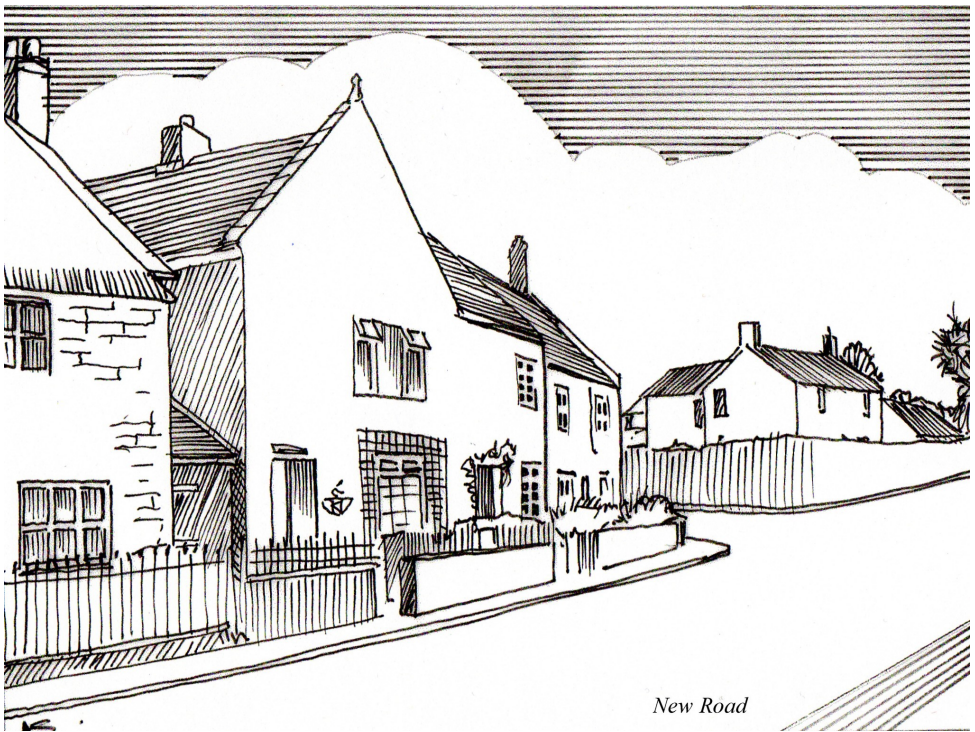


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The Seavingtons' News

I strive to ensure that our village magazine is apolitical. That said, I am now going to test that resolve by addressing a major local political issue in an unbiased way. I invite our residents to respond through the medium of our *Village Voice* column.

Yet again our County Council has found itself in a difficult financial position. It's solution is to propose that it absorbs the five Somerset district councils, together with their budgets, to form a single unitary council for the whole county. I have yet to see any reasoned argument as to why this should be more efficient.

Individuals will have differing views on how remote they are from the organisations that affect their communities and day to day services. I suggest that even the, Yeovil-based, SSDC is too remote adequately to protect our community's interests. Further, anyone who has tried resolving highways issues with Somerset County Council staff will know the frustration involved because these staff are trying to serve too many interests.

Apparently, there is to be some form of consultation or referendum on the proposed County Council takeover of the districts. Before this takes place we might like to consider that it might be more satisfactory to close the County Council and absorb it's responsibilities into the district councils. We could also consider some delegation from District to Parish Council level so that residents' interests can be protected and override the "greater good" view of our remote "governors" - planning is a good example where the Parish Council is often ignored by officials and representatives who have no real interest in our community.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip!

**pm Friday 13th July
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is the 20th July

Editorial content and diary entries to:

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Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

*All events, unless otherwise shown, are held in the Millennium Hall
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2nd July		Last chance to order discounted heating oil on the next Village Oil Run—p25
9th July	noon	Community Lunch in the Village Café—p32
12th July	6.00 pm	Gardening Club visit to Prospect House, Axminster—p24
14th July	7.00 pm	Flix in the Stix - “Darkest Hour” in Hinton St George Village Hall—p27
11th August	2.30 pm	Village Flower Show—p25
21st August	7.00 pm	Annual General Meeting of Community Shop & Café—p23

Regular Activities

2 nd Monday	noon	Community 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

1st July	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
8th July	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
8th July	11.30 am Café Church in Seavington Café
15th July	11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
22nd July	11.30 am Morning Prayer
29th July	No service but Holy Communion at South Petherton

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

The Seavingtons' Weather in May 2018

This year—2018

Previous year—2017

Temperature

Average Minimum	7.51°C	8.35C
Average Maximum	18.82°C	18.04°C
Mean	13.16°C	13.19°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	32.9 mm (1.32")	86.6 mm (3.46")
Total for the year	358.6 mm (14.34")	301.0 mm (12.04")

The driest May since 2011

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An Engineer Writes:

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the various contributions to the June edition of *Seavingtons' News* concerning the anaerobic digester at Frogmary Green Farm and the traffic generated by it. Whilst having every sympathy for those villagers who live on or near New Road and are disturbed by the traffic, I would urge caution during the making of environmental comparisons.

First, Mr Rowsell underestimates the amount of energy he produces when cast in terms of typical domestic electricity consumption. Here at Barn End the two houses use about 4 MWh of electricity per annum, or 10 kWh per day, so one Tonne of feedstock would be enough to keep us going for about 60 days, taking an average Maize/Poultry litter figure. A ten-tonne load trailer would keep us going for nearly two years!

Second, the amount of Diesel (Kerosene) used for transport of the feedstocks is negligible. In 'ballpark' figures, if the tractors do 10 mpg and travel for 10 miles round trip, this produces about 10 Kg of CO₂. This is about 14 g per kWh of electricity produced by the digester. If the electricity were to be produced by coal or gas, the figures would be 750 g/kWh and 400 g/kWh respectively. We trust the tractors are built and maintained to the latest EU standards with respect to particulates.

Hopefully the interested parties can come to some agreement concerning the timing of deliveries etc. predicated on reasonable calculations.

John Schofield

News from Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school

Lucy Hammett (07588 842354)

Nearly the start of another school year! June/July have been busy months especially for those children leaving us and moving up to big school. They have been making memories by all visiting Barrington Court, the Forrest and Brown Smokery, as well as Martock fire station and leavers also visited the Dennis Chinaworks. We will miss all the leavers but wish them lots of luck and fun at school. **Last day of term is July 18th.**

We have spaces available for September 2018! We are so lucky to have such a fantastic Pre School in our village. If you would like to meet the staff and children, or chat to parents please get in touch. We'd love to meet you!

Toddler Group – Next toddler group is on Thursday 5th July. 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!

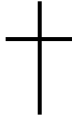
July and August Art in Seavington Store & Café

Carol Talbot (01460 241478)

We are very pleased to welcome Nichola Hanman to exhibit in the Seavington Store and Cafe. Nichola is a local potter specialising in crafting beautiful animal sculptures. Each animal is decorated with slip, coloured with stain and then fired using the naked Raku method. Each one is magical and unique. Not to be missed.

We are also happy to welcome back Judy Talbot, local artist, returning by popular request. Judy's stunning pictures are created with her signature method of multimedia layers, producing one off fascinating pieces of art. The more you look the more you see.

Come and browse the art, and enjoy a coffee while you're there.



Frederick Ginger 1938 - 2018

Frederick George Ginger, known to all as “Fred”, was born in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire on the 6th November 1938. He lived with his parents and older sister, Margaret. His father was a master band-sawyer who worked for one of High Wycombe's major wooden furniture manufacturers for which the town was famous. This connection led to Fred's lifelong love of wood. Whether cycling to nearby Burnham Breeches or, as in later life, making all manner of items which he sold.

After leaving school Fred trained as a butcher until being called up for National Service. Fred joined the Royal Navy, as had his father before him. He served as a communication rating and was involved during the “cod wars” off Iceland.

At the end of National Service Fred married and returned to the meat trade. After becoming the father of firstly Tamsin then Andrew, Fred moved to Cornwall to work for his father-in-law's greengrocers business. This association failed as eventually did his marriage and having returned to Buckinghamshire Fred also returned to butchering. After quite a few years Fred started his own business with a single shop near Wendover. He eventually built this up to having customers from as far away as Liverpool calling by to pick up their freezer orders and others sending the chauffeur from central London.

This is where I met Fred during 1978 when my mother had become a customer and we married in June 1979.

Fred's love of being outside led to many different occupations but always his love of gardening prevailed. In the late 90s we moved to Dorset where Fred looked after a 16 acre estate until he had to retire due to ill health. After a few years living near Wells we were lucky enough to be offered a property in Seavington St Mary in 2011. Fred's unexpected diagnosis of vascular dementia in July 2017, which was fast and vicious, led to his death on the 18 May 2018.

The support and help we have both received from our friends and neighbours has shown me how fortunate we were in being welcomed to a village such as Seavington.

Chris Ginger

Goldfinch

Carduelis carduelis—Finches Fringillidae 4¾"

Annie (01460 241762)

A fine and subtle spirit dwell
In every little flower
Each one its own sweet feeling breathes
With more or less of power
There is a silent eloquence
In every wild bluebell
That fills my softened heart with bliss
That words could never tell

Anne Brontë (1820—1849)

This lovely finch has a scarlet face with a black and white head. The upper parts are sandy-buff with under-parts mainly buff, fading to white on the abdomen. Its wings are black with gold wing-bars and a black tail tipped with white. The sexes are alike. The bill is more pointed than other finches as it is used when perching on thistle heads and pulling out the seeds. Small groups, referred to as a “charm” will feed together.

Other favourites they like to eat are groundsel, burdock and dandelion but the young are fed on insects and larvae. Goldfinches will also visit sunflowers and niger feeders.

The female builds a cup-nest of grasses and moss lined with wool and down. Nest are found mainly in trees near the outer tips of branches. From late April between four and six eggs, which are light-blue speckled with grey and red-brown, are laid. There may be two more broods through until August.

You will know when the birds are around as they have a delightful twittering sound “TSWITT-WITT-WITT-WITT” whilst in flight. They are normally seen in pairs or larger, even-numbered, groups. The song is similar but more of a “TRILL”. The flight is undulating and from side to side as if dancing, which shows off their lovely yellow wing-bars and white rump.

Seavington Gardening Club - A Brief History

Kate Mulligan (katemulligan@clara.co.uk)

Part I- The Early 1980's - The Seeds Are Sown

Seavington Gardening Club has a much shorter history than most as it only came into being around 1981-1982. Prior to this there had been a suggestion of forming such a club mainly due to the influence of a very dynamic lady called France Jack. She lived at Seavington House and later at Middlefield Barn and was generally thought to be the influence behind the Playing Field Association, the Seavington Stitchers and the Gardening Club.

A lack of venue for the Gardening Club was a problem as, at the time, the only meeting place had been an old World War Two hut positioned in Upton Lane. This was a corrugated iron building, painted black, that had been the Village Hall. It had to be closed in 1981 due to costly repairs being needed. In order to help fund a new hall, France Jack and several of her colleagues set up a caravan in the forecourt of the old petrol station and sold hot dogs and other food items to help raise money. Most people will be more familiar with the old petrol station as being the Lift West site which is now Falcon Close the new housing development.



In the late 70's the Football Club felt they needed to improve their facilities. The Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee were given permission to erect a building to contain changing rooms, showers, toilets and a kitchen. They were offered an old army hut, once part of Lufton Manor Camp, now Lufton Trading Estate in Yeovil. They had to dismantle it and remove it from the site themselves and then re-

build it at the top end of the playing field. Work was completed on it by 1980 and there was a formal opening of the Seavington Sports Pavilion in July 1981 by Chris Fear from Westward TV. It quickly became known as the new village hall but was always referred to as The Sports Pavilion. The venue for the Gardening Club was now established.

1981-1982

The first meeting of the Gardening Club began with 16 members.

Early meetings included a “bring and buy” stall, plant sale, raffle and refreshments. The cost of hiring the pavilion for the monthly meetings was £2 and an added £1 for electricity.

The First Gardening Club coach trip took place on the 16th May to RHS Wisley.

By 1982 the first AGM and Minutes of Meetings were recorded. The appointment of officers was noted with G Alexander as chairman and M Applegate as vice-chair. S Broxup was the secretary and M Harrison the treasurer. The executive committee were L Haddon, M Haddon and A Madge. All the other names listed were members.

1983-1984

The membership had risen to 18 with the names S Harries, V Rodgers, M Poole, L Alexander, J Ash and D Ash added with some of the original names not included. There was the first mention of a Christmas Supper introduced into the programme but there was no mention of a “bring and buy” stall. There was a plant sale held at the village fete.

Also on 25th September a note was made to hold the meetings on the evening of the second Thursday of each month.

There were some changes to the original committee with Mrs Alexander remaining as chairman but Mr Harrison was now vice-chair. S Harries was secretary and Mrs Harrison was treasurer. Executive members now were Doreen Cox, Ann Madge and Sandy Stephens.

The Gardening Club was now fully operational with regular meetings, talks and visits. Some of the names on the original members list remained for many years whilst others were of a shorter duration. What was obvious was that the club was here to stay.

Note

This is part one of a series of eight.

The information presented here is taken from detailed records kept by the Gardening Club and conversations with people who were involved from the early days.

If you have any queries or anything you would like to add especially anecdotes or photographs then I would love to hear from you.

Please contact me via email at: katemulligan@clara.co.uk

A Souvenir from the First World War?

J.M. Mills

I would like to thank Sarah Day for a great piece of research ('Remembering World War I and Seavington', Seavingtons' News May 2018). It is sobering that even a small village such as ours lost as many as eight young men in the 1914-18 war, and it is fitting that we, who are so far removed from those days, should know more about them, and be able to remember them in our own ways. I am also grateful to Sarah because her research has shed a little light on Private George Spurdle, who, with his parents, Joseph and Annie, must surely have been the first residents of the house I now live in. Prospect Terrace, or Prospect Place as we know it, was built in 1912. This information enables me to finish an article that I started to write for the News during the winter, I was held up by the question 'How *did* that object come to be in our garden?' Perhaps we now have an answer. Here is the original article with an updated conclusion:

Found in Seavington



Some years ago now, before internet search engines were capable of answering all our questions, a gold ring was thought to have been lost in our garden. A visual search yielded nothing, so we asked Brian the coal man if he could wave his metal detector about and find it. A kind and helpful man, Brian duly turned up with a coal delivery and a metal detector one Saturday morning. The only metal find he recovered that day was part of a thin, pressed sheet metal object decorated with incomplete foreign words in a scroll, and a lion's feet and tail.

We had no idea what this might have been, but thinking that the lettering could be German, I asked a colleague of mine who works at the museum in Mainz his opinion. The result was frankly, disappointing; my colleague thought it may have been part of one of those badges that hangs around the necks of wine bottles. Because this identification felt unsatisfactory the metal scrap was delegated to a window sill, and then to a box, where it has languished for some years.

An uncharacteristic 'spring' clean brought the object to light again last autumn, and a whim led me to enter the letters showing on the fragment into a well-known search engine. (TGOTT F.FUEST). And Lo! The letters

were identified as part of the legend 'MITT GOTT F. FUERST U. VATERLAND', the lion's tail the tail of a gryphon. What we have is a scrap from a WWI German helmet badge!

The helmet badge or plate ornamented the front of a helmet with a spike on top known as a 'picklehaube'. The plates comprised a winged griffin holding the arms of the Grand Duchy of Baden above a scroll inscribed 'MITT GOTT F. FUERST U. VATERLAND', which translates along the lines of 'With God for Prince and Fatherland'. Fuerst actually translates as Prince, but at this date would refer to Kaiser Wilhelm II, the King of Prussia – we would say 'For god, king and country'.

This style of helmet plate was worn by infantry of many regiments, and Artillery troops wore identical plates, but with ball top fittings; while officers' helmet plates were distinguished by having pierced Crowns and were of a better quality. 'Picklehaube', having been in service since the mid nineteenth century, was found to be an ineffective helmet for the modern warfare of the twentieth century, and in 1916 was gradually withdrawn from service, to be replaced by the cloche-like steel helmet that covered the ears and back of the neck of the wearer.



So, we come to the question: “Why was the fragment of a German helmet plate in the garden of 1 Prospect Place?” We imagined that someone had come home from the war with a helmet (but who?) and it had sat around, maybe relegated to the shed, been played with by kids, got broken, and ended in bits sculling around the garden. And why not?! And if not a complete helmet, why not just the badge? Souvenirs of war must always have been carried home by the survivors. How many doorstops and ashtrays have you seen fashioned from shell casings? More than one I’d wager if you were born before the swinging 60’s!

And now that we know Private George Spurdle of the Royal Marine Light Infantry served in WWI, it seems a real possibility that on returning to his parents’ home in Seavington, perhaps on leave, he brought with him a souvenir of the war in the form of a helmet (or a helmet badge); a helmet that was fast becoming an outmoded item of German army kit. Somehow a piece of it survived to pique our curiosity and bring that awful war a shade closer lest we forget.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 29th May 2018

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Twelve members of the public attended the above meeting where the focus of attention was on the traffic issues emanating from Frogmary Green, following several articles in The Seavingtons' News. Mr Nick Bragg was in attendance and answered many of the questions raised. It was agreed that not all of the farm vehicles and large HGVs come from, or go to, Frogmary Green. Assurances were once again given that when the maize harvest is completed this year only one storage mound will be left at Whitelackington Hill.

A new digestate store has been installed in the same area but much of the digestate is destined for Dillington Farm Estates land and will therefore not be coming back through the village. Mr Bragg also agreed that he had not marked all of his vehicles, as suggested at the last meeting, but will endeavour to do this in the not too distant future. It was also agreed that he would ask all of his drivers to pass through the 30mph area at only 20mph, as it was felt that this would reduce noise and vibration.

Mr Bragg apologised for the fact that there were significant movements on Sunday 6th May, but stated, that like all things linked to agriculture the weather plays a large part and this could not be prevented. However, it is not his intention that there will be movements on a Sunday. The Parish Council agreed to ascertain from the SSDV Planners if the Highways Consultants recommendation regarding the keeping of records regarding movements both in and out of Frogmary Green had been imposed and whether or not the authority had requested this log.

Another matter that has been causing the villages some concern over a long period of time is the classification of the road from Cemetery Cross to Ilminster, which has now been agreed as the C5021, and the planned diversions when the A303 is closed. The following has been received from Traffic Management County Hall:-

"Your email of 18th April 2018 refers. I am writing to update your council re: planned closures of Major Routes.

"I can inform you that we have reached an agreement with Highways England to use an alternative route for planned works, this route will be to take A303 traffic off at Podimore roundabout onto the A372. Traffic will then be split into light traffic and large goods vehicles (LGVs) at Tengore Lane. Light traffic will use Langport through to Thornfalcon and return to the A303 via the

A358. LGV's will use the existing LGV route via A372 Aller, join the A361 at Othery, travel to Creech Castle traffic lights then return to the A303 via the A358.

"Police and emergency closures of the A303 will continue to use the C5021, a judgement on whether to implement the above route will be made on the expected duration of any such emergency closure.

"I hope this helps to provide an explanation as to our current position but please let me know if you require any additional information or any further assistance."

Following the meeting, where it was reported that there had been no further news regarding the Small Improvement Scheme through the Seavingtons, the following has recently been received from County Councillor Dance. -

"We are pleased to inform you that your scheme request to consider highway improvements in Seavington has been approved to progress to the next stage which is a feasibility study.

The next step will be to commission the scheme to an engineer resource. We will be in touch in due course to advise of programme key milestones.

"Please note that not all schemes will be commissioned in the first batch and at this time approval is to the next gateway stage, following which the scheme will again be assessed before progression. At this time inclusion in the programme does not necessarily guarantee a scheme will be constructed and to this end we look to you to help manage community expectation."

The Parish Council thank County Councillor Dance for all his efforts in this respect but can give no timings as to when any scheme will be agreed and put in place.

It was also suggested that perhaps the villages should re-introduce the Community SpeedWatch scheme. Please see separate note.

District Councillor Raikes reported that the Boundary Commission has produced its recommendations for the change of Boundaries in SSDC Wards and have suggested that Whitelackington should be incorporated into the South Petherton Ward. This still has to be ratified. Also the SSDC has added a Battery Storage Facility to the portfolio it is building up to provide income needed now that monies are being lost from Central Government. This is in addition to the M&S and Wilkinsons stores that have been purchased in Yeovil. No loans have been taken out to facilitate these purchases.



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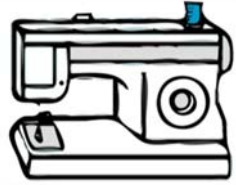
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Chris Gough – SPFA Chairman (spfa@theseavingtons.org)

In previous editions of the Seavingtons' News we have mentioned several major projects that we are working on at the present time. These are all progressing and we are planning to revamp and improve the children's play area, increase the patio area at the back of the Hall, improve the garden area and also create additional overflow car parking facilities for the benefit of all users of the Millennium Hall, children's' play area, playing field and shop/café. Karen Day and Jo Culham are managing these projects and so I'd like to take this opportunity to formally record my thanks for all the work and effort they are putting in on ours, and the community's behalf.

We are making very good progress towards delivering these improvements and you may have already noticed the additional picnic tables in the Hall garden and that the under 5's play equipment has been moved into the main play area. The next stage to be started will be the new overflow car park. Work on this should begin this summer.

The overflow car park will be accessed directly off the main car park via a tarmac ramp situated where the air ambulance bin is currently located. The surface of the car park will be constructed with plastic grids infilled with fine gravel. You may have seen a similar system in National Trust car parks.

A grass bund with regular pedestrian walk through access points will form the boundary between the playing field and the new car park area. This bund will be sown with grass, planted with spring flowering bulbs and lined with trees which have been selected especially for their extended seasonal interest and value to insects, birds and wildlife.

Our aim is to develop sufficient car parking around the village hub in order to meet the needs of our ever increasingly popular facilities. It will also provide additional wildlife habitat within the playing field area that should blend in and be attractive.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by email using spfa@theseavingtons.org

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 19th June 2018

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The Parish Council has been informed that following the meeting on the 29th May farm vehicles from Frogmary Green have been observing the agreement of driving at 20mph through the village. Thanks go to Mr Bragg for doing this. However, it would now be great if this could be done by other farm vehicles. It is surprising what a difference this has made to noise and shaking of properties along the road.

After an absence of some considerable time two PCSOs attended the Parish Council meeting. The main reason for the visit was to introduce a new PCSO for this area who will be based in Somerton. Contact details are Josh 6103 – mobile telephone number 07889 659719. Josh would particularly like to hear from members of our farming community with regard to Farm Watch as it would appear that some metal fencing posts have recently been stolen from a farm in our area. We were also advised of a spat of break-ins to vehicles in South Petherton which resulted not only in items being removed from the inside but also the removal of number plates. Please be aware and ensure your car is locked. Josh hopes to be more visible in our villages.

The Parish Council has also been informed that in many areas in the village – including the village car park – inconsiderate parking is making it difficult to either, enter or exit private residential drives, exit some of the junctions – particularly the junctions between Water Street and Church Lane and Water Street and West Street. A plea to all residents and visitors please do not create a health and safety risk for others when you are parking your vehicle. Vehicles parked on the village car park should be within the marked spaces and should not overhang the pavement.

Seavington CLT Houses at Falcon Close

Many of you will have noticed that the development of the former Lift West site now known as Falcon Close is nearing completion and thus the three affordable homes gifted by Andrew Whitehouse to the village will soon be ready for occupation.

The board of the Community Land Trust (CLT) need to start the process of deciding upon suitably qualified tenants, so if you wish to live in one of these houses, please register your interest **NOW** with the CLT by emailing the CLT at: clt@theseavingtons.org or fill out an application form available in the village shop, or by downloading one from the village website. Remember registering an interest doesn't commit you to anything!



Seavington Flower Show **Saturday 11th August**



**Please don't forget our annual Flower Show
will take place on Saturday 11th August**

The show is a fun day out and really embraces
the community spirit, for which the Seavingtons'
are well known.

It's not just about Flowers and Vegetables; there are
baking, craft, photography and children's classes. For
the full breakdown of classes please visit:

<http://www.theseavingtons.org/village-organisations/gardening-club/>

and click on the Flower Show link at the
top of the page.

Paper copies of the schedule will be in the
Seavington Village Store in July and the ballot box for
entries will be there from the beginning of August.

We encourage all to enter, it's a very relaxed show
and a team of helpers will be there on the day to
assist all entrants. Help and guidance can also be
sought prior to the event by contacting Karen Day
01460 249728 or Glynis Tipping 01460 929776

It's a great way to meet new people and renew
old acquaintances. It is not a formal or frightening
show so why not have a go and enter one
(or more) of the classes?

Community Speed Watch

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Your Parish Council has been asked to investigate the possibility of having a Community SpeedWatch team in the village. Some residents will remember that this was a scheme that the Seavingtons joined several years ago and it was proved that the majority of vehicles speed through the village along the C5021. Having proved a speeding problem and not having much support from the Police or County Council the scheme was folded up and the Speed Indicator Devices appeared in the village. These also proved there was a regular speeding problem.

However, your Parish Council has been advised that the new scheme is an improvement on the former scheme. The SpeedWatch team will work in partnership with the Police and Local Authorities. Any motorist found speeding by the team on 3 occasions will receive a letter from the Police advising them of possible future prosecution.

What is needed – We need a local resident who is willing to co-ordinate the whole scheme and more residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week to monitor speeds with speed detection equipment. The main area for a team would be near the village car park [opposite the Volunteer] but if there are enough volunteers another team could work in Water Street. The necessary equipment will be provided [including high viz jackets].

In the first instance will any willing volunteers please contact the Parish Council by e-mail at parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org

Right of Way

Please note that there is NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY through the garage courtyard between Nos 3 and 4 Marle Ground. This courtyard and the path behind Nos 1-6 Marle Ground are private and for the use of residents only.

The Residents Nos 1-6 Marle Ground

Over the Counter

Marion Bennett (01460 249522)

As I write this article it seems summer is finally here and the school summer holidays are fast approaching. Why not try "**Picnic and Play**" with food from Jane's fantastic take-away menu and pocket money games from the shop for the children and grandchildren. Our playground is greatly appreciated because it's never crowded and there are picnic tables for you to enjoy your take away treats and sweets and ice cream. Try it!

By now everyone in the village will have received a leaflet about the shop and cafe. **Remember to use your discount token.** The leaflet is one of a series of three we have produced. A second leaflet is aimed at visitors from the wider area and will be placed in Tourist Information Centres, local libraries, the Arts Centre etc. The third leaflet will be given to My Hermes customers inviting them to use "easyfundraising" to raise funds for the shop. This advertising project has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of The Seavingtons' News and we are extremely grateful for its support.

A date for your diary - **the shop AGM will take place on Tuesday 21st August** at 7pm in the cafe. Please try to come to hear an overview of the past year and find out our plans for the future. Very importantly it's an opportunity for you to ask questions and give us feedback. Notification will be sent to members in due course. You can become a member by asking for a form at the till and paying a one off fee of £5.

Millie has been cleaning the cafe for us on three days a week and sadly she will be leaving as she has just completed her A levels and is about to start on her new life in the world of work. We have been very grateful for her help and we offer her our best wishes for the future. Of course this means we again have a **vacancy for a cleaner**. Up to six hours are available, from 5 to 6 o'clock Monday to Friday and from 2 to 3 o'clock on Saturday. Please ring Ian Gibson (01460 249566) for further details.

We are going to have a further **vacancy for a Minutes Secretary** after the AGM. Lesley Young has been doing this job for six years and we are very grateful for her sterling work. Lesley has also been a valuable committee member and contributed in many ways to the running of the shop. Thank you Lesley! The Minutes Secretary post involves attending the monthly committee meeting, producing and distributing the minutes and arranging the agenda for the upcoming meeting. If you can help please have a chat with Lesley who can always be found on the 3 to 6pm shift on a Monday.

It only remains for us to wish you a happy summer. Don't forget when the heat is on you can always relax and recharge with a glass of chilled wine from our great value selection, specially chosen by Ian for your summer enjoyment.

Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Thursday 14th June 2018 Coach Trip to Dyffryn Gardens

We were very lucky with the weather for our trip to Dyffryn Gardens as storm Hector had decided to shift further north than was originally thought. It was a bit blustery at first but soon developed into a lovely sunny day enjoyed by all.

The Dyffryn estate has a long history going back to the 7th century but the present house was built in 1893 when John Cory, a wealthy coal merchant, bought the land and set about making improvements. There are more than 55 acres of formal gardens and lawns moving out to a large arboretum with a log stack and natural play area.

The gardens were designed by Thomas Mawson in 1906 and commissioned by the then owner Reginald Cory who was himself a keen horticulturalist. Their work created the backbone of what we see today especially in the formal garden “rooms” which were very fashionable in the Edwardian era. My particular favourite was the huge glass house with the orchids, vines and impressive cacti collection.

The house had a bit of a varied history after it was left by the Cory family. It was leased to Glamorgan County Council in 1939, became a police academy, a dog training centre and an education and conference facility before being taken on by the National Trust in 2013. Both the house and the gardens are very much a work in progress as they are being returned to their original Edwardian splendour.

I can highly recommend a visit to Dyffryn Gardens for a fantastic day out and must thank Karen Day whose idea it was and Jo Culham who organised it all.

Check out our Facebook page or the “picture gallery” on the village website.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 12th July - visit to Prospect House, Axminster. Arrival from 6pm with tea and cake served from 7pm. This is a garden featuring many salvias and so a specialist salvia nursery - Fox Plants - will be on site

selling plants. If you have a particular favourite it's best to order in advance so please visit : www.foxplants.com to see their full range and call ahead to pre-order.

Saturday 11th August - Flower Show - doors open 2.30pm - entry is free - refreshments available and raffle. There is still plenty of time to enter any of the categories as the closing date is Wednesday 8th August. So keep on sowing, growing, baking and making!

For further details and a copy of the schedule please go to www.theseavingtons.org/gardening-club

For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

Data Protection Notice

For the attention of members & shareholders of Seavington Community Shop & Services Association Ltd

Dear Member,

In anticipation of the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) we wrote and emailed to inform you about how we handle the personal data we hold about you in respect of shop and cafe matters. Many thanks to everyone for their response.

We now confirm that we will only ever contact those members for whom we hold up-to-date email addresses by blind copied email. All other members who live in the villages will receive hand-delivered or posted communications.

Relevant information about shop and cafe matters will also always be published in The Seavingtons' News. With many thanks for your input.

The Committee of Seavington Community Shop & Services Ltd.

Seavington Villages Oil Run

(Nigel Key 01460 241540)

The next oil order will be placed on 2nd July. Currently the demand is low, so if you would like to order some oil please contact me quickly.

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Responsibilities of Parish Councillors

Pauline Parsons (parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org)

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May 2018 the following Officers and responsibilities were agreed. There are not many changes from last year, but I present to you the complete list as agreed at that meeting

Chairman Mr Nick Loxton

Vice Chair Mrs Elaine Edwards

Allocated Responsibilities

(i)	Planning Sub Committee	All Councillors
(ii)	Responsible Financial Officer	Councillor P Parsons
(iii)	Internal Auditor	Mr Tony Beresford
(iv)	Parish Paths Liaison Officer	Mr A Gillard
(v)	SSDC Ranger co-ordinator	C Reyland
(vi)	Highways/Road Safety Liaison	Councillor C Turner
(vii)	Tree Wardens	Mr A Graham and Mr P Gordon-Smith
(viii)	SPFA	All Parish Councillors
(ix)	Community Shop/Cafe	Councillor N England
(x)	Seavington News Liaison	Mr D Froome

The only change is that Councillor Turner has taken on the role of Highways/Road Safety Liaison

Contact for all Parish Council matters is still through:parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org or verbally with any Parish Councillor.

‘Flix in the Stix’

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St George Flix in the Stix presents ‘DARKEST HOUR’ (PG), on SATURDAY 14th JULY 2018 in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm starring *Gary Oldman, Lily James, Kirstin Scott Thomas, Ronald Pickup & Samuel West*

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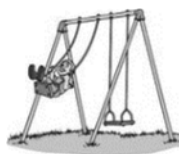
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