

THE SEAVINGTONS' NEWS

September 2020



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The Seavingtons' News

As Summer turns to Autumn I need hardly remark that we have just lived through a most unusual six months. As a community we have come through this relatively unscathed having been supported by our Community Shop and a number of volunteers who have helped with things like the delivery of doctors' prescriptions. We sincerely thank all the volunteers who have made this possible.

We now face a new season with new challenges. Next week the youngsters are due to return to school with an enormous void in their education, recovery from which will be a long haul. Further, their social lives and non-school activities have been on "pause" throughout the lockdown. The sooner we can press the "play" button again on their extra-curricular lives the better the chance of them becoming properly developed citizens in future years.

Becoming parochial, we could improve their present and future lives immeasurably if we were able to re-open our village Youth Club. Set up as a result of the community's Village Plan in 2005 with support from a County Youth Service project, the Club has been run by community volunteers. It was so successful that its membership included youngsters from other villages as well.

However, youngsters grow up and adult helpers age and, although we have a new generation of potential members, after their years of service, the adults have melted away. On page 5 you will see a plea from the SPFA for new leaders to revive our Youth Club and serve our community. I know from my own younger days how personally rewarding such voluntary work can be.

Let's not ignore this need, there are enough parents in our villages to rise to the challenge and, by sharing the leadership, it will not be too time consuming. The reward will be personal satisfaction in helping a new generation reach a balanced adulthood in spite of the impact of the pandemic.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

**The Latest Copy Date
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Editorial content and diary entries to:

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

13th September 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

20th September 10.30 am All Age Communion

27th September 10.30 am Choral Matins (BCP) followed by shortened Holy Communion

We will resume Café Church services on the first Sunday of each month as soon as it is safe to do so. There will be more information in the October Seavingtons' News.

Honorary Rector for Seavington: Rev Canon Ian Gibson

07843 672803; igchichester@gmail.com

Church Office: 07831 982470; office@southpethertonchurch.org.uk

The Seavingtons' Weather in July 2020

This year—2020

Previous year—2019

Temperature

Average Minimum	11.63°C	12.36°C
Average Maximum	21.15°C	23.96°C
Mean	16.39°C	18.16°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	20.9 mm (0.84")	24.0 mm (0.96")
Total for the year	434.9 mm (17.40")	374.1 mm (14.96")

A relatively dry month

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Invitation to apply for a grant

The Seavingtons' Community Land Trust (CLT) now has funds available to be awarded as grants to organisations and individuals within Seavington St Michael and Seavington St Mary. This stage in the CLT's development represents an exciting new opportunity for our villages.

In accordance with the rules of the CLT, projects or activities must meet one or more of the following criteria in order to qualify for a grant:

- ◇ Maintain or improve the physical, social and economic infrastructure within the Parishes of Seavington St Mary and/or Seavington St Michael.
- ◇ Advance education [particularly concerning asset based community development and enterprises within a community or environmental focus].
- ◇ Facilitate community ownership/use of renewable energy.
- ◇ Promote and support arts and crafts locally.
- ◇ Hold land or property in trust for the community.
- ◇ Promote and protect local heritage including the natural and historic environments.

Applicants will need to include estimates of the costs involved and a simple financial plan together with planned start and completion dates. The form may be downloaded from the village web-site (www.theseavingtons.org), be collected from the Seavington Community Shop or requested via the CLT post-box.

Applications for grants in this first round of awards must be received by October 31st 2020 and should be placed in the CLT post-box, to the right of the entrance to Seavington Community Shop.

A view from the field

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

Re-Opening the Hall post Covid-19

My fellow Trustee, Jo Culham has kindly become the SPFA's lead on all Covid-19 related matters and we are now reviewing all the legislation and guidance as to how we may be able to re-open the Millennium Hall to some users in a Covid secure way.

We are in communication with ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and Somerset County Council who have been running a series of "Zoom" webinars for local village hall Trustees which have been very helpful. There is a significant amount of work for us (and our hirers) to do before welcoming any users back to the Hall, and we don't realistically expect anyone to be using the Hall before September or October at the earliest.

Village Lottery

Following the notice about the 20/21 village lottery in last month's Seavingtons' News, the take up for tickets has been rather low, but all is not lost: There is still time to participate in our Covid-19 Secure Village lottery this year, with all profits going towards helping us fund our much needed Hall renovations and improvement project. In order for us to be totally Covid secure, there will unfortunately be no "door to door" collections this year, so please do support us by paying for your tickets using direct bank transfer or cheque. Please see the separate notice about the Lottery on page 20 of this Seavingtons' News.

SPFA Monthly Quiz

Please do support the new Monthly Quiz that Elaine Morris has started to run on behalf of the SPFA. The quiz questions will be available here in the Seavingtons' News each month and also via our SPFA Facebook Page.

Annual General Meeting (2nd Reminder!)

As notified in last month's Seavingtons' News, the SPFA's AGM cannot be held in the Hall due to the current Covid-19 restrictions regarding public gatherings and so it will have to be a virtual affair this year. The virtual AGM will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020 using the video conferencing application "Zoom". Please see the separate AGM

notice elsewhere in this Seavingtons' News about registering your interest to attend (bring your own cheese and wine!).
As always if you have any questions or comments, I can be contacted using the email spfa@theseavingtons.org

Seavington Playing Field Association – the independent organisation that owns and maintains the Millennium Hall and Playing Field on behalf of the local community. Charity No: 268986

Wanted – Seavington Youth Club Leaders!

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

The Seavington Youth Club gave great benefit to many young people in and around our villages until March last year when the current leaders had to give up due to work and other commitments. At that time, no other Leaders came forward and so the club had to be mothballed.

As our communities begin to come out of this Covid-19 lockdown, and with the addition of the wonderful new playground we have, now seems to be the perfect time to see the Youth Club resurrected especially when there are several new families in the village. The SPFA is still storing all the Youth Club equipment in the Hall and this would be available to any new Youth Club.

I have also been in communication with the Seavington CLT (Community Land Trust) and in principle, they would welcome and support a grant application from a new Seavington Youth Club to provide financial assistance.

If this is something that you feel you would like to get involved with to make a real difference for the local youth of our community, please contact me at spfa@seavingtons.org and I can arrange to show you the facilities that the Hall has to offer, the Youth Club Equipment we are still storing on their behalf and also put you in contact with the CLT.

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Seavington Gardening Club



It is with regret that Seavington Gardening Club has taken the decision to cancel all the remaining events in the 2020 programme.

We hope it will be business as usual next year and our 2021 programme will feature in the December edition of The Seavingtons' News

If you have any questions,
please call Karen Day 01460 249728

Seavington Playing Field Association

Notice of "Virtual" Annual General Meeting

7:30pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's AGM will take place online via the video conferencing app "Zoom". If you wish to attend this virtual AGM, please contact the Chairman at spfa@theseavingtons.org who will send you an invitation link for the meeting.

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2020 are available on the village website.

Please contact the Treasurer (david.bennett20@btinternet.com) if you have any questions on these.

Any other items of business to be raised can be sent to the Chairman at spfa@theseavingtons.org.

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SPFA Quiz - Cryptic Underground Stations

Example: *Save your money by the river* = Bank

1. Scouse thoroughfare. _____
2. I hear Ken's girlfriend is able. _____
3. Gawain and Galahad's crossing. _____
4. Mix up with clearest queries. _____
5. Continental retreat. _____
6. The widow at Windsor. _____
7. Ensuring the shop has plenty to sell. _____
8. Dutch playground. _____
9. Quadrilateral battle. _____
10. Good place to see Orinoco, Wellington and Tobermory. _____
11. Verdant public grounds. _____
12. Pale metropolis. _____
13. Sounds like the bridal headwear is finished. _____
14. Concealed slang elephant. _____
15. Connery, Lazenby and Moore's road. _____

A bottle of wine will be awarded to the first correct entry drawn after the closing date (14.09.20). Completed competition entries should be placed in an envelope along with a £1 entry fee and posted to/dropped off at Chapel Court House, Seavington, TA16 0QN. All proceeds go to the Seavington Playing Fields Association. Visit <https://bit.ly/spfa-quiz> for more information.

Winner of August's quiz: Shirley Farrington

Shepton Beauchamp Church School News

Charlie Pattisson (01460 241396)

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back into school in September and welcoming new children and their families too. There will of course be some changes in daily routine for the children and hopefully the weather will help us to spend a lot of our learning time in the fresh air with a more outdoor based curriculum.

We have been busy during the summer particularly in the Rectory Garden. The safety fencing is now in place along the length of the garden, the old boat has been removed and the new bench seating has been installed. We are waiting for the arrival of the new Story Chair from a company in Devon and we would like to dedicate the chair to Maggie Luffman, who retired last year after many years at the school, as she loved reading with the children.

Some of you will have noticed the new signs outside school, displaying the new school name 'Shepton Beauchamp Church School' and the logo (still with the Shepton Sheep). The children have all been given either a new sweatshirt or a cardigan with the new logo to start the year.

There are many dates penciled into the diary for the autumn term including a residential trip to Kilve Court for Seymour Class. We will of course be keeping our fingers crossed that this is possible but have an alternative date planned for March if necessary.

FOSS (*Friends of Shepton School*). We hope you have all had a relaxing summer. The AGM of FOSS is usually held in September or early October. We would love new committee members and would really like some ideas for fundraising in the current climate – please let us know any suggestions!

For more information please call 01460 240793,

e-mail: office@threesaints.bwmat.org

WEB: www.sheptonbeauchamp.somerset.sch.uk

News from St Michael's Church

Anne Shaw (01460 249156) & Manda Jaggars (01460 240554)

Anne and I are very grateful to Canon Gibson and his merry band (Terri, Shirley, Tony, Jenny and David.) Yes you do all deserve a mention ☺

As we have said in the past, volunteers to help us clean the church are needed desperately, such is the price of a beautiful, old, country church. Please contact us if you could help out occasionally.

We are also pleased to share with you that we have had the first estimates for work to replace the pointing on the church's exterior walls, to prevent further water damage. The work (which we hope will start in the autumn) will be done using traditional methods and materials, to prepare the church for future generations. More news will follow soon..... Best wishes

Anne and Amanda, Churchwardens

Seavington Villages Oil Run

Nigel Key (01460 241540), oil@theseavington.org

The rain has arrived, the temperature is dropping and the next thing you know it will be autumn! Is it time to have the boiler serviced?

In preparation for the lower temperatures there are two oil orders planned. The first will be placed on Friday 2 October and the second on Friday 4 December. Delivery is usually within seven days of the order being placed. If you would like to be included please let me know by telephone, email or word of mouth.

If the last delivery was not satisfactory for you please let me know and will ensure the service is improved.

Village Harvest Supper

The Village Harvest Supper, planned for October has been cancelled because of the on-going situation with regard to Covid-19 restrictions.

Over the counter

Ian Gibson (01460 249566)

At the AGM in August I thanked all the volunteers and paid staff at the shop and café for their marvellous, yet exhausting, hard work during the Covid 19 crisis, so far. In doing so I recognised that many are at a state of extreme tiredness and that they need a break. This means, especially for our full time staff that we may not be able, in the very near future, to man the kitchen and provide a full range of menu for everyone. It could mean that we may have to close the café facilities on certain days when staff are on their breaks. A drastic measure, but only caused by the lack of volunteers to help out when needed. This, therefore, is a cry to all those who could help in the café and kitchen. The work is not arduous, we don't need Michelin starred chefs, we do need those who can serve at table, keep the hygiene requirements going and can add up to make sure the bills balance! If you can help, contact the café manager Jane Bourne on the shop number or call in one day and see what is needed.

The Shop is in a similar position. We need younger people that can give up an hour or two weekly to serve, fill shelves, price up incoming stock and perhaps train to work the check out. It is not difficult to do, the only real thing we ask is that you wish to volunteer to serve the community, the way the shop has been trying to do through this crisis.

The store range is much bigger than it ever was, we sell fresh fruit and veg in a much bigger range than before and this is delivered at least twice weekly to make sure of freshness. We deliver in the village, free of charge, we can order regular bread and newspaper orders, just ask at the checkout desk. We have a wide range of specialist goods for the season, toys, puzzle books, magazines and regular local papers. We have an ever changing range of local artist presentations and opportunities to buy gifts – hard to think of, but Christmas is only a couple of months away and who knows whether high street shopping will get back to normal.

What I am trying to say is that the shop is there for the community, run by the community, and we need it to stay and to support. What we need is your help to make sure it continues and thrives.

If you wish to read the AGM minutes and financial report, they are available in the shop on the community notice board or the village website.

Thanks and keep safe and well.

Seavington Community Café

Will customers please note that the Seavington Community Café will be closed for one day only on Monday September 7th for staff holidays?

With Apologies to Wordsworth

*This gem has been widely circulated
but the author remains anonymous.
We credit him or her anyway with our
thanks.*

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour,
I'd gone to get a bag of flour,
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot,
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phone my wife again to ask.
She reminded me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
With all that cream you made me
take".

"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie.
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
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Anon

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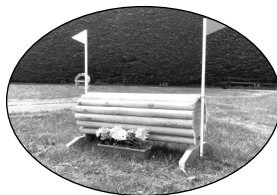
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Parish Council News

Pauline Parsons [parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org]

SID – It has now been moved to Scotts Hill as the Parish Council has received numerous concerns about the speed in this area. At the time of publication there is no data from this position. A problem with the SID is being investigated.

PLANNING - As you may be aware there seems to be major problems within the Planning Department of SSDC with several Planners having left the authority recently. Your Parish Council are still working with our District Councillors and the Planning Department to try and get some long outstanding issues resolved.

Continuing issues at Southernaways—We are in communication with the Planning Authority to get a retrospective planning application submitted in the case of the wooden fence and 5-bar gate that has been erected. The Parish Council was informed that as this forms part of the curtilage of a listed building it should have planning consent. There are also concerns about the continued use of the track way that is not, as far as we believe, in the ownership of the present occupiers of 2 Southernaways and there is no right of access for residential traffic over it. The footpath that runs up the western side of the track cannot be compromised.

19/03310/LBC—*The Beeches, Water Street Seavington St Michael.* Replacement of glass roof within the main house and removal of dilapidated lean-to section on outbuilding. Parish Council has no concerns. Decision still awaited.

20/01232/REM—*Mr M Hallett*—Reserved matters in connection with the erection of 8 dwellings at the top of Upton Lane. Plans submitted for the structural landscaping around the perimeter of the site. Decision still awaited

20/01310/HOU—*Mr S Day*—*Amherst, The Pheasant, Water Street* – Application for the erection of an extension to the front of the existing garage. Decision still awaited

Application No 20/01418/REM—Reserved matters in connection with application *19/01290/OUT* – erection of one dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street. – Parish Council fully supports this application. Decision still awaited

18/02609/FUL—Erection of units to aid the construction and storage of Carnival Carts. This Application did not go before the Area West Committee meeting in August. Following many Freedom of Information Requests made by residents of Kingstone, Seavington and Dowlish Wake it would seem that the Planning Authority are looking at this application again as many procedures have not been followed and many Reports, that should be form part of the Planning Process, were never requested. Representatives from Kingstone, Seavington and Dowlish Wake, together with the Ward Member for Kingstone are hoping to join a Zoom meeting with an Interim Lead Specialist Planner to put the case for refusal in the strongest terms.

As we have stated in the past, we are not against Carnival we are against the siting of industrial type buildings in a rural area, which can only be accessed through very narrow country roads. We also are mindful that since this Application was first with SSDC – October 2018 – all our lives have changed significantly and accessing grants and financing such a plan will not be the same. We understand the South Somerset Carnival Park Committee at the moment have very limited funds of their own. [The application was submitted by Ilminster Town Council which saved 50% of the Planning Fee as the funds were limited.] The funding of the buildings, which could be over £1m, we are led to believe, was to be through grants, which would only be accessible once planning consent was given. Also we have to wonder what Carnival will actually look like once we get back to some sort of normality following Covid-19.

FALCON CLOSE – Frontage – There is still no further news on when these works will be completed. The Parish Council has sent an e-mail to SCC requesting that the Developer is asked to carry out the works within a given period.

HIGHWAYS – A meeting was held in Church Lane regarding works to the road and pavement. A plan will be put in place to be approved within the next year's budget to remove the pavement, resurface the complete Lane, clear the drains, and cut grips to allow the water to run off the road into the ditch adjacent to Hazelwood. Signs will be put at each end of the land indicating that pedestrians could be on the highway. When this will actually take place we have no firm date.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS –We are still hopeful that things will have changed by September so that the planned meeting for 15th September will take place. Please use the Parish Council e-mail if you need to send any concerns.

Memories of Clifford Male

(A former resident of Seavington & brother of Frank, Fred, Wilf, Sid & Eileen)

After helping to compile the list of Seavington people involved in WWII for a recent issue of the Seavington magazine, I was encouraged to put pen to paper to record some of my memories of Seavington during WWII.

My siblings and I were born at Townsend, Seavington in one of two houses that have since been merged to make Lilac Cottage. I was born in March 1927, the youngest of 7, one brother Henry died in infancy.

We moved to Water Street when I was 5 years old, then to Prospect Place, Dark Lane, and then to 8 Rowdells Orchard. After getting married to Kathleen Cook we moved to her family farm in Stapley where we farmed for many years before we moved to a smallholding in West Buckland where I still live today.

Evacuated boys & girls aged between 4 – 13 arrived from London and were placed with different families. When placing the children, they did try to keep brothers & sisters together.

At 7 o'clock in the evenings, after it was dark, the air raid sirens were sounded. At this time German planes were crossing the English Channel to bomb Bristol, Swansea and Cardiff. The all clear would sound between 11 – 12 o'clock at night after the planes had left.

As young boys we would go into our gardens to watch the search lights as they tried to pick up the German planes so the anti-aircraft guns could shoot at them. We had a search light 2 fields away from where we lived in Dark Lane.

There were 5 bombs dropped about 2.5 miles away. I remember that a horse was killed then. Also 2 further bombs were dropped about 2 miles away in some nearby woods.

I remember that my mother went under the stairs for safety, but my friend and I watched the planes bombing Yeovil and shooting down

barrage balloons, which were there to protect Yeovil. Spitfires then drove them off in a dog fight.

All the children were issued with gas masks, each in a cardboard box, which we carried over our shoulders and kept with us at all times. We used to swing the boxes around our heads to hit each other so by the time we had to return them at the end of the war they were pretty much broken. The gas masks misted up very quickly so we had to lift them up to see where we were going. Not sure they would have been very effective had they been needed!

Once a week we would have a drill overseen by Major Barkworth who would come to our school unannounced and shout gas and we would have to go into 3 groups and go to 3 assembly points as directed. These points were situated in the Church Yard, at the bottom of the footpath and in a barn along School Lane. The school was situated at the end of School Lane and has since been converted into a residential property.

We made many friends with the evacuees before they returned to London in 1941/1942. My brother Sid served in the Army, in Africa/Italy – including at the Battle of Casino, whilst Frank, Fred and Wilf were members of the Home Guard. Neither I or Eileen were old enough to enlist, but I later joined the army cadets which were based in South Petherton. On one occasion the cadets were taken to Merryfield Airfield at Ilton where the Americans were based. They took us for a flight in a Dakota aircraft which were later used for the D Day landings. We were lucky as a family as all the siblings survived.

Incidentally, in my teens, during the war, I played the drums in a dance band and on one occasion when playing in South Petherton we were fortunate enough to be joined on stage by the famous Benny Goodman, a clarinet player, who at the time was serving in the American Army.

Our PCSO's Contact Details

Anyone wishing to contact our PCSO should call Mike Bell 07562 437387.

Seavington Village Lottery for the year to 31st March 2021

Like so much in life at present lottery renewal has been delayed by Covid-19. Normally collectors would have called door-to-door throughout the village. The good news is that the SPFA (Seavington Playing Field Association) committee can now reinstate it. 50% of the money raised will go towards maintenance and upgrading of the hall, the remaining 50% in prizes. If you have any queries or want further information please call our lottery organiser, Jackie Priddle on 01460 240734 or 07706 092578, or email the Treasurer, david.bennett20@btinternet.com.

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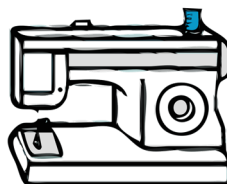
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