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1980	DEC	First Issue	
		Editorial Team: Mrs Alexander, Mrs Jack, Mrs Spencer. Reported on Ladies Club, Women's Fellowship, Mother and Toddler Group, Sunday School, Guides, Chiropody, Home Entertainment, Seavington Playing Fields, Football Team, sports pavilion, welcomes and farewells, poppy day, weather by R Madge, Xmas recipe, news from Volly, Classifieds.	
1981	JAN	Quiz of place names in Seavington	
	FEB	Another Seavington Quiz and solutions to last months.	
	MARCH	Solutions to last month's quiz.	
		Bessie Bool's poem about childhood memories of Seavington (nee Singleton)	
	APRIL	Discussions in March about replacing village hall – Special AGM held to discuss	Cmdr Jesseman (Chair PC) Nan Kiddle (Rachel's sister)
	MAY	30 trees donated by Ewan Cameron planted around the Playing Field	
	JULY	Seavington Gardening Club formed on 9 June 1981 Original Village Hall Closed as it needed £5k+ in repairs	
	OCT		Mary Baker wife of Eddie
		TO THE MANOR BORN being filmed at Cricket St Thomas – Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles stayed at the Pheasant Hotel	
	NOV	Story about old Seavington including all the trades. 60-80 years ago.	
	DEC	1 st birthday issue!	Bert Reyland Francis Luke Reyland (Bro to Bert) died

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			Sid Male retired from Manor Farm (started in 1946 after war service, following his father and brother .
1982	JAN	Garage, pub and shop open	
	FEB	Village Hall in Upton Lane Closed. Parish Council discussed provision of a new hall. Article about Seavington in early days	
	MAR	Brief History of Seavington Hunt	Bill Shire died
	APRIL		Percy Reyland died
	MAY		Fred England died
	JULY	Decision to close St Mary's church – to be taken over by redundant churches charity	
	AUG	Plans for Ilminster A303 bypass go on show	
	SEPT		Anne (Granny) Swain – 99 died
1983	JAN	Hutchings family history – Middlefield Farm	
	MAY		Charlie Pipe – 9 Winchester Cottages died
	JUNE	First approach to Dillington Estate to buy the PF	
	SEPT		Sidney Ash died
	DEC	Rachael Amos (Kiddle) account of school life	Sidney Rowswell – farmer Orchard End, Upton Lane died
1984	FEB	Public Meeting in Seavington Pavilion welcomed full bypass proposals	
	NOV	Married in 1913 Mr & Mrs Yole (sub-postmistress – clock presented by village	Bridget Gillard (45) died

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	(Bob Ash's Aunt & Uncle)	Sidney Hopkins (76) died
	DEC	Dorothy Ash Daisy Dabinett (90) Alfred Lee (ex-landlord of Volly) all died
1985	FEB	Suzie Pipe (83) died
	JULY	Discovery of Minute Book of Seavington St Mary's Parish Council in house in Chard first meeting 1894 in the School – who has this now?
	AUG	Work starts on the Ilminster bypass likely to take 2 years to completion
1986	JAN	Items Submitted by R Amos: a) extract from Doomsday book b) extract from History of Somerset from R Dunning c) Extract from Parish meeting 22 March 1898 Also amusing write up on Seavington Stitches
	Feb	Ida Hawker and Hubert Bonning died
	March	Extract from Parish Meeting 2 Feb 1899
	April	Extract from Parish Meeting 30 March 1899
	May	1920's journey to Seavington by train Ethel Maud Taylor and George Derrick died
	June	Extract from Parish Meeting 24 July 1899
	July	Extract from Parish Meeting 26 March 1900

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	Aug		Connie Munday - Old Parsonage died
	Sept	Extract from Parish Meeting 25 March 1901	
	Nov	Extract from Parish Meeting 24 March 1902	Robert Stephen Oake and Mary Strawbridge (ex landgirl) died
	Dec	Extract from Parish Meeting 24 March 1903	
1987	Jan	Extract from a Seavington St Mary Parish Council meeting 24 March 1911 There were no entries in the minute book between 23/3/03 & 23/03/11,	
	Feb	Extract from Parish meeting 13 March 1912	Edith Ash (nee Allen) died
	March	Extract from a Parish Meeting 26 March 1913 (last)	
	June	Letter from JHJ & R Peet in 1875 grandfather James Peet was Methodist minister	Mabel Shire (nee Scott) died
	Aug	Account of Cuckoo nesting in village	
	Nov	'The Seavington's are happy little places' from Western Gazette 6/4/62	
	Dec		George Kiddle brother to Miss Kiddle of Buckrells school mistress aunt of R Amos died
1988		Eds. F Jack & M Fullerton	
	Jan:	Boxing Day Match between upper and lower villages Problems of flooding of car park outside Volly	Dick Madge died
		Rev & Mrs Arkell curate ran youth club	

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	and toddler club	
MAR	Gas quote per house of £700 per house for those not on gas	
	Trecking in Equitorial 1952 -1	
APRIL	" 2	
MAY	Start of new Sunday School	
	What's in a house name? Seavington house names	
	Trecking in Equatoria 1951 - 3	
JUNE	Trecking in Equatoria - 4	
JULY	19 th – A303 opened a lot of development work in villages	
SEPT		Ob.Prof Dinah Stock – village personality
OCT	Impact of new 303 – problems of signage & noise	
NOV	John Clifford joins editorial team	
DEC	Lead free petrol becomes available	
	Decision to buy PlayingField for £20K from Dillington Estate. On going fund raising	
	Article about Ash Bros Seavington Xmas card produced	
1989	JAN	Pat and Pam Cummins at Post Office
	FEB	F Jack – at Buckrells
		Mrs Amos – at Middlefield Barn
		SSDC award £9.5K to SPFA
		Christine & Alan Payne take on Post Office
		Village Pancake Race
	MAR	Request from museums service for information on trades
		Georges Mills Rendall – 1820 shoe maker – sea SN article
		Seavington Fayre initiated. Fund raising for PF
	April	Quiz about village
	MAY	Spfa set up in 1973
		Memories of Seavington School – May

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	king and queen	
JUNE		
JULY	Somerset Quiz	Ob. Ernie Tolman died
SEPT	Request for historical information on Chislett family - 1769.	
DEC	New village hall first proposed to Parish Council meeting	
1990	April	Poll tax introduced
		Future of Post Office first raised.
	SEPT	St Mary's church unsafe – redundant churches CLOSED 1983
	NOV	Recycling introduced
1991	JAN	Pause in News
		returned
1992	FEB	Editor not mentioned – J Clifford
	MAR	Preparations for new playground equipment
	MAY	ST MARYS CHURCH – REDUNDANT
	JUNE	New landlord at Volly - Steve and Christine Oliver
	OCT	Future of Pavilion discussed and surveyed
1993	JAN	New Landlords: Ivor and Linda Wilkins Pheasant conflicts
	FEB	St Michaels flood alleviation scheme discussed
		Jessie Rose (evacuee) letter
		Death of France Jack – Stitcher article
		Ob F Jack also Doble, /Roweswell, Hawker
	MAR J Clifford Ed	John Clifford – Editor Packed Public meeting to discuss Hall 80-100 attended.

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	Results of village survey published	
	Council tax to start in April	
	John Tudor took photos of pancake race	Ob George Matthews
	On going fund raising for SPFA	
	Work on going on children's play area	
APRIL	SWEB survey on houses in village still without electricity	
MAY	Fund raising for new village hall started £3k legacy from France Jack	Ob Lady Pizey
JUNE	Tree planted on Playing Field for France Jack	
	Cricket team played Orchard FM team for hall fund £1300 raised	
AUGUST	Article about wartime special constables	
	Appeal by M Harrison for historical photos etc	
	Pheasant funding raising – total now £6.3K	
SEPT	Reduced opening hours at the Post Office	
	Problems with golfers on Playing Field	
OCT	Long article by Bob Ash about Hall - plan of hall published	
NOV	Announcement that shop is to close in early '94.	
	Seavington Christmas cards on sale	
	David Pye re. village shop closure	
	Letter from Wyatts	
	Poaolinis article by B Moiser	
	Continuing Hall fundraising	
	Speed cameras for village?	
DEC		
1994	JAN	Shop and Post Office closing on Feb 16 th stores on 18 th
		New landlords at Volly – Bert and Maureen Maybury
	FEB	St Michaels church being repaired
		Flooding

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	Village Hall report		
APRIL	Neighbourhood watch proposed		
MAY	Peter and Jenny Lloyd Jones take over The Volunteer	Ob. Doble, Male,	
AUGUST	Public consultation on South Somerset Local Plan		
SEPT	Roman article by Jo Mills		
OCT	Australian enquiry re Phelps family leaving Seavington in 1850's –		
NOV	10 TH heavy flooding again at Swan Thatch, the main road and School Lane under water – probably due to inadequate drainage from A303		
1995	FEB	Rev Preb Clive Moore retires	Ob. M Reyland farmed with Percy at Castle Farm
		Proposals for Flood Alleviation scheme discussed by PCC public meeting on 12 Feb	
		Typically heavy flooding was again experienced in the village particularly Swan Thatch	
		VE Day to be held on 6 May	
		Village Hall fund up to £13,300	
	MAY	VE DAY raise £900	
		Village Hall to cost £140K - £13K raised, grants £98k, precept £15,000 leaving £13K still to be raised.	
	JUNE	Rev Alan Ripley appointed to be installed on 24 Nov	
	AUG	17 TH Aug Sponsored cycle ride raise £500 for Hall	
	OCT	Tenders returned on the new Hall – winners were Sibleys @£155K	
	DEC	Funding for hall agreed – lottery approached Planning Permission granted for Hall	
1996	FEB	Neighbourhood watch scheme extended	
	JULY	Proposal to reduce speed limit in village	

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		to 30mph	
		Possible dualling of the A303	
1997	JAN	Flood prevention scheme completed	
	MAR	Dog bins put on PF	
		Item on village history of parishes	
	APRIL	History article – St Mary	
	MAY	Hoyt family history from Seavington	
		History of St Michaels	
	JUNE	More St Michaels history	
	JULY	More St Michaels history	
	AUG	Building finally starts on new hall – completion Feb 98	
		More History of St Michaels	
	OCT	SN gets email address!	
	DEC	More History of St Michaels	
1998	FEB	Date for opening of village hall set for 11 April	
	JUNE	History piece -1973	
		Discussions about parishes being combined into one	
		Jenny Clifford steps down as editor – Andrew and Sarah Hale take over	
	SEPT	Village merger being discussed	1998
1999	Feb	Competition launched to design new Play Area on Playing field – SWINGPARK 2000 Fund raising starts	
		Recycling bins arrive in Hall car park	
	NOV	Seavy News in crisis	
2000	JAN	Spate of burglaries	
		Millennium Oaks planted	
		Peter Lloyd Jones and John Clifford Editors	
	FEB	Flooding bad in village	

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	JUNE	Bob Ash's account of life in Seavington 1.
	OCT	Swingpark 2000 fundraising ongoing
		Christine England died
		Bob Ash reminiscences 2
2001	JAN	John Clifford steps down as editor Barbara Moiser and D Fyfe take over with team
2001	FEB	Seavington history villages account
	APRIL	Foot & Mouth closes down the countryside
	MARCH	New Toddlers play area opened
	AUG	
		Dennis Burrows died
	OCT	Reunion of YOLE family old village family related to Ash's came from Canada, Australia and America
		Phyllis Male nee Hopkins – was in women's land army memoirs in Imp War Mus
	NOV	Lovely piece on Seavington Home Guard
	DEC	
		Ron Swain died
2002	JUNE	Swingpark 2000 opens
		Jubilee Party on the Playing Field
	AUG	Abbots Barton closes
		Picture of School band 1938
	SEPT	
		Eddy Cullen, and Richard Vickers died
	OCT	
		Frank Scott died
	NOV	Bob Ash receives SSC Chairman's Golden Jubilee Awards
	DEC	Picture of Bob Ash receiving award from Robin Bush & article by Bob
		Time Team at Dinnington shown next year
		Vera Rogers died

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2003	JUNE		Vera Cooper, Molly Eddington, Don Hill died
	JULY		Colin Bridle (Gus) and Bryan Harrison died
	AUG	Betty Bool's poem about schooldays in Seavington reprinted	
	OCT	Water works ongoing throughout the villages	
2004		Dog Show started	
	FEB		Bicky Hill ex-landlady of Volly and Ronald Eason of Pond Farm died
	MAR	Parish Plan proposed	Bob Ash is 80
	JULY	Parish Plan Survey issued in SN	
	AUG	Bob Ash's memories of D-day	
	NOV	Results of Parish Survey published	
2005	JAN	Bob Ash steps down as Chair of SPFA and became President instead!	Gerry Kinch died
		An article on the Hunt	
		Screen at Seavington started films in M Hall	
		Contention over hunting – ban law on 17 Feb	Patricia Cornelius died
	APRIL	Village Plan project launched	Edna Male died
	June/July	Big Time Team dig at Dinnington	
	June	Jim Bowyer – Seavington Family in USA	
	Oct		Rev R Wood 13yrs at Seavington
	Dec	Launch of Village Plan	Richard Madge

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2006	JAN	St Michaels Church in need of work to rotting floor, heating, disabled access etc.
	FEB	Alistair Fyfe writes on becoming High Sheriff of Somerset
	MARCH	Landscape report by Tree Wardens
	APRIL	Village Shop project launched
	MAY	Launch of village website
	JUNE	History of bells at St Marys church
	AUG	Change of landlord at Volunteer – Ian and Marilyn Blackmore leave and Colin and Ruther Turner take over.
	SEPT	Sid Male is 90 – worked at Manor Farm all his life
	OCT	Controversy over the village signs
	DEC	Reprint of its all in a name. by Rachel Amos
2007	JAN	What's in a name? Westerfield House – D Eliot
		Shop progress slow
		Poem Childhood memories of S
		Letter from Bev Bonning in Brisbane – gt grandfather Job Bonning emigrated in 1851 – lived at Owly Farm
	FEB	Reprinted from 1982 – R Amos - re history of S – imp
	MARCH	Letter from Australia from Pauline Brockett – Gt grandfather Steven England lived at Buckrells
	APRIL	History note re Joseph Gill born in /st Mary 1748 – place in St Nevis
		Pauline Brockett replies from Torquay – who have a photo of house and occupants incl. Ruth England.
	MAY	Youth plan take shape first mtg 27 April
		Progress on the shop project
		Tony Tolman retire from /Ash Bros

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	JUNE	End of The Stitchers after 35 yrs - history
		Roman Villas at Dinnington
		Speeding in village
		1970s tale of car chase
	JULY	D Fyfe ordained
		30 mph speed limit enforced
	NOV	Announcement that new community hosp to be built in S P
		New village entrances put in place – the Falcon refers to Siward the Falconer one of the original owners of Seavington St Michael at time of conquest