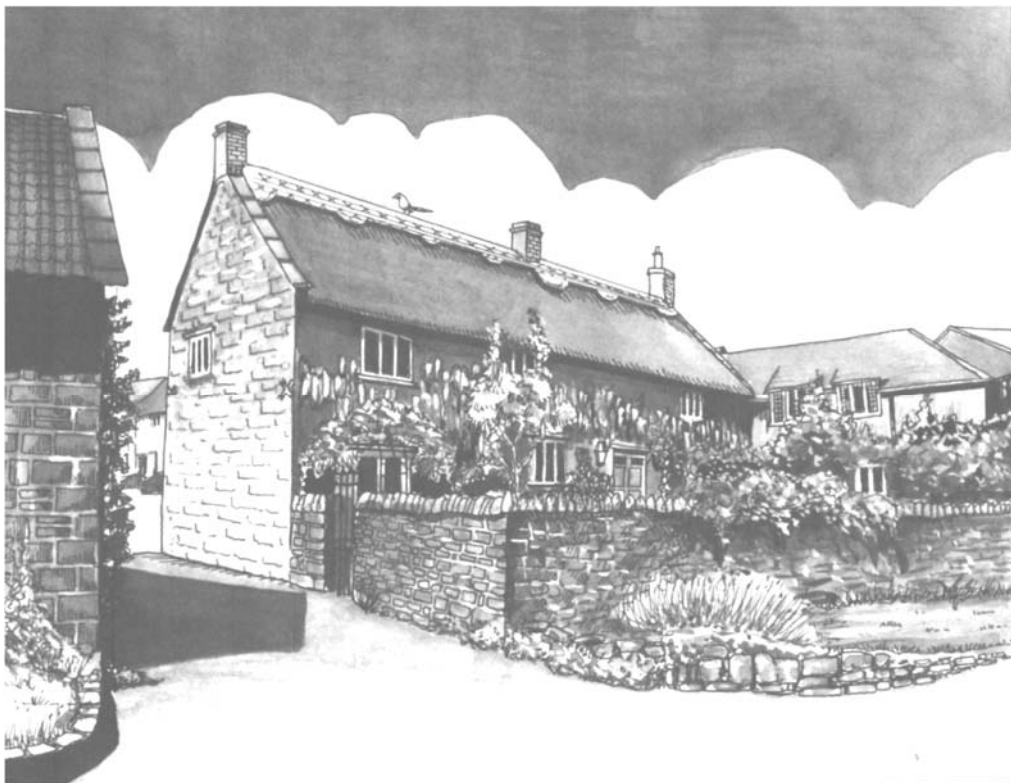


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The Seavingtons' News

At last I think we can say goodbye to winter and an enthusiastic hello to spring. It seems to have been a long and rather wet winter but as the days lengthen, temperatures rise and light levels lift so too do our spirits. I'm sure we will all enjoy spending more time outside and maybe thoughts will turn to doing some gardening and possibly buying the odd plant or two!

With that in mind I would like to bring to your attention a plant disease that British authorities are desperately trying to prevent from reaching our shores. It is a bacterium called *Xylella fastidiosa*, which is one of the biggest risks to the UK horticultural industry and wider landscape. It infects a wide range of plants including many species we are likely to grow in our gardens, such as cherry, hebe, lavender, oak and rosemary. The bacterium causes symptoms including leaf scorch, wilt, dieback and plant death. These symptoms are easily confused with stresses such as frost damage and drought, or other plant diseases. The Royal Horticultural Society are recommending we buy only British grown plants to prevent this disease travelling to the UK. For further information visit <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/plant-health-in-gardens/protect-your-garden/new-pd-risks>

We are lucky here in the South West as there are so many fabulous nurseries which grow their own plants, so please buy British. It's also worth considering shopping at the village plant sale which will be held on Saturday 12th May as all our plants are grown locally.

Karen Day – Secretary Seavington Gardening Club

DON'T FORGET

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is the 20th April

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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*

31st March	2-5 pm	Easter Egg Hunt at St Michael's Church— p 23
1st April	11.30 am	Easter Sunday at St Michael's Church – p 3
12th April	7.00 pm	Gardening Club talk by Derry Watkins “Late Summer Colour”—pp 7, 21
14th April	7.30 pm	Flix in the Stix at Hinton St George “Goodbye Christopher Robin” - p 26
17th April	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
19th April	7.30 pm	RSPB Group talk “Bats, Water Voles and Doormice” by Louise Wooley—p 31
21st April	9.30 am	Village Litter Pick—Starts at St Mary's Close and Millennium Hall—p 23
27th April	7.30 pm	Community Shop Spring Quiz Night—pp 22, 26

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

1st April	11.30 am Easter Family Service
8th April	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
8th April	11.30 am Café Church in Seavington Café
15th April	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
22nd April	11.30 am Morning Prayer
28th April	No service but available in South Petherton

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

The Seavingtons' Weather in February 2018

This year—2018

Previous year—2017

Temperature

Average Minimum	0.17°C	3.97°C
Average Maximum	7.04°C	9.62°C
Mean	3.61°C	6.79°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	39.9 mm (1.60")	48.3 mm (1.93")
Total for the year	103.9 mm (4.16")	125.8 mm (5.03")

A dry, very cold, end to the month

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Dear Sir,

I read the letter in last month's issue from Mr and Mrs Hawkins with some interest. I think their concerns about traffic are shared by many people in the village, and I would like briefly to address a couple of the issues they raise.

Firstly, diversion of trunk road traffic through the village and Ilminster when the bypass is closed. This has to be done, but not for the long periods we experience. The police close the bypass following traffic accidents, and take many hours to assess the causes of the accident sometimes with a view to prosecuting the malefactors. There are reliable technical means available quickly to survey an accident scene which they do not use, preferring instead to make laborious manual measurements and photographs. In contrast, on French main roads, the priority is to re-open the road as quickly as possible to keep the traffic moving. I think we could learn from this pragmatic attitude. It would be churlish, of course, to use the phrase 'lots of overtime' in this context.

Oh, the farm tractors and trailers! I'm afraid we live in a working village, not a suburb, and in this environment, we must suffer the inconvenience. Unfortunately, the drivers are often young, inexperienced men, who have been instructed by their employers to go as fast as possible, take no prisoners in reversing situations etc. However, the beautiful countryside we all enjoy relies on farming being profitable, so a certain amount of rushing around might be justified. If others wished to pursue this issue, they could start by reflecting on the fact that tractor (red) diesel is untaxed, so the vehicles used are considerably cheaper to operate than the possibly more suitable trucks, which use taxed fuel. Could HM Revenue and Customs take an interest?

Mrs Fitzherbert.

Dunroaming Cottage (full name & address supplied)

Dear Editor,

Seavington in the Snow

Compared to the rest of the country we got off very lightly from the recent snow—The Beast from the East.

I felt so very lucky to be living in Seavington. People were so kind with offers of help and telephone calls to make sure that I was coping. Thank you to everyone including the mystic snow man who cleared my front path right down to the road.

I am well aware that I have a supportive family but, as the years advance, it is great to still be made to feel a valued member of the Seavington Community.

Sheila Riley

Village Oil Run

Nigel Key - (01460 241540)

Plenty of snow during March probably means your oil levels are dropping. The next Oil order will be placed on 13 April. If you require please let me know through the village website, where you will find the email link, or ring me if you are not keen on using the internet.

Don't Forget to Re-set your Clock

Summer Time begins on Sunday 25th March 2018



A busy night at Stone Henge
as workers move all the stones
forward one hour...

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Thursday 8th March 2018

AGM followed by a talk by Brian Madder on “Dahlias for pleasure and exhibition”

Brian drove all the way from Bournemouth to talk to us about dahlias and it was much appreciated. He has had a long association with these plants from growing them, exhibiting them, breeding new varieties and judging them at shows. It is safe to say he is something of an expert on them.

They originated in South America and more specifically Mexico. The Aztecs called them Acocotli which means water carrier as they have hollow stems and they were used exactly for that purpose. When the Spanish invaded they sent samples of the plants back to Madrid and a botanist there, Antonio Jose Cavanilles, named them after a Swedish botanist Andreas Dahl in 1791. Apparently they are edible and are likened to potatoes but maybe not quite as tasty. Personally I think I will just stick to growing them for their fabulous flowers!

The biggest decision to make when growing dahlias is whether to dig them out of the ground and store them over winter or to leave them in the ground with a good mulch over the top. This seems to depend on personal preference and which part of the country you live in. Normally down in the South West we would think we are pretty safe from harsh winters but the events of the last couple of weeks have shown us we can be caught out.

This time of year (early to mid-March) is the right time to start them off if you have been storing them in a frost free place. Brian sits them on top of the soil as the new buds grow between the crown and the “chicken legs” of the tubers. This gives them the best chance to grow as they may rot if put in the soil too early. They should not be planted out into the garden though until May where they will then grow, flower and produce tubers all in the first year. It is important to label the tubers as they do tend to look alike and give no clue about their size, colour or flower type just from looking at them.

If you leave your dahlias in the ground Brian recommended lifting them after 3 to 4 years and splitting them as they will become overcrowded and produce fewer flowers. The more space you can give them in the flower beds the better, or grow them in containers. Pinch out the top stem two to three weeks after planting them out and look out for slugs and snails which love the new growth. The plants will need staking and he always has three bamboo canes around each plant with string tied around from the base which you then increase up the cane as the plant grows. Earwigs are a pest once the flowers form so have an upturned plant pot stuffed with straw balanced on top of the canes to encourage the earwigs in and then dispose of them how you wish. Other pests might be

black fly which you can treat and a fungal disease which stunts growth in which case dig them up and dispose of the whole plant. Mildew can occur in dry summers but if you keep the plants well watered and fed regularly they should reward you with lots of colour right through to first frosts.

There are 13 different classifications of dahlia flowers coming in a wide range of colours and sizes with new varieties appearing all the time. If you keep dead-heading the flowers you will get even more but at the end of the season leave one or two flower heads on the plant which you can dry off to collect the seed and try growing them for next year.

Our thanks to Brian for a very informative talk and I hope that my dahlias benefit from the knowledge I have gained.

Growing Competition Results for Narcissus Sacajawea

1st - Sarah Davey

2nd - Lorraine Davey

3rd - Kate Mulligan

Flower of the Month Competition

1st - Kate Mulligan - Hellebore

2nd - Lorraine Davey - Hellebore

3rd - Jenny Deubert - Corydalis

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 12th April in the Millennium Hall

A talk by Derry Watkins on "Late Summer Colour"

Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm when the doors open and again after the talk.

Visitors welcome £5 payable at the door.

For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

Also please note an extra talk on 3rd May from 7.00pm at the Millennium Hall with Claire Hart on "How to Prepare Vegetables for Showing". This was originally due to take place in January but had to be changed at the last minute.

Quiz Night at the Volunteer Inn

Michael Harrison

The quiz night held at the Volunteer in February in aid of Prostate Cancer UK raised £155. Thank you to everyone who took part in this event. The quiz night was held as part of the World's Biggest Pub Quiz, which this year has raised nearly £110,000 for various charities in the UK.

Another charity quiz night is being planned to be held at the Volunteer later in the year. The regular monthly quiz nights in aid of the Seavington Playing Field Association are held at the Volunteer on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Spring

Annie (01460 241762)

When daisies pied, and violets blue,
And lady-smocks all silver white,
And Cuckoo-buds of yellow hue,
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The Cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men, for thus sings he:
Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo! O, word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

William Shakespeare

Summer visitors to look out for, visiting our shores from Africa:

Cuckoo

Plumage: grey overall, wing tips darker; underparts whitish, barred with grey, tail slate-grey with white; sexes alike.

Habitat: Farmland, woodland, moorland, reed-beds.

Food: Insects, caterpillars etc

Nest: Lays eggs in the nests of the Meadow Pipit, Reed Warbler and Dunnock

Song: Cu-koo—cu-koo

Nightingale

Plumage: Upper parts are a plain, warm, brown; underparts are a paler grey-brown; pale bill and legs; white throat and rump; rounded tail is chestnut red.

Habitat: Dense undergrowth near bushes, thickets and hedges.

Nest: 4-5 grey-blue eggs with brown markings are laid in a cup nest among ground vegetation.

Song: A loud and melodious song with warbling notes, finishing in a crescendo.

Spotted Flycatcher

Plumage: Upper parts pale grey-brown; underparts are dirty white with dark streaks; crown is whitish with delicate dark stripes; short legs, long wings and tail.

Habitat: Woodland and glades and parks and gardens. It will sit upright on its perch and then fly to catch insects before returning to its perch.

Nest: 4-5 pale blue, brown blotched, eggs in a tree nest.

Song: A weak but harsh “twee”.

Whitethroat

Plumage: Greyish-brown upperparts; chestnut wings. Male—grey head and nape. Female—browner grey head and nape. Both sexes have white throats and underparts; breast has touches of pink; outer tail feathers white.

Habitat: Hedgerows, scrubs, brambles and thorn bushes.

Food: Insects and berries.

Nest: Low down in thickets and hedges.

Song: The call is a sharp “Tak-Tak” with a scolding “Churr”. The song, often emitted in a flittering, dancing, flight is a short scratchy warble of rapid notes ending in a shrill chatter.

Halo Trust Coffee Morning

Joy Madge

Many thanks to everyone in the village who supported the Halo Trust Coffee Morning held on 28th. February at Carters Barn. Thanks to your support we made £650.00 and this will increase as we have been promised more donations. A cheque will be presented to a Trust representative at a meeting in Taunton in April.



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Parish Annual General Meeting – 20th March 2018

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Chairman of the Parish Council – Nick Loxton – welcomed all to the meeting.

Public Question Time

Seven residents attended the meeting but no questions were raised at this point. The Minutes of the Parish AGM held on 21st March 2017 were agreed and signed as correct.

Chairman's remarks – Planning – Two significant developments in the village are now nearing completion – Pond Farm with addition of 4 new houses and the former Lift West Site adding 13 more houses to the village – 3 of which have been gifted to the village by Andrew Whitehouse [former owner of Lift West].

Village Car Park and Parking in general around the village – At the beginning of the year the Village Car Park [opposite the Volunteer Inn] and Millennium Hall car park were white-lined to try and prevent inconsiderate parking. This seems to have had some impact on parking on the village car park. Unfortunately the Parish Council has been informed that several cars are being left in the Millennium Hall car park and on the field all day but neither the Hall or Shop are being used by the drivers. **Could we please reiterate that this car park is for Hall and or Shop/Cafe users only.** The recent installation of the wooden posts [which have caused some consternation] were erected to try and prevent damage to the wide grass verge. Further work is still to be completed on these posts. Inconsiderate parking is also causing a major problem at the junction of Water Street and West Street. Unfortunately the Parish Council cannot directly do anything about this. Any incident of unsafe parking should be reported directly to the Police.

Highways – SIS [Small Improvement Scheme] for the C5021 - we are still awaiting further information. The question of whether the old A303 is classified as a C road or the B3168 has been raised with both Traffic Management at County Hall and the Highways Agency but a satisfactory reply is still awaited.

Pot holes, road side erosion and blocked drains. Recently some of the pot holes and road edge erosion have been rectified. With regards to blocked drains it is not considered to be a problem if the water flows over the top of two drains but disappears down the third. Our Ranger has done sterling work on trying to keep the gullies clear. County Highways have indicated that a jetter is an expensive piece of equipment and only used in extreme cases. The gullies in The Seavingtons were cleaned in June 2017 and the next programmed work is due in 2019/20. In the meantime your Parish Council will seek to get the drains unblocked by using the Ranger Service provided by the SSDC.

Speeding and increased volume of farm traffic through the village - Mr Nick Bragg from Frogmary Green attended the February Parish Council meeting and informed Councillors that the amount of maize to be stored near Ilminster would be reduced by some 60% during the next harvesting period, therefore reducing the amount of Frogmary Traffic passing through the village. To try and

overcome the perception that all farm vehicles are connected to Frogmary Green Mr Bragg will put signs on all his vehicles. Mr Bragg also confirmed that his drivers have been asked to observe all speed limits.

Financial Report – Councillor Parsons reported that, to date, some £14,673.45 of the precept of £14,600 has been spent excluding VAT of £2,029.64 to be reclaimed. The monies for the defibrillator, support of the Shop air-co conditioning unit and an extra seat in The Orchard amounting to £2,375.49 have been taken from Reserves and Donations received.

Footpaths and Tree Wardens report – The Parish Council are grateful to our Tree Wardens and Footpaths Officer for all the work carried out in the villages, most of which will go unnoticed.

Village web-site – Thanks was given to Eugene Mulligan for his continued maintenance and up-dating of the village web-site. This has enabled the Parish Council to adhere to the new Transparency Code and allowed other village organisations to keep all residents informed of what is happening in the villages.

Village organisations – SPFA – Much work has been done on the maintenance of the hedges and trees around the field. Information is being obtained regarding the provision of a new overflow car park behind the Millennium Hall and investigations made with regard to the re-vamping of the large play area and the use of the monies hopefully due from the development of the Lift West Site. At present the SPFA is not actively fund raising, apart from The Village Lottery. With regard to funding of the large projects in the pipeline the SPFA know that they will have to apply for grants as small fund raising events will not raise sufficient monies.

Community Shop – An improvement in profit has been seen this year and hopefully the forecast figures for the year will be met. Staffing costs for the Cafe are the biggest investment but is more than justified by the increase in customers. A new marketing campaign is being instigated in the hope of attracting more local trade. A survey has found that at present 75% of customers comes from outside of the village.

The Seavingtons's News – continues to be able to deliver a monthly magazine to every house in the villages without charge. However, there has been a drop in revenue from advertising and from the wastepaper skip. It was disappointing to see that not everyone in the villages save their wastepaper and cardboard for the skip. Any excess revenue is used to give small grants to local organisations. Annual accounts will be available in April.

Youth Club – continues to thrive with around 15 – 20 youngsters attending each session. As well as our own villages these come from surrounding villages and Ilminster. With only 3 adult helpers the Youth Club can only open for two sessions a month.

Community Land Trust – The 3 houses to be gifted to the villages are nearing completion. The Board of Directors now meets on a regular basis. The AGM of the CLT will be held on Tuesday 27th March.

The complete detailed Minutes of the Parish AGM will appear on the village web-site within the next two weeks.

SPFA Village Lottery 2018-19

Promoter: David Bennett, Orchard Cottage, School Lane, Seavington, TA19 0QD

SPFA Lottery time is approaching. Collectors will try to call at every house in the village. You can pay them by cheque (preferred) payable to Seavington Playing Field Association or by cash. If you miss a collector's visit you can fill out the form below and post it with a cheque in the external letterbox on the left side of the Millennium Hall porch. No cash in the letterbox please, not covered by our insurance. If you have any queries or want further information please call our lottery organiser, Jackie Priddle on 01460 240734 or 07706 092578.

You can also download from <http://www.theseavingtons.org/community/village-hall-and-playing-field/annual-finances/>. You can even email a link to friends or relatives outside the village! We can send them email and bank details if needed.

Last year we sold £1,790 of tickets, down £20 on the previous year. We paid out our normal 50% of this pool in prizes - £90 per month for 10 months. The £90 was made up of 5 prizes (£35, £20, £15, and 2x£10). We are considering fewer but bigger prizes in an effort to raise our profile and produce a bigger pot. If we can raise a pool of £2500 we could pay out £125 per month, made up, for instance, of 3 prizes of £75, £30, and £20). We would appreciate feedback and suggestions on this proposal, either to the collectors, into the hall letterbox, or by email to spfa@theseavingtons.org.

Money raised will go towards several spending programmes such as catching up on tree and hedge work, some of which you may already have seen. Some projects like an overflow car park and new play equipment may also need grants as well as matched funding from the lottery, along with money from our existing reserves.

Postal Application for SPFA Village Lottery 2018-19

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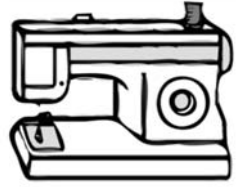
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**Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm in The Millennium
Hall, Seavington St Mary, TA19 0QH
Visitors welcome, £5 payable at the door**
For more information contact Karen Day 01460 249728



Seavington Gardening Club

Extra Evening Talk!



On Thursday 3rd May we will have an extra
talk:

**'How to prepare vegetables for showing'
By Claire Hart**

This will be a terrific opportunity for vegetable growers to prepare
you for the Flower Show in August.

Doors open at 7pm for refreshments and the talk will start at
7.30pm in the Millennium Hall.

Members are free of charge. Visitors are welcome £2 payable on the door
For more information contact Karen Day 01460 249728

Do you know anyone who could help? We urgently need a CLEANER for the cafe. Days required are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY FROM 4.00 - 5.00pm. SATURDAY FROM 2.00 - 3.00pm. PLEASE CONTACT IAN GIBSON FOR FURTHER DETAILS. TEL: 01460 249566

As I write this article there are several inches of snow on the ground and we can but wonder what has happened to Spring? Of course this is our second bout of snow. First time round many of you realised just how important your shop "on the doorstep" can be. Although our milk and bread supplies ran out as our suppliers couldn't get through, our well stocked shelves provided many of you with alternatives and other items to keep you going. We even managed to get supplies to a few people who couldn't get out, with customers offering to deliver on their way home. I was on the till on the Saturday morning and took about twenty phone calls asking whether we were open - we will always do our utmost to be open.

Our success and viability as a business depends on your support, not only in an emergency, but all year round. If you have been in the Shop in the last couple of weeks you will see that we have made a few changes to the layout and the feedback has been very positive. There is now a comfortable lounge area which extends our cafe seating. Hopefully we will no longer see customers going away because the cafe is full. Also we have regrouped some products. Greetings cards are now in the craft and stationery area, chilled drinks are with our wide selection of alcoholic and soft drinks and dairy products are all in the large chiller.

Of course we could not survive without our volunteers. You may think we are always saying we need more volunteers, but this really is the case. If you are already a volunteer perhaps you could bring along a friend for one of your shifts and if you are not why not give us a try? We don't only need people who are happy to operate the till or help in the cafe. There are numerous other jobs which have to be done to keep the show on the road, such as checking dates, stacking and tidying shelves. Could you help with one of these simple but necessary jobs? If so please speak to the person on the till to arrange a taster session. You might even find you enjoy yourself!!

Finally we are holding 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 the **ticket price of £8 (in advance) includes a delicious supper**. Proceeds will go towards maintaining and improving the shop and cafe facilities. There will be lots of fun and friendly rivalry - don't miss this great night out!

Easter Egg Hunt & Afternoon Tea

St Michael's Church Seavington
Saturday 31st March
2pm ----- 5pm

The flower ladies of St Michael's Church are holding their first fund raising event, an Easter Egg hunt & Afternoon Tea.

Fun for children & adults. Everyone is welcome to join us & see our lovely flower arrangements for Easter as well.

Village Litter Pick - Saturday 21st April 2018

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The Parish Council is arranging a village litter pick on Saturday 21st April. Litter picking equipment will be obtained from SSDC but if you have your own High Viz jacket and gloves that could be useful.

Please meet at the Millennium Hall Car Park, or St Mary's Close at 9.30am so that the equipment can be distributed and areas to 'pick' agreed.

Someone will drive around the areas to be cleared picking up any full bags as we go during the morning.

Lunch for Litter pickers will be available at The Volunteer Inn after 12 noon. It would be useful to have some idea of numbers, so could you please let a Parish Councilor know if you intend to join us.

SPFA Lottery Draw Results

Jackie Priddle (01460 240734)

Here are the draw results for March 2018:

First	£35	Shirley Farrington
Second	£20	Michael Harrison
Third	£15	Mr R Barrett
Fourth	£10	Mr S Ash
Fifth	£10	Paul Sainsbury

Seavington Children's Play Area

Karen Day (01460 249728)

Seavington Playing Field Association would like to redevelop our children's play area. We aim to replace outdated equipment and install new equipment which will cater to a wider age range of children. To ensure we install the correct equipment could you please complete this short questionnaire?

Please rank from 1 to 10 the activities you or your children most enjoy. 1 being the least popular and 10 the most popular:

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Climbing										
Crawling										
Balancing										
Swinging – seated										
Swinging – grab rails										
Sliding										
Flying – zip wire										
Spinning										

If you could choose just 1 piece of equipment to put in the play area what would it be?

.....

Name:

Postcode:

Thank you for your input.

Seavington Playing Field Association.

Please return to the SPFA letter box situated next to the front door of the village hall.

News from Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School

Lucy Hamnett (07588 842354)

The children had a fab time last month at world book day so we thought we'd show you a picture from the day! The same week we had snow which the children were hugely excited about as it was the first time making snowmen and sledging for some.



Bingo at The Duke of York was very successful, thank you to those that contributed a prize or came along and joined in. We hope you enjoyed the fun and hopefully went home with a prize!

Natalie has now taken over as the safeguarding lead as she has finished all her training. Well done Natalie!

Children's photos – Tempest photography will be coming in to take the children's photos on the 30th April at 9.30am.

Bag 2 School – if you are 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 by the 17th April.

Toddler Group – Next toddler group is on Thursday 12th April. 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 see you!

Flix in the Stix

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents **'GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN' (PG)**, on **SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2018** in the Hinton Village Hall at **7.30 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.

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**Friday 27th April 2018
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Bar open from 7.00pm

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