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Parish Council

Once again Christmas and the New Year have passed us by in a flash. We hope that you all had a good time and that those of you who attended our Christmas Tree Event on 8 December enjoyed themselves. The feedback has certainly been extremely good. Thanks to all those donating goods, time and money. It is hoped that we will hold a similar event next December.

Inevitably, with the Winter months comes water and certainly lots of it this year. We have reported several instances of damaged road surfaces, blocked ditches/drains and potential flood risk to Highways. In other cases, we endeavour to get landowners to clear their ditches where they are responsible. Please report any serious unresolved problems to the Parish Clerk.

The surge of new planning applications has slowed and we now await decisions on several. The SSDC Area North Committee refused the application to convert Ridgeway on Stowey Road to an independent day school. The Parish Council and some parishioners had registered their objections. The District Council refused because of an unacceptable highway impact on the rural lane network and the increased use of substandard junctions to the A378. Also, the proposal failed to provide safe and convenient access on foot and cycle.

You may have noticed that work has commenced to clear the Glendale site on Butchers Hill ready for development. The timing and scale of the recent clearance of vegetation and the next steps have been discussed with the developers who are keen to work with the village to minimise disruption. The two big conifers and large ash tree by the house will be removed next followed by the house demolition, ideally in February. The tiles will be removed by hand with the bat expert in attendance should any bats be found. Once all the Planning Conditions are discharged, development will commence with the frame of the owner's house being delivered on site possibly in March 2020. We will ensure that details of Construction Traffic Management Plan and other key events are posted on the website and by Village Group email.

The large number of local planning applications recently, and the strength of feeling that this has generated, has prompted us to investigate running a Housing Needs Survey for the parish so that we have more objective evidence of what parishioners want, and do not want, when developers come knocking.

The Budget and Precept for next financial year has been agreed, noting the requirement for increasing maintenance spend to safeguard existing Parish assets (eg cemetery, churchyard and walls) and to fulfil new requirements identified by parishioners and Members. A 2% increase on the Precept (equivalent to £1.13pa increase on Band D charge) was agreed with other costs coming from Reserves or grant applications.

Sadly, we are still constantly fighting a battle with dog fouling on our paths and fields – an emotive problem that seems endemic. Another subject distressing to cat lovers, bird lovers, or devotees to both, is cats killing garden birds. The RSPB offers these tips:

Put a bell on your cat's collar. The collar must be correctly fitted and should have a quick release mechanism to allow the cat to free itself, should it become snagged.

Keep your cat indoors when birds are most vulnerable: at least an hour before sunset and an hour after sunrise, especially during March-July and December-January, and also after bad weather to allow birds to come out and feed. If there is a baby bird in your garden, then remove your cat from the area and keep it indoors until the bird's parents have moved the chick away.

Dates for the next meetings of the Parish Council are:

- 1930 on Monday 2 March 2020
- 1930 on Monday 30 March 2020

ALL WELCOME

Parish Council (cont)

Other news

Remember that you can Keep in Touch with the Latest News on <http://fivehead-village.org.uk> or sign-up to the Village Email Group by sending a request to the Clerk.

'Green Group' Gets Going – Fivehead and Swell's Environmental Strategy Group (Green Group) met for the first time in early January and what an interesting bunch we are. We have scientists, teachers, project managers and activists and a pastor, so rest assured things will happen, especially as we have the support of the Parish Council.

We are off to a quick start, looking to get some free trees off South Somerset District Council to be planted around the Parish. We are also looking at what other groups and organisations are doing to improve the environment and tackle climate change, there's lots to choose from!

The group aims to develop a locally specific plan to coincide with SSDC's Climate Emergency Strategy. We also want to protect the village environment particularly in relation to development, develop and improve biodiversity, leave an improved environment for future generations and engage the local community, including groups and organisations.

We really want to encourage everyone to get involved in the projects we will be running in the not too distant future, as 'people power' is the quickest and most effective way to tackle this emergency. So, if you fancy planting trees or have some cunning plans to reduce waste or encourage wildlife, please do get in touch with Pip Brett or Jill Wardle.

On a related note, public events to discuss the creation of Somerset's first Climate Emergency Strategy will be run by the Somerset Climate Action Network (SCAN) on behalf of Somerset's four District Councils and the County Council. The strategy will identify ways for Somerset to work towards being carbon neutral by 2030 and adapt to predicted climate change impacts. The events will be held 10am – 4pm as follows:

- 8 February Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR.
- 15 February Mendip DC Offices, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT.
- 22 February Vicarage Street Methodist Church, Yeovil, BA20 1JB.

Winter Health – we are all asked to look out for those neighbours, friends and family that may need help this winter including the vulnerable and elderly. Help can be in many forms but in particular making sure that heating does not drop below 18C, stocks of medication are up to date, and giving some support with shopping and daily chores. NHS Choices provides information on Winter Health www.nhs.uk/winterhealth but residents should call Somerset County Council Contact Centre if they are concerned about a person or child at risk on 0300 123 2224.

Library e-Book Service – did you know that thousands of e-Books, e-Audio Books and e-Magazines can be accessed by Somerset residents on their electronic devices completely free of charge? With over 15,000 e-Books to choose from and new titles added regularly. Borrowers can check out as many as ten e-Books at a time, each of which can be borrowed for 21 days. All you need to do is become a member of Somerset Libraries – which is also free.

Volunteering in 2020 - Somerset residents looking for a New Year's resolution would be warmly welcomed to join the growing army of volunteers in the county. There are roles to suit almost everyone, from supporting the local library to supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Award. All you need is a little bit of spare time; lots of enthusiasm and a 2020 vision to give something back to your community. Opportunities can be found at www.volunteering.somerset.gov.uk.

Could you be a Marie Curie Helper or Companion? Marie Curie are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset. The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people in your area living with a terminal illness. This includes visiting them at home, going out with them, or talking to them over the phone. The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life. These volunteers give around three hours each week and provide companionship, comfort and emotional support for people on the hospital wards as well as family and friends who are visiting them. All services are completely free to the terminally ill person and full training and travelling expenses are given for all volunteers. If you are interested please phone 08003047400 or email southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk.

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

At the AGM on Tuesday 21st. January the Chairman reported on a successful year of 2019, which saw an increase in members and a dramatic increase in numbers attending the monthly outings.

He congratulated all the winners and in particular **Kevin Paul** best golfer of the year and winner of **The Andy Grinter Trophy** 11 points clear of his nearest challenger **Hannu Maki**

We welcomed our new Captain **Bruce Ferguson** and thanked **Tim Haddon** (Retiring Captain) for his sterling efforts during his captaincy.

This years events are being actively organised by the Committee, indeed a number have all ready been finalised including our **Charity Day Friday 12th June at Long Sutton Golf Club**. Over the last 5 years we have raised **£5,800.00**, **2014 BIBIC £800**, **2015 Friends of Six Acres £1,000**, **2016 Marie Curie £800**, **2017/18 D&S Air Ambulance £1,750 (inc Whiskey & Wine Auction)**, **2019 Love Musgrove £1,500**. Since starting our Charity Days we have now raised over **£50,000** quite a record for a village golf society.

Earlier in the month the cheque for **£ 1500** was presented to **Zoe Steer** for **Love Musgrove** which we managed to gift aid increasing that figure by 25%.

Anybody wishing to join contact Gary

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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall

We hope those who came to our Lottery Themed Quiz had a really good evening. Comments seem to indicate strongly that this was the case. Our next fund raising events are the Spring Quiz and Open Gardens. Please support these events as they help provide funds for hall management as well as being opportunities to meet with and make new friends.



On **March 6th** the **Spring Quiz** will revert to a general quiz with a sausage, or vegetarian option, supper part way through the evening. Please bring your own drinks and ring Richard on 281904 if you wish to book a table. Cost per head is £6 and teams are of up to six people. Doors open 7.30pm

On **May 31st** we are holding **Open Gardens**. This has proved very popular and successful in the past, last held in 2018 and will be our main event of the year, excluding the Summer Fete of course. To make this work requires people to give generously of their time so please consider volunteering your garden for viewing. Laura Howard 01460 282911 will be coordinating the event. She has great experience in this as she volunteers for the National Gardens Scheme. If you are willing to offer up your garden, whether large or small, neat or alternative as a variety is very welcome, please let Laura know. We will provide sign-age including that relating to risk disclaimer, steps slippery paths etc. There will be tea available at the village hall during the afternoon. You will be kept updated as plans progress.

The **Summer Fete** is on **July 11th**. Tables are available at £10 to sell your wares or promote your organisation. Helpers on the day are still required for the many small jobs which all together make this a successful day.

Paul Narey has done wonderfully well to sign up so many of you to our 100 club. Good luck with the coming monthly draws held at the Crown Inn on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

There will be revised pages for Village Hall content on the new Village Website, maybe even before you receive this newsletter. The Parish Council and other committees are currently at the planning stage but as soon as the website is up and running our content should be there. This is a good time to remind you that if you are planning a private party or function hiring the hall with or without its kitchen facilities could be a really good option for you. The hall is often available at weekends.

Sadly, Rob Wynn has resigned from the Management Committee due to having so many other commitments. We thank him for all he has contributed. **We are now actively recruiting for new Trustees.** To explain what is involved. There is a short monthly committee meeting, usually around one hour with the officers all in place for the coming year. We really would welcome new faces, whether you are new or very new to the village or if you have lived here for ages. New people bring new ideas, fresh thinking and can be another pair of hands when we hold our fundraising events. It is not essential to devote much time so please don't be wary of putting yourself forward. We would be so pleased to welcome your support mental and or physical. Many hands make light work and ideas come from discussion. There is no financial liability.

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Fivehead Playing Field News

A Big Thank You

We were delighted to receive a donation of £500 from the Stable Community Cafe to help towards our target of £2,600 for a new equipment storage facility on the Playing Field, adding to the £600 raised at our Christmas Bingo. Thanks also to Carrie Cunningham for doing our application for National lottery funding the result of which will be announced in April, so fingers crossed.

Easter Bingo 21st March

Our Christmas Bingo attracted a record attendance and we are hoping for another “full house” for our **Easter Bingo at the Village Hall on Saturday 21st March** with a special chicken and egg theme – brilliant entertainment with great prizes, a warm friendly atmosphere, a big raffle and a licensed bar selling beer, lager, cider, wine and soft drinks all at very reasonable prices.

Please note we are starting this event half an hour earlier than usual, so **doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30.**

Summer Fete 11th July

Something for you to look forward to on these cold winter days! **Saturday 11th July** is the date for your diary, and we, together with other local groups, are planning a big line-up of attractions to please all ages. Plus sunshine of course.

New Village Website

The Parish Council is moving the website to a commercial company, so we, together with other village bodies will be meeting to decide how we wish to upgrade our pages for the new website and what kind of content we would like to see. More about this in the next Fivehead Community Matters.

Frank Doggett Chairman

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Supporting Somerset Red Cross

All proceeds will support the British Red Cross

You are invited to our Big Birthday Concert 28th. March 2020, 7.30 pm St Mary's Church, Magdalene St, Taunton, TA1 1QY. Celebrate 150 years of the British Red Cross at an evening with Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir & The Taunton Military Wives' Choir in the magnificent Minster Church.

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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

Our December meeting was our Christmas lunch in the village hall. A large number of members sat down to a four course meal followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. Everyone enjoyed both the meal and the fellowship and I thank all those who organised this as well as the caterers.

Our tombola stall at St. Martin's Christmas Fair was also a success and again I would like to thank all those who helped on the stall. I also thank the members of St. Martin's church for allowing our club to raise funds for the club at their fair.

The January 2020 meeting was our AGM. This was very well attended especially considering the terrible weather with 27 members present. All the members of the committee were re-elected. If anyone would like to join the committee they would be very welcome. We meet only a few times a year and the meetings are very friendly. For those members present who paid their Annual Subscription of £7 received the programme card for 2020. This shows we have another year of varied talks, sing songs, meal, games and trips.

The February meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February in the village hall. This will be a talk by Sue Applegate entitled 'From Plant to Plate'. The March meeting also at the village hall will be on Tuesday 3rd March and will be a talk by Sally Page on the Glenda Spooner Organisation which work with horses, their owners and communities worldwide to stamp out cruelty to horses.

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.

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Chris Jackson, Chairman

Friday 6th March

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I still have room for **The King & I** matinee on Wednesday 1st. April, or as we will be in Bristol from around noon to 5.30 pm. you could just take the coach at a cost of £8 per person, and dine, shop or enjoy the many Bristol entertainment centres from the Maritime Museum to the Zoo.

The 20th. April trip to **Les Miserables** is full, if there are no cancellations, but I have tickets reserved for the second trip on 5th.May.

Mamma Mia on 8th June **Strictly Ballroom** on 3rd November and **The Commitment** on 16th February 2021 look certain to run but still have vacancies.

Dream Girls 3rd September has attracted very little interest and may be cancelled. A similar lack of interest for **Snow White**, the pantomime and **Sunny Afternoon**, celebrating the Kinks, so if you are holding back please get in touch.

Finally **Phantom of the Opera** is on its way to Bristol in 2021 we hope, no details yet.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Show (At 7.30 pm unless shown)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2020		
Tue March 3rd	Bourne's The Red Shoes	£93/£61
Fri March 13th	Carmen (Welsh N Opera)	£55
Wed March 18th	We will Rock You (Queen)	£45/£58
Thur March 26th	The King & I (Evening)	£53/£70
Wed April 1st	The King & I (Matinee)	£53/£70
Mon April 20th	Les Miserables (Evening)	£85/£70/£62
Tues May 5th	Les Miserables (Evening)	£85/£70/£62
Mon June 8th	Mamma Mia	£49/£61
Wed Sept 30th	Dream Girls	£45/£60
Tues Nov 3rd	Strictly Ballroom	£36/£51
2021		
Tues Feb 16th	The Commitments	£50

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Scott's Spot – A view from the pew from a Fivehead resident...

Some might wonder what brought a woman from the island of Borneo and her husband to move to a small village in the middle of the Somerset countryside. We have no family nearby and, prior to moving here this part of Somerset was not on our radar, let alone Fivehead. Nevertheless, we came, we saw and I, not Harvey, who is more grounded and not prone to sentimentality, fell in love, not with the house, but with the old apple tree in our front garden. Here we have been living, more than 10 years on. Alas, my beloved tree is no more, save for a rotting trunk.

My journey with God by my side truly began in Fivehead. It happened gradually, not for me the voice of the Lord amidst the blinding light which St Paul encountered en route to Damascus and which led to his dramatic conversion to Christianity. What started with me attending St Martin's on Sundays ended with the scales being peeled from my eyes. I was yearning to know more about this astounding book called the Bible and Jesus' ministry. I have always kept a Bible by my bedside, for protection, I told myself but it was left unopened for too many long years. Although I was baptised and was brought up an Anglican, I did not commit my life to God fully until we moved here. My faith grew as I attended Bible study groups amongst other Christians. I know that the only kind of journey I want in this life is the one with God by my side.

After years of convincing myself that God could never accept and love someone like me it dawned on me that God loves us all, believers, non-believers, those have sinned and those who have strayed. We are all God's children and his abiding love for humanity is nothing short of miraculous.

Open your hearts, let the Lord in and, like me, you will be dumb-founded and blown away by His love, patience and compassion. Open your doors and let Christ into your hearts and your lives. It is as simple as that!

With love

Florence

Revd. Scott Patterson.

DIARY THERE 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

FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS
2nd.

10.00 am. All Age Family worship followed by **Fivehead**
11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**
6.00 pm. Evening Worship **Curry Rivel**

9th. 3rd Sunday before Lent
9.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP) **Swell**
11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
6.00 am. Evening Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**

16th. 2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP) **Curry Rivel**
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**

Monday 17th. 3.30 pm. MESSY CHURCH **Curry Rivel School**

23rd. Sunday before Lent
9.15 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**

Wed 26th. ASH WEDNESDAY
7.30 pm. Holy Communion (CW) plus Imposition of Ashes **Curry Rivel**

MARCH

1st. First Sunday of Lent (St. David's Day)
10.00 am. All Age Family Worship followed by **Fivehead**
11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**
6.00 pm. Evening Worship **Curry Rivel**

8th. Second Sunday of Lent
9.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP) **Swell**
11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**
6.00 pm. Evening Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**

Monday 9th. 3.30 pm. MESSY CHURCH **Curry Rivel School**

15th. Third Sunday of Lent
8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP) **Swell**
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**

22nd. MOTHERING SUNDAY
10.00 am. All Age Mothering Sunday Service **Curry Rivel**
11.15 am. Short Holy Communion (CW) **Curry Rivel**
4.00 pm All Age Mothering Sunday Service followed by **Fivehead**
Tea and Cake !

29th Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.00 am. UB Holy Communion (CW) **Swell**

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A big thank you to the villagers who spared the time to e.mail me with suggestions for the shop, which I have taken on board, also the people who have visited and supported me I really appreciate it. I am pleased to say I now have milk, free range eggs & non perishable groceries in stock, also logs, coal & bird food. At the moment I am not selling bread as it is a short shelf life, but I will if the demand makes it worthwhile. I am having an official open day on 22nd February 10 am-2 pm. So come along and have a glass of fizz and see what's on offer.

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Look forward to seeing you. Sue

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As the advertised January course is now full I am running a second general first aid training session on Sunday 23rd February from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Langport Red Cross Centre. Open to all, the course is entirely practical and will teach and give practice in the basic skills necessary to preserve life and stabilise casualties until the professionals arrive Topics will include Cardiac Arrest, Heart Attacks, Strokes, Severe bleeds, Choking, Allergic Reactions, Asthma, Diabetes, Fractures and other topics if requested. The cost is £35 which will be a donation to Langport & District Red Cross Group. Places are limited. Chris Cox. Book on 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com.

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Folk & Acoustic Nights

- March 21st Blue, Peter and the Rabbits
- April 18th Pete Stearn & Will Southcote
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- June 20th Thornbridge
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Letter from The Manse

I think that the village grapevine has already spread the news that I shall be retiring in July this year! In 2017 I was called to be the Minister here on this understanding. However, may I offer a couple of comments on retirement?

Firstly, Karen and I are not moving very far away, having recently bought a house in Ilminster, so we will still be around. We also intend to continue running the monthly Folk Nights at The Crown Inn for the foreseeable future, so we are not abandoning Fivehead! Retirement can be thought of as *re-tyre-ment* – fitting a new set of tyres for the next part of the journey! New opportunities and new challenges.

Secondly, the Baptist Church in Fivehead will continue to serve people in our village and community, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, as our forefathers (reaching back to Joseph Corpe who founded the church in 1869) have always done. The church will begin the task of seeking a new Minister to lead the next chapter of their life, and the members are currently writing a profile of the church and its vision to begin the process. There are two important distinctives of Baptist Church life which affect the decision-making:

In Baptist churches, every member is a “minister” as each one has unique gifts, calling and place of service. St Paul wrote about this in his letter to the Church at Corinth: *“There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”* (1 Corinthians 12:6,27)

The other distinctive is that decisions in Baptist churches are made by the members. A new minister cannot be sent or imposed by any hierarchy, but the local members have to call someone (who then has to accept that call!) as they seek God’s will in prayer and discussion. (The same principle was adopted by the Pilgrim Fathers who set sail from Plymouth exactly 400 years ago in 1620.) Neither is the minister the head of the church; that role is reserved for the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

For this reason, I share Paul’s confidence that, *“he [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 1:6)

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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

It may have been “just” a Floorsingers Night, but our January meeting a fantastic evening’s entertainment. That’s because our floorsingers are all so talented! Thanks to all nine of the wonderful acts who turned up, as well as a full audience, who were not disappointed.

Our floorsingers included a number of acts who had previously been guests at The Crown, plus a couple of acts who are booked for later in 2020: **Pete Stearn** (guitar) & **Will Southcote** (accordion) will be performing in April, and **Guy Hawthorn**, who came for the first time, will be joined by the rest of the fabulous 4-part harmony group **Thornbridge** in June. Thanks also to **Ben Banks, Jill Norris, Martin Baxter & Adam Montague, Dave Sutcliffe, “two Lauries” & Steve**

As we did not have a paid guest, the beer mug was passed round for the **Taunton Foodbank**, which resulted in a donation of £69. Thanks everyone for your generosity.



Next Folk & Acoustic Music Night

Saturday February 15th. 7.30 pm.

Ben Morgan-Brown



Ben Morgan-Brown is a singer/songwriter and accomplished finger style guitarist. Winner of Purbeck Rising 2019, named by FATEA as one of the rising stars of 2018 and described by Tom Robinson of BBC6 Music as “*the brilliant Ben Morgan-Brown*.”

His 2019 release **Nameless Gold** has received national airplay and was called “*as good as minimalist folk gets*” by Louder Than War and “*Beautifully sophisticated .. With an incredible depth of emotional honesty*” by FATEA

February’s bar supper is **Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash & Peas (or vegetarian alternative) £6**

Folk & Acoustic nights will be held at the Crown Inn, Fivehead- usually on the third Saturday of each month- courtesy of the landlords Steve & Jacqui Chastell.

Starting at 7.30 pm 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 the chance to perform (depending on numbers) Sign up in the book on arrival

March 21st 2020

Blue, Peter & the Rabbits

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

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

For more information contact Laurie Burn laurieguitars@gmail.com 01460 281033.

The Crown Inn

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Hi all,

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We have folk nights to look forward to and spring is on its way

We will be celebrating VE day with a lot of events ie.(organised dog walk) in aid of SSFA) your ideas for anything else will be welcome,

THIS IS A WANT. A young bugler, and someone who plays the bagpipes for VE day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 15TH FOLK NIGHT, SAUSAGE, YORKSHIRE PUDD, MASH AND PEAS (VEGETARIAN OPTIONS)

MARCH 21ST FOLK NIGHT TIKKA MASALA, RICE (VEGETARIAN OPTIONS)

APRIL 18TH CHICKEN ‘IN A’ BASKET (VEGETARIAN OPTIONS)

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We reopened on **Monday 20th January 2020** when we welcomed back our stalwart members. We are hopeful some new friends will be keen to try out this interesting sport and enjoy a couple of hours exercise (not too strenuous) have some tea and biscuits (or maybe cake) So lets be seeing some new faces on a Monday evening.

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Fivehead Drama Group



The stage has been dismantled, the costumes put away, the make up removed and hopefully **The Pied Piper and the Rats** have returned to **Hambridge**.

The Drama Group hope all those of you who came to see this years offering enjoyed the performances and the evenings entertainment, nearly a full house on Saturday evening 81, and only a few behind on Friday 70, and 40 plus on Saturday afternoon. A number of you have expressed their enjoyment of the Pantomime and particularly the great strides forward taken by the youngsters during this year



It has been rewarding over the last two years with the number of young people who have joined us, remained and moved on with more confidence from last year's pantomime and through the Summer Revue (who can forget "the Little People" sketch in the revue) to perform so resolutely in this year's Pantomime. The future of the Drama Group is in their hands and we look forward to seeing them all in this year's Summer Revue.

We look forward to the future and the opportunities to provide entertainment to the Village for many years to come. Anybody interested in joining, in any capacity, our next get together is at **The Crown Inn** on **Tuesday 25th February 8.00 pm**.

Sunday 9th
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750g (1 ½ lb) Chuck Steak 2.5cm dice	Beef Stock or Water (Optional)
30g (1oz) Plain Flour	185g (6oz) Button Mushrooms
315ml (10 fl oz) Stout or Guinness	Salt & Pepper to taste
2 cloves Garlic halved	<u>Garnish</u>
3 teaspoons chopped Rosemary	Sprigs of Rosemary

Method

Preheat oven to 160C(375F). In a large saucepan, heat half the butter & oil. Add the meat, in batches if necessary, and cook over a high heat to seal. Transfer to a casserole. Add remaining oil to pan, stir in the flour and cook for 2 minutes, remove from the heat and gradually stir in the flour. Heat gently, stirring to form a smooth sauce. Add to casserole with garlic & rosemary. Cover and cook in the oven for 2 ½ hours stirring occasionally

One hour before the end of cooking time, melt the remaining butter in a small frying pan and sauté the baby onions for 2-3 minutes to brown. Stir into the casserole with carrots. Check the quantity of liquid, adding a little stock or water if needed to cover the meat. Return to the oven.

Half an hour before the end of cooking time, stir in the mushrooms. Season with salt & pepper

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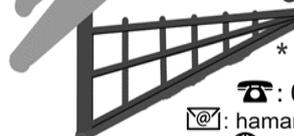
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DIARY OF EVENTS

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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Sunday 9th. February	3.00 pm.	Re-engage afternoon tea for the elderly	The Stable
Saturday 15th. February	7.30 pm	Folk & Acoustic Music	The Crown Inn
Friday 6th. March	9.30 am.	First of season golf trip	Lyme Regis G C
Friday 6th. March	7.30pm	Spring Quiz	Village Hall
Saturday 21st. March	7.00 pm	Easter Bingo	Village Hall
Saturday 21st. March	7.30pm	Folk & Acoustic Music	The Crown Inn
Friday 20th. March		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
Usually 1st. Monday 7.30 pm (8.00 pm. Apr-Sept)	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

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