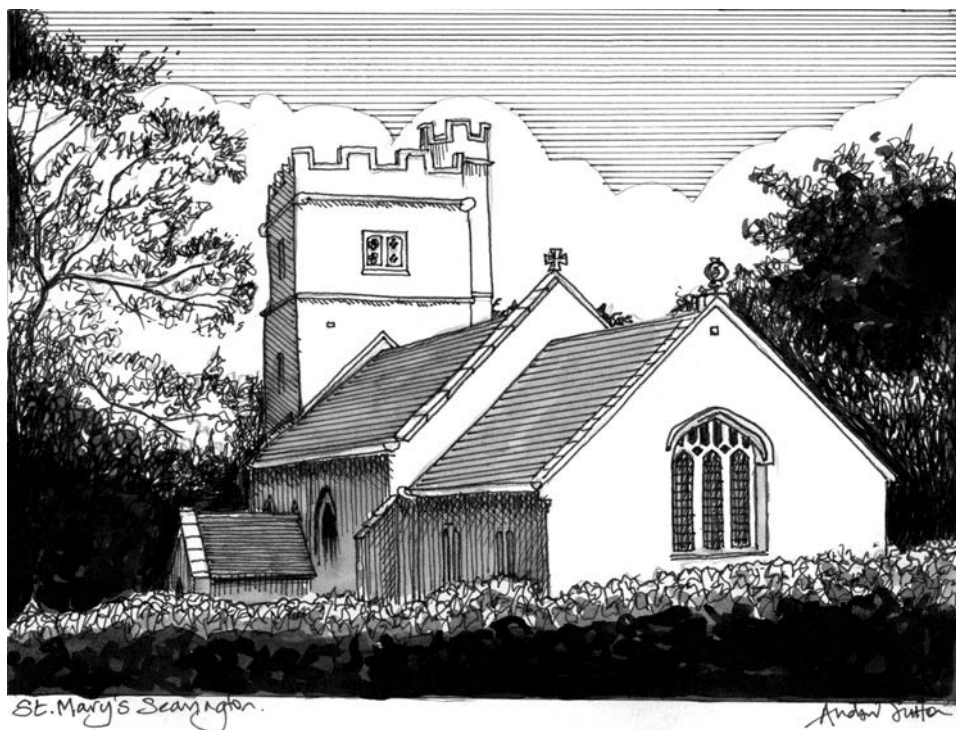


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August 2018



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The Seavingtons' News

Thanks first of all to the editors for allowing me to participate in this opening statement. It always fascinates me that the comments made in the village are of such depth and candour.

I spent many years of my church ministry in rural villages and have been grateful for the life that we shared with other villagers. One of the tragedies of the villages back then was the loss of the local shop and various needed facilities such as the pub and post office. We have in this village a thriving shop, café and pub welcoming all villagers and those from the surrounding area. We also have a church (or two) and that offers a very wide range of services for all to attend. OK, so 11.30 may be difficult for some, but it's still there.

The lessons, I have learnt from past village life are, if you don't use the facilities you will lose them. In these times of e-mail commerce it is easy to get goods delivered at home; we have all been there haven't we? But let's not forget what we have on our door step – perhaps a cuppa with a neighbour in the café, using the shop for those needed extras or the pint of milk, or the pub for a quiet pint. Heavens – even going to church on a special anniversary. They are waiting for you – should you want to.

Ian G

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is the 20th August

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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*

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| 11th August | 2.30 pm | Village Flower Show—p19 |
| 12th August | 11.30 am | Patronal Service at St Mary's Church (no
café church) see p 21 |
| 13th August | noon | Community Lunch in Village Café –p28 |
| 21st August | 7.00 pm | Annual General Meeting of Community
Shop & Café—p 20 |
| 22nd August | 10.30 am | Get2Gether in Village Café –p11 |
| 22nd August | | Quiz Night at the Volunteer Inn –p6 |

There is no Parish Council Meeting during August

Regular Activities

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| 2 nd Monday | noon | Community Lunch in Village Café |
| 3 rd Tuesday | 7.00 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 3 rd Wednesday | 10.30am | “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

5th August	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
12th August	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
12th August	11.30 am Service at St Mary's Church (no café church) see p 21
19th August	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
26th August	11.30 am Morning Prayer

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

The Seavingtons' Weather in June 2018

This year—2018

Previous year—2017

Temperature

Average Minimum	11.40°C	11.34C
Average Maximum	22.54°C	21.07°C
Mean	16.97°C	16.21°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	39.8 mm (1.59")	64.3 mm (2.57")
Total for the year	398.4 mm (15.94")	365.3 mm (14.61")

39.1 mm fell on 1st June – this was not our driest June, in 1995 there was 9.8 mm rainfall and in 1976 only 4.0 mm

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Dear Sir,

May I please draw your attention to a notice published on June 28th by Highways England in the Western Gazette.

Closure of the A303 for planned works during second half of July between Southfields and Hayes End, traffic diversion will be via B3168 New Road.

This appears to sit contrary to detail published in the notes of Parish Meeting 29th May both in detail and classification of New Road?

So much for progress?

Neil Palmer
Court House, Upton Lane.

Use of Social Media

The various social media channels on the Internet have rapidly become a part of our daily lives. To some they are now essential tools of everyday life whilst, for others, they are an unnecessary diversion and intrusion.

It has been suggested that it might be helpful to make available some training in the use of these tools together with explanations of how they can be helpful.

Such sessions would probably be held in the Millennium Hall and would incur payment of a modest charge. If this interests you please let the editor know at: news@theseavingtons.org

Does this Provoke a Memory?

Hugh Darlington (hfdarlington@aol.com)

Many years ago as a 17 year old school boy in Taunton, I found a 1928 Ariel in a vehicle body workshop just off East Reach. That was in 1968.

Last year I retired and at Christmas my wife kindly proposed that I spend a couple of months completing the restoration of this machine, a task that I commenced about five years ago. Well the restoration was approaching completion in March and I started an attempt to obtain and re-register the original plate YC 3790. This was finally approved a couple of weeks ago and the machine is back on the road. I have owned the bike for fifty years and when I obtained it it was a complete wreck.

During the course of my researches into the machine I discovered that it was first registered on 23 July 1928 to H J Willy of Seavington. He purchased it from Anderson and Wall at Bridgwater.

This bike is a 500cc Ariel Model E Super Sport. It was the top of the range machine that year costing £52 10 shillings, a not insignificant sum in 1928. It was supplied by the factory on 3 April 1928 with a magneto and no lighting. When I



obtained it there were the remains of an acetylene lighting set. I have sourced a new acetylene generator, headlight and tail light. When I found the bike had the remains of a 100 m p h C o w e y speedometer fitted. This has also been restored to working order.

I am seeking information on H J Willy, in particular full details of his

name and his address at that time. I have discovered that the Willy family go back in the Seavington area for several hundreds of years. It would be interesting to ascertain whether there remain any local connections to H J Willy, and whether any photos of him and possibly the bike have survived.

My brother is the farrier at Merriot, and I have another brother at North Barrow, so we still have local connections.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 17th July 2018

e-mail – parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org

Closure of the A303 - Questions raised regarding the notice, recently published in the Western Gazette, indicating that the B3168 would once again be used as the diversion when the Ilminster By-Pass was closed overnight, have been raised with County Hall - Highways - but to date no answer has been received. District Councillors have been asked to take this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

Community Speed Watch – The Parish Council has received 2 offers to join a Community Speed Watch team. However, without more volunteers it was agreed that the setting up and managing of a team could not happen. If you would like to join in this project please let the Parish Council know as a matter of urgency.

Condition of Long Forward Lane and Rookesmeade Lane - it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would request a meeting with County Highways to discuss problems in these areas along with other concerns. If you have any items that you wish to raise please let the Parish Council know.

Small Improvement Scheme [SIS] - There is still no further news on the proposal for reducing speed through the village along the C5021.

There is no planned meeting for August [as normal]. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th September 2018.

Quiz Night at the Volunteer Inn

Michael Harrison (michael@bakery.co.uk)

The quiz night held at the Volunteer in June in aid of S.U.R.E - Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment - raised £185. Thank you to everyone who took part in this event.

Two more charity quiz nights are being planned to be held at the Volunteer in October and December.

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.

Seavington Villages Oil Run

Nigel Key (01460 241540; oil@theseavingtons.org)

The oil run in July went very smoothly and was very quick – ordered on Monday and delivered on Wednesday.

Our next delivery will be in mid September. Please get you orders to me by 9 September, Email or telephone works best.

Seavington Youth Club

Janine Lewis (07922 181948; janineannlewis@talktalk.net)

The academic year is about to draw to a close so Seavington Youth Club will close for the summer after its final session on Monday 9th July.

Doors will re-open in September with confirmed meeting dates to follow shortly.

We now have more members than ever on our books (35 at the last count), with youngsters travelling from surrounding villages and Ilminster to sample the delights of Seavington, which is great and suggests that youngsters enjoy and want a local youth club.

With the club in such a strong position we feel very much that fresh leadership is needed to drive the club forwards and would like to announce that the current committee will continue at the helm until April 2019 - we hope that by then some new faces will have stepped forward and be prepared to run and lead the club. Jane Rice and myself will have been running the show for four years, with the help of Rachel Theobald for the past year; for various reasons we would like to step down from this responsibility.

The club is wonderfully equipped and financially stable in addition to meeting at our lovely Millennium hall and playing fields - so this is a fantastic opportunity to take the club forwards and make a real difference to the youth in our area.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you'd like to register an interest, unfortunately if no-one comes forward then the youth club will cease to exist in April.

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Thursday 21st June 2018

Visit to Avon Bulbs

You would never imagine such a hive of industry lies behind the very unassuming entrance to Burnt House Farm which is the home of Avon Bulbs. They are purely a mail order bulb specialist nursery owned by Chris Ireland-Jones. They have a small team of 3 full time workers, 2 part time workers and 3 office staff plus mail order packers for their busiest times. Mind you, it seems that their “busiest time” stretches nearly all year round with their “quiet time” being just the week before Christmas and 2 to 3 days into the new year.

They have the reputation of being the largest snowdrop suppliers in the country and have bulbs at various stages of growth ready for this year and the next few years. It takes anything from 2 to 5 years to grow snowdrops from the “pip” stage to flowering so it is always a work in progress.

As well as growing bulbs they are at all the major garden events including Chelsea, Hampton Court, both of the Malvern shows and so many more. They decided to focus on some of the other “smaller” shows this year and gave Chelsea a miss but as they have won gold medals there at every show for the last 25 years you can hardly blame them for taking a break.

Every aspect of the nursery is geared up to producing the flowers and bulbs throughout the year for their award winning displays and to sell at events or on line. They have twenty beds out in the field which are rotated annually to grow stock plus poly-tunnels and cold stores to ensure they have plants ready at exactly the right time.

They are not generally open to the public so we were very lucky to be given the opportunity to look behind the scenes at such a successful business. Many thanks to them for making us feel so welcome and for the fascinating tour plus refreshments which included lovely home made cake.

Thursday 12th July 2018

Visit to Prospect House in Axminster

Prospect House is on a busy main road on the edge of Axminster. However, once you step inside the garden you could be in the heart of the countryside.

This is a large one acre garden beautifully set out with spectacular views of the Axe Valley. Peter Wadeley, the owner, has more than 200 salvias in his colourful borders growing alongside perennials and shrubs.

It was a wonderful evening for our final garden visit of the summer. Huge thanks to Peter and his helpers for welcoming us and allowing us to wander through such a peaceful setting and for the substantial refreshment provided. Also grateful thanks for all the knowledgeable advice on offer and to Foxplants for selling their salvias.

The gardens are part of the NGS so you would need to check their yellow book for opening times.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 11th August - Flower Show at the Millennium Hall - doors open 2.30pm - admission free - refreshments and raffle available. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 8th August - details on the village website or from the village shop. Please come along and join us - we'd love to see you.

Two dates for September

Thursday 13th at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall - the first of our evening talks on "Grasses" by the Gold Club. Plants for sale and Flower of the Month Competition resumes. Refreshments and raffle.

Monday 20th September at 10.30am visit to Sherborne Castle Gardens for a talk followed by 25% discount shopping event.

For further information on all these please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

Help Please

I am sending out another plea for help for the History of the Gardening Club Project. The following is a list of the 16 original founder members in 1981/82. I would love to hear from you if you know any of these names or have information, or better still photographs, to include in our booklet to be published at a later date.

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G Alexander
J Antrobus
M Applegate
W Beardon
L Bonning
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What do you say to that?"

The Englishman lowered his newspaper, looked over his glasses and replied, "How very sporting of your mother!"

Seavington CLT Houses – Falcon Close

If you are interested in renting one of the three houses that have been generously donated to the villages by Andrew Whitehouse now is the time to do it.

As you are all aware the houses are nearing completion and Seavington Community Land Trust is about to take ownership of the three x 2 bedroom houses.

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If you have links to The Seavingtons through parents, grandparents or work in close proximity to the villages you could be eligible.

Now is the time to register an interest. Seavington CLT is hopeful of being able to show anyone **who has shown interest in the properties** around the properties in the not too distant future.

Details on how to obtain a formal application form, requesting full personal and financial details, will be given to prospective tenants at that time.

To register an interest please contact the CLT by e-mail on clt@theseavingtons.org.

Get2Gether

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The Get2Gether meeting for August will be held on the 22nd August [not the usual 3rd Wednesday of the month] and those who attended the July meeting agreed that "A Summer Lunch" would be held in the village Café.

If you were not at the July meeting and wish to attend the lunch can you please let me know.



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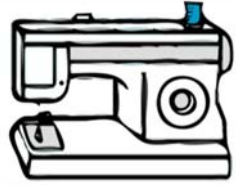
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Summer Time

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 wavering corn and grasses. The buzz of the honey bees busy amongst the masses of clover. Butterflies flutter across the meadows.

In nearby trees, Wood Pigeons call to each other “Gotta-Sore Toe-Sukey” High in the sky, Buzzards soar in wide spirals on the thermals; wings gliding silently though the air. Their enjoyment is heard by the drawn-out mewing “Pee-oo” across the skies.

Skylarks give forth an unending stream of warbling notes as they rise on quivering wings; mounting higher and higher until merely dark specks in the sky. The singing continues while descending then suddenly stops as they drop silently, gliding to the ground.

After a summer shower, Swallows swoop lowly over the meadow with a high-pitched “TWIST-TWIST-TWIST”; catching insects to feed their young who are excitedly twittering on 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 late supper of insects.

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



Seavington Gardening Club



Flower Show

At the
Seavington Millennium Hall
on
Saturday 11th August 2018

Show open to the public at 2.30pm
Cups presented from 3.30pm

Plants for Sale

Refreshments & Raffle

Free Entry, Everyone Welcome

Over the counter

Ian Gibson (01460 248566)

This month is a hot month and I don't just mean temperature! As I write this the weather is great, though storms are threatening and this has proved wonderful for the shop as we are selling out of ice cream and soft drinks. We also have a full range of summer toys and games for the youngsters to enjoy during these holiday months – again going fast, so do drop in and see what we have.

The leaflets about the shop have been distributed amongst the village and the surrounding villages and the response has been very positive. Many people have visited the shop for the first time and been pleasantly surprised that the prices are on par with the high street and the range almost as good!

The café goes from strength to strength and we must thank our dedicated staff of Jane and Lorraine alongside their volunteers for providing such wonderful fare. Keep up to date with all that is happening on the Facebook page for the hall and café. If you need to book a party in for lunch then just phone through.

The shop and café AGM is on August 21st at 7.00pm in the café. If you want to attend please feel free to learn what has been going on the past months and plans for the future. If you are a shareholder then you can also vote for the future items and committee as well.

We always try to progress the activities of the shop and café and many changes have taken place this past year. A great many thanks must go to all the committee and buying members of the shop and café as well; it's solely through their volunteer efforts.

I am very grateful myself – and acknowledging that I am acting Chair of the Committee and seek to find someone who could take on the role in the future.

Hope to see you in the shop and café very soon.

Our Mutual History

David Froome (01460249445)



On a recent visit to the Somerset Museum of Rural Life in Glastonbury we came across this flag languishing on a wall all by itself. There was no accompanying explanation.

On the village history web-site (seavingtonwebmuseum.org.uk) there are a few photographs of “Seavington Club events”, some dated 1905. This flag features in a few of them. The beehive emblem clearly suggests that

the Friendly Society or Club was busy doing something, presumably, useful.

Does anyone remember the Seavington Club or Friendly Society? Can they shed any light on its functions or activities? When was it formed, when and why did it close down? Should it be resurrected ?

**St Mary's Church
Church Lane
Seavington St Mary
Sunday 12th August
11.30 am**

Come and help us to celebrate

St Mary's Day

NB There is no Café Church

How Safe Is Your Water Supply?

Amber Packer-Hughes (01823 355906; apackerhughes@somerset.gov.uk)

Having a private water supply can be a real boon. Cheaper than mains water, control over chemical additives and often with better pressure, a private supply is also not subject to imposed drought restrictions. Many farms, businesses and homes rely on a private supply either through preference or practicality. Indeed, the South West has around one third of all the private supplies in England. Cool, fresh and delicious - spring water on tap can be one of the perks of rural living.

The quality of private water supplies, however, can be extremely variable. It's vital to ensure the safety of your supply for yourself, your guests, livestock or customers. In fact, it's a legal requirement if you run a commercial activity where you supply water to your customers, such as a campsite, B&B or rental property. Owners can help safeguard their supplies by protecting from contamination by livestock and other hazards, installing treatment apparatus, and making sure the water is stored and distributed safely before use.

Private water supplies often pose a health risk because they are not managed or tested in the same way as public supplies. Common problems include bacteria, heavy metals such as iron, manganese, aluminium, lead and arsenic, as well as nitrates, nitrites, ammonia and other minerals. Sometimes the contamination may affect the appearance, taste or smell of the water but it is often not obvious. The best way to be sure your supply is fit for use is to have regular testing carried out.

Professional testing should include metals such as iron, zinc, lead, nickel and copper that may result from deteriorating pipework or other sources. It should also report on chemical levels from disinfection products. The key benefit of engaging a reputable professional laboratory is that they can provide microbiological testing which will identify health hazards such as E.coli. Not all labs offer this service, so always check what is included when choosing a company. It is highly recommended that a laboratory accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is used rather than internet testing kits which are very unreliable and often give misleading results.

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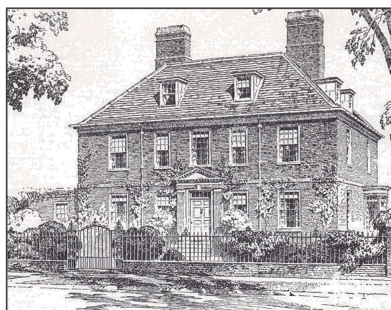
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