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These days most of us are “connected” as the urban cognoscenti would say. That is, we use the Internet to support our daily lives whether it is through e-mail, on-line shopping or merely searching for information.

There are those that tell us that the Internet promises death to local shops and, closer to home, local newspapers. I have long pondered the question of whether our Seavinton residents read this magazine; judging from the lack of response to the occasional questions that I pose, I incline to the view that many do not. At least, these days, it probably doesn't suffer the indignity of having a hole in the corner and a string loop!

There is, of course, an alternative: www.theseavingtons.org, our village web-site, offers a wealth of information about our communities and can be updated promptly rather than waiting for the passing of a monthly deadline.

If you haven't visited the web-site recently or, indeed, have never visited it, I recommend a quiet few minutes browsing. As well as current news, dates of events and so on there is an interesting picture gallery, as highlighted by our Gardening Club on page 6 of this issue. Although we occasionally produce a colour supplement and can reproduce black and white pictures, albeit somewhat crudely, we cannot compete with the scale and quality of the web-site. Please send us your views on the future of our village magazine and web-site; should they both continue, complementary, as at present?

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

The Newspaper Skip! pm Friday 14th September
until am Monday 17th September

The Latest Copy Date is the 20th September
for the next issue

Editorial content and diary entries to:

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TA19 0QP Tel: 01460 249445; e-mail: news@theseavingtons.org

Village Diary—Forthcoming Events

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

4th September		Deadline for heating oil orders through village discount scheme—p 10
8th September	7.30 pm	Flix in the Stix “The Greatest Showman” in Hinton St George village hall—p 10
10th September	noon	Community Lunch in Village Café - p 28
10th September	6.30 pm	Village Youth Club resumes meeting for Autumn term—p 10
13th September	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk on grasses—p 7
17th September	7.30 pm	Seavington Playing Field Association (SPFA) AGM—p 11
18th September	7.00 pm	Parish Council meeting in Village Café—p 7
13th October	7.00 pm	Village Harvest Home—p 24

Regular Activities

2 nd Monday	noon	Community Lunch in Village Café
3 rd Tuesday	7.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Café
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.

www.theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

2nd September 11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
 9th September 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9th September 11.30 am Café Church in Seavington Café
 16th September 11.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
 23rd September 11.30 am Morning Prayer
 30th September Services at South Petherton 8.00 am & 9.30 am
 Rev Tom Handy telephone: 01460 240377; revdtomhandy@hotmail.com

The Seavingtons' Weather in July 2018

This year—2018

Previous year—2017

Temperature

Average Minimum	13.10°C	12.63C
Average Maximum	24.82°C	21.98°C
Mean	18.96°C	17.31°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	30.1 mm (1.20")	86.6 mm (3.46")
Total for the year	428.5 mm (17.14")	451.9 mm (18.08")

Oh for steady rainfall!

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Fire Drama at Upton Lane

On Friday 3rd August we had the drama of fire engines through the villages to attend to a fire in a field at the rear of houses in Upton Lane. Apparently, in spite of the recent dry weather and tinder-like vegetation, a resident decided to have a bonfire.

Fire appliances from Ilminster and Chard dealt with the blaze using hose reel jets, drag forks and beaters. It took them an hour and a half to contain the fire and render the area safe.

About 30m of a hedge had caught fire and the flames had rapidly spread to a field of cereals belonging to Upper Hurcott Farm. According to farmer Andrew Doble, it was lucky that the combine harvester had already been round the edge of the field leaving the strip of stubble which caught fire. Fortunately, the Fire Brigade arrived before it spread to the remainder of the crop saving the loss of a year's harvest.

This incident emphasises that bonfires can not only be anti-social by spreading smoke to nearby homes and gardens but can also be extremely dangerous if not lit prudently under the right weather conditions.

Ilminster Thursday Group

Jane Pearce (01460 259596)

Winter 2018 season of talks

This friendly group meets weekly on a Thursday morning between September and March at the Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, Ilminster TA19 9AD for a variety of entertaining and interesting talks. With its tiered seating, large screen and excellent sound system, the venue is ideal.

The talks this season will be very varied - from Medecins Sans Frontieres to Travelling in Nomad Overland to Singapore and The Beauty of Stained Glass and Illuminated Manuscripts. Also featuring will be local author, poet and historian, James Crowden with a talk entitled The Bad Winter, Dartmoor. We will also learn about history and the work of The British Legion, Somerset Waterways and Canals and much more. This is a selection of the talks every Thursday from September 27th to November 29th with a new programme beginning in the new year

There are nearly 200 members and with an annual subscription of only £20 for 20 talks, it is excellent value. New members are always welcome, or

come as a visitor for only £3 a talk. Coffee and tea are available when the doors open at 9.15 for a 10.15 start.

The new season begins on the 27th of September with the programme below - put it on your calendar! For further information ring me, Jane Pearce, on 01460 259596.

September 27	Medecins sans Frontieres – Why do Families Become Refugees – Flowa Holdsworth
October 4	Perception and Deception - challenging the very idea of 'reality' itself – David Crowman
October 11	Somerset Waterways and Canals – Peter Stanier
October 18	An Artist in Tropical America – Nigel Hughes
October 25	The Bad Winter, Dartmoor – James Crowden
November 1	Travelling in Nomad Overland to Singapore – Ann and Clive Baker
November 8	Part 2 of above
November 15	The Story of the Symphony Orchestra – Clive Bate
November 22	The History and Work of the Royal British Legion – Paul Bunce
November 27	The Beauty of Stained Glass and Illuminated Manuscripts – Susan Smith

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Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Flower Show 11th August 2018

Normally the weather always gets a mention when writing about the Flower Show and this year was no exception. It even managed to make national headlines, several times, for the extremes of temperatures reached. Still the sowers, growers, makers and bakers did us proud and we were able to put on a successful show. Remarkably, entries were slightly up on last year although some classes did struggle to compete.

The judges commented on the excellent standards achieved and even praised one of the vegetable classes as almost deserving first prize for every entry in the variety and range of produce. Thank you to the judges for giving their time and expertise.

Thanks to Mike Pollock for presenting the prizes, the Gardening Club Committee for organising the event and to Annie for running the raffle. More thanks also to all the volunteers who helped out before, during and after the show. Without them it would have been impossible to stage such an enjoyable social occasion making it so much more than just a village Flower Show.

For all those who had a go and entered one or more of the classes a great big thank you and hopefully it has inspired more of you to have a go next year.

To see photographs please visit the village website:
www.theseavingtons.org/community/picture-gallery/flower-show-2018

A full list of results is attached to this copy of the magazine but here is just a summary:

Cup Winners

Division 1 Flowers - Karen Day

Division 2 Vegetables - Vernon White

Division 3 Home Baking - Janet Pollock

Division 4 Children's Class - Joseph Sainsbury

Photography and Craft - Roger Wotton

Best Floral Exhibit - Karen Day

RHS Grenfell Medal for Best Floral Arrangement - Sheila Reyland

Winner of Most Popular Class - Photography - joint winners Carol

Maine and Tony Farrington

Members Growing Competition - Pat Amos
Overall Winner - Vernon White

Forthcoming Events:

Our Autumn Programme begins again this September in the Millennium Hall.

Thursday 13th September at 7.30 a talk by The Gold Club on “Grasses”. There will be plants for sale.

Doors open 7.00pm with refreshments being served before and after the talk. There will also be a raffle. Visitors welcome - £2 payable at the door.

Don't forget Flower of the Month competition resumes at this meeting - for members only.

Thursday 20th September at 10.30am - visit to Castle Gardens (garden centre) Sherborne for a talk followed by a 25% discount shopping opportunity.

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

Parish Council—Change of Venue

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

The Parish Council is changing the venue for its meetings commencing with the 18th September meeting. The Committee of the Community Shop/Café has agreed that we can use the Café for future meetings. [Time will remain the same - 7.00pm] The reason for this is that the SPFA have a booking for the Main Hall for a Yoga class every Tuesday evening from September. The small Meeting Room is fine when it is just Councillors but as any number of members of the public can attend any Parish Council meeting it was agreed that a change of venue would be the best option.

Over the last few months there have been several occasions when we have had to move to the Main Hall for Public Question Time.

Over-the-counter

Ray Catling (01460 419900)

As I start writing, the rain is coming down hard. After weeks of dry hot weather with the grass looking like shredded wheat the change is almost a welcome

I visit the shop most days with the air-conditioning keeping me cool along with all the chocolate on display and preventing the fridges and freezers having to overwork and increase our electricity bill.

The shop provides a wide range of products for sale. We have a small supply of bread but more can be ordered along with newspapers on a daily demand. Other services are provided, for example a popular book exchange: donated books can be purchased for £1 and then returned to the shop for a 50 pence refund.

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Local artists have the opportunity to display their works for sale. At the time of writing we have a display of ceramics by Nicola Harman and various paintings by Judy Talbot.

The village hall has financed an overfill car park off of the existing car park doubling the available spaces from 20 to 40 and we still have the field for busy events. The committee is always looking for more volunteers to help for a few hours in the shop or cafe. Two new volunteers started recently and we welcome them.

The cafe is very busy providing great food and drinks. The manager and cook Jane and assistant cook Lorraine and volunteers provide a high level of service with specials on the menu in addition to the normal breakfast lunch and snack items.

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

Summer Days

Annie (01460 241762)

Sing a song of Summer days,
Leaf nooks and shady ways,
Nodding roses, apples red,
Clover like a carpet spread,
Stretch of meadows, splashed with dew,
Silver clouds with sunlight through.

Anon

August is a quiet time for birds. The breeding season is over. Adult birds are tired and need to rest and shed their feathers for a new set. As August slips into September the moult is over and birds are feather-perfect again. It is also a time for garden birds to go on vacation to the copses and woods, for a much needed rest!

It is time to clean nest-boxes and for new ones to be erected so that they may “weather” in time for the following Spring.

Some of the summer visitors are still around but by the start of August the Cuckoo will have departed for Africa; followed by the Swift and Whitethroat.

Swallows and House Martins may still be feeding youngsters from their third brood and there is still a plentiful supply of flying insects. As each day passes though, increasing numbers amass on telegraph wires. They are noisily chattering and restless. Suddenly, they will rise high in the sky calling excitedly and giving the impression that migration has begun but they soon settle back on the wires. Over the coming days more will join the ever-growing group. Suddenly, the wind may change direction or there might be a “whiff-in-the-air” and off on the long journey to Africa they go! It is a journey of some 6.000 miles but House Martins and Swallows are daytime migrants and able to feed en route.

During September look-out for Pied Wagtails. Observe them enjoying the many midges and flies; rushing after them and dancing into the air. On the ground, they strut purposely, looking all around them, their long tails constantly flicking.

As we approach Autumn, look-out for seasonal changes eg the Robin is beginning to sing again.

Seavington Villages Oil Run

Nigel Key (01460 241540)

The next order will be placed on 5 September. If you would like some oil and have not sent me a request please make contact by 4 September at the latest.

Seavington Youth Club

Janine Lewis (chair) (07922181948)

Youth club will resume in September and will run on the following dates at the Millennium Hall.

September 10th & 24th	January 14th & 28th	May 13th
Oct 15th	February 11th	June 10th & 24th
November 12th & 26th	March 4th & 18th	July 8th
December 10th	April 1st & 29th	

Sessions run on Monday evenings from 6.30 until 7.45 pm. Always a warm welcome, tuck shop and plenty to do. For youngsters from 8 years +. For any further information contact me as above.

Flix in the Stix

Andrew Overhill (01460 72563)

Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents **'THE GREATEST SHOWMAN'** (PG), on Saturday 8th September 2018 in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm—starring *Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams & Rebecca Ferguson*

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Seavington Playing Field Association Notice of Annual General Meeting

At Seavington Millennium Hall

7:30pm on Monday 17 September 2018

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2018 are available on the village website.

Please contact the Treasurer (david.bennett20@btinternet.com)

if you have any questions.

Any items of business to be raised can be sent to the Chairman at

spfa@theseavington.org

Seavington Playing Field Association

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12th – 15th SEPT – D & M Productions present ‘RAVENSCROFT’

20th SEPT – Social Evening

28th SEPT – Everyone Loves A Wedding Dress

7th OCT – ‘Homes Movies’

18th OCT – Social Evening

24th – 17th OCT - ‘Bunch of Amateurs’

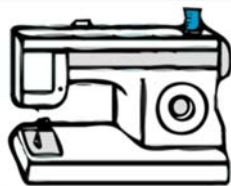
8th NOV - Evening with Paddy Ashdown

9th NOV – Comedy Night

15th NOV - Social Evening

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Art in the Seavington Store & Café

Carol Talbot (01460 241478)

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We also welcome Carol Talbot, lifelong Seavington resident. Yes, afraid so, me! I've been making felted pictures for a while, inspired by my favourite felt artist Moy Mackay (look her up on Google). Basically you take dyed fleece, using small fluffy pieces you layer them up into a picture, then felt together with hot water and soap. At this stage you're not quite sure what you'll end up with! Then it's needle felted, machine sewn and hand embroidered, eventually creating a unique piece of art. Very time consuming, but addictive.

I hope you will be able to visit and take a look, enjoying the art from Sue and myself.

Carol Talbot and Thandi Wilson.

SPFA Lottery

Jackie Priddle (07706 092578)

On behalf of the SPFA i would like to thank you for taking part in the 2018/19 lottery. As you will see the lottery is off to a good start there are over 200 numbers in the draw.

If you would like to see the numbers being drawn it take's place on Monday's near to the end of the each month. I wish you all good luck.

The winners for the past three months were:

June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
1st Mark Simmius	1st Frankie Ash	1st Nigel England
2nd Graham Bonning	2nd Malcolm Cargen	2nd Pauline Long
3rd Ethan Ash	3rd Matilda Whitefield	3rd Georgina Ash
4th Ian & Terri Gibson	4th Judith Bonning	4th Deidre Cargen
5th Pauline Parsons	5th Matthew Baker	5th Rhona Ash



Seavington Gardening Club

2018 Flower Show - Results



	1st	2nd	3rd
Flowers (Division 1)			
1 Roses - Best Scented	Karen Day	Lis Tope	Tony Counter
2 Roses - Single Specimen Bloom	Karen Day	Pauline Parsons	Lis Tope
3 Roses - Clustered Flowered	Karen Day	Kate Mulligan	John Tudor
4 Hydrangea, any variety	Ann Clifford	Lis Tope	Karen Day
5 Vase of Annuals	Cynthia Brown	Karen Day	Ann Clifford
6 Vase Mixed Herbaceous Perennials	Jenny Deubert	Pauline Parsons	Naomi Long
7 Vase of Herbaceous Perennial Flowers, one variety	Lis Tope	Sheila Reyland	Cynthia Brown
8 Flowering Shrub	Kate Mulligan	Lis Tope	Vernon White
9 Dahlias - one variety	Sue Clarke	Anne Kilty	Pauline Parsons
10 Dahlias - mixed varieties	Karen Day	Pauline Parsons	Kate Mulligan
11 Gladioli, decorative, any variety or varieties	Vernon White		
12 Gladioli	Vernon White	Cynthia Brown	
13 Sweet Peas	Sue Clarke	Pauline Parsons	Yvonne Best
14 Penstemon	Karen Day	Kate Mulligan	
15 Foliage Pot Plant	Glynis Tipping	Anne Kilty	
16 Flowering Pot Plant	Karen Day	Jenny Deubert	Anne Kilty
17 Flower Arrangement - using a kitchen utensil	Sheila Reyland	Pauline Parsons	
18 Flower Arrangement - using a vegetable as a container	Pauline Parsons	Sheila Reyland	
19 Flower Arrangement - a small spray to put on the top of a gift box	Ann Clifford	Sheila Reyland	
20 Flower Arrangement - a buttonhole for the modern groom	Sheila Reyland	Cynthia Brown	
Overall: 1st - Karen Day 21 pts; 2nd - Pauline Parsons 14 pts; 3rd - Sheila Reyland 12 pts			

	1st	2nd	3rd
Vegetables & Fruit (Division 2)			
21 Potatoes - White	Bryan Chitty	Vernon White	
22 Potatoes - Coloured	Bryan Chitty	Vernon White	
23 Onions (dressed)	Vernon White	Elizabeth Forrest	Jane Chitty
24 Largest Onion (dressed)	Bryan Chitty		
25 Shallots (dressed)	Vernon White		
26 Shallots, pickling	Vernon White	Elizabeth Forrest	
27 Beetroot	Kate Mulligan	Vernon White	
28 Runner Beans	Cynthia Brown	Jenny Deubert	Vernon White
29 Longest Runner Bean	Cynthia Brown	Vernon White	Linda George
30 French Beans	Sue Clarke	Denise Shearman	Linda George
31 Any vegetable not scheduled in another class	Elizabeth Forrest	John Hanratty	Ann Clifford
32 Courgettes	Mary Corcoran	Sue Clark	Kate Mulligan
33 Arrangement of different Herbs	Cynthia Brown	Glynis Tipping	
34 Carrots	Vernon White	Bryan Chitty	
35 Tomatoes	Vernon White	Elizabeth Forrest	Glynis Tipping
36 Tomatoes (cherry type)	Pauline Woodward	Kate Mulligan	John Hanratty
37 Tomatoes on the Vine	Kate Mulligan	Yvonne Best	Vernon White
38 Trug of Mixed Vegetables	Bryan Chitty	Vernon White	
39 Cucumber	Bryan Chitty	Ann Clifford	Vernon White
40 Soft Fruit	Pauline Woodward	Glynis Tipping	Kate Mulligan
Overall: 1st - Vernon White 28 pts; 2nd - Bryan Chitty 17 pts; 3rd - Kate Mulligan 10 pts			

Home Baking (Division 3)	1st	2nd	3rd
41 Homemade Jelly	Linda George	Cynthia Brown	Denise Shearman
42 Homemade Jam	Janet Pollock	Bryan Chitty	Jane Chitty
43 Homemade Marmalade	Janet Pollock	John Forrest	Cynthia Brown
44 Homemade Chutney	Janet Pollock	Mary Corcoran	Linda George
45 Three Ginger Biscuits	Cynthia Brown	Denise Shearman	Glynis Tipping
46 Date & Chocolate Loaf	Cynthia Brown	Glynis Tipping	Shirley Farrington
47 Three Almond Macaroons	Glynis Tipping	Graham Parsons	Jenny Deubert
48 Orange Victoria Sandwich	Ann Clifford	Janet Pollock	Denise Shearman
49 Three White Rolls			
50 Three Cheese & Onion Muffins	Denise Shearman	Vernon White	Graham Parsons
Overall: 1st - Janet Pollock 11 pts; 2nd - Cynthia Brown 9 pts; 3rd - Denise Shearman 7 pts			

	1st	2nd	3rd
Childrens' Classes (Division 4)			
Age: 8 Years & under			
51 Create a garden picture using buttons			
52 Three Monster Marshmallow Pops	Grace & Evan Lock		
53 Three Coconut Pyramids			
Age: 12 Years & under			
54 Make & decorate a birdhouse out of a juice or milk carton	Joseph Sainsbury		
55 Five Flowers made from paper	Joseph Sainsbury		
56 Three Almond Macaroons	Joseph Sainsbury		
Age: under 16 Years			
57 Photograph - 'Garden Selfie'	Joseph Sainsbury	Thomas Sainsbury	
58 Make & decorate a vehicle using an eggbox	Thomas Sainsbury		
Overall: 1st - Joseph Sainsbury 12 pts; 2nd - Thomas Sainsbury 5 pts; 3rd - Grace & Evan Lock 3 pts each			

Craft Classes (Division 5)	1st	2nd	3rd
59 Photograph - 'The Colour Red'	Tony Farrington	Roger Wotton	John Tudor
60 Photograph - 'Seasons'	Carol Maine	Nicky Wotton & Graham Parsons	
61 Craft Item	Roger Wotton	Pauline Parsons	Naomi Long
A trophy is awarded to the best exhibit in this division, the winner is: Roger Wotton			

Overall Show Results

1st—Vernon White
2nd—Cynthia Brown
3rd—Karen Day

Best Floral Exhibit:

Karen Day

Members' Growing Competition Winner:

Pat Amos

RHS Grenfell Medal (Best Floral Arrangement)

Sheila Reyland

Winner of the Most Popular Class*:

Tony Farrington and Carol Maine

* Classes 59 & 60 received 12 entries each

Tesco Funding

Karen Day (01460 249728)

On behalf of the Seavington Playing Field Association a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who put their charity token in the Seavington box when they were shopping in Tesco during May and June.

We came second and have been awarded £2,000 towards our project. As some of you will no doubt have seen this is well underway with the toddlers play equipment now installed in the main play area, new picnic benches in the hall garden and the expanded parking area installed and open for use.

In the coming months you will see the bunds of the new car park seeded with grass and wild flowers, planted with spring bulbs and trees planted along the edge to encourage birds and wildlife.

The £2,000 we have been awarded will go towards the improvements we wish to make towards the hall garden, which include creating a larger patio area. We will also make this garden more accessible from the hall for disabled users.

Thanks again to everyone for your help and support.

Parish Council – August 2018

Pauline Parsons (01460 240193)

Although no Parish Council meeting has taken place in August Councillors are working to solve several outstanding issues

Meeting with County Highways - Parish Councillors met with an officer from County Highways and discussed the following:

1. Conditions in Rooksmead and Longforward Lane. Councillors were advised that debris in the lanes, hedging and the state of the ditch were down to the local farmers. Assurances were given verbally [but written confirmation was requested] that should the verge/road collapse into the stream in Rooksmead Lane that the farmer would not be held responsible. Once this work is done County Highways will look to shore up the edge to prevent further collapses. Parish Council has contacted both farmers involved with these areas in the hope that the necessary works will be carried out shortly. County Highways will look at road edge erosion and potholes when these works have been completed. A request has also been made for the faded 30mph sign by the stream in Rooksmead Lane to be replaced.

2. Drain opposite Rooksmead Lane to the western side of Ile Bridge. Advice was given that this gully was jetted no more than two years ago. It was agreed that the jetting had not resolved the flooding problem so works will be carried out to investigate what could be a collapsed drain.

3. Tree at the top of Water Street. Parish Councillors had been informed that branches on the tree in the verge had recently been removed by Hi-Line as they were overhanging cables. It was agreed that this has probably made the tree lopsided and County Highways will ask for a tree specialist to investigate this with a view to cutting off some branches that are now overhanging the road. This was felt to be an important issue as children stand under the tree when waiting for school buses.

4. Councillors were advised to contact another Highways officer with regard to the moving of the 30mph signs both on the western and eastern edges of the village on the C5021. It was felt that the movement of the sign close to the new Falcon Close development is now becoming more urgent. The suggestion that the sign closest to the Falcon Close site be moved to the west towards St Mary's Church was first made when the planning application was initially discussed.

5. Concern was expressed as to the amount of ragwort that is seen along roadside verges. Councillors were advised that if any ragwort is seen along routes maintained by County Highways that this should be reported

– please use the County number 0300 123 2224 – and it will be pulled. However ragwort on major routes, such as the A303, is the responsibility of The Highways Agency.

6. The Officer meeting with Councillors was unable to help any further with regard to the diversion notices which have appeared recently when the Ilminster By-Pass is closed. This matter will be taken up again with our Local County Councillor as several telephone calls and e-mails have been ignored by both County Traffic Management and the Highways Agency.

News from Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school

Lucy Hammnett (07588 842354)

Welcome back to all the children at Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School! We are all very excited for the start of the new school year and have lots planned for the term ahead. Our topic for the first half term will be 'People who help us', so we will hopefully get a few visits from these people including dentists, police, fire service, paramedics and of course Father Geoff.

Dates for your diary

3rd and 4th September - Inset days

5th September- Back to Pre-School!

1st October - Pre-School AGM – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or anyone who wants to get involved in the running of pre school! We need your help so please come along if you are interested in joining the committee. You will be very welcome!

29th October – Half term week

5th November - Pre-School starts

Toddler Group – Next toddler group is on Thursday **6th September**. 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!



VILLAGE HARVEST HOME IN THE MILLENNIUM HALL

SATURDAY - 13TH OCTOBER 2018
Doors open 6.45pm to eat at 7.00pm

This event is being organised by Seavington St Michael Church Flower Ladies

Ticket price for a 3-course meal

Adults - £12.00

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SOUTH SOMERSET RSPB GROUP

Annual General Meeting

followed by

**'Winterbourne Down RSPB Reserve
Creating a Nature Reserve from bare ground'**

An illustrated talk presented by Patrick Cashman (Site Manager) who will tell us the story of the first 12 years of how the RSPB changed an arable farm in Wiltshire to a chalk grassland landscape full of wild flowers, butterflies and nesting stone curlew.

Thursday 20th September - 7.30pm The Millennium Hall, Seavington St Mary
Entry: Group members £3, non-group members £4, under 18's free
(tea/coffee & biscuits included) – wheelchair access

NON-MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

For further details contact: Denise Chamings (group leader) on 01460240740
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