is blackish. Sexes are alike.

The Tree Sparrow is very sociable and likes living in groups and breeding in small colonies. In winter, it will flock with House Sparrows, Finches and Buntings. It is a more rural species and seen in hedgerows, old orchards and gardens.

Nests are located in a hole in a tree, a crevice in an old building, among ivy and other creepers and has readily taken to nest boxes in quiet areas of the garden. Both sexes build the nest of dried grass, straw and leaves lined with moss, hair and feathers. The same nest site maybe used for several years. The male bird's courtship display includes bowing, spreading the wings and raising the crown feathers. Whitish, blotched with brown, eggs are laid from April to July. Maybe up to three broods.

Tree Sparrows eat mainly seeds and in Autumn and Winter feed over the stubble fields and visit your bird-tables.

Like House Sparrows it "CHIRRUPS" but has a shriller sound. It will sing in chorus with other Tree Sparrows. The call in flight is "TECK-TECK"

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Thursday 8th February

“Clematis, how to grow them successfully” by Marcus Dancer

Marcus has been involved in horticulture since he left school. He has had his own nursery in Sandleheath near Fordingbridge for more than twenty years where he specialises in clematis. His obvious love of these amazing plants came across in the talk and his enthusiasm for them convinces you that you too can grow them equally successfully.

There are many different ideas on planting clematis with conflicting views on what and what not to do. Marcus explained all this quite simply by dividing them up into groups so that you know what you are dealing with.

Evergreen clematis can be winter or spring flowering and do not like to be planted too deeply in the soil. They should go in at the same level as they were growing in the pot. They will grow in a wide range of soils and different aspects but the one thing they hate is boggy waterlogged ground. Names such as Winter Beauty, Freckles, Landsdown Gem, Fragrant Oberon and Early Sensation were just a few mentioned. Flowers vary in size and shape and some have the bonus of being scented.

Large flowered hybrids, viticellas, texensis, tangutica and orientalis are all groups that do like to be planted deeply. They should go into the soil at least three to four inches below the level they were in the pot. Unlike the evergreen varieties these groups do well on heavier soil provided some grit is mixed in before planting. Some fabulous names mentioned in these groups are Clematis Fujimusume (a blue flowering plant), Etoile Violet, Blue Angel, Golden Tiara and so many more. Well known ones are Nelly Moser, Prince Charles, Betty Corning, Princess Diana, Princess Kate and Bill McKenzie.

Another group are the herbaceous clematis. They are not often seen in garden centres so you might need to find a specialist nursery. They do not need supporting as they are low growing and can be left to scramble along a border or grow in a pot. They tend to flower from late July through to the Autumn. Names such as Cassandra, Sonnet and Arabella are popular in this group.

The final group are Alpinas and Macropetalas which flower in the Spring with such names as Stolwijk Gold and Helsingborg.

The biggest question asked about clematis is how to prune them. That depends on which group they belong to. There are three groups:

Group One are all the Montanas, Evergreens, Alpinas, and Macropetalas. You do not need to prune these at all unless they become too overgrown but if you do

then wait until after they have finished flowering. Cut back to keep the size and spread you want.

Group Two are the Large Flowered Hybrids which need some attention in January/February to remove dead or dying wood from the top of the plant to just above an emerging green bud.

Group Three are the Viticellas and Texensis which can also be cut back at this time of year to create a more bushy plant so that the flowers appear lower down the stems.

One important fact is to feed them once they have been pruned. This can be done by adding slow release fertiliser or simply putting fresh compost around the base of the plant.

If you are trying to identify your clematis to know when to prune then a good rule is: "If it flowers after the second week in June with small flowers between two to four inches in diameter then hard prune it in January/February as it is likely to be a Group Three clematis."

This talk, like so many others, was filled with such a huge amount of information it would be impossible to write everything down. If you want to find out more then Marcus does sell plants at Sherborne market on the third Friday of each month or you can check out his website: www.clematisplants.co.uk

I think those who heard it will have either been inspired to have a go at growing clematis for the first time or like me will have gained a better understanding of what to do with them. Many thanks to Marcus for such an inspiring talk.

Flower of the Month Competition

1st - Liz Hayden - Hellebore

2nd - Sue Clarke - Iris

3rd - Gill Beveridge - Daphne

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 8th March in the Millennium Hall.

A talk by Brian Madder on "Dahlias for Pleasure and Exhibition"

Please note earlier start time.

Doors open 6.20pm for AGM at 6.30pm

Refreshments will be available after the AGM before the talk starts at 7.30pm.

There will also be a raffle. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door.

For more information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

Reminder

For those members taking part in the Spring Growing Competition please bring along your daffodils to be judged at this meeting.

St. Michael's Church, Seavington

Easter Day

Sunday 1st April

Family Communion Service, 11.30 a.m.

Please come and celebrate with us

The large wooden cross will be out from Easter Saturday afternoon for you to decorate with posies of flowers, alternatively please bring a posy to Church on Easter Day.

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Visitors welcome, £5 payable at the door.

For more information contact Karen Day 01460 249728

Parish Council

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Village Precept - At the January meeting of the Parish Council it was unanimously agreed that, in order to maintain village services, support village organisations etc, there would have to be an increase in the amount of monies requested. For the year 2018-2019 the amount to be collected from Council Tax Payers will be £14,920, plus an extra £80 from Central Government Council Tax Support Grant – thus giving a total of £15,000.

For the financial year 2014-2015 the Central Government Grant amounted to £930 and this has been steadily decreasing over the years so that for the coming financial year it is just £80 and will be reduced to Nil for 2019-2020. The Parish Council has no idea why this has happened, the same as it did not fully understand the reason the Grant was first paid in 2014.

Small Improvement Scheme – No further news on this but the Parish Council are hoping for a favourable outcome and may know more after the February meeting.

Discontinuation of SIDs – New figures have been received from the County Council and to buy into a new Scheme that County Highways would still manage could cost a substantial amount each year. Consequently it has been agreed that we will await the outcome of the SIS before making any final decision.

Verge adjacent to the Playing Field - As you will be aware posts have been erected on the verge to stop parking, which over the last few months has become a major issue with the daffodil bulbs being destroyed and the ground being churned up. Extra works will be carried out when the posts have settled.

District Council Proposed Ward Changes – [Being carried out to balance numbers] The Parish Council has responded to a Consultation confirming that it is happy to stay within the South Petherton Ward. It was agreed that the proposal that both Barrington and Stocklinch should be included within this ward was not appropriate as both parishes link closer to Ilminster and are in fact in a different Parliamentary Constituency.

Changes to the Latest Copy Date of The Seavingtons' News - The Parish Council is grateful to David Froome and his team for agreeing to make the copy date slightly later in the month, with effect from March 2018. It is hoped that this will mean the report from the Parish Council will be more up-to-date than at present.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - This year will be held on Tuesday 20th March – 7.00pm in The Millennium Hall. This is when Parish Councillors reflect on what has been achieved over the past year and how your monies have been spent. It is also your chance to question your Parish Councillors on any village topic. If you have any specific questions/topics that you would like to raise it would be useful to have these before the meeting to give Councillors a chance to be able to respond fully. Please send questions to:

parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org

We are hopeful that our District and County Councillors will also attend this meeting.

Shepton Beauchamp pre-School

Lucy Hammett (07588 84354)

Spring is in the air at Shepton Pre-School! The children will be bouncing into March with a sponsored hop, skip and jump at the end of term and they are all very excited about who is going to complete the most hops. We will also be getting their hands dirty preparing the garden for Spring.

World book day is on the 1st March but because we love this day so much we will be spending the whole week dressed as characters from our favourite books.

Balance Buddies will be coming to visit on the 7th March. The children will be able to have a play on balance bikes and learn necessary skills for their first attempts at riding bikes.

Bingo! – this will be held at the Duke of York pub on the 19th March at 7.15pm. Please come and join in the fun, hopefully win a prize and help raise some much needed funds for the pre school.

Bag 2 school – if you are having a spring clean in the next couple of months and throwing out any unwanted clothes, bags, shoes or soft toys please pop them in a black bag and pass on to Charlie directly at Stoke Villa, Robins Lane or by dropping off at the village hall.

Toddler Group – Next toddler group of the year is on Thursday 1st March. All welcome, from 0 to pre school age children, along with their parents or grandparents.

For more information please call Natalie or Kath 07765 437301 or email info@sheptonbeauchamppre-school.co.uk or www.sheptonbeauchamppre-school.co.uk or follow us on Facebook – or just pop in and meet us – we'd love to

Monies from Lift West Development

Chris Gough (01460 240897)

There are Section 106 monies due from the Developer of the Lift West site – This is nothing to do with The Seavingtons' Community Land Trust.

Section 106 monies were a levy placed on all developers for sites with over 10 houses. There was a fixed sum per house and these monies would be claimed from the developer by the District Council. In this area monies were often allocated for Leisure and Recreational facilities. Some residents will remember that back in 2014, when the first planning application was submitted for the development of the site that the Parish Council was advised that almost £16,000 of the £18,000 due would be going to projects outside of the Seavingtons.

The Parish Council and concerned residents lobbied our then MP David Laws at one of his summer surgeries and the District Council promised to see what could be done to rectify the situation. In March 2015 an Agreement was signed between SSDC and Lift West Limited which stated that:- '*Leisure Facilities Contribution*' means the total sum of £18,610.00 to be used as a **contribution** towards enhancing the facilities of Seavington Playing Field and/or towards one or more of the following strategic facilities across the district: *Theatres and art centres, artificial grass pitches, sports halls, swimming pools, indoor tennis centres.*

It is possible, therefore, that should we not be able to provide a suitable scheme for the enhancement of leisure and recreational facilities on the playing field then we will lose the monies. The Parish Council has therefore advised the SPFA that they should be looking at renewing the play areas on the playing field. **THIS CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

The existing play equipment is as a result of the group of local residents – Swing Park 2000 – who came together in 1999 to raise funds to completely re-vamp the old play area. The first phase of the re-vamp took place in 2001 and the larger play area opened in June 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

More funds than the £18,000 from the S106 monies will obviously be needed for a complete re-vamp of the equipment by way of grants and fund raising events. However, the S106 monies are a good start and as a village we do not want to lose this source of funding. Unlike other close by villages and towns we are not likely to see another sizeable development. If you have any ideas for the sort of equipment you would like to see on the playing field please contact the Parish Council at parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org or the Playing Fields Association on spf@theseavingtons.org

Holy Week Services

Parish of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and The Lambrooks

Monday 26th March <i>Day of cleansing</i>	6.00 pm	<i>Meditation and Compline</i> St Peter & St Paul's, South Petherton
Tuesday 27th March <i>Day of teaching</i>	6.00 pm	<i>Meditation and Compline</i> St Michael's Church, Seavington
Wednesday 28th March <i>Day of waiting</i>	5.30 pm	<i>Meditation and Compline</i> St James', East Lambrook
Thursday 29th March <i>Maunday Thursday</i>	7.00 pm	TBA St Peter & St Paul's, South Petherton
Friday 30th March <i>Good Friday</i>	2.30 pm	<i>Reflection</i> St Peter & St Paul's, South Petherton
Friday 30th March <i>Good Friday</i>	2.30 pm	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i> St Mary's Seavington*
Friday 30th March <i>Good Friday</i>	2.30 pm	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i> St James's East Lambrook*

* wrap up warmly

‘Flix in the Stix’

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St George's 'Flix in the Stix' presents “MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS” (12A) on **SATURDAY 10th of MARCH 2018** in the Hinton Village Hall at **7.30 p.m.** 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 o 01460 72563.

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Multiple Sclerosis Society

The local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society has now arranged for recycling items to be deposited at the Seavington Village Store. Items that can be accepted include:

Plastic milk bottle tops (rinsed and with foil inserts removed)
Empty biscuit wrappers (any brand)
Empty baby wipe, facial wipe and kitchen surface wipe packets
Trigger spray heads
Old pens, any brand including felt tips and highlighters
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The items recycled are made back into bottle tops, fleeces, toys, a type of roof tile and flexible baskets and trugs for washing and gardening.

The Society receives £30 per half ton for bottle tops and has already raised £150 from them. Biscuit wrappers are the most profitable at £300 per ton and have already raised over £300.

In the Seavington Store there is a black sack bin for bottle tops and a white bag box for other items.

If you have any queries please direct them to Caroline Veryard at:
cveryard@cveryard.plus.com

Easter Egg Hunt & Afternoon Tea

St Michael's Church Seavington
Saturday 31st March
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