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Parish Council

Parish Council News

Apparently, there are around 70 household in our parish with dogs - not surprising, given the lovely walking countryside that surrounds us. However, there are occasional difficulties associated with walking dogs on parish paths across farmland. There is a useful guide for dog owners and walkers at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/plans/rights-of-way/>. Here are some of the points in it:

- The Countryside Code highlights that your dog should be kept under close control. There's no definition what close control actually means, but it's good practice to ensure your dog is trained to respond to your commands and walks close with you. If your dog wanders off out of sight and doesn't come back when called, then it should be walked on a lead.
- Always bear in mind that it is an offence to allow your dog to worry or attack livestock and remember, as a last resort, a farmer is legally entitled to shoot a dog if they can't stop it chasing or worrying their farm animals. If you meet farm animals while out walking it's probably best to put your dog on a lead and leave as much space between your dog and the animals as possible.
- Farmers and landowners also have a responsibility to ensure their working dogs and pets are well controlled. Aggressive, protective or loose dogs can be very intimidating. Landowners should do everything they can to make sure their dogs are kept under close control at all times - you can never tell when someone might be using a public right of way crossing over land or through a farm.

Looking ahead, there are a few more road closures coming-up for Gigaclear cabling work on Moortown Lane and Islemoor Road in February and March – watch-out for diversions. A County-Wide Parking Review is ongoing and Traffic Engineers will no longer deal with individual and very local traffic engineering requests that benefit a small number of individuals. But we were pleased to note that new signage directing HGVs has already been approved and should be established before Apr 19.

The Precept for next year has been agreed as an increase of 2% (equivalent to a £1.11 a year increase on a Band D charge). The Precept and Reserves (plus grant funding wherever possible) will fund costs such as supporting the Village Hall and Playing Fields; maintenance spend to safeguard existing Parish assets (eg cemetery, churchyard and walls); and meeting new requirements.

There are new requirements to make sure our village website can be used by as many people as possible on laptops and mobile devices. In the UK, 1 in 5 people have a disability (eg impaired vision, motor difficulties, deafness or impaired hearing) so we need to ensure that our content and design are clear and simple enough so that most people can use it without needing to adapt it, while supporting those who do. Please contact the Clerk or the Webmaster if you are experiencing any difficulties using the website or if you have any technical expertise in website design that may be useful.

Our long-standing Webmaster, Andrew Barrett, has expressed a wish to hand-over his duties in the medium-term. Ideally, someone in the village with appropriate skills would take on this role to support the local community. If anyone is interested and would like to know more about the role, please contact the Webmaster at webmaster@fivehead-village.org.uk or 01460 281520.

Your Parish Councillors' term of office comes to an end in May after 4 years of service and there will be an election on 02 May 2019. There are seven seats on the Council – perhaps you would like to stand for election? As a local councillor, you can become a voice for your community and drive forward real change. To stand for election to a local council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Parish Council (cont)

Did You Know?

Cardboard recycling - As there is limited capacity, waste vehicles can only accept the equivalent of two recycling boxes worth of cardboard when flattened. The service is not designed for the bulk recycling of large boxes or sheets of cardboard from white goods, new kitchens or multiple on-line purchases. If you have generated a lot of cardboard, please either cut it up and put into your boxes over several weeks or take to a recycling site and use the larger capacity recycling skips.

Advice from Trading Standards www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/ **on avoiding scams:**

Renewable energy scams - Research the market. Don't be tempted by a seemingly unbeatable deal from a doorstep trader, mailshot or cold phone call. Never be rushed or intimidated into making a decision. If you receive a cold phone call tempting you to invest in renewable energy, don't give any personal or financial information. If you want to switch energy supplier, use the Citizens Advice comparison tool at energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk. Before signing anything, read the terms and conditions and make sure you know what you are signing up to. Ask a trusted friend for help.

Computer support scams - Delete suspicious emails without opening any attachments or replying to them. Hang up immediately on cold callers who claim there is a problem with your computer or ask you for personal or financial information. If you are worried there may be a problem with your computer, you could contact a genuine company using the phone number on their paperwork or website, or ask for help at the shop where you bought it.

Use the Buy with Confidence scheme where businesses are vetted, approved and monitored by Trading Standards. Search at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 01392 383430. If you are worried you have been scammed: get advice from Citizens Advice on 03454 040 506 and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Your Spare Room could change someone's life - How do you use your spare Bedroom? A place to store the laundry or an under-used exercise bike? Why not give that room an amazing purpose: a home for a Somerset child? The number of children in care in our county has now risen to over 500. Could you help them enjoy a brighter future? For info call 0800 587 9900, visit www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or come to an information evening: www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/events.

Important Fire Safety Information - As part of the fire service's ongoing prevention and protection strategy, residents are encouraged to make contact for Home Fire Safety Checks - 0800 05 02 999. Equipment that can be provided for vulnerable people includes smoke and heat detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, hard of hearing alarms and arson proof letter boxes.

Dates for the next meetings of the Parish Council are:

1930 on Monday 4 February 2019

1930 on Monday 4 March 2019

2000 on Monday 1 April 2019

2000 on Tuesday 7 May 2019 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

ALL WELCOME!

Jill Wardle Parish Clerk

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Fivehead Remembers



Fivehead Hero's Medals Restored

Thanks to the generosity of our Village through crowdfunding, we've been able to recover (Albert) George Chorley's WWI medals and have them restored and mounted. He was the last of 12 men from our Villages to be killed in the War, this is his story...

Lance Bombardier George Chorley.

8th Division Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery

George was just 2 months old when his mother, Ruth died leaving his father, James to look after their eight children, all under the age of 10. George was raised by his Grandmother, Phyllis Marsh of Angel Row, Fivehead and his siblings remained with their father in Fivehead who remarried and moved to Curry Rivel a few years later.

George became a baker (working for Mr Hillard at what is now The Old Bakery) and was a prominent member of the Baptist Chapel in the Village. He remained in Fivehead until he enlisted at Bristol and joined the Royal Field Artillery, he would have been 35 at the start of the War in 1914.

It's likely that George would have seen service throughout the War; the 8th Divisional Ammunition Column, RFA served with 8th Division; it was formed at Hursley Park, Winchester during October 1914 from regular army units returning from around the British Empire therefore it's possible that George fought in the Boer War, but no records have been found.

We know George was serving in September 1917 as it was reported in the Langport and Somerton Herald that he had been home on leave for ten days and his friends were pleased to see him 'looking so well'.

The 8th Division proceeded to France in November 1914, a much-needed reinforcement to the BEF and remained on the Western Front throughout the War. In 1915 they were in action at The Battle of Neuve Chapelle, The Battle of Aubers and the action of Bois Grenier. In 1916 they were involved in the Battle of the Somme, in 1917 they fought in the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line and then moved to Flanders and were in action in The Battle of Pilkem Ridge and The Battle of Langemarck. In 1918 they saw action during The Battle of St Quentin, the actions at the Somme crossings, The Battle of Rosiers, The actions of Villers-Bretonneux and The Battle of the Aisne.

At the end of April 1918, five divisions of Commonwealth forces (IX Corps) were posted to the French 6th Army near the River Aisne to rest and refit following the German offensives on the Somme and Lys. Here, at the end of May, they found themselves facing the overwhelming German attack which, despite fierce opposition, pushed the Allies back across the Aisne to the Marne. They suffered 15,000 fatal casualties.

On 26th May 1918, George's unit were ordered to position their heavy guns around the River Aisne area near Reims in Northern France. It was reported that George died of wounds, but he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Commonwealth War Graves Memorial at Soissons on the banks of the Aisne. George was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His family would have received the Memorial Plaque, or 'Dead Man's Penny' as did all those who lost someone during the War. The medals will be on display shortly.



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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, although it does seem as if there may be choppy waters ahead.



We hope most of you made it to either the Christmas Themed Quiz or the Bingo so you were able to admire the lovely shaped Christmas tree which was very kindly donated by Greenshutters. Les Beacham created yet another super quiz which hit the mark. Hall funds provided crackers, mulled wine and mince pies while participants purchased the popular sausage supper. Christmas jumpers were to the fore, illuminated ones, padded turkey ones, reindeer ones etc. etc. All good fun.

The AGM has come and gone. It was well attended with six villagers being present as well as the Committee. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer provided reports and thanks were given as per all AGMs. All committee members are willing to stand again but we would love welcome a few more village representatives to swell our numbers. We are delighted to report that the National Lottery Awards For All has granted us £10K towards our refurbishment project. The chosen decorating firm have said they are able to start work at the Easter Half Term so we are hopeful that will go ahead on schedule. Pip Brett is now working on sourcing a further grant elsewhere to assist with refurbishing the floor. We thank her very much for her time and trouble. Amongst all the thanks were mentioned retiring committee members Dave Cameron and Paul Narey. Both were greatly valued for their input. Paul, lots of you will realise, continues to run the 100 Club having been co-opted solely for that purpose. We are very grateful to him as he does such a splendid job raising money for the Hall and arranging the payouts for those with the winning numbers. Pip Brett spoke about Private Chorley's war medals and his death plaque which are to be framed and securely displayed in the Committee Room. There will no doubt be more written about them elsewhere in this newsletter. (*Editor's Note: - see page 6 opposite.*)

Back to things to come in 2019. We anticipate holding our usual Spring Quiz, probably in March. Look out for notices and social media messages. The Fete is to be held on July 13th. Richard Hadfield, with his team, has already begun the planning process for it and there will be a further fund raising summer event.

We know some of you see lights on within the Hall at times when there should be no one there. We are struggling to get to the bottom of the complex lighting system which seems to have a will of its own with an enthusiasm to turn itself on at strange times. Our Hall is now twelve years old and was a complex, innovative, eco-friendly build so to a certain extent we are now picking up odd snags as parts suffer from wear and tear. Some of the original designers are not contactable, however Somerset workmen and women I'm sure, are very creative at finding solutions to strange problems, albeit eventually.

Any Hall related questions or to offer to join the committee, we are a friendly bunch!! contact Kevin on 281395, Margaret on 281341 or Richard on 281904. Richard is both Treasurer and booking Clerk.



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Fivehead Playing Field News

Bingo Bingo

Our Christmas Bingo in December attracted a full house, despite the counter-attraction of Strictly's final on the television and a great time was had by all. Now we are looking forward to our Easter Bingo on Saturday 30th March 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 and snacks from our licensed bar, before 8pm when Kevin Stevens will be calling the first numbers, so join us for this entertaining evening with an Easter theme and great prizes.

Adult Exercise Equipment

Following up requests highlighted in the Village survey we have purchased two adult exercise units – an Arm and Pedal Bicycle offering a cardiovascular workout for both arms and legs, and a Horse Rider for toning upper and lower body muscles. Installation is planned for mid-February and will be located in the area between the children's play area and the main gates. Once again many thanks to the Stable Community Cafe at Fivehead Baptist Church for their generous donation of £500 towards this project.

And There's More!

Why not extend your fitness regime by getting together with one or two friends, combining use of the new exercise units with a game of tennis or basketball on the adjacent multi-use games area? Instructions for accessing equipment are on the locker attached to the fence and it's free of charge.

Frank Doggett

Chairman

01460 281549

100 Club Winners

December Winners

No. 90	R.Westworth	£50.00
No. 57	R.Hadfield	£25.00
No. 59	MP. Curtis	£10.00
No. 32	D.Powell	£10.00

January Winners

No. 53	M.Cavill	£50.00
No. 41	K.Shakespeare	£25.00
No. 76	D&T Allen	£10.00
No. 20	J & M. Tyler	£10.00



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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 2019 meeting was our AGM. This was very well attended with 28 members present. All the members of the committee were re-elected. At the meeting we were unable to entice anyone else to join the committee but since the meeting Val Eggins has agreed to join the committee for which we thank her and welcome her onto the committee. Those members present who paid their Annual Subscription of £7 received the programme card for 2019. This shows we have another year of varied talks, sing songs, meal and trips.

The February meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February in the village hall. We will be singing from our hearts with Catherine Mowat. The March meeting, also at the village hall, will be on Tuesday 5th March and this will be a social afternoon with games and tea.

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

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March sees our purchase date for Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of **Beauty and the Beast** (Friday 3rd May, £37/£47) and the Agatha Christie play **The Mousetrap** (Monday 24th June, £39/£44). I can usually get hold of tickets after I have bought the main tranche, but they will probably not be such good seats.

Two big shows are coming to Bristol, the New York production of **The King and I** (Thu eve 26 Mar/£53/£70) and Matinee Wed 1 Apr, next year (2020) and **The Lion King** September/October this year, not yet on sale at time of writing though I have requested tickets for at least one evening and one matinee performance so by all means put in a request now and I will confirm once tickets become available.

The other trips planned are: **Kinky Boots** 7th March, £51/£60), **Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake** (13 March, £51/£61), **The Magic Flute** (11 April, £56/£69), **Rock of Ages** (18 April, £41/£50), **Matilda** (21 May Evening and 29 May Half Term Matinee (£62/£72), **Fame** (11 June, £45/£54), **The Mousetrap** (24 June, £39/£44), **Calendar Girls - The Musical** (16 July, £47/£59) and **We Will Rock You (Queen)** (18 March 2020!, £45/£58).

Prices including coach are Stalls at the back/Stalls or Grand Circle near front.

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>
2019		
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

The door-opening God.

February 2019

In some situations, it is sadly still the case that *'it's not what you know, but who you know'* that counts. How often have we heard that expression? We hope that times have changed and that nepotism is increasingly a thing of the past, but in some areas of life it is still the case that an old school tie, or friends in high places, can mean more than hard-earned qualifications or experience. To put it simply, knowing the right people can open doors.

Clearly this sort of favouritism is unfair and frankly immoral; something we may rightly deplore. But surprisingly there is a way in which the phrase above describes rather well the essence of being a Christian. You see, at its heart, the Christian faith is also **not** about **what** you know, but **who** you know. People do not become Christians by knowing or doing certain things, but by a personal encounter with Jesus, the Son of God. Being a Christian is very much about who you know.

This analogy of 'doors opening' can be expanded further. In the New Testament (1 Corinthians 16: 8/9) the Apostle Paul writes: **'But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has been opened for me...'** These verses show us that whereas being a Christian does not usually open doors to power, fame or fortune, it **does** open other sorts of doors. The doors Jesus opens bring us new opportunities in his service and new experiences of his grace. It offers new possibilities and direction to life that we may have never thought possible. What we may have previously considered beyond us, Christ can equip us to face with courage.

Being a Christian is not just about arriving at a safe destination (although the assurance of eternal life in heaven is a key element of Christian hope) it is also about discovering doors into uncharted territory. We cannot open these doors on our own, but wonderfully we don't have to, because for the Christian, more than anyone else, it's not what we know, but who we know.

In the late spring/early summer this year, our Benefice church families will be offering to everyone the opportunity to better know the 'door-opening God', through a series of gatherings called **Alpha**. Venue, dates and times to follow. If you would value the opportunity to refresh your faith and understanding, or suspect that what you've heard from others about Christianity is unfair or wrong, or if you would simply like the chance to make sure the decision you've made about Christ and Christianity has been an informed one, then please do consider coming along. The doors will be open...

With blessings in Christ to you and those you love,

Revd. Scott.

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

FEB 3rd.	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	
	10.00am. All Age Family worship followed by	Fivehead
	11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00 pm. Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
10th.	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany	
	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
MON 11th.	3.30 pm. MESSY CHURCH	Curry Rivel School
17th.	Sixth Sunday of Epiphany	
	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
24th.	Seventh Sunday of Epiphany	
	9.15 am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
MARCH 3rd.	Feast of the Transfiguration	
	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
6th.	ASH WEDNESDAY	Curry Rivel
	7.30 pm. Holy Communion (CW) + Imposition of Ashes	
10th.	First 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
MON 11th.	3.30 pm MESSY CHURCH	Curry Rivel School
17th.	Second Sunday of 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
24th.	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.15 am. Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW)	Fivehead
31st.	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 Service followed by Tea and Cake	

St. Martin's Fivehead

Come and join our family

We are compiling our entirely new Church Electoral Roll which takes place every 6 years. We would like to encourage anyone to be part of our Church community, even if you are not a regular Church goer. By being on the roll, this gives you the opportunity to influence how your Church is run for the community in which it serves. We have a very lovely, but very old Church with all the challenges this brings, and we have a very friendly and welcoming congregation who come together to worship and to help us deal with some very challenging issues in today's society.

The Electoral Roll is the list of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England, the right to be elected as Churchwarden, the right to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members must re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted. The roll is subject to Data Protection regulations, so your personal information will be safe.

If you would like to be included or have any questions regarding the Church and worship, please do get in touch. Those already on the Electoral Roll will be sent an application form shortly and replies can be sent via email, post or hand delivered to the addresses below. The deadline for return of applications is **30th March 2019**.

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Fivehead Drama Group

This years Pantomime saw record numbers of punters coming to view our production. **60** in total up on 2017 and **40** more than 2018 maybe word is getting around!

When we first embarked on **Snow White** we only had 3 potential youngsters to fill the roles of 7 dwarfs and a number of chorus. However a number of children watching last year's pantomime asked if they could join us this year, so we were able to fully cast the show, and didn't they all do very well. We hope they will all continue to be part of the Drama group and progress to more major roles. We thank all you who came to see us and hope you will come again when we present our **Summer Revue** in July. We resume our monthly get togethers at The Crown Inn at 8.00 pm. on the last Tuesday in the month on 26th. February, all are welcome.

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

Kevin Stevens 01460 281395 or by e-mail kevinmstevens11@gmail.com

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Letter from The Manse

A Church is not a building, but a Community of people – people of faith who are seeking to follow Jesus. When Jesus began his ministry at the age of 30, the first thing he did was to gather around him a community of disciples who learned from him, followed him and joined in with his work.

Fivehead Baptist Church is a community gathered from this and other villages who meet regularly to worship, but also to serve the community of Fivehead and area. That's why, some six and a half years ago, we opened **The Stable Community Coffee Shop**, serving high quality coffee, tea and cakes, and providing a hub for people to meet. The café is deliberately named a "Community" Coffee Shop as it is run by volunteers from the local community, for the community – locals and visitors. The profits are used only to sustain the work and any surplus is donated to local and international causes. Last year we donated £1000 to the village, which is being used to install exercise equipment in the playing field and a new bench by the War Memorial.

Every month we have a different display of artwork by local artists, but in March the café and the church hall will host an extended **Exhibition of Wildlife Photography**. I shall have some of my photos on display, along with Carl Bovis and a number of other photographers from the Somerset Levels who post their pictures in the Somerset Nature Photography Facebook group. This is timed to coincide with the beginning of the Heron nesting season at RSPB Swell Wood.

We are conscious that a lot of people in our community live alone, so on the third Tuesday of each month there is a **Contact Lunch in the church hall** where people can meet, eat and chat. Contact Karen on 01460 281033 to book a 2-course meal for just £3.

Following on from the excellent production of The Hiding Place, the **Oddments Theatre Company** are returning on Tuesday 2nd April at 6.30pm to present their new play **"Pilgrim's Progress"**. This lively interactive play lasts 50-55 minutes and is suitable for all ages from 4 upwards. We are also sponsoring a performance that afternoon in Curry Rivel School. Details and tickets will be available in February.


... and speaking of children and young people, every Monday at 10.00, **Stepping Stones** in the church is open to any pre-school babies and children with parents or carers, whilst **Youth Café** is open every Thursday evening 7.30 – 9.00pm for young people aged 11-19.

We warmly welcome you to join us for any of these activities.

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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

Saturday 12th. January

Garry Smith - The Slide Guy gave us a great evening's entertainment on **January 12th** with a variety of songs & virtuoso instrumentals on his National Steel Guitar (which he explained is not actually steel, but nickel plated brass !) Garry also explained that he is not just a blues singer, as we heard, but a slide (bottleneck) guitarist. Enthusiastic calls for an encore expressed the delight of the audience. Without wishing to detract from our guest artist, perhaps the biggest cheers of the night were for an amazing quartet of young men, accompanied proficiently on keyboard, all from **Huish Episcopi Academy**, who delighted us with two sea shanties which they sang with great gusto. Going simply under the name of the **Shanty Singers**, and with a repertoire to date of just two songs, these young men are going to go far.



We hope they will come again! They certainly reduced the average age of the audience !!

Next Folk Nights Saturday 16th February

This will be a **Singers' Night**. Instead of having an invited guest, the whole evening will be open to floor singers. This means that each singer will be able to perform more songs than usual, and is also an opportunity for new folk to try their hand - or voice! **Come all ye !!!**

This month's supper will be **Pasty & Chips or vegetarian option £6** to be pre ordered

Saturday 16th March Act to be announced

To pre-order supper contact *Jacqui* on **01460281919** or thecrown-inn@btconnect.com

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dates for your diary

February 14th Valentines night two rump steaks and a bottle wine £32 (booking advisable)

FOLK AND ACOUSTIC'S NIGHTS

February 16th @ 7.30 pm supper pasty and chips, vegetarian option

March 16th @ 7.30pm Supper Sweet and sour chicken, vegetarian options

April 20th @ 7.30pm Supper Sausage, mash and peas, vegetarian options

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Crown Fivehead Golf Society

At the AGM on 22nd. January we presented a cheque for £1500 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance the result of our fund raising efforts over the last two seasons. We also donated a gallon of whiskey and a large bottle of wine which was auctioned by the Air Ambulance at one of their functions and raised a further £350

We have recently recruited 10 new members but we are always looking for more so any body interested contact myself or Gary Smith

Harry Price Chairman



Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9th.
February 8.30 am.
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Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm

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S Gardening Club

Gardening in January & February: Absolutely everything you need to do

It might be cold, but the garden is starting to come alive, so get digging, feeding, mulching and pruning in preparation for the year ahead.

Shrubs

It's time to prune deciduous shrubs and fruit trees, before the sap starts to rise and the buds break. Cut out anything that's dead, diseased or damaged. Also look at the shape of trees and shrubs – rounded is usually best, with no crossing branches. However, if you're dealing with a large tree it's probably better to leave it to a tree surgeon.

Perennials

If you want to grow something a bit different, think about planting seeds, as it gives you an enormous range of options.

Fruit and vegetables

Digging is the thing to do now. Leave the soil in rough chunks and it will be broken down by the weather in time for sowing.

Potatoes, onion sets and shallots can be planted in a few weeks so it's a good idea to order them now.

Cut back autumn-fruiting raspberries. These flower and fruit on this year's growth, so if you cut back the old stems, you'll encourage new growth and get a better crop.

If you have room under cover, you can sow tender vegetables such as tomatoes, chillies, peppers and cucumbers.

You can also start on some of the hardier vegetables that just need a bit of protection, such as broad beans, beetroot, carrots and early peas.

Hedges

This is a good month to plant hedges. It's worth looking out for bare-root plants as they're cheaper than pot-grown ones. They're dug up from the field and posted directly to you, so they miss out on all the costs of watering and re-potting that bump up the price of container-grown plants. The availability of bare-root plants depends on the weather, but they should be around until the end of February and into March.

Roses

If you didn't do it in autumn, this is the time to prune roses and other summer-flowering shrubs such as late clematis and buddleias. This pruning is for flowers and there's a simple way to approach it; every time you make a cut, and always cut just above a bud, imagine a new stem coming from that bud with a season's growth with a flower on the end of it.

(Courtesy of House Beautiful)

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Method

1. Tip the flour , salt, mustard & cumin into a food processor
2. Add the butter and blend until breadcrumb consistency
3. Add the cheese until it forms a dough and add a little water
4. Roll into a log about 7cm thick and roll in the mix of seeds then refrigerate until required
5. When needed slice thinly and cook for 12 mins at 160° C, nicest served warm (not hot too crumbly)

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Corrections

**In the December Issue the cover
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Hanney in error and should have
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**We would apologise to both parties
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Details of all events of which the Editor is aware are available on the Village Website

Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 1st. February	5.00 pm	Children's Film Night	Baptist Hall
Saturday 9th. February	8.30 am	Men's breakfast - Contact Steve Cutts	Baptist Hall
Monday 11th. Feb & Mar	11.00 am	Service for residents	St Martins Church
Tues 19th. Feb & March	12.30 pm	Contact Lunch for people living alone	Baptist Hall
4th.-9th. March		Wildlife Photography exhibition	Stable & Hall
Friday 22nd. March		Newsletter deadline	
Saturday 30th. March	7.30pm	Easter Bingo	Village Hall
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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