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February 2021



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The Seavingtons' News

What a start to the New Year it has been!

On page 3 of this issue of the Seavingtons' News, overleaf, you will find a very important note from our Parish Council regarding the future of the Seavington Playing Field Association (SPFA), the charity that looks after our important communal sporting and social facilities.

It would appear that, as a community, we have an enthusiasm for new projects, vide the children's playground, Community Shop, etc but are less interested in looking after the older facilities that we supported with great enthusiasm when they were new projects. If we are to retain the spirit that makes us a community, rather than a mere collection of houses, it is important that we respond to the Parish Council's bid for a small group of volunteers to protect the SPFA finances and assets as we move forward. These folk will not have to bear the responsibilities of charity trustees, as in the past, so that they need not be intimidated by legal fears.

Most of this issue is devoted to the latest lockdown and the ways in which your lives can be made easier through the way in which local businesses have risen to the moment by offering home deliveries of essentials and meals. Further, community volunteers will deliver prescription medicines and other services to those who have been notified by the NHS that they are in the vulnerable category. Clearly, the community spirit is still with us. We have also been able to include a more general but very informative article on the virus and vaccinations.

I suggest that you retain this issue of our magazine for reference until the crisis has been resolved.

David Froome

DON'T FORGET

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for the next issue**

is the 20th February

Editorial content and diary entries to:

David Froome, Middlefield Barn, Church Lane, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster,
TA19 0QP Tel: 01460 249445; e-mail: news@theseavingtons.org

St Michael's Church, Seavington

14th February 10.30 am Eucharist

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During lockdown these services will be recorded and a web-link will be available from Ian Gibson (see below); anyone is welcome to attend subject to the normal social distancing and use of a mask and the sanitiser provided. The Church will remain open at all times for private prayer. Ian Gibson remains available for all pastoral needs.

See also the note on page 11.

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 December 2020

Last year—2020

Previous year—2019

Temperature

Average Minimum	3.90°C	3.89°C
Average Maximum	8.76°C	9.81°C
Mean	6.33°C	6.75°C

Rainfall

Monthly Total	148.1 mm (5.92")	140.4 mm (5.62")
Total for the year	889.0 mm (35.56)	884.3 mm (35.37")

22 consecutive days in December with rainfall; 5 dry days in the month!

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Seavington Playing Field Association and the Parish Council—an update

Pauline Parsons (parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org)

Many residents will know from recent magazines that the Seavington Playing Field Association [SPFA] has had problems recruiting new Trustees to help with the day to day finances and management of the playing field and Millennium Hall. This is not a recent problem but has been on-going for many years.

We believe that many new residents probably do not realise:

- ◇ That the Playing Field is not managed by the Parish Council
- ◇ That the Millennium Hall forms part of the SPFA and is not linked to the Community Shop

The history of the SPFA is that in 1974 a group of residents came together and approached Dillington Estates with a view to leasing a field so that the football club had a permanent pitch and that a small play area could be provided for the children of the village. A lease was initially agreed but in the late 1980s the field was purchased from Dillington Estates. In the late 1990s the Millennium Hall was built and both of these village assets have been managed by 13 Trustees of the SPFA. However, the number of Trustees has dwindled and now only 3 are left, thus meaning that the SPFA is not viable in its current form.

To this end, with the agreement of the current SPFA Trustees, your Parish Council proposed that it steps in and becomes Sole Corporate Trustee of the SPFA with effect from 1st April 2021. The assets of the SPFA [both finances and property] WILL STAY WITH THE SPFA CHARITY THEY WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE NAME OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. At the last Parish Council meeting this proposal was ratified.

The Parish Council is looking for a small group of volunteers who will be willing to work with them from that date to protect the finances and assets of the SPFA going forward. The day to day maintenance of the field is not a problem. However, it may mean a slight increase in the village Precept [which you all pay] in order for the Parish Council to pay for such works as grass cutting and hedge trimming. By using Parish Council funds for this we can save the VAT as a Charity cannot reclaim VAT. The question is what does the village want from The Hall?

Coronavirus & Seavington

On the next few pages we bring together various sets of information and advice as our community is again in Lockdown as it faces the consequences of the global outbreak of Coronavirus Covid-19

Home Delivery Services

For those faced with self-isolation or otherwise unable to leave their home a number of local businesses have offered to make home deliveries to Seavington addresses. Please contact the businesses directly to order:

1 Seavington Community Store

For groceries, bread, milk, wines, beers, etc call 01460 249730

2 Bonners the Butchers & Delicatessen

For all meats, meat product and delicatessen items including cheeses call 01460 52465. You may also order from their web-site: www.bonnersthebutchers.co.uk or e-mail: sales@bonnersthebutchers.co.uk

3 P B Fruit of Ilminster

For greengroceries, fruit, vegetables, etc call 01460 52180

4 Ilminster Home Hardware

For DIY, gardening, glassware, hardware, electrical goods, etc call 01460 52506

5 Silver Street Dairy, Ilminster

Wide range of cheeses, sandwiches etc call 01460 52502

6 Wine World Ilminster

For wines, spirits beers etc call 01460 55512

7 PAWS

For pet and bird foods and pet accessories call 01460 57334

Doctors' Prescriptions

Some Seavington residents will have been notified by the NHS that they must “shield” which means that they must not leave their homes.

Iminster Doctors' Practices own Pharmacies

Those “shielders” registered with either of the Iminster GP practices should order their prescription medicines in the usual way but should not attempt to collect them. Anne Crowther has arranged to make a weekly collection from the dispensaries and will deliver them to your home, echoing the arrangements from the first lockdown. Ann may be contacted at: thecrowthers@hotmail.com

Other residents should order and collect their prescriptions in the usual way. They will find that the dispensaries have developed a Covid-safe environment and handover procedures.

Martock & South Petherton Doctors' Practices

“Shielders” please continue to order your prescriptions as you have been doing before the lockdown. Please speak to friends, family or neighbours, who may be able to help by collecting your prescription for you.

If no one can collect for you, please contact your pharmacy who should be able to deliver to you. You may have to pay a small charge for this service

If you are not shielding or isolating, please collect your prescription as normal from the pharmacy.

Emergency Dog Walking

During the current coronavirus if there are any older villagers or single people who are in isolation and are worried about walking their dog(s) I am happy to help (no charge).

Just call me, Sue Babey, on 07842 224655

Somerset County Council Coronavirus Helpline

For help or advice for yourself or someone else call: 0300 790 6275

Parish Council Support & Advice

Pauline Parsons (parishcouncil@theseavingtons.org)

The Parish Council has discussed the new Coronavirus lockdown and how they could help the villages to come through safely. To this end we have all agreed to publish our telephone numbers and link them to the group being led by the Village Shop/and Churches so that help can be given to those who need it – whatever that may be. If we cannot help we will know someone who can. We are also passing on some information from Somerset County Council with regard to keeping safe – not just from the virus but from those out there who may try to gain from the situation. Consequently please:-

- ◇ Only use the Village telephone numbers that you have been given
- ◇ Do not put a sign on your door openly stating you are vulnerable
- ◇ Don't share more personal information than absolutely necessary
- ◇ Don't share bank or card details or give people your cards to make purchases
- ◇ Contact the organisers of the group if someone asks you to pay more for something than you normally would.
- ◇ Take the vaccine when it is offered to you by the NHS or your doctor's surgery
- ◇ Beware fraudsters who are offering the vaccine for a charge. These offers are not legitimate and you cannot be refunded the cost by the NHS as claimed by some perfidious individuals

Our Parish Councillors can be contacted on these numbers:

Janice Ash	01460 241141
Andrew Doble	07582776398
Elaine Edwards	01460 241601
Nigel England	01460 241614
Nick Loxton	01460 242435
Pauline Parsons	01460 240193
Chris Reyland	01460 241238

Coronavirus – an update

Mary Corcoran (maryecorcoran2@gmail.com)

Introduction

In the 10 months since the first article in the Seavingtons' News, we have all learnt a lot more about the new coronavirus and Covid-19, the disease it causes. We probably all know people who have had the disease, even within our own families. We may have had to self-isolate because we are contacts of someone who has the disease. Very sadly, 114 people across South Somerset have now died of the disease.

Currently, the rate of coronavirus infection in South Somerset is 237 per 100,000 people, which is less than half the national average of 507 per 100,000 people. We are all playing a part in keeping the infection rate low in the area by:

- staying at home
- keeping a safe distance from people
- wearing a face covering in shops, churches and other enclosed spaces
- washing our hands regularly - for 20 seconds with soap and water

I didn't mention face coverings in the first article as they weren't being recommended at the time. However, with the increasing evidence from the UK and around the world of their effectiveness, the Government has recommended them for some time and includes advice on how to make your own. The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others. However, they are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing. There is also evidence that face coverings protect the wearers. This is thought to be partly through reducing the amount of viruses that reach their lungs, so that even if infected, mask wearers get less sick than those who don't wear face coverings. A face visor or shield may be worn **in addition to** a face covering but not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth.

Vaccination

It's really wonderful to speak to villagers and family members who have already had their vaccination. It's being rolled out around the county and we shouldn't have to travel far. There is a mass vaccination centre at Taunton Racecourse and the health centre in Ilminster is also administering the vaccine. Everyone will get invited automatically when they get to the relevant qualifying group, as listed below:

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and their carers;
2. All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers;
3. All those 75 years of age and over;
4. All those 70 years of age and over and **clinically extremely vulnerable** individuals;
5. All those 65 years of age and over;
6. All individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with **underlying health conditions** which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality. **Unpaid carers** who receive carer's allowance or are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person;
7. All those 60 years of age and over;
8. All those 55 years of age and over; and
9. All those 50 years of age and over.

People in groups 3 and 4 are now starting to be invited as most of those in groups 1 and 2 have been vaccinated - over 4 million people so far, including the Queen and Prince Philip. Side effects in the UK have been minor despite the very large numbers of people vaccinated with both the Pfizer-BioNTech and the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines. You won't get a choice of vaccine at your appointment, just a choice of which arm, and your second dose will be the same vaccine as your first dose.

The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 infection and will reduce your chance of becoming seriously ill. We do not yet know whether it will stop you from catching and passing on the virus, but we do expect it to reduce this risk. So, it is still important to follow the guidance in your local area to protect those around you by social distancing, wearing a face mask and washing your hands carefully and frequently.

The first dose of both Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines give good protection against Covid-19. Therefore, the NHS is giving the first dose to as many eligible people as possible as a priority and delaying the second vaccine dose. This should make the biggest short-term impact on reducing the number of people who might die from Covid-19 and the number of people who have to be admitted to hospital.

Changes to the virus (<https://www.bmj.com/content/372/bmj.n158>)

All viruses undergo genetic changes which are called mutations, resulting in different variants. A common result is that new variants are often more infectious than the original, as has happened with coronavirus. The 'UK variant' is 70% more transmissible than the original coronavirus. This means that one person infected with the new variant will infect more people than someone with the original virus.

The three main vaccines - Oxford AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna - all target the spike protein of the virus, where the new variants (originally identified in the UK, Brazil and South Africa) have mutations. Researchers are still fairly confident that the vaccines will work against the variants, although they are not sure whether protection could be reduced. Because the spike protein is so large, many mutations would be needed to stop it being a vaccine target. If the effectiveness of the vaccines reduces, all 3 vaccines would be relatively straightforward to redesign for a new variant

The only thing spreading faster than Covid-19 at the moment are 'fake news' stories on social media, so if you receive information from any other sources, you might like to check it against the advice here or on these websites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

and to make your own face covering:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

Take-away & Home-delivered Treats

In these unusual times, when we are again confined to our homes and unable to pop out whenever we want to, we might want to give ourselves a treat with a take-away or home delivered meal.

A number of local eateries are offering take-away and some are offering delivery in the Seavingtons. The list below gives details of our nearest businesses offering this service.

1 Seavington Community Shop & Café

Our Community Shop and Café is offering both a take-away and home delivery service on Fridays. The meals are packed so that, if desired, they may be kept in the refrigerator until evening and re-heated in a microwave oven. They are available until the shop closes but should be ordered before 10.00 am the previous day. To order telephone: 01460 249730.

2 The Volunteer Inn

Collection only service. (Delivery to shielding or vulnerable residents can be arranged). The Volunteer Inn is able to offer a limited menu for takeout on specific dates:

Sunday lunches - Tradition English roast with roasted potatoes and vegetables. £11.00 on 31st Jan, 7th, 21st Feb, 7th Mar.

Friday Night Menu - Fish + Chips + Peas or Homemade Pasty + Chips or Burger + Chips £9.00 on 29th Jan, 5th, 19th Feb, 5th March.

(Children and vegetarians catered for, please call to discuss order options.)

Order must be emailed or phoned 48hrs before.

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3 New Farm Restaurant, Over Stratton

The New Farm Restaurant in Over Stratton is offering both take-away and home delivery in the Seavingtons on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

and Saturdays for a range of ready to eat and frozen meals. The menus for both ranges of meals are available at: www.newfarmrestaurant.co.uk; orders should be placed by telephone on: 01460 240584.

4 The New Inn, Dowlish Wake

The New Inn at Dowlish Wake is offering both take-away and home delivery on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday from 12 noon until 6.00 pm. Delivery to a Seavington address costs £2. The menu is available on their web-site: www.newinn-ilminster.com and to order please telephone: 01460 52413. You may also e-mail newinn-ilminster@btconnect.com to receive a daily menu.

5 The Lopen Raj

The Lopen Raj is offering its full menu of Indian and Thai dishes as take-away or with free delivery to a Seavington address. The menu is available at: www.lopenraj.co.uk and orders may be placed by 'phone on: 01460 242566.

St Michael's Church

The church in Seavington remains open at all times for private prayer – or just to sit in some quiet at this hectic time. Please feel free to enter and sit, having used the hand sanitiser available and please register your name and contact number in the book next to it.

Services on a Sunday are limited at present, see page 2 – please watch our Facebook page for details, or the notices on the village information boards. HOWEVER – should anyone wish to be added to the list of parishioners who receive the weekly service video recordings that Ian and Terry Gibson produce, then just send him your email address and he will add you to the list: igchichester@gmail.com

For details regarding funerals, baptisms, weddings and special services, or if you know of anyone in need please contact the Parish Secretary, Shelley Langdon, on 07831 982470 or: office@southpethertonchurch.org.uk. You can also contact the churchwardens: Amanda Jagers 01460 240554 or Anne Shaw 01460 249156.

Community Shop

At the time of going to press there is little or no evidence that the virus has reached our village. However, as a precaution Canon Ian Gibson alongside the Community Shop and the local Village Church, has arranged a small local network of volunteers to help anyone in the village who may have to be self-isolating or need help in any way during the current crisis.

Examples of the help on offer include:

- ◇ Collection of medical prescriptions and delivery to your home
- ◇ Delivery of shopping ordered from our Community Shop
- ◇ Delivery of “take-away” food from our Community Café

So anyone who needs help should contact either the shop or Terry and they will put you on to someone who can help. Telephone numbers are:

Community Shop 01460 249730
Terry Gibson 01460 249566

If there is no answer from the shop then try Terry.

Please note that our Community Shop will continue to restrict its opening hours. **The shop will be open from 8.30 am until 4.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.30 am until 2.30 pm on Saturdays.**

Our Community Café can offer takeaway meals on Fridays, £9 for two courses, please book by 10.00am on Thursday, Menus available in the shop, on Facebook and on the website.

Wine, beers and spirits as usual with a 10% discount for 6 bottles of wine.

Our Fruit and Veg are very popular and we are able to get most things so if there is anything specific that you would like we can order it. If you would like a regular order of fruit and veg this can be arranged so that you are not disappointed if it is sold out. Just leave a message for Pauline Woodward or Terry Gibson in the shop; we usually have two deliveries per week.

These arrangements will be revised in the light of any further instructions from Government or the Health Authorities. The village website www.theseavingtons.org will also be kept up to date about any new information.



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On Facebook & on our website: www.theseavingtons.org/community/village-store-and-cafe

Seavington Village Shop & Cafe, Water St, Seavington TA19 0QH. 01460 249730

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St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton TA1 5HA Thursdays 2pm-4pm
Octagon Theatre, Yeovil BA20 1UX 10.30am – 12.30

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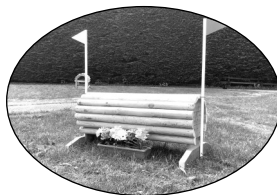
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Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school news

Natalie Nolan (Natalie_nolan@hotmail.com)

We are very pleased we have been able to stay open for this lockdown. We are spending as much time as the children will tolerate outside. This obviously lowers the risk of transferring the virus. The children are coping brilliantly with regards to the extra Covid-19 restrictions, and parents are really amenable lining up outside and waiting until we come out, to collect their children.

We have started the year by learning about 'People who help us'. We are doing lots of activities to help us explore this topic in depth. This fits in with the importance of NHS staff, teaching staff and other critical workers at this time.

We are continuing to explore books and making some of the stories interactive. We will also look at Valentines day and focus some of our arts and crafts around this.

We currently have some spaces available for more children. We have slightly reduced hours at the moment. We are open Tues/Wed/Fri 9am - 2pm (during lockdown/school closures)

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

We are sorry to say, our Toddler group has not reopened yet due to government

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Over the Counter

Marion Bennett (01460 249522)

There's never been a better time to buy as much you can at our Shop! We want to keep you as safe as possible and many of you tell us you do indeed feel very safe.

We are lucky to have spacious premises. Our customers protect each other, the staff and volunteers by wearing their mask (unless exempt for medical reasons). They are patient if they have to queue so that we only have two at a time in the Shop. Customers use hand sanitiser on entering the Shop and we sanitise shopping baskets after each use. We would like to say a big thank you to our customers for being so helpful and to our volunteers and staff for keeping the show on the road.

Although the café has had to close we are very pleased to say that Jane is again offering delicious, great value take-away meals.

Meal Deal on Fridays - £9 for Main Course and Dessert Please order by 10.00 on Thursdays (01460 249730)

- 5th Feb** Hungarian goulash and creamy mash. Coffee cake.
- 12th Feb** Butter chicken, pilau rice and poppadom. Cherry & almond cake.
- 19th Feb** Slow cooked chilli and rice. Date and walnut cake,
- 26th Feb** Pork in cider, creamy mash and peas. Chocolate cake.

All desserts are served with clotted cream.

You can also order paninis and sandwiches. Bon appétit!

Pauline, Diane and our team of purchasers work very hard to keep our shelves well stocked. Our thanks to them. We receive multiple deliveries each week so it's a big operation to check and price them and get the goods on the shelves. If you can't see what you are looking for please ask the till volunteer for help. If you have any special requests, again, please ask the till volunteer.

Just goes to show - what would we do without the till volunteers??? So a little reminder that in the last issue we made a request for "Number 2s" - people to help alongside the till volunteer with jobs such as answering the phone, checking dates, helping customers pack. We'd love to hear from you if you could help. Speak to Terry or Pauline if you want to know more. You can even do a trial shift to see if this is the job for you.

We are pleased to report that the Christmas Draw was very successful, raising £520 for Shop funds. Thanks to Mary for organising it and getting a lovely selection of prizes. In the near future you will see some new chillers in the Shop, replacements for very old, inefficient ones. These are being purchased with a generous grant from the CLT, topped up with Shop funds.

If you moved into the village in the last few years you will remember that Lis paid you a welcome visit and delivered information about the Shop and Cafe. During the pandemic this is not possible but we do like to say hello to new villagers. If you have new neighbours please alert the till volunteer and if you are a new resident please do make yourself known to us in the Shop. Welcome and we hope you will enjoy using the Shop and Cafe and getting to know us.

We are all looking forward to better times ahead. In the meantime stay safe and well!

SPFA Lottery

Jackie Priddle (07706 092578)

The winners in the January draw are:

Place	Prize	January 2021
1st	£40	Leonie Farsworth
2nd	£30	Alan Newberry-Street
3rd	£20	Jenny Froome
4th	£10	Peter Ash

The prizes in this year's lottery are as shown above. We apologise for any misunderstandings over the prize values.

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 16th February 2021. Details for joining any meeting will be put on the village web-site.

SID – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, for the time being the new SID will stay in place just west of Falcon Close. It has now been reconfigured and we have both green and red faces!! We are actively searching for places for positioning our SIDs so if anyone has any ideas please contact the Parish Council

PLANNING :

20/01232/REM – Mr M Hallett - Reserved matters in connection with the erection of 8 dwellings at the top of Upton Lane. New Plans have been submitted regarding the landscaping and the ancient footpath is no longer obstructed. Approved. However, there are still other Reserved matters that are awaiting the submissions of plans for approval.

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

18/02609/FUL – Erection of units to aid the construction and storage of Carnival Carts. South Somerset District Council has cancelled all Area meetings for January and February. The reason for this seems to be assistance being given by officers to put Covid-19 plans in place but also the phosphates problems on the Somerset Levels. An indication has been given that this could lead to Planning Officers being able to make decisions without it going to an Area Committee. The Parish Council will be requesting that this will not be allowed to happen with regards to this application.

FALCON CLOSE – Frontage – Still no up-date on this. Early in the New Year the Parish Council contacted SSDC Planners with regard to this issue. The fact that no Enforcement Order seems to have been put in place and that the Parish Council has received no acknowledgment of their enquiry has been taken up with our District Councillors. There seems no reason that the Parish Council knows why what should be a simple procedure is taking so long. The formation of the footway was part of the original planning permission that was granted and it has not been done.

CAR PARK [Opposite the Volunteer Inn] – Parish Councillors are unaware of the problem that has meant that vehicles are now only being parked in the front spaces and some vehicles are now being parked in Upton Lane. We would be grateful if someone could advise what the problem is so that it can be sorted. There are options around this – the car park could be blocked off, apart from the yellow hatching to allow access to the two properties behind the car park, turned back onto a pond, the area could be sold, or we rent out spaces to residents that have nowhere else to go. If this option is taken we would hope to leave some spaces for others to use. There are, of course other options. The Car Park does belong to the village so what would you like us to do?

FOOTPATHS – With a new lock down in place it has been noted that once again our footpaths are being used by many residents for their daily exercise. Please remember that dogs must always be under control when walking a footpath, not just when you are in a field with animals. Should you come across a problem on a path please let the Parish Council know.

SEAVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION – Please see an article on page 3 of this Newsletter where there is further information regarding The Parish Council becoming the Sole Corporate Trustee of the SPFA with effect from 1st April 2021.

UP-DATING VILLAGE WEB SITE – The Village Web site is being up-dated. We are proposing to take some aerial shots of the village. Can you please let us know if you have objections to this? We will ensure that the only ones used will not show any residents.

Shepton Beauchamp Church School News

Charlie Pattisson (01460 241396)

This wasn't quite how we hoped the term would start but as ever our staff, parents and of course our amazing children have risen to the challenge and have all adapted to the continuing changes and are doing a great job in such a strange time. We have children in school in both classes and many more learning from home. Their teachers are posting online video lessons for the children to respond to and then upload their work for teachers to comment on. Both classes have weekly class catch ups on Teams, the children enjoy seeing their friends and teachers.

We are already looking forward to the summer term when we are really hoping that we will be able to visit Charmouth and Barrington Court. The planned residential trip to Kilve has been moved (again) to the end of July having originally been booked for October and then March!

The children in school have been keeping an eye on the garlic planted in the learning garden and report that we will have a good harvest later in the year.

We are delighted to welcome our new teaching assistants Emma Adams and Jo Lock to the staff team and hope they will enjoy being part of our village school.

FOSS (*Friends of Shepton School*). Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Hamper and sponsored children for the Reindeer Run, we were delighted with the amounts raised and hope to be able to buy something as a 'Well Done' to children when they can return to school.

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Nigel Key (01460 241540) oil@theseavingtons.org

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“Spot the Difference Competition”

In our December 2020 issue we presented you with a Yule-tide puzzle. Two of Andrew Sutton’s drawings of the Old Post Office and Genesta Cottage with subtle differences between them.

The winner was Gill Beveridge who recognised all 25 of the differences and the runner up, drawn from a number of entries which found 22 differences was Shirley Farrington.

Both winners have received their prizes of vouchers to spend in our Seavington Community Shop.

Some entrants suggested that there were more than 25 differences between the pictures, a confusion caused by counting multiple elements of a single difference as separate entities.

From the “Flower Ladies”

Sheila Reyland (01460 241238)

Seavington Church Flower Ladies would like to thank all those who supported us in raising funds for St Michael's Church Trust by way of buying the Christmas wreaths and table decorations that were for sale at the Community Shop. We are pleased to advise that £200 has been given to The Trust.

We would also like to thank The Community Shop for allowing us to use their premises to enable the sale to happen. Perhaps by the end of this year the Millennium Hall will be in use again for a Christmas Fayre. Who knows?

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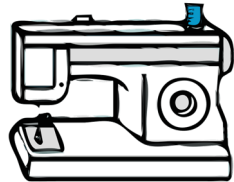
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