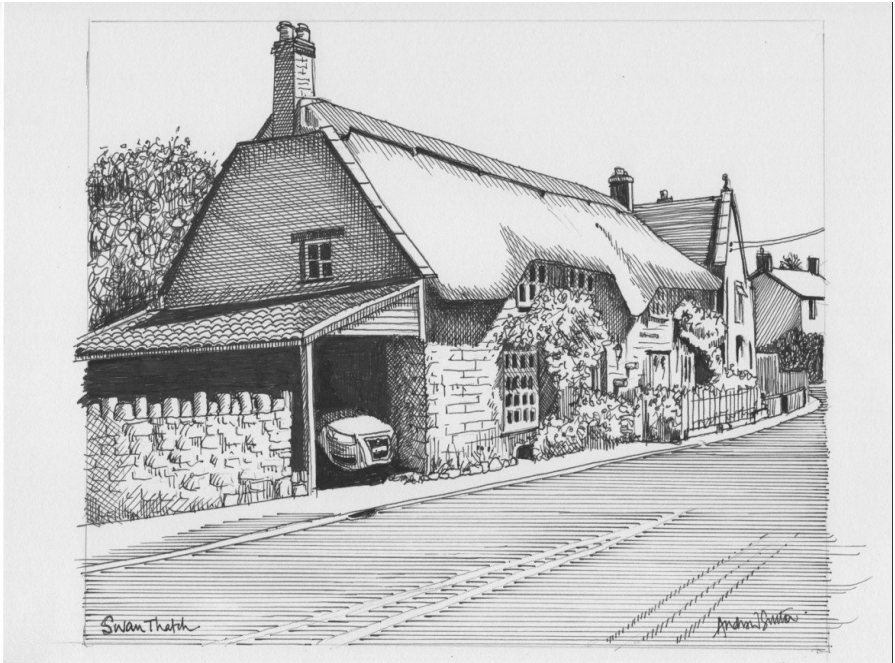


# THE SEAVINGTONS' NEWS

September 2022



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## 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

On 13<sup>th</sup> August the Gardening Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Show was staged in the Millennium Hall. Jo Culham and other members of the committee did a brilliant job of organising the show. Do not underestimate how much work is needed to make it all happen. The quality of entries was high but overall numbers, both in terms of entrants and exhibits, were lower than pre-COVID times. Maybe it isn't understood that you don't have to be a member of the Gardening Club to enter?

The sun shone and many enjoyed tea and home made cakes sitting at tables laid out in the shade around the garden. The innovation this year of serving teas from the cafe kitchen was a great success. At the end of the day the show is supposed to be a bit of fun and one of the few opportunities for villagers to get together.

Following my appeal for help to keep some of the local footpaths clear of nettles and brambles I am pleased to report that I have been approached by three villagers able and willing to spare an hour or two. By an accident of spell-check, 'strimming' in one exchange of e-mails became 'strumming' and I have a hunch the name will stick. The first foray onto Easterdown took place a week or so ago and more will be arranged. Its not too late for anyone else to join the "Strummers". Just give me a call.

One of the interesting aspects of being Editor is that I never know where the next contributor will come from. Sometimes that call comes from a villager and on other occasions from further afield. You will recall that I have Cecilia Córdova writing from Venezuela and more recently Janet Kiddle, has been in touch from Australia. She is a mine of historical information about her ancestors who lived in Seavington House. Her articles prompted me to wonder whether they should be added to the Seavington Web Museum. As far as I can see there have been no updates or additions to the Museum in the last 10 years. Does anyone know if this is feasible?

The Editor

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## St Michael's Church Seavington

Mondays 8.00 am Morning prayers (Iona/CW)  
 Sun 4 Sept 11.15 am Café Church in Seavington Community Café  
 Sun 11 Sept 10.30 am Family Communion  
 Sun 18 Sept 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Mon 19 Sept 6.30 pm Meeting @ St Michaels to discuss the new pattern of worship. Everyone welcome.  
 Mon 25 Sept 10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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 July

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

### Temperature

Average Minimum	12.44°C	13.90°C
Average Maximum	24.00°C	22.97°C
Mean	18.22°C	18.18°C

### Rainfall

Monthly Total	18.9mm (0.76")	68.3mm (2.73")
Total for Year	346.2mm (13.85")	521.5 mm (20.86")

The temp reached 34.1°C (93.4°F) on the hottest day.

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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*

Sun 4 Sept	11.15 am	Café Church in the village café
Thurs 8 Sept	3.00 pm	Gardening Club 40th Anniversary - members celebration (see page 6)
Thurs 15 Sept	10.30 am	Gardening Club visit to Castle Gardens, Sherborne. Talk + 25% discount on goods purchased (see page 6)
Thurs 15 Sept	3.00 pm	CLT (Community Land Trust) AGM
Fri 16 Sept	7.30 pm	RSPB AGM + illustrated presentation by Damon Bridge, RSPB Conservation Officer. (see page 7)
Sat 17 Sept	9.00 am	Just a Brisk Walk - start Hall car park. Duration: about an hour returning to the car park. Contact: Matthew Towill E: towill916@btinternet.com
Tues 20 Sept	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting - Café
Wed 21 Aug	10.30 am	Village Get2gether - all welcome. Café Contact Gill Beveridge 01460 242828
Wed 28 Sept	8.00 pm	Monthly Quiz - The Volunteer. Contact Ruth: 01460 240126
Fri 7 Oct	7.00 pm	Launch of the Sydney Vaux historic photograph collection (see page 11)
Sat 15 Oct	6.45 pm	Village Harvest Supper (see page 16)

### Events nearby

Sat 10 Sept	12.00 pm onwards	Dinnington Dog Show, Pondhayes Farm, Dinnington. (see page 27)
Thurs 29 Sept	10.15 am	Thursday Group: 'Trick or Treat' a talk by Richard Kay on fakes and forgeries in the art market. Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster (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  
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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 Gentle Hatha Yoga  
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

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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.

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

## Village Voice - letters to the Editor

### A Letter from The Poo-Bag Dispenser Replenishment Operative

Dear Sir. Since taking up this prestigious and key role a few months ago I have noticed what previous office-holders have remarked on: the mysteriously high rate of consumption from the eastern dispenser. Scores of bags can disappear overnight, enough for large wolf packs and their elfin masters, running across the silver fields of the night, carefully to keep the grass clean.

Since metaphysical wolf packs don't exist, I can only conclude that someone is taking the bags for other reasons than their intended purpose, that is occasional use when you have forgotten to bring your own.

Please just take them one at a time.

Installation of a poo-bag CCTV system would be entirely disproportionate, but we may have other ways of identifying the malefactor. Public ridicule could await!

If you have a genuine need for large quantities of poo-bags, let me know, and I will arrange a supply. Then at least I can check the dispensers less frequently.

John Schofield  
Church Street,  
Seavington St Mary  
T: 01460 240805

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### Reproduced from an e-mail received 5 Aug 22

Hi. A few of our club members had a fabulous visit to your Community Café today and were made most welcome by your attentive staff.

It was refreshing to have such great service and from such young people.

Thank you and we will be back!

Richard Sykes  
Cycle Somerset

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## Seavington Gardening Club

Kate Mulligan (01460 242023)



### 40th Anniversary Flower Show

It was a bit ironic that the last Flower Show (2019) featured concern about the weather as, over the 48 hours before it was due to open, there were gale force winds and torrential downpours. This time, yet again, the weather played a key role as we have had prolonged drought issues and some of the highest temperatures recorded in the month leading up to the show.

However, nothing was going to deter our special 40th Anniversary Flower Show. I am pleased to say that, although entry numbers were down on previous years, this year still proved to be a colourful and productive show.

A huge thank you must go to the judges for doing a great job and also to all the volunteers and helpers throughout the day. Thank you to the cafe for their help serving afternoon refreshments and making life so much easier for the organisers. Thank you to the Gardening Club Committee for their hard work and an even bigger thank you to everyone who took part in the show or who turned up to support it on such a sweltering day.

It was fitting that David and Anne Wills were able to present the prizes in our 40th year as they have been heavily involved with the Gardening Club almost since the beginning. Thank you to them. I wonder what the weather will have in store for us next year!

A full round up of results are attached in the magazine. See pages 17-20.

### Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 8th September** in the Millennium Hall - a social event for members and invited guests only to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Seavington Gardening Club. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL START AT 3PM AND NOT 7.30PM AS IT STATES IN THE PROGRAMME.

**Thursday 15th September** at 10.30am a members' visit to Castle Gardens (Garden Centre) Sherborne for a talk followed by a 25% discount shopping event.

Not a member? It's never too late to join.  
Contact Jo Culham - tel. 01460 241555

## SOUTH SOMERSET RSPB GROUP

RSPB Conservation Work on the Somerset Levels and Moors

### Annual General Meeting

followed by

An illustrated presentation by Damon Bridge (RSPB Conservation Officer). We will learn about the RSPB's work to help address the climate and natural emergencies. Also an update on The Great Crane Project.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - 7.30pm The Millennium Hall, Seavington**

Entry: Group members £4, non-group members £5, under 18's £1 (tea/coffee & biscuits included) – wheelchair access

### NON-MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

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# Notes from the Parish Council

*Matt Harley - Chairman*

Some time ago a piece was written in the News regarding the Volunteer Inn – 'Use it Or Lose It'. On Saturday 6 August Colin and Ruth put on a BBQ and music which was a lovely evening supported by some of the villagers. Food was great, exactly what you would want from a pub BBQ, and the music was a foot tapping joy to listen to. Conversation flowed and I think everyone who attended would agree it was a good evening. My partner and I have been guilty of not using our 'local' enough but, after the event we will be using 'The Volly' more and try and support Colin and Ruth and a valuable asset to our community. I urge you to do the same before sadly it will be gone.

A water pump situated in Scott's Hill has raised some interest. Written on the pump is

*'Preserved for the Parish Council and Parishioners as a village memorial to older times by EA Bradberry Esq 1965'*

If anyone has any more information about the history of the pump please let me know.

On another note, dog mess is starting to appear on the footpaths and the playing field. A bin is provided on the playing fields and in the corner of the shop car park bordering Water Street. Please take poo bags with you and pick up your dog's mess and dispose of the bags in the bins provided or take home to dispose of responsibly. Just a reminder dogs are not permitted in the play area at the playing fields.

## **Parish Council Business**

Co-option of Councillors

We are pleased to announce the co-option of Jeff Booker, who will be overseeing the neighbourhood watch scheme and Sally Whitefield who will be co ordinating litter picks within the two villages. Both new councillors are warmly welcomed to the Parish Council, and we thank them for their time. We still have one more seat vacant so please come forward and help your village.

SIDS and Community Speed Watch

The data collection has now been completed in the Water Street area from 5/2/22 to 4/8/22 and the data is showing an average speed of 22.7 MPH . In both directions, 85% of the vehicle movements had an average speed of 28.5 MPH. This is the measurement Highways and the police use to decide if there is a problem. 105116 vehicle movements were detected during this period. The next data collection will be traffic travelling East and West on New Road starting 12/8/22.

Highways Issues

Wessex Water has been out to inspect the dropped cover at the junction of School Lane and New Road. The cover will be raised and replaced. Highways will be contacted regarding the drain covers along New Road and asked to inspect and raise them. Other areas have been highlighted by Highways for Work.

Ranger Scheme and Footpaths Update

The ranger has informed us that fly tipping is still happening in Longforward Lane and will notify the correct agencies for removal. Councillor Reyland met with SSDC footpaths officer and clarified which footpaths were our responsibility and which were theirs. Two broken stiles in St Marys will be replaced with gates.

General Parish Council Business

The Ash tree in the play area had to be felled recently due to disease and the risk it posed to people in the play area. A shame to lose such a lovely tree. It has been proposed that the large stump be carved to show a Honey Buzzard in pose.

Two new village notice boards have been ordered and will be arriving in September to replace the old and tired ones at the junction of Water Street and New Road and the Hall.

A Parish Council suggestion box was proposed to be sited in the shop for residents to use.

A new Seavington Parish Council Facebook page will be going live on the 17<sup>th</sup> September with updated information and events posted on it. If you have an event coming up in the Autumn / Winter, please feel free to post it on the page or email it to me for inclusion.

Month to month council work progresses as normal.

Minutes of the Parish Council meetings and agenda are posted on the Seavington website,

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on 20 September at 6.30pm in the shop café. All are welcome to attend and to put questions to the Parish Council.

Matthew Harley, Chairman, Seavington Parish Council

[m.harley@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:m.harley@seavingtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Message from our Rector

*Reverend Tracey Hallet*

September always feels to me that it is the start of a new year and for many it is, as they return to school and work after the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you involved in education, for those returning to schools, colleges, university and for all children who are in transition from one school year to another and particularly for those starting school or preschool for the first time. Lord, we pray for our children to thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, school, church and in community. Amen.

And so, to mark the start of the new school year we are holding a special service 'The blessing of school bags' at St Peter and St Paul's South Petherton on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 09.30am. If you are returning to work in education, or you have a child who is returning to school or even starting school for the first time - we want to bless all in our community and what better way to do it than in a special service - everyone welcome.

We will also be holding the annual Benefice Giving Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - this day offers everyone in the community an opportunity to gift financially to the Churches in the Benefice. We really do rely on your help to support the upkeep of the Churches in our Benefice. Our expenditure just to keep the doors open significantly outweighs our income. With that said, interestingly, over the past few months, I have met with many 'unsung heroes' of the Church and community. So many people play such an important part in the life of the Church and their faith plays a quiet yet important part in their commitment too. It seems to me that our unsung heroes just quietly get on with the role they play and equally enjoy it very much. For each of them the Church means something. The Church is important to so many people who might not necessarily join in with the regular worship services but are still involved. I've heard stories of how being quietly involved has been transformational in people's lives. Therefore, I wonder 'What does the Church mean to you - is it important to you and if so, why? I'd love to hear your thoughts, please do email me or if you have the time pick up the phone.

At St Michael's Church Seavington we are beginning to consider our patterns of worship and therefore I will be reviewing this with the Church wardens and members of the congregation on Monday 19 Sept 1830 at the Church, if you might like to be included, please do contact me. However, for now I will leave you to ponder as I pray for all of you, for those who I see regularly in Church and for those of you who do not come to church but are part of the local community. With all good wishes and prayers - Rev Tracey

## Community Land Trust AGM

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 Steavingtons.

The CLT Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 3 pm in the Millennium Hall. We have moved from an evening to an afternoon meeting because the hall is currently almost fully booked. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Members may submit resolutions for the AGM. These should be received by the Board by 18<sup>th</sup> August.

To circulate the agenda and any resolutions received, we rely largely on e-mails. Would members who have changed their e-mail addresses recently **PLEASE** let us know their new address. Much nugatory work can thus be avoided!

We would strongly encourage potential new members of both the CLT and the CLT Board to put their names forward. Two long-standing members of the Board will step down at the AGM and we are seeking replacements. The workload is not onerous, meeting for a couple of hours every other month, and dealing with issues which arise between meetings by e-mail. Come and help with a very worthwhile village activity.

For more information, please look at the CLT section of the village website: [Theseavingtons.org](http://Theseavingtons.org) and follow the links: 'Village Organisations' and 'Community Land Trust'.

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## Over the Counter

*By special guest Martin Crowther*

### Easy Chair?

With Vicky taking a well-earned holiday, we thought it might be a good idea for me to pick up the keyboard and provide a guest edition of Over the Counter. How difficult could it be I thought. I'll let you all be the judge!

By the time you read this, hopefully we will have held a successful AGM highlighting the successes of the last year and our future plans. Since I'm somewhat new to the role of Chair, the credit and thanks must go to my predecessor Terry and the team for steering such a successful course through the choppy waters of the last couple of years. It's quite a legacy to live up to!

Preparing for the AGM has also been a good opportunity for me to remind myself what a gem the Shop and Café are and the role they play in our village. For Anne and I, it was an important factor in us originally moving here. Anne argued that it meant our day-to-day essentials were available within walking distance whilst for me, to be honest, it was more about the Carrot Cake.

### Odd Stacking

One of the fun tasks I help with a little is stacking the shelves following the weekly deliveries of stock. It's definitely a team effort and a lot of work goes on in the background with each item needing to be ticked off and scanned and stock level information updated. Besides improving my Tetris skills, it has been a really good way to get an insight into just how wide and varied our stock is and which items are popular. It's been very noticeable, for example, that with the warm weather our chilled cabinet has needed a seemingly endless supply of drinks cans, lemonades and, yes, chilled white and rose wine.

Reflecting the endless news headlines, it has also been noticeable how much more frequently items are coming through with increased prices. Sadly, it's not something within our gift to control but we are all motivated to do as much as we can to search out the best value items to stock.

### Arts and Crafts update

During September we are delighted to welcome back Sandi Mower of Gekko Art. Sandi, a resident of Barrington, has had a frequent slot in our arts and crafts area and her watercolour animal portraits always sell

very well. Small items such as notebooks, tote bags, mugs, coasters and tea towels make lovely gifts- even (dare I say it) ideal stocking fillers. Sandi's artwork will also be on display and available for purchase in the cafe. We also stock her range of cards which are a firm favourite.

### In Conclusion

Well, as I look out of my window, the Goldfinches are queueing up for the last of the sunflower hearts in the feeder so it's time for me to stop typing and pop down to the shop and buy some more. As I said, our stock is wide and varied!

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**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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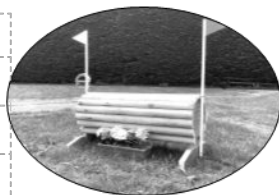
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## Date for your Diary Village Harvest Supper In the Millennium Hall Saturday 15 October 2022

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Bring your own drink + glasses.

Also some cash for the Draw - we will be unable to accept cards.

Tickets will be on sale in the Seavington Community Shop from 22 September until 10 October. Numbers will be limited so please buy your tickets early.

If you would like more information or have any queries please contact Sheila Reyland T: 01460241238

## Seavington Gardening Club - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Show

Results - Division 1 'Flowers'

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Flowers (Division 1)</b>			
1 Roses - Best Scented	PAULINE WOODWARD	LIS TOPE	MARY CORCORAN
2 Roses - Single Specimen Bloom	LIZ HAYDEN	LIS TOPE	SUE CLARKE
3 Roses - Multi Headed	LIS TOPE	KATE MULLIGAN	CYNTHIA BROWN
4 Hydrangea, any variety	KATE MULLIGAN	LIS TOPE	ELAINE MORRIS
5 Vase of Annuals	LIZ HAYDEN	ANN CLIFFORD	-
6 Vase Mixed Flowering Stems	LIS TOPE	GLYNIS TIPPING	JANE CHITTY
7 Vase of Mixed Flowering Stems, one variety	LIS TOPE	KATE MULLIGAN	PAULINE WOODWARD
8 Flowering Shrub	KATE MULLIGAN	ELIZABETH FORREST	LIZ HAYDEN
9 Dahlias - one variety	SUE CLARKE	KATE MULLIGAN	KAREN HIBBITT
10 Dahlias - mixed varieties	BRYAN CHITTY	KATE MULLIGAN	KAREN HIBBITT
11 Salvia - any variety	LIZ HAYDEN	ANN CLIFFORD	LIS TOPE
12 Gladioli	CYNTHIA BROWN	LIZ HAYDEN	-
13 Sweet Peas	JEN DEUBERT	GLYNIS TIPPING	-
14 Novice Class - Vase of Mixed Flowering Stems	SHARRON HUTCHINGS	-	-
15 Foliage Pot Plant	JOHN HANRATTY	LIZ HAYDEN	JANE CHITTY
16 Flowering Pot Plant	ELAINE MORRIS	KAREN HIBBITT	JEN DEUBERT
17 Flower Arrangement - 'Some Like It Hot'	LIZ HAYDEN	-	-
18 Flower Arrangement - an arrangement in a vase	LIZ HAYDEN	JOY MADGE	-
19 Flower Arrangement - 'Delight in Detail'	LIZ HAYDEN	-	-
<b>Overall: 1st - Liz Hayden 23pts;</b>	<b>2nd - Lis Tope 16pts;</b>	<b>3rd - Kate Mulligan 14pts</b>	

## Results - Division 2 'Vegetables and Fruits'

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Vegetables &amp; Fruit (Division 2)</b>			
20 Soft Fruit Potatoes - White	LIZ HAYDEN	BRYAN CHITTY	-
21 Dessert Apples	STEPHEN MORRIS	BRYAN CHITTY	-
22 Stone Fruit	BRYAN CHITTY	-	-
23 Arrangement of different Herbs	LIZ HAYDEN	BRYAN CHITTY	CYNTHIA BROWN
24 Potatoes - White	STEPHEN MORRIS	MARY CORCORAN	BRYAN CHITTY
25 Potatoes - Coloured	BRYAN CHITTY	JOHN HANRATTY	-
26 Onions (dressed)	ELIZABETH FORREST	SUE CLARKE	-
27 Shallots (dressed)	DAVID WESTWOOD	BRYAN CHITTY	ELIZABETH FORREST
28 Beetroot	-	BRYAN CHITTY	-
29 Carrots	BRYAN CHITTY	ELIZABETH FORREST	-
30 Peas	KATE MULLIGAN	-	-
31 Runner Beans	SUE CLARKE	ANN CLIFFORD	JENNY FROOME
32 Longest Runner Bean	KATE MULLIGAN	-	-
33 French Beans	SUE CLARKE	ELIZABETH FORREST	ANN CLIFFORD
34 Courgettes	DAVID WESTWOOD	JENNY FROOME	CYNTHIA BROWN
35 Cucumber	LIZ HAYDEN	BRYAN CHITTY	-
36 Tomatoes	ELIZABETH FORREST	PAULINE WOODWARD	-
37 Tomatoes (cherry type)	ANN CLIFFORD	LIZ HAYDEN	JOHN HANRATTY
38 Tomatoes on the Vine	BRYAN CHITTY	LIZ HAYDEN	ELIZABETH FORREST
39 Any vegetable not scheduled in another class - grown outdoors	SUE CLARKE	BRYAN CHITTY	DAVID WESTWOOD
40 Any vegetable not scheduled in another class - grown indoors	JOHN HANRATTY	-	-
41 Novice Class - Vegetable, any type and any variety	-	-	-
<b>Overall: 1st - Bryan Chitty 27pts; 2nd - Liz Hayden 13pts; 3rd - Elizabeth Forrest 12pts</b>			

## Results - Division 3 'Home Baking'

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Home Baking (Division 3)</b>			
42 A Jar of Homemade Jelly/Curd	KAREN HIBBITT	CYNTHIA BROWN	JOY MADGE
43 A Jar of Homemade Jam	BRYAN CHITTY	ELAINE MORRIS	KAREN HIBBITT
44 A Jar of Homemade Marmalade	CYNTHIA BROWN	ELIZABETH FORREST	ELAINE MORRIS
45 A Jar of Homemade Chutney	ELAINE MORRIS	CYNTHIA BROWN	MARIAN PATTISON
46 A single Cheese & Onion Pasty	JOY MADGE	-	-
47 3 Lemon & Almond Biscuits	WENDY WESTWOOD	-	-
48 A Special Occasion Cake	KAREN HIBBITT	-	-
49 3 Vegan Cherry & Almon Brownies	WENDY WESTWOOD	-	-
50 Marmalade Cake	WENDY WESTWOOD	JOY MADGE	WENDY WESTWOOD
<b>Overall: 1st = Cynthia Brown, Karen Hibbitt &amp; Wendy Westwood 7pts</b>			

## Results - Division 4 'Children' Division 5 'Craft'

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Childrens' Classes (Division 4)</b>			
<b>Age: 8 Years &amp; under</b>			
51 Twig Insect or Animal	-	-	-
52 Real Life - Still Life	IMOGEN MORRIS	-	-
<b>Overall: 1st - Imogen Morris</b>			
<b>Craft Classes (Division 5)</b>			
57 Photograph - 'Botanical Britain'	CAROL MAINE	NICOLA WOTTON	ROGER WOTTON
58 Photograph - 'Hidden Somerset'	STEPHEN MORRIS	SUE BABEY	CAROL MAINE
59 Craft Item	SUSIE STAKES	-	-
60 'Box of Delights'	-	-	-
<b>A trophy is awarded to the best exhibit in this division, the winner is: Stephen Morris</b>			

**Overall Show Results: 1<sup>st</sup> - Liz Hayden 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bryan Chitty 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kate Mulligan**

**Best Floral Exhibit: Elaine Morris**

**Best Fruit or Vegetable Exhibit: Brian Chitty**

**RHS Banksian Medal: Liz Hayden**

**Member's Growing Competition Winner: Marian Pattison**

## Sydney Vaux Photographic Collection

Launch date: Friday 7 October 2022

A remarkable collection of photographs of Seavington is to be launched with an illustrated talk on Friday 7th October 2022 (7.30pm) at the Millenium Hall. These photographs, probably taken between 1905 to 1915, were the work of Sydney Vaux (1879-1968), carpenter, wheelwright, and amateur photographer of Jubilee Cottage, West Street, Seavington St Mary.

The collection was discovered last year in two old, dust-covered suitcases in a barn some distance from south Somerset, but is now back in the county and is being conserved and made available.

The suitcases contained over 670 glass negatives, and positive images have been made of each. The glass plates are now at Somerset Heritage Centre for conservation and the production of high-resolution copy images. About 50 images from the collection will be shown on screen at the launch on 7th October, these covering topics such as the Vaux family and the wheelwright and carpentry business, work on the farms in the village, including haymaking and shearing, the allotments, gamekeepers, repairing the roads, the Friendly Society, weddings, village events, building work, the baker, the dairyman, the rural letter carrier, family photographs, soldiers, schoolchildren, and so on.

If you'd like to see what village life was like just over 100 years ago, do come along. Please note that there will be no charge for this event, but donations are invited for the work of Somerset Archives & Local Studies. There is no need to pre-book tickets, although we are anticipating that the event will be well-attended, and so we recommend that you arrive in good time before the 7.30pm start.

For more information, contact Phil Nichols (phone : 07805 233248; or email : barlands@hotmail.co.uk), or Jane de Gruchy (01823 278805).

## thinktravel

*The Editor*

A new one-stop travel information website was launched in May by Somerset County Council. It covers public transport, community transport, the Slinky demand responsive transport service and car sharing. It offers a journey planner and bulletin board with news and service updates. You can apply for a concessionary bus pass using the link on this site.

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It is our policy to provide a balanced programme of talks and to encourage, where possible, local experts to share something of their knowledge and enthusiasms with us. Talks are not limited to local interests and each programme will include subjects which range over a wide spectrum of knowledge.

Our 2022 autumn programme will include Trick or Treat - art fakes and forgeries, Out of Africa with Nomad, parts 1 & 2, a wonderful tale of travel, Blood Earth and Medicine and Devon's Cloth Trade in the 18th plus much more.

We currently have vacancies for the year 2022/23. Membership costs £25 per year which includes all 20 talks. Visitors are very welcome at £3.00 a visit, including a free coffee (or tea), provided there are seats available.

If you are interested, please contact:  
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## The Trouble with Cousins

*Janet Kiddle*

Before the advent of motor vehicles, travel was limited by the distance a horse and rider could cross in a day. Families stayed in the same area with each generation only spreading a little further than the original home; and so it was with James Poole, who was born in 1845, and his cousin Annie Maud England.

James lived in Seavington House and Annie Maud lived with the England family in Kingsbury Episcopi but when the two met there were "fireworks" as they were very keen to marry. However the parents of the two young people forbade this because of the close blood relationship. They were told that a marriage was only possible when Annie Maud passed "child bearing age." They were understandably devastated but agreed to obey their parents.

So in 1866 James married Elizabeth Nash of Shepton Beauchamp and lived with her in Seavington House. They had ten children including my Uncles Joe and Mark and Aunt Bessie. James was Master of Seavington Hunt and known as "a good man to hounds". He was well liked locally, rich initially but with no head for business. Gradually many of the farm buildings collapsed including the barn, pig-sty, wagon house and potato house. His grand-daughter later admitted that she thought all these buildings "died of old age!" She later acknowledged that Grand-father was a failure and yet he was loved by many, respected by the local farmers and famous as Master of Seavington Hunt.

In 1870 Annie Maud England married Joseph Kiddle. She wished to live in Seavington and, I am told, purchased Buckrells for four hundred and five pounds. Buckrells was built in 1640 and registered as a ham stone farmhouse. It made a lovely family home for Joseph, Annie Maud and their four children, Rachael, Jessie, Martin and little John England who sadly died aged 2 years. After 16 years of marriage Annie Maud became a widow with the death of Joseph at the young age of 44 years. She remained single for 9 years and then, as James Poole was a widower, the two married in 1895 and James moved into Buckrells. He became a much loved step-father to Rachael, Jessie and Martin.

During WW1 Thomas Kiddle of Hamilton, New Zealand, was granted leave from France and he came to stay at Buckrells where he met and fell deeply in love with his cousin, the vivacious Rachael Kiddle. They wished to marry and, after the war, to live in New Zealand. However Annie Maud forbade this because of the family relationship. Thomas returned to the battle front and later to New Zealand and, according to family records, Rachael became a subdued and very serious woman, a teacher at Seavington School who many pupils sadly feared. She was my Great Aunt and we treated her with great respect.

# Somerset Art Weeks 2022

24 September - 9 October

*The Editor*

Somerset Art Weeks (SAW) returns this year with the theme 'Sanctuary' with venues hosting group exhibitions, curated shows and events from SAW Members and invited artists. 'Over 100 venues with more than 300 artists will provide a host of visual arts experiences across the county,' explains Charles Hazlewood, Patron. 'Artists, and curators look forward to seeing you and helping you make the most of these incredible 16 days'. Charles urges everyone to get out there and enjoy it! Full details can be found: [www.somersetartworks.org.uk](http://www.somersetartworks.org.uk). Alternatively pick up a copy of the printed guide at the village shop.

If you don't want to travel very far then start in the village at Venue 11 where Bronwen Coe is exhibiting paintings, wood, prints with specially themed works on a local Sweet Chestnut tree. You'll find Bronwen at:

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Do check the SAW website for opening times.

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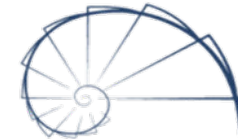
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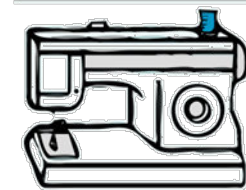
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