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Parish Council

Thank you for your feedback on the Trial Edition. The majority view was for an A4 format in colour published every two months. So, that is what we are going to do. We also had lots of suggestions for inclusion of new articles and other improvements that we will endeavour to build-in over the coming months. If you have other ideas or would like to write an article, please contact the Editor or the Clerk.

You also gave your views on the future planting for Langford Corner see page 18 Mervyn Wilson was congratulated on his plan and we received useful offers of plants and help. The Gardening Club will now work with Mervyn to develop and implement the plan.

Whilst on the green theme, the Parish Council wishes to record its thanks to Mike Pettitt who has lovingly cut the grass in the village for 17 years. From April, this work will be taken-on by Darren and Quentin from SSDC Streetscene so we look forward to working with them to keep everything neat and tidy.

Thanks also go to Roderic Baillie-Grohman, a very experienced stonemason from Thorney, who has done a splendid job in restoring our war memorial. Pip Brett is busy organising a rededication event on Sat 26 May 2018 – a date for your diaries.

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tues 1 May 2018 at 8pm. Please come along to hear what's been going on in the village and to listen to the entertaining Guy Smith (aka Guy the Grape from our local wine producers Smith & Evans). Refreshments will be served.

Following recent reports of trespass, Glendale has been boarded up again, the roadside timber gate fixed, and the "no trespass" signs reinstated. Revised plans for the development of the site are now being drawn up ready for the submission of the planning application in the late Spring. The problems of trespass at the site have brought about a degree of urgency in respect of establishing a future use for the site and its consequent management so the owners are pushing forward to application stage quicker than anticipated. Any planning application will, of course, be considered at a Parish Council meeting where you would have the opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

Your Council Members and Clerk have attended meetings recently with the Police and County Council to hear about resources and priorities. Inevitably, Police resources are tight with 3 Beat Managers and 31 PCs to look after 53 towns and villages, and cuts are being made to the County Council's Speed Indicator Device scheme. Please be aware that on-street parking has been decriminalised with the Police only dealing with dangerous, inconsiderate and obstruction issues. Also, did you know that it's against the law to leave mud on public roads? Contact the County Council for on-street parking issues and excessive mud deposited on a road. Contact details are on page 2.

The Libraries Public Consultation has been running since January with over 1300 people taking part in drop-in events and over 2,600 completed questionnaires submitted so far. Given the interest, the consultation period has been extended to 13 June 2018. Details can be found in libraries and at www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation.

Dates for the next Parish Council meetings are:

- Monday 16 April 2018 @ 8pm
- Tuesday 1 May 2018 @ 8pm – Annual Parish Meeting
- Tuesday 8 May 2018 @ 8pm – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Monday 4 June 2018 @ 8pm

Parish Council (cont)

Did you know?

- **Local charity Spark**, with support from the NHS Symphony Programme, have launched a new website wellbeingsouthsomerset.org to promote wellbeing in South Somerset. The site features a comprehensive directory of support, local services, groups, and activities to improve wellbeing, as well as health-boosting self-management tools and tips.

- **Louise Smith is a Community Agent** working for Langport GP practice. She is a highly trained individual who can help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. If you think you could support this work by volunteering to help these patients or have ideas or information about support groups please pass on your contact details to the Langport Surgery on 01458 25046.

- **St Margaret's Hospice 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; and help signpost to other services. The groups are run on a drop-in basis – there is no need to book or to be referred – at St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton TA1 5HA Thursdays 2pm-4pm and the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil BA20 1UX 1030–1230. Or perhaps you would like to become a volunteer to help run these groups? Contact: lesley.burgess@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk or ring 0845 070 8910.

- The **F.A.S.T.** (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) acronym is a simple test to help people identify the most common signs of a stroke:

Face – has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?

Arms – can they raise both arms and keep them there?

Speech – is their speech slurred?

Time to call 999 if you see any one of these signs

Reducing traffic speeds - would you be interested in this idea?

Wheelie bin stickers are an effective and cost-effective way of reminding drivers to slow down and stick to the speed limit. Especially in our 30mph residential areas. These stickers are classed as temporary signs and the visual impact is increased as they will only be used once weekly.

Prices vary with quantity: between 50p and £1 per sticker. Bear this in mind and that you may need 4 stickers for the 2 sides each of your grey and green bins. So, your maximum cost for 4 stickers would be £4. Depending on the level of interest, we are happy to order some and deliver to you (your payment on delivery). Please let us know how many you would like so that we can work out unit cost and place an order. Ideally, email your name, address and number required to fiveheadpc@gmail.com using subject heading 'Wheelie Bin Sticker'. Or leave these details on the answer-machine on 01460 281902. Thanks.



Parish Council (cont)

Following the results of the **village survey**, several villagers expressed an interest in the extension of Neighbourhood Watch and resurrecting Speedwatch. Some parts of the village and villagers in Swell are signed up to NHW but there is a large part of the village which is not signed up. Schemes are normally for 10 -20 properties and there is information below on both NHW and Speedwatch. If anyone is interested please contact **Kate Beacham on 01460 281414 or email: Kate.beacham1@btinternet.com**

Are you interested in setting up or joining a **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**?

There are over 2,600 registered Neighbourhood Watch schemes across Somerset and North Somerset covering 60,000+ households.

As part of a recognised Neighbourhood Watch you will find there is a heightened awareness of what is going on in and around your area. Schemes have the following aims:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Tell the police and your neighbours about suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood

Schemes can bring the following to your community:

- Messages forwarded to co-ordinators and then to their members informing them of crime trends, public information, crime reduction information
- Information Bulletins published regularly
- Discounts on house insurance – available from many insurance companies for members of schemes registered with the police
- Most active Watch areas see a reduction in crime and increase in the sense of community spirit and well being

Community Speedwatch

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- A group of local residents volunteer to monitor traffic speeds
- Vehicles travelling at excess speed will be recorded and reported to the Police
- Police issue a letter to the registered keeper
- Repeat offenders are targeted by Police

All kit required is supplied by Police and they also train volunteers to use equipment. Everyone involved is covered by Police Insurance.

Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall

We hope those of you who came to our Spring Quiz enjoyed yourselves whilst supporting the finances of the Village Hall. The Committee are looking to raise as much as possible this year as we are looking to redecorate the main hall and refurbish the floor which should keep it in a good state for some years to come.



Open Gardens will be held on **Sunday June 10th** from 2 – 5pm. Afternoon tea and parking will be available at the Village Hall from where a ticket to go round the gardens can be purchased. A big thank you to those who have offered their gardens. A few more people making that generous offer would greatly add to the experience of the day. Be sure to tell your friends and relations to join you on the day and keep fingers and toes crossed for good weather.

A reminder for the Village Fete on **July 14th**, noon till 5pm. Attractions are booked and thought has been given to village club and committee stalls. New for this year are “Grow a Potato” and a Dog Show. Best start pampering and training your pooches.

A Village Walk is at the planning stage. It will probably be held in August / September when, with any luck, the ground will have dried up and any standing grass should have been mown. The plan is for a short cut back to the hall, should there be any stragglers, with a further loop for the more energetic, therefore the walk should be accessible to the majority. Well behaved dogs will be welcome. More details in the next newsletter.

Open Flower & Craft Show 2018

The show has been taking place successfully for many years alongside the Annual Village Fete. This year it will be **on Saturday 14 July**.

We are hoping for even more entries this year, particularly from younger people in the village. Children under 11 have their own classes, so, Mums and Dads, Nans and Grandads, let's see if we can get the youngsters involved.

Although there are points and prizes and cups (which need polishing!) the main thing is to enter and take part.

There are categories to suit everyone, no skills or talents required, just have a look at them when the programme comes out soon. Some of you are already growing your potatoes, but also keep an eye out for slugs; yours could be a prize winner!

Make a sandwich, bake a cake, build a model, take a photo, write a limerick, sew, knit, paint, cook or cultivate. Whatever takes your fancy there is a class for you! Join in and encourage your youngsters to do the same. Make this year a bumper show!

Have fun and join in. Good Luck!

Contact: Ellen 01460 281578 for info or queries.

Come and Play at Fivehead



Play Area Project

That sinking feeling when 'the inspector calls' and tells you 'money will have to be spent' happened to Fivehead's Playing Fields Committee following the inspection of their play area by the District Council Inspector.

The safety surfacing material needed replacement as the popular play area has been the victim of its own success and become worn out. To replace it would cost the best part of £7000, which is an impossible sum for a small Village.

A project team was summonsed and 'Come and Play at Fivehead' was born. Evidence of need was gathered, and it was heartwarming to discover who is using our play area; from isolated mums and their kids to young people with special educational needs, it became clear our safe play area is a valuable facility.

Funding applications were submitted with a heavy level of doubt in these financially challenging times, but our negativity was cast aside when the 'yes!' letters started arriving. Not just one, but three well known organisations stepped up.

The National Lottery Awards for All, Tesco's Bags of Help and WH Smith's Community Fund have all helped us to reach our target and repair works are starting soon.

So, if you have some spare time, come and play at Fivehead and you are guaranteed to meet some very interesting young people.



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Tesco Bags of Help



Fivehead Playing Field News

Bingo in the Snow

“The Beast from the East” struck again on 17th March with snow and a biting wind. But we’re a hardy lot, and it didn’t put you off coming to our Easter Bingo. It was great to see so many people enjoying a superb evening’s entertainment, with Kevin Stevens calling the numbers. Thanks to everyone who made this event such a success. We have already booked the date for our Christmas bingo – **Saturday 8th December**.

Play Area Upgrade

As heralded in February’s issue, we were delighted to receive a grant of £6,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All, to add to the £1,000 donated by Tesco Bags for Life and £100 from WH Smith. Together, this means our project to upgrade the safety surfacing in the children’s play-area is now fully funded and the work will be carried out during the summer.

Improving Security

Following a Police Survey, we will be looking into measures to improve the entrance gate area to prevent unauthorised vehicles accessing the field.

Summer Fete Saturday 14th July

Planning for the big day continues apace, with all village groups involved. Adding to the attractions this year will be a dog show. More information about this, the flower and craft show and a programme of events will be delivered to homes nearer the date.

Annual General Meeting

The Playing Fields Committee AGM is on **Wednesday, 23rd May** in the Village Hall at 8pm. Frank Doggett - Chairman - **Tel no: 01460 281549**

100 Club Winners

February Winners

No.13	M.Corns	£50.00
No. 40	R.Eavis	£25.00
No. 16	A.Josolyn	£10.00
No. 49	A&R.Twiney	£10.00

March Winners

No.97	D&D.Mason	£50.00
No.67	P.Knight	£25.00
No. 20	J&M.Tyler	£10.00
No. 106	B&L.Ferguson	£10.00

Relax and Stretch

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Fivehead Village Hall

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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

The March meeting was a talk entitled 'Two Steps Behind' about endangered wildlife by Dawn Lawrence. Dawn is a member of the Born Free Foundation and talked about the many endangered animals she had studied and written about over the years.

The April meeting will be our spring lunch in the village hall. This is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month that is Tuesday 10th April as the 1st Tuesday is the day after Easter Monday. If you would like to come but do not have a menu please contact Hilary Maisey (01460 281727) who will be delighted to let you have one. This is a 4 course meal with sherry/orange juice on arrival and tea/coffee to finish. Please feel free to bring your own wine to drink during the meal. The cost of the meal is £15 which can be paid on the day. The time of the meal is 12.30 for 1.00pm.

The May meeting is on the 8th May in the village hall starting at 2.30pm. Have you ever wondered what went on behind the scenes of BBC's 'Bargain Hunt'? If you have then this is a chance for you to find out as our talk is by two people who have been on the show and they will be telling us of their personal experiences.

The June meeting will be our day outing. This year we will be taking the coach to Norden in Dorset where we will stop for coffee before boarding a steam train to take us through the beautiful countryside of the Isle of Purbeck, past Corfe castle and onto Swanage where we will spend the afternoon. We will then make our way back by steam train to Norden to pick up the coach for the journey home. Keep your eyes peeled for further information and cost.

Anyone who would like to join the club will be more than welcome to come. We are a very friendly group that enjoy as well as the talks, lunches and outings a nice cup of tea, biscuits and a good chat after the meetings. The annual subscription is only £7 while the tea and biscuits are 50p. Visitors are also welcomed to attend with a charge of £1 per meeting.

If you have any enquiries regarding the club please ring me Chris Jackson on (01460) 282957

Do you use the Library?

A public consultation by the County Council will run from 29th. Jan– 22nd. April 2018. Nine area proposals have been produced showing options on how to deliver library services in individual communities going forward. Check it out at www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation and complete the questionnaire.

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Charity Theatre Trips—May News

Bristol Hippodrome has again been busy booking in new shows. So have I.

We now have tickets for five new trips. Two Welsh National operas, both light hearted ones Rossini's take on Cinderella, **La Crenerentola (Fri 26 Oct, £55)** and Mozart's much loved **The Magic Flute (Thu 11 Apr 2019 £55)**

As a complete contrast we have the story and the music of **Motown (Wed 16 Jan £48/£58)**, and the comedy musical featuring many rock anthems **Rock of Ages (Thu 18 Apr 2019 £41/£50)**

At last **Matilda** reaches Bristol in 2019 and is likely to sell out fast. We have a half-term matinee **(Wed 26 May)** and two evenings **(Tue 21May& Thu 6 Jun)** All at **£72** plus a few rear stalls at **£62**

For more details of these and all other trips please log on to: www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk , or e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone 01458 273085.

All bookings can be cancelled without penalty until the tickets are purchased. After this date extra tickets can usually be obtained, depending on availability at Bristol, so do please ask.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Show (At 7.30 pm unless shown</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Thu 5 April	Beautiful—Carole King Musical trip two	£49/£63
Wed 11 April	Tosca (7.15 pm.)	£42/£47
Thu 31 May	Miss Saigon Trip Two	£60/£72
Fri 6 July	La Fille Mal Gardee	£36/£46
Thu 19 July	The Play That Goes Wrong	£38/£42
Wed 25 July	This is Elvis	£38/£45
Thu 2 August	An Officer and a Gentleman	£46/£55
Thu 16 August	Shrek the Musical (2.30 pm)	Ad£43/Ch£33
Sat 22 Sept	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (2.30 pm.)	£47
Thu 8 Nov	Jersey Boys	£47/£63
Wed 21 Nov	Benidorm	£46
Thur7 Mar 2019	Kinky Boots	£51/£60

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St Martin's Fivehead



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A transformation

A friend told me recently that they attended a class reunion. He found it a fascinating, if strange, experience. Some of those class-mates had hardly changed at all over the years, but most had changed almost beyond recognition. The transformation wrought by age had for most been dramatic.

There is in the Bible a similarly dramatic transformation, one that for many adds considerable weight to the case for the bodily resurrection of Jesus that first Easter Sunday. Here we encounter a man similarly transformed beyond all recognition, although not by the passing of years, but through the impact of what he witnessed.

We meet this man first as an ordinary fisherman, but after he responds to Jesus' call, we see him quickly taking a lead amongst the disciples. The Apostle Peter is eager to learn from Jesus, he's the first to acknowledge Jesus as God incarnate, and to pledge his undying loyalty. All of which must, however, have made for some painful memories when following the Last Supper, just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied him three times. Amongst the events of that late Thursday night Peter found his loyalty tested - and wanting. We read in Matthew's Gospel chapter 26: *'After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man!" ...continued*

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: *"Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.'* In the end, the events of that night, his personal sense of guilt, and the events leading to Jesus' brutal crucifixion, left Peter in pieces. He, like all the disciples, were left broken, disillusioned and riddled with fear.

Yet, when we turn to the book of Acts, what a transformation we find. In Acts chapter 2 it is Peter who boldly speaks out for Jesus after the events of Pentecost. In the weeks that follow, when his persistent pointing to Jesus brings conflict with the authorities and a command not to speak of Jesus, Peter responds (Acts 4:19) *"Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."* From someone afraid to be associated with Jesus, Peter is now proud to bear his name; from someone ultimately concerned only for his own safety, Peter is now unconcerned about the cost of Christian discipleship. We have to ask ourselves what has changed; what has caused such a transformation in so little time? The answer? The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Peter met, touched, walked and talked with his risen Lord. To my mind only this, and the courage gifted by the Holy Spirit, can adequately account for such a transformation...

Happy Easter.

Revd. Scott Patterson.

THERE ARE CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) AT 10.30 am EVERY THURSDAY IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM BEHIND CURRY RIVEL CHURCH.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship, UB = United Benefice, URC = United Reformed Church

APRIL

1st EASTER DAY

8.00am Easter Communion (BCP) **Swell**
 9.30am Family Easter Communion (CW) **Fivehead**
 11.00am Family Easter Communion **Curry Rivel**

8th. Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) **Swell**
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) + Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
 6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**

15th. Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Curry Rivel**
 9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**
 10.00am All Age Family Worship followed by **Curry Rivel**
 11.15am Short Holy Communion (CW) **Curry Rivel**

Monday 16th. NO MESSY CHURCH IN APRIL

Curry Rivel School

22nd. Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) + Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**
 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) **Swell**

29th. Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am United Benefice Family Communion (CW) **Swell**

MAY

6th. Rogation Sunday—Beating the Bounds

9.15am until after lunch—Starting at Fivehead, heading to Swell for a short service of Holy Communion and landing in Curry Rivel for lunch.
 Full details will be in the May Diary/news sheet in church
 Ask anyone who went last year to tell you how much fun it was

Thurs 10th ASCENSION DAY

10.30am Usual Holy Communion (BCP) **Curry Rivel**

13th. Seventh Sunday after Easter

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) **Swell**
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) + Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
 6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**

20th. PENTECOST

10.00am United Benefice Family Communion **Fivehead**

Monday 21st 3.30pm Messy Church

Curry Rivel School

Sat 26th 2.30pm Service to re-dedicate Village War Memorial

Fivehead

27th TRINITY SUNDAY

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) + Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**
 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) **Swell**

Isle Valley Transport Bus Timetable

Fivehead to Langport Surgery Service 904		Langport Surgery to Fivehead Service 904	
This service runs on Tuesdays and Fridays			
Fivehead St Martins Close	10.14	Langport Surgery	12.05
Langport Car Park	10.30	Langport Car Park	12.07
Langport Surgery	10.32	Fivehead St Martin's Close	12.23

Fivehead to Taunton Service 901		Taunton to Fivehead Service 901	
This service runs on Saturdays			
Fivehead St Martins Close	09.37	Taunton Kilkenny Car Park	12.15
Taunton Riverside	10.10	Taunton Primark	12.18
Taunton Market House	10.15	Taunton Riverside	12.23
Taunton Kilkenny Car Park	10.18	Fivehead St Martins Close	12.59

The full timetable is on the website <http://bustimes.org/operators/isle-valley-transport>

Also Bus Service 4 goes from Isle Brewers to Strode College during **term times**.

Fivehead History

Date for your Diary

At 2.30pm on Saturday 26th May 2018, we shall be holding a rededication ceremony at our War Memorial on this day as this is the 100th anniversary of the death of the last man to be killed from our village during the First World War.

We will be holding the service At the War Memorial and St Martin's Church, followed by some refreshment at the Crown Inn afterwards. We have invited relatives of the men listed on the Memorial and I am pleased to report we have had a good response with people travelling from far and wide to attend. We are planning to have our Royal British Legion Standard Bearer and will also have a bugler provided by the Royal Navy's HMS Heron Band.

Please come along for the service to mark the important sacrifice made by the 14 men commemorated and the many more who fought in both World Wars from our Village.

Please could you let Pip Brett know if you will be attending for catering purposes.

Pip Brett

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Baptist Church



Letter from The Manse

Just as in the Christmas story, a stable provided a refuge for Mary, Joseph and Jesus, so leading up to Easter the Stable opened its doors as usual to offer hospitality to villagers, young and old when Fivehead was snowbound! In fact, we had a record attendance of people – young and old – whilst cafes and shops in other places were shut due to the snow. It was very encouraging to see the Community Café working as intended, thanks to our willing volunteers.

For the whole of April, there will be an exhibition of photographs entitled “Kenya – People and Wildlife” taken on one of the visits Karen and I have made to IcFEM mission in Kenya. (www.icfem-mission.org) Why not come along and view the photos, whilst enjoying a cappuccino or a latte?

Easter is a time of celebrating light, hope and new life as Christians remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, so it is particularly special for us at Fivehead Baptist Church to look forward to the baptism (by full immersion) one of our young people on Easter Sunday.

Now, as Spring begins to unfold and the snow (hopefully) disappears we look forward to celebrating Pentecost – the birthday of the church. We believe that church is people, not buildings, and I have been greatly encouraged that since Karen and I arrived in Fivehead one year ago, the church has been growing – numerically and in heart. So, on Pentecost Sunday May 20th we will hold a special celebration when we covenant together as a church family. We warmly welcome you to join us.

Rev Laurie Burn

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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

Folk & Acoustic Music Nights will be held at The Crown Inn, Fivehead on the third Saturday of each month, from February to June, courtesy of landlords Steve & Jacqui Chastell.

Starting at 7.30pm in the skittle alley, the first part of the evening will be open to “floorsingers” – ie anyone who turns up to sing or play will get a chance to perform (depending on numbers!)

At about 8.30pm Jacqui will be providing a bar supper for the interval, only for pre-ordered meals. To pre-order supper contact 01460 281919 or thecrown_inn@btconnect.com

In the second half invited local guest artists will perform for about an hour. There will be no charge for entry, but a donation jar may be passed round for the guest performers.

NEXT MUSIC NIGHT - Saturday 21st April, 7.30pm

On **Saturday 21st April** our Folk & Acoustic Night will feature two 30-minute sets from two local guest artists, **Phil Reardon** and **Benn Banks**.

Supper: **Bangers & Mash** (made with local Fivehead sausages) - £6

Saturday 19th May – Guest acts to be confirmed

The Crown Inn

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Hi all,

Firstly, we would like to thank Laurie Burn for hosting folk nights at the pub, which have proven to be very successful and we look forward to the ones in May and June.

Secondly Isle Brewers Parish Council is holding a quiz night with a chicken in the basket supper in aid of their village church (£8.00pp) everyone is welcome to join us

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday 7th April Isle Brewers Quiz Night @ 7.30pm

Saturday 21st April Folk and Acoustic Night with Bangers & Mash supper

Friday 18th May 16 oz T-bone steak Night £21.95 pp booking advisable

Saturday 19th May Folk and Acoustic Night with Chicken ‘n’ basket Supper

As a foot note, Milk, Cheese and Bread will no longer be available at the pub

We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

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View from the Dog Owner

Off the leash:

I've had a dog as long as I can remember, my home isn't complete without one. They have been my friends, companions, they inspire me with their unconditional positive regard no matter how I feel or look or act. I have a quote on a mug that says I wish to be the sort of person my dog thinks I am. I am a dog person.

There are a lot of dogs of all shapes and sizes in the village and for me it is comforting to know that those owners are comforted and supported by the presence of their dogs.

It is sad to see that in seemingly every Parish Council the problem of dog poo not scooped is a continuing theme. I don't know the solution but it made me consider 'why?'. I remember as a child my Mother never walked our dog she would just open the door in the morning and he would just go out. I don't think she ever walked a dog in her life. I do remember 'kerb training' a dog as I got older and walked my dog. You were supposed to train your dog to step off the pavement onto the kerb of the road to relieve themselves, which worked and was acceptable then. Of course there wasn't the fast moving, heavy traffic then. Years later it was rumoured that dog owners should pick up dog poo... really I thought! I was enjoying training & competition work at the time and went to Crufts. I was mortified by the wall to wall dog poo and was appalled by the lack of responsibility. This changed my views completely. Things had to change. Commerce caught up with the changes in public perception and now we have plastic disposable bags in nifty containers in every colour and size plus special bins to put them in. What could be simpler? It is also not only acceptable but expected, backed up by law and fines to scoop the poo and so it should be, so why not do it? With hand on heart there may be the odd occasion when I may have missed a poo, perhaps distracted or out of sight but actually dogs are creatures of habit and on the whole like to go at the same place, same time. So not really any excuse. I did run out of bags coming back through the village once and was so worried in case there was an poo accident that I borrowed a bag from Pip's stash by her drive (which I confessed to and replaced asap). Is it a generation thing and the next generation will just scoop the poo as it is the norm? The playing fields are fouled regularly. Why? Is it in the dark? Take a torch and man up. If you have arthritis or struggle with bending there are long handled scoops available on the net/amazon. There really is no excuse. Lets be the first village to be a clean zone, proud of our dogs and proud of our village.

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Crown Fivehead Golf Society

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From this humble start, some 33 years later, we have a well established society arranging monthly golf trips and some overnight stays. We started in March with a day trip to Minehead where 12 members enjoyed a breakfast roll with coffee, a full 18 holes of golf and a 2 course meal to complete the day.

Diary for Year

Coming up is a weekend trip to China Fleet 14th/15th April 1 night B&B and evening meal 2 rounds of golf.

25th. May Day trip to Mendip Golf Club Roll and coffee, golf and 2 course meal

15th. June Charity Golf Day at Long Sutton Golf Club Teams of 4 £40 per head includes Golf, meal and donation to the charity this year Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

13th July Wrangton Golf Club Roll and coffee, golf and 2 course meal.

3rd August Taunton & Pickering Golf Club Usual fare

1st September Overnight stay Dinner bed & breakfast 2 rounds of golf details to be finalised

5th October Chairman's outing usual day trip details to be finalised.

Anybody wishing to join the society or come on any of the trips contact Gary Smith gary.smith555@btinternet.com The society has over the years raised over £46,000 for charity which has been distributed to many deserving causes

Langford Corner

The proposed redesigning and planting has started! We are grateful to Adrian Troutt and his tractors for starting us on the huge task of removing the overgrown plants, also to Mervyn Wilson, who has very kindly drawn up a new plan for low growing shrubs and ground cover. However this is only the start! 'The Corner' will need a good dig through and regular maintenance – if anyone would like to give some time to this the 'Langford Cornerers' would be delighted for any extra help – please get in touch with Pip Brett, Laura Howard or Mervyn Wilson

Short Mat Bowls

Would you like a relaxing evening that will keep you fit and give you a gentle work out. Come short mat bowling on **Monday evening at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall. All equipment is available all we need is your presence (Flat smooth soled shoes or carpet slippers)

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Gardening Club News

Anytime soon wild garlic leaf, the plant native to Britain also known as Bear leek, Broad-leaved garlic, or Ramsons will start to appear in the warm and dark corners of gardens and woods.

The leaves and flowers are edible. Young leaves are delicious added to soups, sauces and pesto; they start to appear in March and are best picked when young. The flowers emerge from April to June and can add a potent garlic punch to salads and sandwiches.

See Olly's recipe (from the Langford Fivehead) for Wild Garlic Leaf Soup page 21

Spring is just around the corner?! But beware – Jack Frost has had his wicked way in these parts as late as early May. So protect fruit blossom also new spring shoots and from slugs too!

Watch out for early problems with roses, black spot, and mildew etc. prune out diseased branches collect affected leaves and burn them. Use a suitable spray treatment.

Moving on to Clematis – to prune or not to! There are 3 groups of Clematis:-

1. Spring flowering such as montana's, macropetala's & evergreens cirrhosea & armandii. These need to be pruned immediately after flowering, not necessarily every year, remember that they flower on the previous year's growth, the summer will produce new growth after flowering tie in if required.
2. Large flowering type that generally flower before the end of June sometimes have a second flush later on. Light prune in the spring, remove any dead or weak stems - a word of warning, before severing too low down, trace any seemingly dead stems up from the base and shorten to just above the top pair of buds tie in as necessary. If they do get straggly at the base cut completely back to 30cm particularly after their first flowering.
3. Viticellas, the easiest in my view, cut all down to about 60cm in the spring when the buds appear.

All will benefit from a good fistful of general fertiliser!

Remember – stand back and have a good look before you embark on anything! It's so easy to cut/dig up the wrong plant in haste – all that hard work lost at one sweep!

Happy gardening!

Contact Pip Brett

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Food and Drink—Wild Garlic

Here is Olly's recipe for Wild Garlic Leaf Soup – which is essentially a potato soup base with wild garlic leaf puree added just before serving

Wild garlic Leaf Soup serves 4-6

Time 45mins

Ingredients

For the base: 1 medium onion / 2 sticks of celery / 2 medium potatoes / oil to fry

For the puree: 500g wild garlic leaf / 50ml double cream / 100ml water / 100g butter

Method:

For the base:

Roughly chop the onion and celery and sweat in a pan with oil – try not to let them colour. Once the onion and celery are soft add the potatoes (cut into 1cm cubes) and cover with water. Cook gently until the potatoes are soft. Once the potatoes are cooked through, blend the contents of the pan to make the soup base – add more water if the consistency is too thick.

For the puree:

Wash and drain the wild garlic leaves. In the meantime bring a pan of water to the boil. Set to one side a bowl with ice cold water in to transfer the leaves to after cooking.

Blanche the leaves in the boiling pan for 30 seconds drain and place immediately into the ice water to stop the cooking process. Remove the leaves from the iced water, drain and squeeze out the excess water.

Put the cream, butter and water into a saucepan and bring to the boil; once boiling, put the mix and the cooked wild garlic leaf into a blender and blend until smooth; this may take 3-4mins. Place the puree in a suitable container and refrigerate or freeze to use on another occasion.

To serve:

Warm the soup base and just before serving add the puree to suit your taste, stirring until heated through, season with salt. Use some wild garlic leaf flowers to garnish, serve with good bread and butter.



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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Sun 10th. June	2-5pm	Open Gardens	Village Hall
Sat 21st April 7.30 pm Sat 19th May 7.30 pm		Folk & Acoustic night	Crown Inn
Friday 25th.May		Newsletter deadline	
Monday 10am-11am (Term Time)	Weekly	Stepping Stones Pre-school children & carers	Baptist Church
Mondays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 6.30pm Thursdays @ 10.30am	Weekly	Pilates	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St. Martins
Wednesdays @ 4.45pm	Weekly	Dragonfly's	Village Hall
Wednesdays @ 8.30pm	Weekly	Quiz	Crown Inn
Thursdays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Bridge Club	Village Hall
Fridays @ 9.30am	Weekly	Painting Class	Village Hall
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