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Parish Council

To quote Oscar Wilde *"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall"*. Where has the year gone? After all those long hot dry days, at least the gardens are now enjoying the occasional burst of refreshing rain and starting to regain their colour. With the help of volunteers, we have been making efforts to improve planting and landscape in and around the village.

🌿 Despite some strenuous work, Langford Corner is still not looking its best so we have decided to clear the site and then replant it with well-suited shrubs and ground cover taking advice from our experts up at Greenshutters.

🌿 Work by the PCC to improve the wall and vegetation in the small area of Open Churchyard are a great improvement. We have had the overgrown conifer in the Closed Churchyard removed to prevent further damage to the walls and the War Memorial; and, with the Church's permission, the logs were advertised free of charge to parishioners by the Village Group email.

🌿 With more sunlight and air flow on the Village Green (and hopefully some rain to soften the ground), the Gardening Club will be planting donations of Spring bulbs this Autumn. It is also hoped to spruce-up and plant bulbs at St Catherine's Well in Lower Swell.

🌿 Last, but by no means least, the Pound has been lovingly tended by the Thompsons and, following the offer of a contribution by the Glendale developer, we are currently getting quotes for its restoration including stonework, ironwork and planting.

Efforts to improve traffic management and safety in the village centre continue with the extensive rebuilding of Mintons a reminder of the dangers of increasing volume, weight and speed of traffic through our village. We are hopeful that new and improved signage for directing HGVs at the bottom of Butchers Hill and Ganges Hill, and by the Old Manse will be implemented shortly. Options to improve road safety (eg a footpath; traffic calming signage and white-lining) on Butchers Hill opposite the Glendale site are also being discussed SCC Highways and SSDC Planning.

In last year's Community Plan survey, you told us that you were interested in improving Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and reducing Cold Calling. We have obtained advice and documents from Trading Standards and the Police, and volunteer NWS co-ordinators are asking residents in their area if they wish to participate. The response has been patchy. Similarly, efforts to provide advice on Cold Calling have had limited interest. We have door stickers from trading standards to discourage cold callers. If you would like a set please email Kate.beacham1@btinternet.com or phone 01460 281414.

We are always pleased to hear from parishioners with suggestions for improvements and, indeed, with complaints. Do write to us (via the Clerk at fiveheadpc@gmail.com) or come along to the Public Session at the start of our monthly meeting. The next meetings are at 1930 on 5 November and 3 December.

As with many parishes, the parishioners' complaints generally centre on traffic, obstructed footpaths, pollution (including noise) and dog fouling. Following the complaints about dogs being exercised loose in the cemetery, we will be erecting a sign stating 'No dogs allowed except assistance dogs'. There have also been reports of dogs running loose (and potentially fouling) pasture/arable land which, as well as being unsociable, is a danger to other users and to land-owners and their animals from toxocariasis. Dog owners who have been witnessed allowing their dogs to run loose have been seen and advised. Failure to clean up after your dog is a criminal offence. Dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog can be fined and even prosecuted in court.

Finally, a lovely surprise arrived from Canada last week: a copy of the Sawtell family history book. The Sawtell family farmed and lived in Swell until the turn of the 20th century, when most of them emigrated to rural Saskatchewan in Canada. Two of their sons fought in WW1 where Jack was killed during the Battle of Mount Sorrel. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium and is listed on our Village War Memorial. Excerpts from the book will be on our Village website soon.

WW1 commemorations will be held in the village on 11 November. There will be individual handmade wreaths for each of our Fallen in the Church with information about their lives. On 10 November at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel, Midwessex Singers present "Freedom, we died for you" A concert to commemorate the Centenary of the end of WW1 (1914-1918). Keep an eye on the noticeboards and website for details.

🌿 *"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye"* Unknown 🌿

Parish Council (cont)

Did You Know?

Analysis of Somerset's rubbish and recycling show that although 85% of residents actively recycle on a regular basis, 26% of the average refuse bin, by weight, is still food waste. Materials that currently can go in a recycling box make up 17%, and another 9% is garden waste. Analysis by volume, shows that well over half of the contents of our rubbish bins should not be there.

The average Somerset wheeled bin is not completely full after two weeks. This surplus capacity, together with plans to introduce expanded weekly recycling collections, including plastic pots, tubs and trays, and Tetra Paks, means that residents should be able to manage the change to three-weekly refuse collections rolling out from 2020.

Trading Standards receives hundreds of complaints each year about mass marketing scams (including bogus lotteries, premium-rate prize promotions, psychic mailings and miracle health cures) and Cold Calling unscrupulous traders offering their services on the doorstep. Their work is often badly done and overpriced. If you do need to have some work done at your home, take the time to consider recommended businesses that family or friends have used before, or use a trader that has been approved by your trading standards officers through the Buy With Confidence Scheme – www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

If you receive a letter, phone call, home visit or email and you are concerned it might be a scam, consider the questions below. If you can answer yes to any of these questions then there is a good chance that someone is trying to scam you:

- Was the offer unsolicited?
- Do I have to respond or agree straight away?
- Do I have to make a purchase to win a prize draw I didn't enter?
- Do I have to ring a premium rate telephone number?
- Do I have to give my bank or credit card details or passwords?
- Is the business reluctant to give their address or contact details?
- Am I being asked to keep it confidential?

Does it look too good to be true?

Use your common sense, but if any of the above are true, think twice before handing over any money or giving your personal details. Because scam operators often work from abroad, regularly changing their addresses and conducting business under false names, it can be extremely difficult for authorities to tackle them by conventional enforcement. By far our best weapon against the scammers is to educate, warn and publicise about the prevalence of scams, encouraging all residents to remember the motto – **If it seems too good to be true, it probably is...**

If you are concerned about yourself or someone else, you can call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service for free help and practical advice on 03454 040506, as well as the police on 101. If you are concerned someone is at immediate risk of serious harm always call 999.

The Dragon Patcher is arriving in Somerset. This innovative machine can deliver road repairs up to five times faster than a traditional carriageway patching gang and can be controlled by one operator. As well as simply filling potholes, it can also be used to treat sections of road with cracks or minor deterioration to prevent potholes forming in future. The machine will operate until early November, depart during the colder months and then return at the end of Feb, into March.

A new webpage to help residents find out about planned maintenance on Somerset's roads is now available at www.travelsomerset.co.uk. The new webpage allows people to view the structural maintenance programme for the current year, so people can find out if improvement works are planned in the near future. The exact timings of work are added to the live map when they are finalised.

Jill Wardle Parish Clerk

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LOCAL LEGION MEMBERS HONOUR WW1 GENERATION BY RECREATING HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE OF 1928

More than 2,200 standard bearers and wreath layers paid tribute to the Fallen

Members of the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch of The Royal British Legion joined thousands of Armed Forces veterans and supporters from across the UK, Ireland and worldwide in a pilgrimage of remembrance to some of the most poignant sites from the First World War.

This Branch was one of 27 Branches from across Somerset which were represented at this event.

A spectacular two-mile march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial, led by 1,100

Standard Bearers, was the culmination of the three-day event, which saw the 2,200 participants visit the First World War trenches, battlefields and cemeteries at Passchendaele, Tyne Cot and The Somme..



Mick Brett, Standard Bearer, from Fivehead, and Peter Hayes, Wreath Bearer, Curry Rivel, attended the Great Pilgrimage 90 as representatives of Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch, as well as our local communities

Mick, who has only been the Branch's Standard Bearer for 6 months, said *"It was one of the proudest occasions of my life. A real once-in-a-lifetime experience and something that I will never forget"*. Thoughts echoed by Peter *"I found it to have been a most emotional occasion that I was so very proud to have been a part. Sometimes I just had to be on my own with my thoughts"*.

Bob Gamble, The Royal British Legion's Head of Commemorative Events, said: *"The Great Pilgrimage 90, was the Legion's largest membership event in modern history. It was a suitable tribute from the members of The Royal British Legion to honour the First World War generation, echoing the way in which the British Legion community commemorated the 10th anniversary of the conflict in 1928."*

Mick and Peter are very grateful for the very generous donations received from Curry Rivel Parish Council, the Curry Rivel News and 'Bristow Electrical' which made possible the involvement of the Branch in this event.



By Tony Potter, Branch Chairman



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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall



As we leave summer behind and move into darker evenings and shorter days there are three up and coming events to enjoy whilst supporting the Village Hall.

The first will be, by popular demand, a 2nd Village Walk to be held on Sunday **October 14th** at 2.30pm. We shall start at the Hall taking a circular route lasting somewhere in the region of two hours. The route isn't quite finalised as this article goes to print! Further details will be posted on the notice board and be available on the usual digital media. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome but please be aware there are some people who are nervous of larger dogs. A small charge of £2 per head will be taken towards Village Hall refurbishment funds.

The second event is our regular Autumn Quiz on **October 19th** 7.30 for an 8pm start. This has been kindly set by Les Beacham who does a wonderful job providing an entertaining and varied challenge without causing stress to participants. In other words it is a fun evening. Tickets are £6 a head which includes a sausage supper but please bring your own drinks. Teams are of up to six people. If you want to book a table for your pre-existing team please ring Margaret or Kevin but it is just fine to come along and a team can be made up on the night so don't be put off if you are new to the village. We would love to see you.. Last but not least the committee has decided to go for a change this year and instead of our usual Christmas Fair we are going to hold a Christmas themed Quiz on **December 14th**, times as above.

All things Christmassy, so think how you can fully participate. This will be a first, let's make it a good one! There will be more details to follow in the December Newsletter but do save the date.

Although there is a good variety of classes and clubs held in the Hall there are free time slots into which more could be placed especially during the day. Do you have an interest or hobby requiring space to pursue it? Are there things going on already at times which you are unable to fit in with? If you would like to chat through possibilities phone the Hall Secretary, number below.

The outside space to the rear and side of the hall has had a massive haircut of bushes and the northern boundary all done by the Community Payback Service at nominal cost. We thank a parishioner for her help in facilitating this. The resulting debris will be cleared soon. We also thank the Playing Field Management Committee for their joint working over this messy but essential work.

The decorating and floor refurbishment is still pending as plans change and grant funding is sought but we hope it won't be too long before the job is done. We are very grateful to Cllr Brett for doing a sterling job in tying up the many loose ends. Any queries contact the persons below

Margaret Knox Secretary 01460 281341

Kevin Stevens Chairman 01460 281935

100 Club Winners

August Winners

No.13	M. Corns	£50.00
No. 90	R. Westworth	£25.00
No. 16	A. Josolyne	£10.00
No.5	M. Davey	£10.00

September Winners

No.17	J&M Rose	£50.00
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Fivehead Playing Field News

Adult Exercise Equipment

Popular support for provision of adult exercise equipment on the playing fields emerged in last year's village survey. We are now in the process of preparing a project, and we are grateful to Fivehead Baptist Church Stable Community Cafe for a donation of £500 to start off our fundraising campaign.

Play Area Safety Upgrade

This has now been completed with new safety surfacing in place.

Entrance Gates

By the time you read this the entrance gates should have been cleaned, painted and reset, and look as good as when they were first installed in the year 2000. You may remember back then we held a competition for village children to come up with an appropriate millennial design which was won by Hannah King.

Security

A lockable security post has been installed in front of the entrance gates to prevent unauthorised vehicles from gaining access. This will be temporarily in the 'down' position whilst Western Power carry out pylon and cable work scheduled for 1st to 19th October, after which the post will be 'up', part of a comprehensive security upgrade for the Village Hall/Playing Field recommended by the police. A key can be obtained from the Village Hall or from FPC members.

Christmas Bingo

On Saturday 15th December at 8pm Kevin Stevens will be calling the first numbers in our Christmas Bingo and we are expecting a full house for this entertaining event which I believe is now in it's 40th year, so join us for a great evening and win some superb prizes.

Frank Doggett

Chairman 01460 281549

The Royal Voluntary Service are looking for dedicated volunteers to choose and deliver books to older people in the community. This is a vital lifeline for those who can no longer visit a library, but still want to enjoy literature. Could you help? Do you love books, libraries and reading? If so this is the perfect opportunity for you. Full training will be given and on going support from the Royal Voluntary Service will be provided.

For more information or to apply to be a volunteer contact: **Kirsty Jenssen 07920 250834**

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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

There was no meeting in August but the September meeting was our evening Mystery Outing. The coach left Fivehead just after 4.30 in the afternoon and drove us to Burnham-on-Sea where we had a stop so people could stretch their legs with a stroll along the seafront. We then continued our coach ride travelling to Cheddar and then enjoying a ride up through the gorge before making our way to Wells. From Wells we made our way to Shepton Mallet before driving down the A37 to Lydford-on-the-Fosse where we stopped for our meal and drinks before making our way home. A very relaxing and enjoyable evening was had by all.

The October meeting will be in the hall where we will be entertained by Sally Nex, a freelance journalist, as she tells us about life behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show. The meeting is open to all, those people who would like to attend and are not members will be charged £1. Although this meeting is taking place on 2nd October the menus for our Christmas Lunch will be available and will be needed to be returned to Hilary Maisey by the 21st November. The cost will be £15 for the four course meal. You will have to bring your own wine if you wish to have it with the meal.

Our November meeting will be on 4th November and we will be given a talk on the "Work of the Dogs' Trust" by Lucy Hooper, Supporter Relations Officer at the Dogs Trust Salisbury. Again this meeting is open to all people.

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 on (01460) 282957

Chris Jackson, Chairman

New Monthly Contact Lunches in the Baptist Church

Living alone and wanting to share a meal with others?

Come to Fivehead Baptist Church on Tuesday 16th October at 12.30pm for a 2-course lunch for just £3. Enjoy good food and conversation in good company.

Please contact Karen Burn to book a place on 01460 281033 or karenburn79@gmail.com.

This will hopefully be the first of a series of monthly lunches on the Third Tuesday of each month.

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Payment is due in October for Motown (16th January) and Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (13th March). After October I cannot guarantee tickets will still be available at Bristol, but worth the ask!

We have availability still for Benidorm (21st Nov £46) & English National Ballet's Swan Lake (29th Nov £45).

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Any profit is donated to charity.

For more details of all trips please visit www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk , e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Show (At 7.30 pm unless shown</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Thu 8th. Nov	Jersey Boys	£47/£63
Wed 21st. Nov	Benidorm	£46
Thu 29th. Nov	Swan Lake (English National Ballet)	£60/£72
2019		
Wed 16th. Jan	Motown The Musical	£52/£72
Thu 14th. Feb	Comedy Bank Robbery	£38/£52
Thu 7th. Mar	Kinky Boots	£51/£60
Wed 13th. Mar	Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake	£51/£61
Thu 11th. April	The Magic Flute (Opera)	£56/£69
Thu 18th. April	Rock of Ages (Comedy Musical)	£41/£50
Fri 3rd. May	Beauty & the Beast	£37/£47
Tue 21st. May	Matilda (Evening)	£62/£72
Wed 29th. May	Matilda (Half Term Matinee)	£62/£72
Thu 6th. June	Matilda (overspill dependant on demand may not run)	£62/£72
Tue 11th. June	Fame	£45/£54

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Scott's Spot

Faith A crutch for the weak?

Having my hair cut a while ago, I found myself 'talking faith'. As we talked it became apparent that my barber's view on faith, and those who professed it, was that it was effectively a 'crutch for the weak'. He seemed surprised that my personal faith journey **hadn't** involved some sort of major life trauma, and was seemingly convinced that faith came from the place of all else having been tried, and all else having failed. In short, a position of last resort. Perhaps you, or those you know, hold a similar view.

Now while I would want to challenge my friend's somewhat patronising assessment, holding instead that the Bible makes sense of the world around us, that faith in Jesus is intellectually defensible, and that publicly standing for Christ amongst our secular culture takes more courage not less, I would agree that acts of faith do often need a catalyst. Despite my objection to the above, it **is** true that acts of faith **aren't** usually born out of peace and calm. The Bible is full of examples of this. For example in the book of Exodus it wasn't military know-how that made Moses raise his staff on the bank of the Red Sea. He did it because he was between an army and an ocean. For Naaman, the leprous military commander, it wasn't medical research that convinced him to dip seven times in the river (see 2 Kings Chapter 5), it was because he was a very sick man.

Neither was it common sense that caused the Apostle Paul to abandon the Jewish laws he'd followed his whole life and follow Jesus. He couldn't see any other way. And it wasn't a bold group of Christians who prayed in Jerusalem for Peter's release from prison (see Acts 12). It was an uncertain and vulnerable band of backed-into-a-corner believers with no other choice. A group of have-nots begging for help. Situations each leading to intervention and partnership beyond all expectation.

So although I do not agree with my barber's opinion that faith is the preserve of the weak, in a way he wasn't far from the truth. For at the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear.

The message of the Bible is that, once opened, the door of faith leads to previously undreamt of divine resources – courage, strength and comfort amongst the maelstrom of life. Perhaps recent events mean that you're now ready to taste and see?

Faith, a crutch for the weak? Well not quite. Rather a step of the humble brave.

With blessings and prayer for you and those you love,

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

OCT 7th. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.15am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
11.15am. All age Harvest Service followed by	Fivehead
12.30pm. HARVEST LUNCH in Village Hall	Fivehead
6.00pm. Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
8th 3.30pm. MESSY CHURCH	Curry Rivel School

14th. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

21st. Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
9.30am. Morning Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
11.00am. All Age Family Service with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel

28th. Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity

9.15am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
11.00am. Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
6.00pm. Taize style service	Swell

NOV 4th. Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

11th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00am. Holy Communion (BCP)	Swell
10.30am. Joint Remembrance Service with Baptist Church (Full details will be on notice boards in due course)	Fivehead
10.53am. Remembrance Service	Curry Rivel

12th. 3.30pm. MESSY CHURCH

Curry Rivel School

18th. Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am. Holy Communion (BCP)	Curry Rivel
9.30am. Morning Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
11.00am. All Age Family Service with Sunday Club	Curry Rivel

25th. Christ the King

9.15am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
11.00am. Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
6.00pm. Evensong (BCP)	Swell

Fivehead

Fivehead Village Walk

Our first Village Walk raising funds for the Village Hall was a huge success on Sunday 5th Aug. Despite being possibly the hottest day of the year so far, we braved the weather, slapped on the sun cream and rambled through our beautiful countryside. The gentle 4 mile route took us South from the Village Hall to Isle Abbots and back past Stillbrook to the Village Hall for some very welcome refreshments. The route is well signposted and easy to follow, so for those who nodded off after their Sunday lunch and forgot to come along (you know who you are!), we strongly encourage you to get your walking boots on and enjoy our fabulous locality.

Many thanks go to those that helped run the day, including Beth Thompson, Laura Howard and Richard Hadfield.

Special thanks go to Margaret Knox for her sterling efforts in making it happen, from wading through the health and safety rules and regulations to cracking the whip in getting the paths cleared.

Looking forward to our next perambulation, which hopefully will be soon. Details will be posted on the website, notice boards and newsletter.

Short Mat Bowls

Dear Villagers

I am appealing to you all to try and keep **Fivehead Short Mat Bowls** running.

The perception of "Bowls" is usually a group of mature people throwing a ball down grass or carpet to get close to a ball at the other end.

Except We play **Short Mat**. The bowls are weighted so they don't go straight and someone thought it would be a good idea to put a block of wood in the middle ! I'm 43 so not quite retiring age yet !

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

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Fivehead Drama Group

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our lottery bid for new sound equipment but nothing ventured nothing gained.

Next January ***Snow White & her little friends*** will be visiting the Village to entertain you all.

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.

Anybody interested in joining the group can contact **Harry Price** 01460 281573 or by e-mail at harryprice183@btinternet.com or **Kevin Stevens** 01460 281

Baptist Church



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Letter from The Manse

As we enter Autumn, “the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” according to poet John Keats, it’s time to think about Harvest and especially our food! There’s nothing quite like eating a fresh apple or greengage picked off the tree! Living as we do in a rural village, food production is all around us and we are grateful to our farmers who work so hard to grow and produce our food, often battling against climatic and economic challenges.

This year’s drought has had an effect on crop yields, yet there still seem to be lots of apples around. Whilst one country has drought, another has floods, but over the whole earth the harvest will produce enough food for everyone – *provided* that it is fairly distributed. The promise God spoke to Noah after the Flood was that,

As long as the earth endures, springtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” (The Bible, Genesis 8:22)

There IS enough food, but the tragedy for many people is that it doesn’t come their way due to war, greed or incompetent practices. Whilst hearing on our news about starvation in Yemen and Syria, we also hear that in the UK we throw away £13 billion of food waste each year – equivalent to £470 per family! The tragedy is compounded by the fact that this summer holiday in the UK – including Somerset – hundreds of families were relying on Food Banks to help feed their children.

This year, at our Harvest Festival service we will be donating produce for the Taunton Food Bank, as well as supporting an overseas cause. The Taunton Food Bank has a branch that meets in the Ridgeway Hall in Langport every Wednesday afternoon, to provide food parcels to needy families. In The Stable, and in both of our village churches, we have collection boxes all year round where you can place tinned or other non-perishable food, which will be distributed to those in need.

The needs of the world are so great that often it feels overwhelming. What can I do? Here are three tips:

- Be Thankful** – every time you eat send up a prayer of thanks, and adopt an “attitude of gratitude”
- Be Careful** – to buy ethically sourced food, local if possible, and to avoid waste
- Be Generous** – share your food and give a proportion of what you have to those who have not.

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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

On Saturday 15th. September we enjoyed a very varied and entertaining programme of songs from **Alison Frosdick and Jack Burnaby**. Their eclectic repertoire embraced traditional songs from Alison's native Somerset, including the tragic "**Lottesham Green**" and "**Bruton Town**", collected by Cecil Sharp from Mrs. Overd of Langport in 1904. Their set list included original songs, such as their humorous own composition "**54% a Woman**". Jack played concertinas, melodeons and keyboard, whilst Alison added some whistle tunes to her fine singing to give us a wonderful evening of folk music.



Next Folk Night Saturday 20th October

I am delighted that the renowned **Si Baron** has agreed to come and play for us at Folk in The Crown. Si is one of the very finest singers of traditional English folk songs, with a virtuoso guitar accompaniment in **DADGAD** tuning and is very popular in folk clubs across the South West and beyond. Si has been featured in the **Living Tradition Magazine**, and **Mike Harding**, BBC Radio 2's Folk programme presenter said of him "*I think he's a really fine guitarist and an even finer interpreter of traditional and contemporary folk songs and our Editor admits to having nearly worn the CD out listening to it- it is one of the best I have heard in a while*". Not to be missed.



Supper this month will be **Chicken in a Basket** for just £6. To pre-order supper contact **Jacqui** on **01460281919** or

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Hi all,

September 15th another great night of folk and acoustics, thanks to Laurie Burn for finding great acts to come and perform for us again.

August bank holiday BBQ was a great success

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 20th October Folk and Acoustic Night with the well know Si Baron performing; (chicken 'n' basket) supper pre order @ £6.00pp

November 17th Folk night, (lasagne with Garlic bread) supper pre order @ £6.00pp

December date to be announced

October 1st Prize Draw starts in aid Air ambulance and Macmillan cancer care with cash prizes £75, £50, £25 to be won, be in it to win it

December 19th Christmas Carols 7.30 start followed by Wednesday quiz

December 31st New Year's Eve Dinner (watch out for leaflet)

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months

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Village Hall

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Crown Fivehead Golf Society

After a successful week end away at Llanhydroc Golf Club at the beginning of September we now approach our last official outing of the season. This will be on **Friday 19th October** at **Came Down Golf Club, Dorset**, original home of the **Ryder Cup**. We have spaces so if there is anybody interested in joining us for the day Contact Harry Price 01460281573 or harryprice183@btinternet.com Coffee & bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a 2 course meal.

We continue to add to our Charity fund for this year for **The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance** and we are hoping to be near **£2000** by the time we present our cheque in early December.

Harry Price Chairman

Village Hall

Autumn Quiz

Friday

19th October

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Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm

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TEAR Fund Big Quiz Night

On Friday 16th November at 7.30pm, we will be holding a Big Quiz Night at the Baptist Church in aid of TEAR Fund.

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Gardening Club News

At the time of publishing we will have had BBC Gardener of the Decade, Kath Crouch come to Fivehead to deliver a talk on 'New Tricks for Old Gardeners', obviously she knows her audience! It's due to be a fascinating talk from an extremely talented gardener. Hopefully you will all have been along to enjoy it too!

We're hoping to be inspired by Kath's talk to help us design new planting schemes for some areas around the Village, including Langford Corner, the Village Green, the Pound and St Catherine's Well at Lower Swell. We're hoping to team up with Greenshutters for their expert advice and sourcing of plants. It may not happen quickly (!), but these projects are in the planning stages, so if you would like to have an input, please let us know.

Our Parish Clerk has put us on the list for some free bulbs courtesy of the District Council, so if you would like to help plant them, we shall be publishing some planting dates on the notice boards and Village website soon.

Our Club generally gets together once a month for garden visits, talks, or plant swaps etc. We are quite flexible on the days we meet, usually depending on where we are going, so if you fancy coming along, please get in touch.

Pip Brett

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Food and Drink

Italian Bread Pudding

Ingredients (Serves 4)

1 Tbsp Butter, 2 small eating apples, (cored, peeled & sliced into rings), 75g granulated sugar,
2 Tbsp White Wine, 100g bread, sliced with crusts removed (Slightly stale French Baguette is
ideal, or Brioche bread)

300 ml Single Cream, 2 eggs beaten, Pared rind of 1 orange, cut into matchsticks

Method

- Lightly grease a 2 pint deep oven proof dish with the butter.
- Arrange the apple rings in the base of the dish and sprinkle half the sugar over the apples
- Pour the wine over the apple slices . Add the bread, pushing them down with your hands to flatten them slightly.
- Mix the cream with the eggs, the remaining sugar and the orange rind and pour the mixture over the bread.
- Leave to soak for 30 minutes.
- Bake the pudding in a preheated oven, at 180°C/ Gas mark 4 for 25 minutes until golden and set
- Serve warm with your preferred accompaniment (Cream, Ice Cream or Custard)



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DIARY OF EVENTS

Details of all events of which the Editor is aware are available on the Village Website

Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Sunday 14th. October	2.30 pm	Village Walk	Village Hall
Tuesday 16th. October	12.30 pm	Contact Lunch	Baptist Church
Friday 19th. October	7.30 pm	Autumn Quiz	Village Hall
Saturday 20th. October	7.30 pm	Folk & Acoustic Music Night	The Crown Inn
Sunday 11th. November	10.30 am	Remembrance Service	St. Martins
Friday 16th. November	7.30 pm	Big Quiz Night	Baptist Church
Friday 23rd. November		Newsletter deadline	
Tuesdays @ 6.30pm Thursdays @ 10.00am	Weekly	Pilates	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St. Martins
Wednesdays @ 4.45pm	Weekly	Dragonfly's	Village Hall
Thursdays @ 7.00pm	Weekly	Bridge Club	Village Hall
Fridays @ 9.30am	Weekly	Painting Class	Village Hall
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