

# THE SEAVINGTONS' NEWS

June 2022



Latest on village Jubilee celebrations - Page 22  
Jubilee Fête Programme - centre page pull-out

## Large Garden

Hopefully sunny but feel free to bring cushions and blankets just in case!

## Takeaways

## Sunday Roasts

## Daily Menu

## Snacks

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# The Seavingtons' News

The AGM of the SPFA was held in early May. The Chairman of the Trustees reported on the significant improvements made to the Millennium Hall during the latter stages of 'lockdown' and in subsequent months. The Hall has been repainted throughout, the main floor refurbished, new floor coverings in the vestibule and toilets, new curtains and lighting. The refresh is helping to attract not only former hirers to return but also new organisations and private parties. The revenue from lettings is already well ahead of the comparable period in 2019. If readers have not been in the Hall recently I would urge them to seize any opportunity to have a look.

Concerns have been expressed in the past that regular bookings, particularly those by groups from outside the Seavingtons, are limiting possible use by villagers. A closer look at the booking schedule on the home page [www.theseavingtons.org](http://www.theseavingtons.org) reveals reasonable availability. On Mondays and Tuesdays 11.30 - 17.00, Thursdays 09.00 - 17.00, Fridays after 15.30 and most evenings after 19.30. Anyone thinking of starting up a village activity, whether for young or old, should be encouraged to do so. Further encouragement is provided by the CLT (Community Land Trust) which has just announced possible start-up funding for community groups (see page 11).

This edition devotes a lot of space to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations spanning the four day period 2-5 June. It is evident that a huge amount of work has already gone into organising a series of events, none more so than the fete on the Saturday afternoon. The programme for the fete forms a pull out section in the centre of this edition (see pages 17-20). I hope all readers will turn out and support as many of the events as possible, including the village street party on the Sunday. I am sure everyone will have a great time.

In the absence of a Parish Council report this month, due to technical problems I have encountered, I feel we should congratulate Matt Harley on taking on the role of Chairman.

Stephen Morris - Editor

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Tel: 01460 242058 E-mail: [news@theseavingtons.org](mailto:news@theseavingtons.org)

## St Michael's Church Seavington

Sun 29 May 10.30 am Benefice Cafe Church - South Petherton

Sun 5 Jun 11.15 am Pentecost. Jubilee Café Church.  
SeavingtonCommunity cafe

Sun 12 Jun 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

Sun 19 Jun 10.30 am Family Communion (CW)

Sun 26 Jun 10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Every Monday morning commencing 30 May at 8.00am - Morning Prayer

First Sunday each month - Café Church. Please join us for an informal service in the Seavington Community Café preceded by coffee and croissants. **Everyone is very welcome.**

Rector for Seavington: Rev Tracey Hallett

M: 07854 489753 E: tracey.hallett@icloud.com

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

## The Seavingtons' Weather in April

**This Year - 2022**      **Last Year - 2021**

### Temperature

Average Minimum	3.62°C	1.01°C
Average Maximum	14.90°C	12.97°C
Mean	9.26°C	7.66°C

### Rainfall

Monthly Total	24.0 mm (0.96")	7.7 mm (0.30")
Total for Year	163.6 mm (6.55")	227.5 mm (9.10")

Another really dry month but not as dry as April last year.

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## Village Diary - Forthcoming Events

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

Thurs 26 May	11.00am	Ilminster Literary Festival. 'Gardening the low carbon way' a talk by Sally Nex. Tickets £10 E:www.ilminsterliteraryfestival.org
Thurs 2 June	7.00 pm	Jubilee - Quiz in the Hall. Tickets available from the Seavington Shop
Fri 3 June	9.00 am	Village Walk starting from the café which will be open for drinks and bacon butties
Sat 4 June	All day	The Volunteer open all day. Street food bar-B-Q. Live music in the garden from 7.00pm. Everyone welcome. Free soft drinks to under 12s. Contact Ruth 01460 240126
Sat 4 June	2.00 - 5.00 pm	Jubilee Village Fete on the Playing Field - see pull out section pages 17-20
Sun 5 June	11.15 am	Café Curch in the café
Sun 5 June	1.00pm	Jubilee Village Street Party in the Hall car park
Wed 15 June	10.30 am	Village Get2gether - all welcome. Café Contact Gill Beveridge 01460 242828
Wed 22 June	8.00 pm	Monthly Quiz - The Volunteer. Contact Ruth: 01460 240126

## More Jubilee Events

Throughout the four days of Jubilee celebrations there are more events for everyone to enjoy:

Flower Festival - St Michaels Church 10.00 am-4.00 pm each day

Walking Treasure Hunt - entry forms available from the Village Shop

Scarecrow Competition - Judging commences 28 May

For more details see page 24

To keep up to date, check out the village web site ([www.theseavingtons.org](http://www.theseavingtons.org)) which is updated regularly with information on events and other village matters. Pass the address on to your friends so that they can keep in touch as well.

## Village Diary - Regular Events

### Evolve Fitness

One hour sessions daily, except Tuesdays  
All sessions to be pre-booked with Kierhan Ellis  
Contact E: kierhan@evofitnesstraining.com

### Balance Pilates and Wellbeing

Monday  
Pilates Intermediate at 9.15am - 10am  
Pilates Matwork one All levels 10.10am - 10.55am  
Contact E: lisarock70@gmail.com for booking form

### DMV Sequence Dance Club

Every Wednesday at 7.15pm  
Contact Marj Vincent E: m9dmv@hotmail.com

### Wessex Women's Choir

Every second Saturday 10.30 - 12.30am  
Contact Gail Clarke E: 2gailbclarke@gmail.com

### Yoga and Mindfulness Classes

Every Tuesday  
9.30am Energising Morning Flow  
6.30pm Strong Body and Mind  
Contact Lissa Milton E: hello@lissamiltonyoga.co.uk (see page 25)

### RAMA Life

Wednesdays 11.00-16.00 (see page 26)

### HEC (Home Education)

Fridays 11.00-16.00

For both RAMA and HEC Contact: Jenn Hodge 01460 510042

## Seavington News Distribution

Around 320 copies of The Seavingtons News are printed each month. A copy is delivered to each household in the two parishes free of charge and additional copies are available to pick up in the Millennium Hall, Shop, The Volunteer and Shepton Beauchamp Shop.

The current month's edition and archive copies can be found on-line through the village website: [www.the-seavingtons.org](http://www.the-seavingtons.org), then click on "Village Organisations" "The Seavingtons News" and download a copy onto your device.

If all of that sounds a bit complicated a pdf copy can be e-mailed direct to your e-mail address. Free of charge to villagers or £5 per year for family, friends and former residents living elsewhere.

Alternatively, a hard copy can be posted each month for £15 a year.

Send requests + addresses to the Editor: [news@theseavingtons.org](mailto:news@theseavingtons.org)

## Village Voice - letters to the Editor

Dear Residents of both Seavington St Michael and St Marys.

### Calling For Volunteers

As you will know an election was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May to vote for new County Council, District and Parish Councils.

We had four members of the parishes stand and they duly formed the new Grouped Parish Council Of Seavington St Michael and St Mary. I am now asking for people to come forward to be considered and co-opted onto the new parish council. We have three councillor positions to fill. We are not a political body and have no political party bias.

We meet once a month at 6.30pm in the community shop to discuss and oversee aspects of the parishes from planning applications to dog mess on the footpaths.

Please come to one of our meetings to see how things run before committing if you wish. You are more than welcome. Alternatively contact the parish council clerk to register your interest.

[clerk@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Hope to see you soon,

Matthew Harley

Chair Grouped Parish Council Of Seavington St Michael and Seavington St Mary

*The Seavingtons' News wants to hear and publish your views on both the "News" itself and topics of importance or interest to our community. Please send your letters to the address on page 1. All opinions and views expressed are the sole responsibility of the writer and do not reflect the views of The Seavingtons' News. For legal reasons we must have the name and address of the writer but can normally publish over a pseudonym on request.*

## Jubilee Holiday Waste Collections

Collection of recycled waste normally scheduled for Monday 6 June will be uplifted one day later on Tuesday 7 June.

Garden waste (green bin) collection scheduled for Thursday 2 June will be uplifted Saturday 4 June.



## Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)



### Plant Sale - A BIG THANK YOU

Following a hugely successful Plant Sale on the 14th May, a big thank you must go to everyone who donated plants to sell and to those who came and supported the event by buying them. Also thank you to the helpers and volunteers on the day as well as the Gardening Club committee for their hard work. It was lovely to welcome people back to the Plant Sale. There was an impressive quantity of plants on sale ranging from perennials, shrubs, annuals, vegetables and houseplants. It was great to see a number of people from the village and from further afield; attracted by the reputation of the event. The money raised will be used to support the programme for 2023 & enable us to provide a range of high quality speakers.

### A REMINDER!

Our next village event is the Flower Show on Saturday 13th August in the Millennium Hall. Anyone wishing to make chutney or pickles for the Home Baking category please remember they have to be at least two months old so you might just have time if you start now.

If you haven't got green fingers you could still enter something in the Photography and Craft Classes or the Home Baking Classes and for the younger age group the Children's Classes include several different topics.

You do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club to take part. You just have to live within a 3 mile radius of the parish of Seavington. So please enter as many categories as you can and help to make yet another successful village event.

For further information please contact Jo Culham - tel. 01460 241555

### Parish Council News

Karen Buckley ([clerk@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk))

Due to technical problems it has not been possible to include a PC report.

## We are all vulnerable to cyber attack

The Editor

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In response to my report I learned that they analyse the content and if they discover malicious intent they will:

- Seek to block the address of the sender.
- Work with web hosting companies to remove links to malicious sites.
- Raise awareness of commonly reported suspicious e-mails/methods.

You should **not** report a suspected crime to the Centre. If you think you have been the victim of fraud or cyber crime you should report it without delay to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.



## Over the Counter

Vicky Rahilly ([vickyrahilly30@gmail.com](mailto:vickyrahilly30@gmail.com))

You may have noticed that the cafe has had a further spruce up and I, for one, am loving the blue feature walls. The outdoor seating area is also proving very popular on sunny days. We have recently had local cycling clubs visiting and things are returning to normal.

In order for the cafe to continue offering the excellent service that Jane/Jan and the team currently provide it would really help to have some additional volunteers during busier times. We are looking for people to volunteer during the week with taking food/drink orders, making drinks and serving and clearing tables. Usual shifts run from 10 until 2 but even if you can offer us a couple of hours of your time it would really help. In return it is a great way to meet members of the community.

We are also always keen to welcome volunteers to the shop particularly during the last shift of a weekday (1:30pm – 4.00pm). Full training will be provided, including on the till – which isn't as scary as it seems!

If you are interested in volunteering in either the cafe or shop, please contact Lorraine Davey or Diane Pamplin or pop in and speak to us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Do you have unused Virtual Vouchers?

During the pandemic a virtual voucher scheme was set up. This proved very successful and continues to be used by some customers. There are, however, several accounts/vouchers which have not been used for some time now with various amounts left on them ranging from £20 to 2p. This is just a reminder to let customers know they might have credit on vouchers which could be used in the shop. Don't miss out! (Please note we cannot offer a cash refund on vouchers).

Arts and Crafts update

Seavington resident Sarah Harmer will have her beautiful hand embroidery available for purchase throughout June, including cushions and pictures. Sarah's work has been featured in various national embroidery magazines. We will also have artwork by Philippa Lavers on display in the cafe. Philippa creates wildlife and pet portraits using soft pastels, and her work has been on display in London where she was a finalist in the Explorers Against Extinction Exhibition.

Reminder of Jubilee opening:

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June : 9.00am- 1.30pm shop/9.00am -1.00pm café  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am – 1.00pm shop/9.00am – 12.30pm cafe

## The kite and its flight of fantasy

By: Anthony Leigh

Ray had all but achieved his regular task of 'tidying up' the front garden and now sought some respite as he sat at the table on the small front terrace which, with its afforded elevation, overlooked and provided an appreciated scenic view across the Seavingtons, which began at The Old Parsonage where ducks and chickens roamed freely and gave their fare of a fresh lay of eggs and today, he noticed, in the direction of Coppertails and towards The Beeches and The Pheasant, the added spectacle of one of Martin's huge colourful kites dancing and jostling in the afternoon breeze.

This was becoming a regular feature of the Seavingtons' sky above the Village Shop and Millennium Hall when Martin loosed and wrestled his kites from the playing fields, much to the delight and enjoyment of the local residents. As Ray watched in equal pleasure, he observed also the aerial agitation and inquisitive unease of the local crows, jackdaws, magpies and other birds in the close proximity, with cries that echoed an initial dislike of intrusion albeit, over the previous months, they had grown to accept that this aerial spectacle was not a threat. After a short raucous display of disapproval, they settled and ignored its presence.

Ray decided a hot drink would be a welcome refreshment to add to the afternoon's entertainment and headed for the kitchen to make a well earned cup of tea.

He hadn't gone long but when he returned the blue wispy sky appeared empty of the earlier colourful distraction. However, as he sat down and assumed the oft' collapse of a kite was momentarily depriving him of his afternoon's entertainment, an ominous dark shadow smothered the terrace and surrounding garden into a sudden eerie darkness. With an instinctive but cautious glance toward the direction of the sun, he saw Martin's huge colourful kite fluttering over The Old School House, which was partially hidden behind the cherry tree and, as it drifted slowly and fully into view, his jaw dropped in absolute astonishment. Anne was dangling one handed from the end of the kite string.

'Hello ..' she said with a calm mischievous smile 'I'm Mary Poppins .....' and with a slow gentle wave of her hand, she and the kite drifted aimlessly above School Lane, over Biddys Barn, Seavington House, Hunts House, The Volunteer Inn, The Buckrells and eventually disappeared over Upton Lane.

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## Message from our Rector

*Tracey Hallet*

At last, I have managed to make the deadline and submit a little something for the Seavington News! It is great to be here as the new Rector in the Benefice of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks. My sincere thanks to all the retired Priests who have helped during the long vacancy and for those who are still willing to be part of a team ministry in the four Churches of this Benefice. I know many of you will be particularly grateful for the pastoral care of Reverend Canon Ian Gibson and his wife Terry. Thank you both for your continued support, care and kindness in the community, especially, here in the Seavingtons – it is much appreciated. I am also so delighted to welcome Reverend Simon Baker to our team and his wife Diana who are already very much valued members of the Church and community.

As the Rector there is never a dull moment and always so many highlights to share and celebrate with you. However, for me the biggest highlight this month was holding the first outdoor Church service of the year at Manor Farm, Seavington St Mary. With thanks to the Madge family and their hospitality, we gathered on 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate rogation; it's a time of asking for God's blessing on the land, animals and crops. It is the time when new seeds are planted in preparation to be picked and harvested for harvest festival in Autumn. And so, we all planted pumpkin seeds and were set a challenge to see who could grow the biggest pumpkin to bring to the harvest service in October. In times gone by when everything depended on the local harvest, God's blessing was vital, a failed local harvest meant hungry people, so asking God's blessing at various points was seen as important. We still depend on farming for our food, which makes rogation a good time to pray for farmers as well as asking for God's blessing on their land and animals too. And so, in thankfulness to God for all we have been given, our food and those who produce it, we joined the cows and their calves in the barn and prayed for blessing on the farms and local communities in which we live and share together.

I wonder then what will June bring?

My priority for the summer is to try and get to know the Seavingtons better! Therefore, I am doing my best to be present in the community and will be volunteering in the Seavington café from the end of June. It is so important to me that we build positive relationships, and I am very willing to come and visit you in the comfort of your own homes. Please do let me know if you would appreciate a visit.

As I write we are busily preparing for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and as you are reading this you might even be heading to one of the many local events. We hope that you will all have a fantastic time as we remember our Queen and all she has done in her service to our country. She is certainly a beacon of light and an exemplary leader, quite an example to all of us in following that commandment Jesus left with his followers – 'to love one another, just as I have loved you' ...

What then do we think God's vision of love looks like in our communities, in this Benefice of South Petherton with the Seavingtons

and the Lambrooks? In honesty, to love one another is much easier when everything is ticking along smoothly, yet, to truly love one another means understanding & accepting difference – it's a tough challenge. As we do remember to look out for one another, I pray that you will all enjoy the Jubilee celebrations with those you love, with friends and family alike and as we take part in all that is on offer – let us remember, there are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.

My prayer for our community this June:

Loving God,  
We thank you for the calling upon all of us to share your love as beacons of your light. Would you fill us afresh with the courage and commitment of Jesus so that we can show his love, lighting a beacon for our community, the nation and the world.

With Every Blessing  
Rev Tracey

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## **Community Land Trust**

*John Schofield - 01460 240805*

The Community Land Trust (CLT) was set up to manage the three houses at Falcon Close gifted to the village by Andrew Whitehouse. The houses are let to tenants with a connection to our villages at below market rents, and the income, less expenses, is used to promote and fund good causes within the Seavingtons.

Applications for grants can be made at any time. Please contact a member of the CLT board if you have something you think we could help with. Contact details are on the village website. Recent minor grants have been for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Over 80's Tea and cake at the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

As a new development, we would encourage villagers to apply for 'seed money'. For example, if you are thinking of starting a club or special interest group but are unsure how many of your neighbours might be interested, we can help. Such start up assistance might include: the hire of a room in the Hall or the café, provision of materials and publicity. We would assume that successful endeavours would eventually become self-supporting.

Our three houses are all currently let, with minor maintenance works carried out as needed. Vacancies which arise in the future will be advertised in the shop and on the village website.

For more information look at the CLT section of the village website:

'Theseavingtons.org' and follow the links: 'Village Organisations' and 'Community Land Trust'.

## Sydney Vaux photograph collection

*Phil Nichols*

The Seavington News was kind enough to publish a brief article in August 2021, about the 'discovery' of a large number of glass plate negatives. I felt sure they were the work of Sydney Vaux (1879-1968), carpenter, wheelwright, and amateur photographer of Jubilee Cottage, West Street, Seavington St Mary.

Two readers of the 'News' responded saying that they might be able to help identify some of the people and scenes. Along with other colleagues, we've now been able to prove that these were indeed taken by Sydney Vaux, probably over the period 1905-1915.

Positive images have been made of each of the 675 negatives, and the glass plates are now at Somerset Heritage Centre for conservation and the production of high-resolution copy images.

To make them available locally, we'll be including eight sample images in the small exhibition of photographs as part of the Platinum Jubilee weekend (4 and 5 June); the subjects are farming, a wedding, the Friendly Society and the 1911 Coronation celebrations. There will be an opportunity to see a larger selection when the collection is launched with an illustrated talk on 7th October 2022 (7.30pm) at the Millenium Hall.

For more information on the Sydney Vaux collection, see <https://somerset-cat.swheritage.org.uk/records/A/EWV> or contact Phil Nichols e-mail : [barlands@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barlands@hotmail.co.uk), or Jane de Gruchy T: 01823 278805.

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## Seavington Villages Oil Scheme

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The closing dates for the next orders are:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July      Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

If users of the scheme have not already done so could they provide me with an e-mail address which will only be used if there are last minute changes.

To take advantage of the scheme and to place an order contact Nigel Key T:01460 241540 E: [oil@theseavingtons.org](mailto:oil@theseavingtons.org)

## St Margaret's Support Groups Taunton and Yeovil

St Margaret's Support Groups are open to anyone affected by a life-limiting illness – patients, their families and friends. As well as providing an opportunity to meet others in similar situations, our trained volunteers can offer visitors:

a listening ear ◊ provide free information ◊ help signpost to other services  
 The groups are run on a drop-in basis – there is no need to book or to be referred  
**Or perhaps you would like to become a volunteer to help run these groups?**

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

For further information please contact Lesley Burgess  
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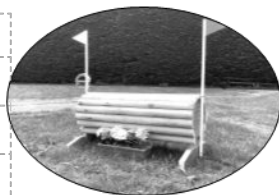
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### Free Traditional Fete Games

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### Free Crown Competition

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## Programme of Events

1.15 pm **The Friday Band Bell Ringers**

Ring in the event from St Mary's Church

2.00 – 2.15 pm **Parade of The Seavington Hounds** (Arena Area)

2.15 – 2.45 pm **Wessex Women's Choir** (Hall Garden)

Wessex Women is a small women's choir based in Dorset and Somerset. They sing beautiful songs from around the world, mainly a cappella.

2:15 – 2.45 pm **Kite Demonstration** (Arena Area)

2:45 - 3:15 pm **Races** – Part 1 (Race Track)

Hobby Horse Race  
(Sponsored by Richard A Hunt, Garden and Equestrian)

Egg and Spoon, Three Legged and Sack Races

3:00 – 3.30 pm **Ilminster Ukulele Band** (Hall Garden)

The Ilminster Ukulele Club present a lively foot-tapping programme of rock, pop, and folk. Feel free to sing along.

3:15 – 3.45 pm **Fun Dog Show\*** – Part 1 (Arena Area)

Best Biscuit Catcher  
Best Child Handler  
Waggiest Tail

3:45 – 4.15 pm **Races** – part 2 (Race Track)

4:15 – 4.45 pm **Fun Dog Show\*** – Part 2 (Arena Area)

Best trick  
Dog most like its handler  
Best Royal Bandanna

4:30 – 4.55 pm **Ilminster Ukulele Band** (Hall Garden)

4.45 – 5.00 pm **Crown Parade** and judging. Winners to draw the **Raffle**

5.00 pm **National Anthem**

\*Please register your entry for the Dog Show at the Hoopla stand

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And last, but certainly not least, those villagers who gave freely of their time, who do not wish to be publicly acknowledged, but know who they are. This could not have happened without you!

Please note that this list, and the programme, was accurate at the time of going to print.

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**1 PM SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**  
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## THE SEAVINGTONS PLATINUM JUBILEE FETE AND CELEBRATIONS

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Not long now! Lots of people have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to enable the programme of events. We are almost ready. Are you? Have your children designed their crown? Have you made/purchased a hobby horse? Don't worry if not, there will be a few hobby horses that may be loaned, and crowns may be made at the fete in the Free Children's Craft Tent. You also need to consider how you are going to decorate your table at the Right Royal Knees Up (street party) on the Sunday. I believe that there are still stocks of Jubilee related items in the village shop.

Have you noticed the yellow pages in the centre of this edition? It's the fete programme for you to pull out and keep. It is accurate at the time of going to print, but more is being added daily so expect some surprises. Whilst there will be numerous opportunities to entertain yourself free of charge, you may wish to consider bringing plenty of change for the tombola etc. However, change will not be required for the BBQ, bar and ice creams as you will be able to pay by contactless.

Sheila Reyland and Pauline Parsons have everything in hand for the bric-a-brac stall and tombola. The bric-a-brac is going to be arranged in cost order – much easier for those who are not comfortable bartering! Door-to-door collections of non-perishable items for the tombola are scheduled for week commencing 23 May.

Sheila and Pauline have also received some entries for the scarecrow competition. Whilst not obligatory, rather than risk not being included just drop us a line if you intend to take part. Photos will be taken week commencing 28 May, which will be on display at the fete where you may vote for your favourite. The winner will be announced at the street party.

The Fun Dog Show classes are best biscuit catcher; best child handler; waggiest tail; best trick; dog most like its handler; and best royal bandanna. Entry cost is 50p per class. You will need to register on the day at the hoopla stand. For health and safety reasons dogs must always be kept on a lead whilst attending the fete.

Classic vehicle entries are in double figures, but just bring yours along on the day if you feel like so doing. You will need to arrive between 12 noon and 1pm, as the shop/hall car park will be restricted after 1pm.

We also have an ever-increasing list of those over the age of eighty, who live in the village and would like to be invited for a free cuppa and cake. It's not too late to add your name if you wish.

It's also not too late for local businesses to offer sponsorship. We thank those who have already done so.

Tickets for the Quiz Night (2 June 2022) are already on sale and going fast.

The route of the Village Walk (3 June 2022) will be decided upon on the day dependent upon the ability of those who attend – please do not feel that you cannot attend if you are not a speed or Nordic walker. It is meant to be fun, and I am sure it will be.

Rev. Tracey looks forward to welcoming you to Café Church (5 June) that will be followed by our Royal Knees Up in the car park (1.00 pm).

Walking Treasure Hunt entry forms will be available from the shop from the end of May. The winners will be announced in the next edition of the Seavington News.

In between times you may wish to visit the Flower Festival at St Michaels Church (from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm daily).

We look forward to seeing you.

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### Royal Pub Trivia

The Editor

A small band of enthusiastic quizers gathered in The Volunteer on 18 May to tackle questions set by John Maunce. The first round was all about HM Queen Elizabeth II. See how you get on.

- 1 - Before the Queen was married what was her family name?
- 2 - What other title did Princess Elizabeth have before her coronation?
- 3 - Which year did the Queen describe as her 'Annus Horribilis' ?
- 4 - What did Prince Philip 'sing' to the Queen after her coronation?
- 5 - The Queen is fluent in which other language?
- 6 - Where was Elizabeth in line of succession when she was born?
- 7 - In which publication were the Queen and Prince Philip referred to as Brenda and Brian?
- 8 - What did the Princess Elizabeth and her sister do when armistice was declared at the end of WWII?

Answers on page 25.

## Tree Warden Update - Spring 2022

### Ash Die Back

*Alan Graham*

Has anyone else noticed how slowly the ash trees are coming into leaf this year? It is well-known that ash trees come into leaf at different times each year, sometimes not reaching full leaf until mid-June. Now it has rained many of the village ash trees do seem to be catching up. The big worry is that the late leaf break this year may be a sign that Ash dieback, also known as 'Chalara ash dieback' (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*), has reached Seavington. The spread in Britain seems to have started in 2012 in the east of the country and has now reached every county. In case the disease has reached us the following information has been gathered from the Tree Council and the Forestry Commission (Forest Research).

Chalara ash dieback is caused by a fungus and is mainly spread by the wind and to a lesser extent by contact with diseased wood and fallen leaves. The fungus prevents the flow of sap, eventually causing the ends of branches to die, especially at the top (crown) of the tree. There is currently no known cure, but some trees have shown resistance, and others seem to have recovered after an attack of the disease.

The current advice is that felling will not solve the situation, but will stop natural resistance from developing. Therefore it is important to leave ash trees standing as long as possible so that they continue to provide valuable habitat and have time hopefully to develop some resistance to the fungus. Ash is one of our most useful and versatile native tree species, providing valuable habitat for a wide range of dependent species.

Where safety is an issue, a staged programme of management is recommended. The removal or shortening of dead branches is the first step. Crown reduction is also a possibility, with felling only to be used as a last resort. If a tree poses no potential danger to life it may be left standing to continue to provide habitat, and develop resistance.

If you are in doubt about the presence of Chalara (ash dieback) or the safety of a tree it is recommended to seek the advice of a trained professional. If the tree is on public land the owner or manager should be consulted. Careful management could help save these beautiful trees.

Let's hope that the population of native ash trees learns to adapt and live with this fungus just as we humans are learning to live with Covid-19.

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## The Dormouse who got Half a Million Pounds

*Adele Deane*

The Dormouse who got Half a Million Pounds was a story I that I wrote during the pandemic. It was inspired by our relocation to Somerset in May 2020 where we first rented in Langport for 6 months and finally settled into our new home in Seavington Saint Michael in January 2021.

We visited many local villages and houses during that time and also found a property we liked in Crewkerne. We gained the new redevelopment plans to discover many changes were being made to the town and the fields which were opposite the house were going to become the new housing estate. Plans highlighted where the money would be spent and we were pleasantly surprised to discover the amount for the protection of the wildlife.

An idea for a story evolved and Hazel Dormouse was born. This story is developed in a humorous way with educational undertones and is aimed at children 4-9 years. The story will help them understand and explore conservation issues and the importance of protecting the wildlife and in particular this endangered species.

I am a primary school teacher but also have my own business *workshopsforschoolsandnurseries* in which I work with many freelance artists delivering workshops across the curriculum in schools across the UK. Bob Moulder is one artist who I work with and was interested in illustrating my book. He also illustrated the colouring activity book which is also now available. The book can purchased on its own, price £6.50 or with a colouring activity pack, price £12. Copies should still be available in the Seavington shop.

### Royal Pub Trivia – Answers

1 – Lilibet, 2 – Duchess of Edinburgh, 3 – 1992, 4 – “Where did you get that hat?” made famous by Stanley Holloway, 5 – French, 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> in line to the throne, behind Edward VIII and George VI, 7 – Private Eye, 8 – Elizabeth and Margaret slipped out of the palace to celebrate with the crowds in the street.

## Bug of the Month: Lyme Disease

Anne Crowther

Days are lengthening, and people are emerging from their winter hibernation to enjoy the great outdoors. So too is the tiny tick that spreads Lyme Disease. Although disease carrying ticks have been around for centuries, Lyme disease got its name in 1975 after several cases occurred in Old Lyme, Connecticut, USA. At that time the disease was thought to be caused by a virus. In 1981 the causal bacteria spirochetes (coil or spiral in Latin) were discovered in the midguts of deer ticks by a researcher in the Rocky Mountain Laboratories. The disease passes from an infected feeding tick to its human host through its saliva. It can be successfully treated with antibiotics. Untreated it can spread to the nervous system, other areas of the skin, joints, or occasionally to the heart.

Lyme Disease is rare, with around 1000 laboratory confirmed cases reported annually in England and Wales with about 15% of these cases acquired overseas. People of all ages can be affected, with highest rates occurring between 24 and 64 years. Cases have been reported from all over England and Wales, but more frequently in southern counties. Studies in Europe suggest that 1-5% of tick bites can lead to Lyme disease. A small number of people treated for early Lyme disease can develop more severe symptoms months or years later. This is usually if the treatment they receive is delayed or uncompleted. If you are exposed to Lyme disease, speak to your GP if symptoms return or don't improve.

Looking for ticks on yourself, children, and pets after you visit green spaces where they may be present is important. Prompt tick removal can reduce the chances of acquiring Lyme disease. Symptoms can include a 'Bull's Eye' rash, (round or oval shaped with a red centre and outer raised rim) and feeling flu-like, or generally unwell. Symptoms can take 1-4 weeks from being bitten to appear. If there is no rash, a blood test may be needed to confirm the presence of Lyme. It is worthwhile making a note of where and when you were bitten to aid diagnosis when you contact the GP if symptoms develop.

Typing 'Highland GP tick removal' into your search engine will take you to an informative video (10 min) on Ticks and their Removal. The removal bit is at 4 min 55 seconds in.

The 'Be Tick Aware' toolkit produced by the UK Health Security Agency (also available online) is helpful too.

## Three Saints Federation



### Together We Flourish

#### Shepton Beauchamp Church School - Summer is here

With the arrival of warmer weather and dryer days we are able to get out and about more. We have enjoyed coaching from the Somerset Cricket Foundation for the past two weeks. Our children have become particularly good fielders!

Next week our Juniors in Years 3 to 6 are going on a Geography Field Trip with our partner school St Mary and St Peter's. The children will be visiting Magdalen, near Chard where a number of studies will be carried out in the field.

Next month we will be holding a "Sports Fest" day with St Mary and St Peter's School. The children will be taking part in a wide range of sports including having a try and some very different activities!

We are gearing up for visits from our new Reception Class children and families who are joining us in September. Three visits and stays at school will be happening during May and June and our Infant Class Teacher Mrs Wells cannot wait for our home visits to meet the families joining us.

We still have some places available for September, so please do pass our details on to any families who may be new to the area. Our link to our website and our prospectus is below.

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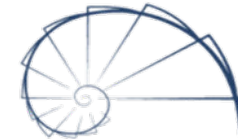
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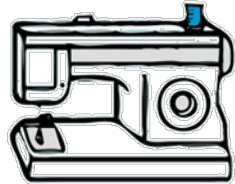
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