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The Seavingtons' News

First, may I give you all my heartiest best wishes for 2021? Let us hope that the threat posed by the pandemic will ease or even vanish and allow us all to get back to more normal lives.

This, our village magazine, has now just entered its 41st year of publication. For your interest I have reproduced the first issue at pp 17-22 of this issue.

What strikes me about this historical magazine is the amount of activity in the villages. There are no fewer than eight regular activities centred on the village hall and playing field although, in those days, the hall was in Upton Lane. This was well before the villages rallied and purchased the current playing field area from Dillington Estates after leasing it for a number of years and twenty years before our current village hall was built. A sports pavilion on the site of the present war memorial was under construction.

Further, it is revealing to note that the activities covered every age group including some for the youngsters, with the Girl Guides, whereas today we cannot even find volunteers to maintain a youth club.

Have our villages lost their collective mojo? Are the Seavingtons now just dormitories for folk whose interests lie elsewhere or a comfy place for retirees like me, but who no longer wish to contribute to and actively participate as members of the community? Is it, that although we have much more leisure time than in 1980, television, video streaming etc mean that there is no longer a need or wish for us to live in a local community?

I cannot answer those questions but feel strongly that they throw down a challenge to us all; you can guess that I prefer the community answer. If you feel the same and want the benefits of living in a community you need to acknowledge that we must each consider the contribution we are prepared to make and then make it.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

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is the 20th January

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St Michael's Church, Seavington

6th January	6.00 pm	Communion service for Epiphany
10th January	10.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
17th January	10.30 am	All Age Communion (CW)
24th January	10.30 am	Sung Matins & Short Communion service
31st January	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist for Candlemas at St Mary's Church

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 November 2020

	<i>This year—2020</i>	<i>Previous year—2019</i>
Temperature		
Average Minimum	5.90°C	4.40°C
Average Maximum	12.00°C	10.08°C
Mean	8.95°C	7.24°C
Rainfall		
Monthly Total	65.6 mm (2.62")	108.5 mm (4.34")
Total for the year	740.9 mm (29.64)	743.9 mm (29.76")

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Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)

Review of 2020

Normally at this time of year I would be writing about all the events and activities of the Gardening Club throughout the previous year. Sadly 2020 has been anything but normal and so this could turn out to be the shortest review ever!

We did get off to a flying start with Claire Greenslade, Head Gardener at Hestercombe, giving a fascinating insight into restoring and maintaining the gardens there. We were very grateful to Catherine Fraser for stepping at the last minute in February to talk on Bees and Beekeeping and then in March, following the AGM, Jenny Short spoke about Ponds and Water Features. After this everything had to be cancelled and despite hopes of some events going ahead later in the year it was not to be. On a brighter note, our intrepid chairman Karen Day did get an online plant sale going throughout the summer which proved incredibly successful, so huge thanks to her and to everyone who contributed to it.

The initial events for January, February, March and April 2021 have also been cancelled but we are hoping to get our programme going again as soon as we are able. This is especially important to us as we have planned a whole series of special events to mark our 40th anniversary which runs from June 2021 to June 2022.

Now for those who are extremely efficient and well organised here is something to start planning for the Flower Show for August 2021.

If you are thinking of making any chutney for Division 3, Home Baking section, it has to be at least 2 months old. So you can try out a few recipes now in preparation for the summer.

Similarly the Photography Section can be started whenever you like so here are the categories to consider.

Division 4 - Under 16 years - photograph "Close Up"

Division 5 - Photography and Craft - photograph "Botanical Britain" and photograph "Hidden Somerset"

So there is no excuse for leaving it until the last minute.

We will keep you informed of dates and times once we are allowed to resume which we all hope will be sooner rather than later. For further information please contact Karen Day - tel. 01460 249728

Parish Council News

Pauline Parsons [parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org]

Parish Council meetings, like most meetings, will be via ZOOM for the foreseeable future. Planned dates for 2021 will follow the usual pattern of being the third Tuesday of every month apart from August when a meeting will only be called if deemed necessary. The next one planned is Tuesday 19th January 2021. Details for joining any meeting will be put on the village website.

SID – The new SID has been ordered and hopefully will be erected in the village in the New Year. The original SID was recently moved from Falcon Close to Water Street. Data from the Falcon Close site, which is well within the 30mph limit, shows us:-

Between 9th October to 18th November – 215,035 vehicles movements were recorded [remember it does a vehicle count both ways]. The average speed was 37.6mph [well over the 30mph limit]. The 85th percentile was 46mph [this is the figure that the police use to ascertain whether there is a speeding issue]. The maximum recorded speed was 87mph. We will be sharing these figures and previous ones gained from the site with Traffic Management as it would seem the Small Improvement Scheme has not worked.

PLANNING -

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. Further negotiations are taking place as the proposals would still appear to obstruct the historic width of the footpath CH 21/18. Decision still awaited.

20/02098/HOU – Building erected west of Dove Cottage, Upton Lane. Retrospective plans have now been submitted. Approved

20/03134/HOU, 20/03135/LBC Installation of 8no windows to front and 1no to side of Swan Thatch, Seavington St Michael.

18/02609/FUL – Erection of units to aid the construction and storage of Carnival Carts. Once again the Area West meeting for December was cancelled, through lack of business. We have now been advised that it

may be February 2021 before the application goes to Area West Committee. We have also been notified, through a Freedom of Information Request, that Pre Application advice given to the Carnival Cart Committee in 2016/17 regarding the five sites offered by Dillington Estates indicated that none of the sites were suitable for this sort of development because of highway concerns, large buildings in rural areas and travel implications by members of the carnival clubs who could be coming from all areas of South Somerset. We are left to wonder why Ilminster Town Council thought it was such a good idea to go ahead and support the Carnival Committee with its application to build on a site that was not within their control and was totally unsuitable. There is also another question that should be answered - why has the application has been allowed to drag on for so long?

FALCON CLOSE – Frontage – Still no up-date on this. However, it would seem that SSDC Planners have finally realised that the new scheme for registering Planning concerns is not working. This scheme took some time to develop and was one of the ways in which the Planning Office was to ensure planning concerns would be dealt with in a specified time frame. When checking on a date as to when we may receive some information regarding the footway there is now no date and instead it states “Each case is different so an estimated date for completion cannot be given”. Surely that should have been obvious, especially to Lead Planning Officers who have dealt with planning applications for a number of years. We have taken the case up once more with Somerset County Highways and will keep pursuing our District Councillors for help in this matter.

CAR PARK [Opposite the Volunteer Inn] – Just a reminder that from the 1st January 2021 we will be taking enforcement measures to ensure that the car park is available for use of residents and visitors alike.

FOOTPATHS – A new Bristol Gate has been fitted on a footpath that crosses Manor Farm land from Scotts Hill. Work is to be carried out on a bridge and stile on Mead Farm. With the Christmas and New Year holiday periods looming, if you are out to enjoy the countryside please remember to follow the footpath/permissive path signs and keep your dog under close control so that we can all enjoy our local area.

Finally your Parish Councillors would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year that will see us being able to return to some form of normality, although this will not be for some months to come. Please follow the rules and keep us all safe.

Seavington Villages Oil Run

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

I have to start with apologies for the following two incidents.

I sent my last Seavington News entry to the wrong email address! By the time I realised the deadline had passed but David kindly repeated the entry from the previous month.

To top that I went away for a few days and, on return, the answerphone had 12 messages. One of these was over 5 minutes long. All calls after that did not leave a message and it was not possible to retrieve the telephone numbers. Some of these may have been for oil.

Everybody included in the order of 4 December should receive their delivery by 18 December. If you were expecting a delivery but it has not arrived please contact me and I will arrange a quick delivery for you.

The next order will be placed on Friday 5 February 2021 and the following order on Friday 9 April.

A merry and warm Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Thanks, Nigel

Holiday Waste Services

Somerset Waste Partnership has notified changes to their waste and recycling schedules over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods. These mean that for Seavington:

Black wheelie bins and recycling boxes will be emptied on Tuesday 29th December instead of Monday 28th and on Tuesday 5th January 2021 instead of Monday 4th January.

Green, garden waste, wheelie bins will be emptied on Wednesday 16th December and on Wednesday 13th January 2021 ie there will be no garden waste collection on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

SPFA Lottery

Jackie Priddle (07706 092578)

May I first wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy new year from the SPFA and myself?

The lottery draws for October and November were forcibly delayed by the social distancing rules for the Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, I am now giving you the prize-winners for three months:

Place	Prize	October	November
1st	£50	Viv Rudd	Muriel Haddon
2nd	£30	Poppy Gough	G Horner
3rd	£20	Nicky Wotton	Paul Bourne
4th	£10	Ellie Ash	Gordon Rodgers

Place	Prize	December
1st	£50	Don Miles
2nd	£30	Georgie Ash
3rd	£20	Janet Ash
4th	£10	Gill Beveridge

Just a Brisk Walk

Matthew Towill (towill916@btinternet.com)

The next “Just a Brisk Walk” is on Saturday 23rd January.

These walks are open to everyone, meeting at 08.30 at the Seavington Millennium Hall car park for a walk around the nearby countryside lasting about an hour. We return to the Hall car park with the option of coffee in the Café.

What a Difference a Year Makes !!

The Seavington Stroller

I am sat in my garden, hand wrapped around a mug of hot tea seeing how the garden, once so colourful in the earlier part of the year, is now a blend of dull brown and green.

As the seasons have changed the garden, so global events have changed our own behaviour in this most unusual and unprecedented of times.

In theory, a year ago, I could have done anything I wanted. I could have travelled the world by boat or plane. I could have taken a holiday in a hotel, cottage or caravan anywhere in the UK. I could have perhaps changed employers or worked extra hours to pay for something special.

I could have gone out to eat in a pub or restaurant in the company of friends and family, or entertained them in my home with a garden BBQ in those lovely warm days of summer.

Then came Covid and our lives changed in the most remarkable of ways. Everything we took for granted was taken away overnight with lockdown.

The weather was glorious and we went running and walking around our village, along the lanes, across the fields. We noticed perhaps for the first time, the succession of plants and flowers as they burst into life in our hedgerows, the absence of road noise, particularly from the by-pass, enabled us to hear the multitude of bird song previously lost in the background drone of modern day living. The sky was blue and the air was clear.

Many gardens have never been so well tended and our homes spruced up with coats of paint, although the supply of paint quickly disappeared.

In our wanderings we were able to meet fellow villagers, old friends, perhaps some for the first time, but with the opportunity to stop and chat from one side of the road to the other.

This time also brought out the best in our community spirit, neighbours looking out and shopping for neighbours, others generously gave of their time to man the village shop, the cafe with wonderful take away meals and our intrepid drug runners collecting prescriptions from the surgeries and delivering to our homes.

The end of lockdown came in July and so it seemed from the television news, our care for one another slowly disappeared. Countless times were the reports of large gatherings, people demanding the right to go away on holiday and then complaining when the holidays were cancelled because of increased Covid.

The rules designed to minimise the risk to our health were frequently and blatantly broken and Covid, re-energised by such, took an even greater hold with dreadful results. We again went into lockdown when the media took on the role of feeding the blame game. People bemoaned the ability to celebrate birthdays in the usual way and a favourite line was the Government was cancelling Christmas.

Now forgive me for stating the obvious, but the 25 December will still be the 25 December. The story of Christ has not changed in 2000 years and will again be celebrated this year, but in a different way.

Those who cry it is a breach of their human rights or even that Covid is fake news, will hopefully realise that by behaving with regard to each other, they will have the opportunity to celebrate birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and holidays next year, but there are 50,000 others who will not be able to do so.

Nothing stays the same, our lives have changed, the future will be different and the new normal. We all have a responsibility to ensure as many as possible are able to enjoy it.

Computer Donations



2020 has been a difficult year for all of us but not least for those struggling to make ends meet and having to work and educate their children from home.



Many have found it difficult to home-school their children as they are not fortunate enough to own a computer.

WeeeCharity (<https://weeecharity.co.uk/>) is a Not-for-profit UK registered charity that helps to relieve poverty by offering a FREE complete recycling of computers and electrical equipment to businesses, residential and education facilities.

One of their collection vans will be visiting Seavington early in the New Year so if you have old phones and computers you would like to donate, they will be very happy to collect them from you.

Over the Counter

Marion Bennett (01460 249522)

Well, what will 2021 bring for us? Three wishes for all of you. Firstly we hope you, your family and friends will enjoy good health. Secondly we hope that life will go back to some kind of normality. Thirdly (since I am writing on behalf of the Shop and Cafe) we hope you will enjoy all that our community Shop and Cafe have to offer. I've made no mention of New Year resolutions as they can be problematic!

Two pieces of good news from the Cafe.

BACON BAPS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

These will be available between 9.30 and 12.30. The Shop will be open at the same time.

JANE'S MEAL DEALS WILL BE BACK ON FRIDAYS FROM 4th JANUARY

David and I have had Jane's take-away meals a number of times and we wholeheartedly recommend them. They are tasty and excellent value. The menus for the main courses and desserts will be on the Shop blackboard and you will be able to book your meal at the till.

More good news about our art and craft.

GEKKO ART WILL BE BACK IN JANUARY

Many of you asked if Sandi Mower could come again. She offers a lovely selection of pictures, cards and home ware. Her quirky animal designs are both fun and beautiful. She says "I paint what I love and I love the creatures we share our planet with". Maybe you should treat yourself?

And finally.....

COULD YOU BE A NUMBER TWO? (REMEMBER THE PRISONER SERIES ON TV?)

Thankfully this request is nothing to do with prisons! Following our last plea for more help we welcomed a couple of new volunteers, but as ever we need more. Could this volunteering opportunity suit you?

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Help Required

Is there anyone in Seavington who can help?

I am looking for a kind person/persons who would be able to take my dog, Merlin, for approximately an hour's walk in the mornings, on the lead, for a couple of weeks after Christmas.

I have an injury to my foot and although I have been managing to walk Merlin daily on a short walk, the injury is not able to heal but he has worryingly gained a lot of weight. Hopefully if there is a responsible person able to help me out for a short time it could make a big difference to both his weight and my recovery. Obviously, appropriate payment would be given.

Please contact me, Chris Ginger on 01460 929357



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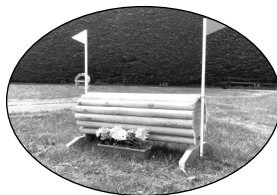
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Charlie Pattisson (01460 241396)

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a peaceful Christmas and that 2021 is a happy year.

In the run up to Christmas the children and teachers were as busy as ever and the school was full of beautiful glittery Christmas creations! Our **Christingle** events could not be held in the church so each child designed and created a bag into which their DIY Christingle kit was put and the Christingles were made and, in some cases, embellished at home with pictures shared on Class Dojo.

The children created a **Jesse Tree** in school, we used a Christmas Tree but originally these were large carvings, tapestries or stained-glass windows put in churches to help illiterate people learn about the bible from the creation to the Christmas story. The children added a special decoration to the tree each day which told a different story from the bible. We also made cards for **Operation Christmas Stocking** which is being organised in Shepton.

We managed to spend a lot of time in the learning garden, garlic has been planted and a miniature village created with roads and pebble houses. Some local companies have been very generous and after receiving letters from the children donated materials so that a graveled area with planting tyres has been created.

The playground looks fantastic with new painting completed to include a new mini team pitch, hopscotch and activity path. Once the weather improves, we plan to develop the outside reading area and create hidey spaces in the rectory garden. We were delighted to receive a **grant from Hinkley Point** and have purchased weather recording instruments, a bird box with camera and a set of five all terrain mini vehicles we can program to move and help undertake some outdoor IT.

FOSS (*Friends of Shepton School*). Thank you to everyone who has supported FOSS this year, it's been different but hopefully some of our favourite events and some new ones can be held in 2021.

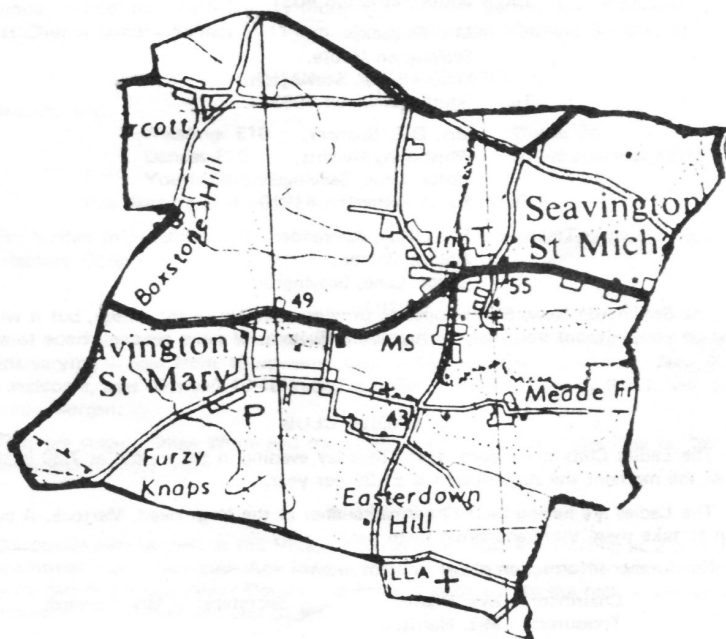
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THE SEAVINGTON'S NEWS



DECEMBER 1980

Reproduction of The Seavingtons' News first issue—December 1980

This is the first issue of the "Seavington News" which a number of residents have volunteered to produce at the beginning of each month to keep everyone informed about general matters of interest and happenings in the Seavington villages.

It is hoped that sufficient income from the occasional fund raising events, together with advertising revenue, will enable the News to be provided free of charge.

The following individuals have agreed to function as an "Editorial Staff", to collect and assemble items of news for publication and to arrange printing and distribution:

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Treasurer: Mr. L.R.A. Alexander,
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Upton Lane, Seavington.

The Seavington News Sheet hopes to provide a service to the village, but it will all depend on you, without your help in supplying all items of news we can't hope to succeed.

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club meets every first Thursday evening in the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall. At the moment the subscription is £1.25 per year.

The Ladies are having their Christmas Dinner at the Nags Head, Martock. A coach is laid on to take them there and bring them back.

For further information please contact either:-

Chairman:	Mrs. Reeves	Secretary:	Mrs. Edwards
Treasurer:	Mrs. Harrison		

An enjoyable evening was spent by the ladies at their last meeting with a bring and buy stall and afterwards a lot of fun playing "Give us a Clue" with two teams and the rest of the ladies trying to solve the words on the card. A lot of actions proved to be very funny and as good as the T.V. presentation.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At these meetings we join the ladies of Lopen on the first Wednesday of the month for a house meeting which includes a demonstration or talk followed by a cuppa and biscuit. On the 5th November Mrs. D.E. Spencer gave us a great many ideas for making Christmas decorations using inexpensive materials, which we all enjoyed. Every third Wednesday morning at 10.30 we meet for Holy Communion at Lopen church followed by coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall. Our representative for Seavington is Mrs. V. Rogers, and Mrs. N. Potts represents Lopen.

We all wish many happy returns to Mrs. Dabenett (Aunt Daisy) on her birthday on 22nd December.

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MOTHER AND TODDLER CLUB

Held every Tuesday afternoon 2-4 in the Village Hall. Cost 25p per session which includes a cup of tea or coffee for parent, and orange juice for children.

A Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 13th December - 2.30 p.m. Father Christmas will be visiting on this afternoon - charge 25p. Other stalls will include cakes, produce and gifts, and teas.

A party will be held for all members of the Mother & Toddler Club on Tuesday 16th December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School held each Sunday morning at Abbots Barton from 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Methodist Church Sunday School at 11 a.m. also meetings on alternate Sundays at 3.00 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICES

Hire charges:-

Weddings £10

Dances £10

Youth Club 75p

Discos £6

Social evenings £2.50

(No dancing or drinking on Sunday)

For further information and bookings please inquire from Mrs. Applegate, South Petherton 40273, Rectory Cottage.

GUIDES

Held in Village Hall every Wednesday evening 7.15 - 8.30. The Pack at the moment consists of 15 girls varying in ages from 10 upwards. Cost is 15p towards hire of hall. New members will be most welcome, ages between 10-16 years. It is run at the moment by Sue Brake, Carol Pillard and Cynthia Morgan.

They are staging Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as a Christmas Play on December 10th. Please come and support them.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody will be held in the Village Hall on December 4th starting at 2 p.m. Please bring your appointment card with you. Any lady over 60 or gentleman over 65 who need chiropody please get a certificate from your Doctor and bring it with you to the hall. A charge of 10p is made to pay towards hire of Hall and cup of tea.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT

Any ladies who would like to get together once a week for a change and chat in their own homes in turn, please contact Mrs. Alexander on South Petherton 40311.

SEAVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS

A Nativity Scene Tableau, and group of Carol Singers will be touring the village on the evenings of the 17th and 18th December. Proceeds collected will be split between the Playing Fields and a Children's charity. Please turn down your televisions and listen for us.

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OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

The Seavington Football Team are not doing too well in Division 2 of The Perry Street League having played 9 games, won 3 and lost 6.

In the Division 2 Cup they beat Farway 5-3 after extra time on September 12th but were beaten 3-2 by Netherbury in the 2nd Round on October 11th.

In the Somerset Intermediate Cup - which 64 teams from Somerset entered, Seavington have done well and reached the last 32, having beaten St. Crispin a team from Street 1-0 in the Preliminary Round and Meare Athletic from Wells 3-1 in the 1st round.

They travel to Radstock on December 6th to play Waterside in the 2nd round. Seavington won this coveted trophy in 1956 when they beat Haselbury 2-1 in the final at Stone-under-Ham. 2 coach loads of supporters travelled from Seavington to see the match. The Seavington goals were scored by Eric Gillard and Roy Ash. The Captain and man of the match was Ernie Tolman.

In the present day village football with some teams getting all their players from the surrounding districts, we can boast that 5 of our present day players are from Seavington and 3 others with village connections

SPORTSFIELD PAVILION

Full details of the new sports field pavilion will be given next month. However more money is needed to complete the project and a Xmas Draw has been organised and members of the football club will shortly call on each house asking you to buy tickets for the draw - costing 20p each. We will be grateful for your support and there are good prizes to be won.

BITS AND PIECES

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. L. Haddon who are the new residents of Jubilee Cottage.

Welcome also to Mr. and Mrs. Laoloni who arrived earlier this year from London, to take over the Pheasant.

We wish a happy retirement to Mr. and Mrs. D. Hills after many years running the Pheasant.

We were all sad to say farewell recently to our Rector the Reverend Reg Woods and his charming wife Joan. However, we have heard that they are now nicely settled into their retirement home at Budleigh Salterton. They send their best wishes for a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year to everyone in the Seavington's, and hope that anyone visiting Budleigh Salterton will call and see them at Downside, 11 Station Road.

This year's Remembrance Day Poppy collection amounted to £54.85p.

Seavington Weather - Mr. R. Madge who maintains weather records at his home, 2 Marle Ground, tells us that we had 3.53 inches of rain during October compared with 2.42 inches in 1979 and 0.23 inches in 1978 over the same period.

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XMAS RECIPE - MINCEMEAT

Many women seem to fight shy of making mincemeat but it is very simple and tastes delicious!

The following recipe will make about 6 x ¼lb jars so if you want less just divide all the ingredients by two.

1lb shredded beef suet
1lb cooking apples
½lb chopped peel
1lb stoned raisins
1lb currants
1lb sultanas
2 tablespoons flaked almonds (chopped)
¾lb Demarara sugar
1 teaspoon mixed spice
grated rind (zest only) and juice of 1 lemon
2 tablespoons brandy, whisky or rum

Method: Peel and core apples and put through mincer with the raisins using a coarse disc. (If you are using butchers suet mince this as well). It is essential to mince the raising as this makes the mixture sticky enough to hold together but do not mince the rest of the fruit, add all the rest of the ingredients and mix well.

Pack into dry screw-topped jars and keep in a cool place. The alcohol in the mincemeat will ensure that it will keep for several months.

Happy Christmas!

Bicky Hill.

NEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER INN

We have purchased a large talking cuddly lion for this year's raffle to help bolster the funds of Seavington Football Club. Tickets will be on sale in both bars at 20p each. The cuddly lion is our contribution to the club's funds. Draw Monday evening 22nd December.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FANCY DRESS PARADE

Everyone is invited to our annual New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party. Last Year's event was a great success with some very original costumes that made some great transparencies. They made another great evening during January.

SPECIAL OFFER TO THE VILLAGE

A free half-bottle of our now famous french bottled housewine to each couple dining in the Restaurant - presenting this copy of the Seavingtons News sheet. Offer extends to December 30th and is limited to one half-bottle per couple. A party of four would of course receive one full bottle.

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Answers to December SPFA Quiz

Printed on page 8 of the December 2020 edition

1. Dowlish Wake
2. South Petherton
3. Stocklinch
4. Over Stratton
5. Shepton Beauchamp
6. East Lambrook
7. Whitelackington
8. Kingsbury Episcopi
9. Seavington St. Mary
10. Isle Abbotts
11. Hinton St. George
12. Lower Chillington
13. Cricket St. Thomas
14. Allowenshay
15. Curry Mallet

Quiz - Number Idioms

Example: ASITS9 = A Stitch In Time Saves Nine

1. 2WDMAR _____
2. AEA123 _____
3. 4COTE _____
4. IT2TT _____
5. 6OIAHADOTO _____
6. N2WAI _____
7. 9TOOI0 _____
8. P2A2T _____
9. I5MOF _____
10. 3STTW _____
11. 2HABTI _____
12. APIWI000W _____
13. KATO2 _____
14. CA½TP _____
15. K2BWIS _____

A box of chocolates will be awarded to the first correct entry drawn after the closing date (15.01.21). Completed competition entries should be placed in an envelope along with a £1 entry fee and posted to or dropped off at Chapel Court House, Seavington, TA19 0QN. All proceeds go to The Seavingtons' News. Visit bit.ly/seavington-quiz for more information.

The winner of December's quiz was Pauline Parsons

Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school News

Natalie Nolan (natalie_nolan@hotmail.com)

Happy new year to everyone!!

We will be starting the new year by learning about 'People who help us'. We are doing lots of activities to help us explore this topic in depth.

As we will not return from the Christmas break for a couple of weeks we don't have that much else to share with you but we had a really fantastic term last year and have been looking forward to starting the new year in the same way. The children were brilliant with regards to the extra Covid restrictions and parents really amenable lining up outside and waiting until we came out to collect their children.

Fundraising.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who donated clothes etc to Bags 2 School. And well done to Kath for collecting so many bags up and delivering them to the collection point! We made £225!!

Also, thank you to Shell Lawrence for organising the raffle and the 'crafty Christmas to go' bags that she put together for us. And, thanks to Rachel Dando for the 2021 Calendars.

We currently have some spaces available for more children. We are open Mon/Wed/Fri 9am - 3pm Tues 9-1pm

For more information please call Roxene or Kath 07765437301 or email info@Sheptonbeauchamppre-school.co.uk or visit www.sheptonbeauchamppre-school.co.uk or follow us on Facebook

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The Warehouse Theatre is temporarily closed as a part of the precautions to reduce the spread of Coronavirus Covid-19. Once the Government has reduced or removed the restrictions on places of entertainment we will be publishing our new programme.

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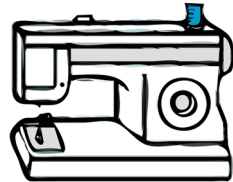
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