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Parish Council

Parish Council News

With the help of volunteers, we have been busy sprucing-up various sites around the village. Greenshutters have kindly sprayed Langford Corner with weed-killer and are producing a planting design. We will be following their professional advice to totally clear the area and plant through a membrane to minimise future maintenance and costs. Members of the Gardening Club have also planted bulbs on the War Memorial Green and we are looking at the possibility of siting a WW1 memorial seat there to enjoy the Spring flowers.

A moving and well-attended Remembrance Day event was held in the village's churches and around the newly-restored memorial. An online crowdfunding initiative by Pip Brett and Oliver Howard achieved its target within hours enabling the purchase and mounting for display of the WW1 medals of (Albert) George Chorley (one of Fivehead's Fallen). Thanks to all who contributed so swiftly.

In preparation for the Fivehead Emergency Plan update, Pip and Oliver also attended Community Resilience training along with 122 people from 34 local communities and 11 safety-related organisations. Workshops on risk assessing, using social media, liaising with 1st Responders, and how to run an exercise provided many useful tips. More news on this soon...

The first Neighbourhood Watch Group is about to be formed in Ganges Close as a sufficient level of interest has been registered. Further groups can be formed subject to demand but adequate numbers have not yet responded to the invite. If you are interested, please contact Kate Beacham. Plans to establish a Cold Calling Zone in the village are being investigated. The Police have recently reviewed their approach to Neighbourhood Policing with a focus on Neighbourhood Officers dedicating time to solving problems that matter to their local community and by being more visible in their communities. This is being enabled by the roll out of laptop computers to all front-line staff so that they will be able to work in communities (eg schools, shops, cafés).

The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) have secured further Big Lottery Funding for Somerset Village Agents enabling an expansion of the scheme across Somerset. So, we are pleased to hear that local lady Melanie Rose has been appointed as our Village Agent offering free and confidential practical support to local people and community groups. She can be contacted on 07958 415345 or at melanie@somersetcc.org.uk.

Financial challenges at Somerset County Council continue with consequential cutbacks including the withdrawal of the Mobile Library service from Fivehead from Jan 2019 due to lack of demand. Luckily, the main roads around Fivehead will continue to be gritted. Roads through the village are not gritted by County but we hold supplies of rock-salt if required – contact the Clerk.

By now, we should have all experienced a number of temporary road closures around the village. Hopefully, these will enable Gigaclear to improve our cabling and speed-up our internet.

Some County news:

In commemoration of the end of WW1 a memorial wood is being established, with soil from the Belgian battlefields, in memory of the 11,281 Somerset fallen. The Somerset Wood will eventually see 14,000 broad-leaved trees planted to create a community wood covering 23 acres within a planned Country Park on the outskirts of Taunton. It's hoped that all Somerset residents, especially youngsters, will get involved in the planting of the trees provided by The Woodland Trust. As many trees as possible will be planted between November 2018 and March 2019.

Somerset Independence Plus is a one-stop shop for equipment, home improvements and advice that will help people live independently at home for longer. The new centre near Wellington is open every Monday from 9.30am - 4pm or by calling Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.



Festive greetings to you all from all of us!



Parish Council (cont)

Did You Know?

That spent aerosols can be easily recycled at the kerbside. Simply place empty household aerosols in the black box. For safety, do not pierce or squash. Around 60% of aerosols are made from tinplated steel and 40% are made from aluminium; both metals that are easily recyclable and deliver huge carbon savings if they are recycled. During the recycling process, the plastics and rubber components are removed. It does cut down on contamination if you can remove caps and nozzles before recycling. For a video on recycling metals, visit Recycle Now <https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/aerosols-0>. To see full details of the materials collected in the kerbside service, see <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections/>.

Home composting saves money and, for most garden and some food wastes, is the best environmental option. Working with SWP, the [getcomposting.com](https://www.getcomposting.com) site is able to offer Somerset residents home composting bins and other equipment at reduced prices. A 220-litre bin is available at £17.98 (plus P&P) or a 330-litre bin from £19.98 (plus P&P) and you can also “buy one bin and get one half price”. Ordering is simple: call 0844 5714444 or online via <https://www.getcomposting.com>.

How to have a less wasteful Christmas:

-  Start the festivities with empty bins and a clutter-free home by visiting a recycling site.
-  Save glass jars (with lids); ideal for home-made gifts of foods, bath salts or flavoured drinks.
-  Eat into your freezer and fridge now to save money for Christmas meals and the inevitable leftovers.
-  Save cardboard boxes and glossy magazines to make gift bags.
-  Encourage children to make space for future presents by decluttering their bedrooms.
-  Reject unrecyclable shiny, glittery, plastic, holographic, metallic wrapping.
-  Ask friends and family to write wish lists so all gifts are wanted.
-  Drop off batteries at high street stores for recycling and stock up with rechargeables.   

Somerset Community Foundation has launched this year's Surviving Winter campaign, which encourages people to join the growing number of contributors who donate some or all of their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people living in fuel poverty. Last year, over 500 older people living in fuel poverty in Somerset were helped to keep warm and better connected through the winter months, thanks to pensioners and other local donors who gave to Surviving Winter. To donate, visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter or call 01749 344949.

Driving through flood water is a really bad idea:  Just 30cm of moving water can float an average family-sized car; it's even less for smaller cars.  Driving through flood water is the No 1 cause of death during flooding.  Over three-quarters of cars that are rescued from flood water have to be written off.  Just one egg-cupful of water sucked into your engine will wreck it.

Jill Wardle Parish Clerk

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Fivehead Remembers



***They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them***

The people of Fivehead gathered at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th. November to commemorate the ending of the First World War 100 years ago in 1918 and to pay respects and remember those who gave their lives in both conflicts.

The two churches Fivehead Baptist Church and St Martins held services and a gathering to lay tributes at the newly refurbished and rededicated War Memorial.

It was nice to see both churches packed out on this special joint Remembrance Day Service

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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall

Christmas is fast approaching and the committee hope you will join with us at our first ever Christmas Themed Quiz on December 14th. Les Beacham has kindly agreed to set the questions and he is really good at creating just the right feel for an evening. With his wife Kate masterminding the catering little will be left to chance. Teams of up to six will take up the challenge and for your £6 per head fee you will be given nibbles on the table, the usual high class sausage supper, a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, plus crackers. Please bring your own drinks. We are encouraging you to “dress christmassy” to help set a festive scene. Please use the phone numbers at the bottom of this article to book your table.



This fun evening is being held as an alternative festive event to the traditional Xmas Fair which has been run for many years. St Martins Church have kindly offered space at their Fair to accommodate some of the stalls who used to trade in the hall so you won't miss out.

Our second Village Walk was a success despite the iffy weather which cleared solely for the two hours when we needed dry weather. Eighteen people and seven little dogs enjoyed a picturesque walk mostly “over the hill” where the wide views are spectacular. After a wet Saturday, a wet Sunday morning and a few phone calls from people wondering if the walk would go ahead the rain stopped just in time, a totally correct forecast for once, so an impressive number of people turned up. Two hours of walking and talking passed quickly. As we approached the Hall a few raindrops started falling again. A perfectly timed walk or a shed load of luck. A small attendance collection was taken to go towards the Village Hall refurbishment. Margaret and Beth thank everyone who came and are glad you all enjoyed yourselves.

Do we make these walks a feature for next year? What do you think?

The October Quiz, again a big, big, thank you to Kate and Les, was another very successful evening. Welcome funds were raised for the Hall while a very good turnout of people enjoyed themselves. It was particularly great to welcome very new villagers. A lot of properties seem to have changed hands these summer. We hope to meet lots of you recent arrivals at our events, clubs and classes held at the Hall. Don't hang back, turn up and make yourselves known.

The Village Hall Management Committee's AGM is on January 9th at 7.30pm at, of course, the Hall. All are most welcome to attend. This year in particular we are looking for new committee members as Dave Cameron and Paul Narey are retiring after giving sterling service for many years, for which we give them much thanks. If you have a little time to give to the smooth running of the hall we would be delighted to hear from you. No specific skills are required but whatever you can offer will be put to good use. If you think you might be interested do chat to one of the contacts below or any other committee member. For those of you who may be wondering, Paul is still happy to administer our vital 100 Club so that will continue without any changes.

Kevin Stevens 01460 281935 Chairman, Richard Hadfield 281904 Treasurer, Margaret Knox 281341 Secretary. Please contact any of these numbers with any queries.



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Fivehead Playing Field News

Christmas Bingo

Welcome one and all to our fabulous Christmas Bingo on Saturday 15th December at the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm giving you plenty of time to buy your bingo books and raffle tickets, as well as getting your drinks from our licensed bar, before 8pm when Kevin Stevens will be calling the first numbers.

There's a great friendly festive atmosphere so join us for this entertaining event and win some superb prizes.

Adult Exercise Equipment

We are now in the process of purchasing two adult exercise units designed for you to safely hone every muscle in your body. They will be located in the area between the main gates and the children's playground. We hope you will find this new facility useful.

Season's Greetings

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will continue to do our best to make the playing field a safe and enjoyable environment for a variety of activities throughout the coming year.

Frank Doggett

Chairman 01460 281549

Seasons Greetings to you all

From the Editor

100 Club Winners

October Winners			November Winners		
No.23	B.Harvey	£50.00	No.101	R.Guthrie	£50.00
No. 52	L.Benton	£25.00	No.16	A. Josolyne	£25.00
No. 84	Wer's yurShirt	£10.00	No. 30	J. de Bouley	£10.00
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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

The October meeting was a talk with slides by Sally Nex, a freelance journalist, who told us about life behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Our November meeting was a talk on the "Work of the Dogs' Trust" by Lucy Hooper, Supporter Relations Officer at the Dogs Trust Salisbury.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas lunch in the village hall. The lunch will be a four course meal followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.

We shall be running a tombola stall at St. Martin's Christmas Fair. We would very much appreciate any gifts for our stall and these may be given either to Val Eggins or me. The tombola stalls we run during the year helps us to pay for the hire of the hall and other expenses while keeping the costs to members low. This will be the final event for the year which has seen us entertained by a wide variety of talks and events. We have had an author tells us about her hero a badger by the name of Itchybald Scratchett, a talk on endangered wildlife, two people telling us about their experiences on the BBC program 'Bargain Hunt. We have been told about 'life below stairs and then there are the two talks mentioned above. We have had a spring lunch, a full day trip by coach and steam train to Swanage and an evening mystery trip to Burnham-on-Sea for a stroll along the promenade and then on up through the Cheddar Gorge and onto Lyford where we stopped at the pub for an evening meal before making our way home. We have had a spring lunch and took part in the Village Fair.

The January 2019 meeting will be held on 15th January in the village hall starting at 2.30. This is our AGM when the new committee will be elected. It would be great if we could have one or two new faces on the committee as we only have 6 people at the moment.

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.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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Book in January to be sure of a place for Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake(13 March), The Magic Flute (11 April), Rock of Ages (18th. April), Matilda (21st May and 29th.May matinee)

Calendar Girls - The Musical (16 July) filling up fast so reserve a place now

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Show (At 7.30 pm unless shown</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2019		
Wed 16th. Jan	Motown the Musical	£52/£62
Thu 14th. Feb	Comedy Bank Robbery	£38/£43
Thu 7th. Mar	Kinky Boots	£51/£60
Wed 13th. Mar	Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake	£51/£61
Thu 11th. April	The Magic Flute	£56/£69
Thu 18th. Apr	Rock of Ages (Comedy Musical)	£41/£50
Fri 3rd. May	Beauty & the Beast Royal Ballet	£37/£47
Tue 21st. May	Matilda (Evening)	£62/£72
Wed 29th. May	Matilda (Half Term Matinee)	£62/£72
Thu 6th. June	Matilda (over spill dependant on demand may not run)	£62/£72
Thu 11th. June	Fame the musical	£45/£54
Mon 24th. June	The Mousetrap	£39/£44
Tue 16th. Jul	Calendar Girls The Musical	£47/£59
Wed 18th Mar 20	We Will Rock You	TBC

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Scott's Spot December 2018

It was in 1994 that the UK launched its first ever National Lottery. Do you remember the advertising campaign that came just before it? It caused quite a stir at the time. In the ads a giant hand was seen hovering over the rooftops of a town before finally a finger reached down to pinpoint one lucky household as the winner of the jackpot. As the golden finger pointed, so then came those memorable, alluring words: *'It could be you!'*

This was a clever ad, images and words suggesting that the hand of fate just might one day single us out to receive riches beyond our wildest dreams. I wonder if you took the bait. Many did, and many still do. A number of people have become millionaires, but the vast majority will have spent considerable sums with little, if anything, to show for it. The presence of the word *'could'* in the ad meant that in reality the odds are firmly stacked against it ever being *you*.

As the Christmas celebrations once again approach, there is a stark contrast between the events of Bethlehem and what I've just described. In Luke's gospel we read familiar words from the Christmas narratives as he records for us the shepherd's terrifying encounter with the angel of the Lord (no tinsel bedecked little girl this). Luke writes: *'Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were overcome with terror. However, the angel said to them, "There's nothing to be frightened of; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy that is for all people: today a Saviour has been born to you in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord."*

In contrast to the above here is the promise not of cash on the earth, but of riches in heaven; a prize not only for this life but for eternity – the greatest gift ever given. The point is that what transpired some 2000 years ago with Jesus' birth, was no lottery dependant on blind chance. There was no question that it *'could be you'* if you happened to get lucky. The message of the angels, of the New Testament, and of countless generations of Christians ever since is profoundly simple: ***'It is you.'*** The promise of God to humanity through Jesus His Son – that promise of a new life with Him and all the good things that flow from that – is not the preserve of the lucky few. It is yours for the taking, a gift waiting simply for you to claim and unwrap.

With every blessing for you and those you love this Christmas,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

DIARY THESE ARE CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) AT 10.30 am ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM BEHIND CURRY RIVEL CHURCH. BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship, UB = United Benefice

DEC 2nd. Advent Sunday		
	10.00am. All Age Family worship followed by	Fivehead
	11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
	4.00 pm. Christingle Service	Curry Rivel
9th. Second Sunday of Advent		
	9.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	Swell
	11.00 am. Holy Communion ((CW) with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel
	6.00 pm. CAROL SERVICE	Fivehead
MON 10th. 3.30 pm. MESSY CHURCH		Curry Rivel School
16th. Third Sunday of Advent		
	9.30 am. Morning Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
	10.00 am. All Age Family Service with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel
	11.15 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
	6.00 pm. CAROL SERVICE	Curry Rivel
TUES 18th. 7.00 pm. CAROL SERVICE		Swell
WED 19th. CAROLS at The Crown Inn		Fivehead
23rd. Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	10.00am. United Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	Swell
24th. CHRISTMAS EVE		
	4.00 pm. Crib Services	Fivehead & Curry Rivel
	11.15 pm. Midnight Holy Communion	Curry Rivel
25th. CHRISTMAS DAY		
	8.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	Swell
	10.30 am Family Christmas Communion	Fivehead
30th. First Sunday after Christmas		
	10.00 am. United Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
JAN 6th. Feast of Epiphany		
	10.00 am. All Age Family Worship followed by	Fivehead
	11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00 pm. Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
13th. Second Sunday after Epiphany		
	9.30 pm. Holy Communion (BCP)	Swell
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel
	6.00 pm. Evening Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
	NO MESSY CHURCH IN JANUARY	
20th. Third Sunday after Epiphany		
	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	Curry Rivel
	9.30 am. Morning Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00 am. All Age Family Service with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel
27th. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		
	9.15 am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00 pm. Evensong (BCP)	Swell

Fivehead Village Walk

Our second Village Walk raising funds for the Village Hall was another success despite the threatening weather we managed to stay dry and get back to the shelter of the Village Hall for refreshments.

The picture shows those hardy souls who ventured forth, quite a squash to get them all in with their dogs but if more want to come next time, (If there is one) we can always go for a extra row!



Short Mat Bowls

We have managed to recruit one new member this session, hopefully one of many more. We finish our session this year on Monday 10th. December and restart on Monday 21st. January 2019.

So if you don't make your trial session before Christmas we look forward to welcoming you after the break when the exercise of short mat bowling will help work off those Christmas excesses!

So please give us a try. There is no obligation to go every week.

Young or mature, we accept all ages

FIRST SESSION FREE. REFRESHMENTS ARE ALSO PROVIDED

Call HEATHER 01460281995

Fivehead Drama Group

Next January ***Snow White & her little friends*** will be visiting the Village to entertain you all on **Friday 18th January (Evening) & Saturday 19th January (Afternoon Matinee & Evening)**

We are always looking for new talent and helpers, acting, singing scenery & props makers and scene shifters, so why not come and meet us at the **Crown Inn** on the last Tuesday of the month (except when in rehearsal) at 8.00pm. From now on we will be at the Village Hall rehearsing on Tuesdays at 8.45 pm.

Anybody interested in joining the group can contact **Harry Price** 01460 281573 or by e-mail at harryprice183@btinternet.com or

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Letter from The Manse

It was very encouraging to be packed out in both churches for the special joint Remembrance Day Service as we commemorated the centenary of the end of WW1, remembered the dead, and prayed for peace. Having to put out extra chairs is always a very welcome chore! I also look forward to future joint events.

As I write, I am being bombarded by emails and adverts telling me it's *Black Friday* (apparently an American import which seems to last far more than one day!); only a few weeks ago, I had to run the gauntlet of displays of macabre Halloween masks when I went shopping; and I've just turned Radio 4 off because of the constant speculation about B..x.! With the shortest day rapidly approaching, it certainly seems a very dark time of year!

We are certainly living in an unprecedented cauldron of political and environmental turmoil – on both sides of the Atlantic – and none of the “experts” can predict what the future holds for 2019. Yet, 2000 years ago, the political situation in Israel and Palestine was also pretty dire. Having escaped from exile in Babylon, the Jews were later over-run first by the Greeks, then the Romans who enforced a kind of peace – the *Pax Romana* – by using an iron glove!

It was into that darkness that a little baby boy was born in obscurity, in a cow shed in Bethlehem. As St John writes in his Good News, “The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it”. (John 1:5) The baby was none other than God’s Son, Jesus Christ, who grew up to bring “peace that passes understanding” – not by fighting the occupying armies, but by dying a cruel death, then rising again at Easter. We will soon sing of him in a well-known Christmas Carol, “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in in thee tonight.”

On behalf of all of us at Fivehead Baptist Church, along with our Christian friends at St Martins, we pray that you will all know the true peace and hope of Jesus – at Christmas, but also into the New Year.

We warmly invite you to join us at any of our Christmas events and services.

Diary

December

Monday 10th. 11 am Carol service St Martins Close

**Thurs 13th. 4.30 - 6.30 pm Children’s Christmas
Craft Workshop**

**Sunday 16th. 10.30 am. All age interactive Nativity
Service with Communion**

Wed 19th. 7.00 pm Carols in the Crown Inn

**Sunday 23rd. 4.00 pm Candlelit Carol Service
followed by mulled wine & mince pies**

**Tuesday 25th. 10.30 am. CHRISTMAS DAY
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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

The October night was a great success when special guest **Si Barron** treated us to a stunning performance of virtuoso guitar on his trusty Fylde Oberon and traditional folk songs, humorous banter and two songs on a hundred year old harmonium.



November saw **The Two Lauries** (Burn & Phillips) with an eclectic mix of traditional & contemporary songs and tunes, including some Irish jigs & reels.

Karen Burn accompanied them with vocals.

Next Folk Nights

Saturday 15th December

Will be a Christmas Special and feature the excellent music from the very talented **Peter and the Rabbits**.



Saturday 12th January

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CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas draw is up and running, in aid of Air ambulance and Macmillan Cancer care, £1 per number with cash prizes £75, £50, £25 to be won, just pop in and put your name on a square for a chance of winning

December 15th folk and acoustic night (featuring Peter and The Rabbits) supper TBA

December 19th Christmas Carols 7.00 start followed by Wednesday quiz

December 31st New Year's Eve FUN NIGHT with a curry supper (watch out for leaflet)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

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Village Hall

Wednesday

9th. January 2019

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We have recently recruited 7 new members but we are always looking for more so any body interested contact myself or Gary Smith

Harry Price Chairman

Village Hall

Xmas Themed Quiz

Friday

14th. December

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Thursday Nights are Youth Café - open to any young people aged 11-19. Cheap drinks and snacks

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Contact Lunches

On the third Tuesday of each month the Baptist Church will be providing a two course lunch for anyone in the Village who lives on their own. Lunches start at 12.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall (disabled access). To book your meal please contact Karen Burn on 01460 281033 or email karenburn79@gmail.com.

The Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 18th December , when traditional Turkey and Christmas Pudding is on the menu for just £4

The first lunch was on Tuesday 16th. October and enjoyed by 15 satisfied diners.

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Food and Drink

Serrano Wrapped Chicken Breast

Serves Four

Ingredients

4 Large Skinless chicken breasts butterflied
16 Sage leaves
4 Slices Serrano Ham
4 thin Lemon Slices
Sea Salt & freshly ground black pepper
50g. Butter
1 tsp olive oil

Method

Season the chicken breasts well with salt & pepper, placing 4 sage leaves in each one.

Close and roll in the Serrano ham. Place a slice of lemon on top where the ham slice overlaps and secure with a cocktail stick. Preheat the oven to 190° C, gas mark 5. Heat the butter and oil in a large oven proof pan set over a medium high heat, when it starts to sizzle, add the wrapped chicken breasts. Fry briskly on all sides for 5 minutes then, with the breasts sitting on the lemon slices, transfer the pan to the oven and cook for a further 25 minutes.

Make a sauce by draining off the fat and deglazing the pan with madeira or sherry



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DIARY OF EVENTS

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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 14th December	7.30 pm	Christmas Quiz	Village Hall
Saturday 15th. December	7.30 pm	Christmas Bingo	Village Hall
Tuesday 18th December	12.30 pm	Christmas Contact Lunch	Baptist Church
Wednesday 19th Dec	7.00 pm	Carols	Crown Inn
Wednesday 9th. January	7.30 pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Fri/Sat 18th/19th Jan	7.30pm	Pantomime	Village Hall
Wednesday 23rd. Jan		Newsletter deadline	
Tuesdays @ 6.30pm Thursdays @ 10.00am	Weekly	Pilates	Village Hall
Mondays @ 7.30 pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15 pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St. Martins
Wednesdays @ 4.45 pm	Weekly	Dragonfly's	Village Hall
Thursdays @7.00 pm	Weekly	Bridge Club	Village Hall
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