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# Parish Council

Planning and traffic issues seem to be regular features on the agenda these days.

The Glendale development site has been sold with the new buyers intending to implement the approved planning permission for three houses and making one of the new dwellings their home. The intention is that the approved scheme will be largely unchanged apart from minor amendments to roof design and reducing the number of windows. The same team of planners, ecologists, landscape consultant, highway consultant, arborist and architect will be engaged which will help in moving the scheme forward. The site is currently extremely overgrown and so a limited clearance of a pathway is being undertaken to enable access for all specialists involved. The draft plans for the amended design and the planned timings will be presented to the Council later this year.

The original developer, who throughout the planning process has engaged fully with the Parish Council, has made a generous donation of £5k to the parish. As previously agreed, this includes £500 to cover the solicitor's cost of transferring the Pound Title to the Council. The remaining £4500 will be used for restoration of the Pound later this year. We are also checking to see if we can get the Pound Listed.

We have been made aware of the possibility of a planning application for a housing development on the land to the North of Ganges Close. No details are available until an application is made; however, the Council is mindful of previous unsuccessful applications for this site in the 1990s. A Planning meeting of the Council will be arranged if an application is received and members of the Public are, as always, encouraged to attend to voice their views.

Sadly, the problems associated with increased numbers, size and speed of vehicles through the village centre continue. This is an issue across Somerset with the County Council working with HGV operators to try to minimise problems. We are working with our local firm, Matravers Engineering, and their contractors to ensure that drivers use the signposted HGV route, respect speed limits and be aware of pedestrians and other road users. If you have concerns, please contact us.

We have also had a constructive meeting with Highways about road markings and *Road Narrows* signage on Butchers Hill to control the speed of vehicles in the approach to the narrow bridge and the sharp bend by the Stable café. Ways to prevent the problem with vehicles parking in the lay-by and thus blocking the access to driveways are also being discussed. We have decided to assess the impact of the improved road markings and signage before committing to the purchase/rent of any speed indicator devices.

## Dates for your diary

8 Dec 2019 Christmas Tree and Event - Langford Fivehead are sponsoring a Xmas tree and providing refreshments. A small working party has been set up comprising PC members, St Martin's Church PPC and the Baptist Church Pastor to organise arrangements for the event. The first meeting has been held and it has been agreed the tree will be erected in St Martin's churchyard near the War Memorial. More details to follow in due course but if anyone would like to be involved or has any suggestions please contact Kate Beacham on 01460 281414 or email: [Kate.beacham1@btinternet.com](mailto:Kate.beacham1@btinternet.com).

May or June 2020 - a guided walk around the Fivehead Arable Fields Nature Reserve (Somerset Wildlife Trust) is being organised. Contact: Clerk

8-10 May 2020 – a weekend of events to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Contact: Pip Brett

## Dates for the next meetings of the Parish Council are:

1930 on Monday 7 October 2019

1930 on Monday 4 November 2019

1930 on Monday 2 December 2019

**ALL WELCOME**

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## *Parish Council (cont)*

# CALLING ON THE GOOD PEOPLE OF FIVEHEAD & SWELL



To maintain our beautiful Village and the rural lifestyle we all love, it takes a small army of volunteers, and we need some help. Many of our current volunteers have given years of service and are looking forward to stepping down and enjoying the fruits of their labours.

Just contact any of your Parish Councillors or our Parish Clerk for advice on how you can get involved and we'd be only too pleased to have a chat over a cuppa. Contact info is on the website or in the newsletter. Whatever time you can give to your Village will be gratefully received.

### **Fivehead & Swell are Going Green(er)**

Somerset has declared a climate emergency and we must all act now in whatever small ways we can. We are putting together a team to organise the changes needed to improve our environment and reduce our carbon output.

If you would like to be involved, please contact our Parish Clerk.

# Round Window Club

CURRY MALLET VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING, WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER FROM 10.30

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

The Round Window Club meets fortnightly at Curry Mallet village hall. It is a luncheon club (mini day centre) for elderly people who are on their own. It is run by volunteers, two of whom are from Fivehead and is part of the Active Living Programme for Somerset.

Members come from most of the surrounding villages including Fivehead, Isle Brewers and Isle Abbotts. Volunteer drivers make sure non drivers can attend.

The annual Coffee Morning is a lovely social occasion and there are crafts and produce to buy as well as good coffee, cakes and scones.

## St Martin's Church Fivehead Bellringers

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> September the ringers held an open tower morning for people to see how the bells were rung, where they were hung in the tower, and to enjoy the view from the top of the church tower. This proved a very popular event with about 17 people of all ages attending. They all had a try at the first steps to ringing a bell, and everyone enjoyed the view from the top of the tower.

Anyone who missed this event is very welcome to come to the bell ringing practice which is at 7.00 o'clock on a Tuesday evening, or phone Meg Tyler for more information on 281574.

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# Village Hall Management Committee

## The View from the Village Hall



We hope those of you who came to Cream Teas and Pimms at The Langford enjoyed yourselves. The weather could not have been kinder and the gardens looked superb making a wonderful setting for a lazy Sunday afternoon, unless you were serving in some way when you were rushed off your feet. All the committee thank those friends and villagers who helped in so many ways to make the afternoon such a happy success. We could not have managed without you! Special thanks go to Olly and Rebecca who offered their home and to Laura who, with her sister, were on hand to help with any queries on the catering front.

Our next event will be a Lottery Themed Quiz to be held on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>. As by now all of you will know that the redecoration of the hall and the refurbishment of the floor were supported by generous grants from the Big Lottery and Somerset Community Foundation. The Big Lottery grant is subject to our holding an event in recognition of their support so this is what has been decided. A quiz with a difference! Please support it. Pictures of the event will be sent to the Big Lottery so we can demonstrate our appreciation of their grant and of course fulfil our part of the "bargain". Posters will be displayed. Please contact Richard on 281904 if you want to book a table. Alternatively just turn up and a place will be found for you to make up a team but it is really helpful to know numbers ahead. This will double as our Christmas Event so lets make it a good one.

We appreciate the main hall lighting has made life difficult for some of our regular users and for this we are very sorry. We also apologise for the time it has taken to sort out the problem. The electrician is due in on September 17<sup>th</sup>. later than we had hoped but hopefully the replacement system will be fully operational by the end of that day.

Any Hall related questions or to offer to join the committee, contact Kevin on 281568, Margaret on 281341 or Richard on 281904. Richard is both Treasurer and Booking Clerk.

## Fivehead Village Hall

## Lottery Themed Quiz

To record the support given to this village, by the National Lottery, over the past 25 years on

**Friday 15th November**

**At 7.30pm**

There will be a quiz in the Hall.

Usual rules, teams of 6, bring your own drinks.

To book places contact

**Richard Hadfield**

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# Crown Fivehead Golf Society

Over the week-end of the 7th-8th September 12 members made their way to **The Hilton Hotel & Golf Course at Puckrup Hall, Worcester** for two days golf to play for the **Other Cup**, for the best individual, & the hotly contested **Team Trophy**.

The weather was beautiful and about high noon on Saturday we teed off for the individual trophy, which after four and a half hours toil was won, in fine style with 40 stapleford points, by **Phil Welch**, complete with sombrero and eye mask. 4 points clear of his fellow bandit **Tim Haddon**. A further 6 points back in 3rd. place was **Kevin Paul**.

Before dinner that evening there was the prizegiving and the draw made for the team event the following day. After a delicious meal washed down with copious quantities of wine, some hardy members repaired to the bar to discuss tactics, which continued until the small hours.

After a hearty breakfast we checked out of our rooms and prepared for the team trophy round.

Another fine day saw us teeing off at 12.30pm and five hours later the winning team, **Richard Hadfield, Gary Smith, Hannu Makki & Len White** were triumphant by the slender margin of 1 point and were presented with the cash and trophy.

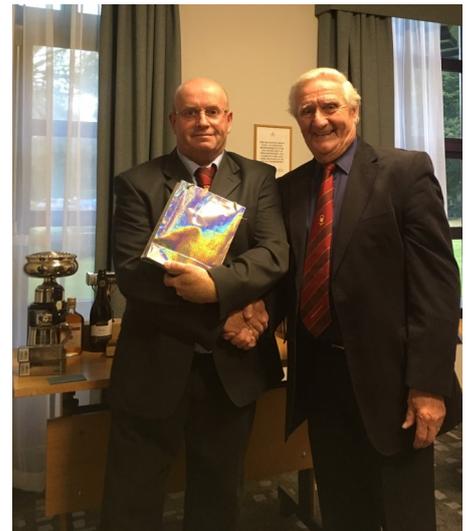
So ended a glorious week-end which everybody (even the losers enjoyed immensely)



**WINNER Other Cup**



**RUNNER UP**



**THIRD**



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# Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

The Mystery Trip on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September was a pleasant trip through some of east Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset's beautiful countryside and quaint villages. We stopped at the Windwhistle Inn at Cricket St. Thomas for a lovely meal before boarding the coach for the trip home.

The October meeting will be a talk by Lottie Dale on "Flying With Style". This will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in the village hall starting at 2.30pm. At this meeting the menu for the Christmas Lunch will be available so people can make their choices of what they would like. The meal will be our normal four courses with tea/coffee and mince pies to finish. The cost will be the same as last year and that is £15.

The November meeting will be a talk by James Feaver on Food for Free – foraging. This will be in the village hall starting at 2.30pm.

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

# Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association

The Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association encompasses the village of Fivehead. Indeed a number of villagers are members and join the active social events of the group, quizzes, film nights, & winetasting to name a few. Every other year we visit the French village of Chevilly and stay with the families over the first week end in May, usually the first May bank holiday, travelling out on the Thursday (afternoon boat from Portsmouth) stay overnight near Caen, a day trip of interest on the Friday arriving at our hosts in the early evening. Over the weekend our hosts arrange visits to places of interest and party evening on the Saturday, we are regally wined & dined throughout the week end.

Early Monday morning we leave and make our way back to Curry Rivel arriving about midnight.

We are a friendly group from the surrounding areas and membership is **£15 per year** for a family or **£7.50 per year** for an individual

**Our AGM & Curry Supper is on the 8th November**

Anybody interested in joining the group or joining any of the activities feel free to contact

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**We Will Rock You (The Queen Musical)** on Wednesday 18 March, £45/£58 is full but a second coach is a possibility with just a few more bookings.

Also book now for:

Matthew Bourne's **The Red Shoes**. The date for this trip has changed and it is now on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at £61 and £39.

**Carmen** Welsh National Opera's new production on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at £55.

**The King & I** London touring production. We plan an evening trip on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and a matinee on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Mamma Mia**, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, £49 and £61

All of these have a payment date in the New Year, but the sooner you reserve the better seats you will receive. There is no charge for cancellation until I have paid for the tickets.

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Payment is usually due about two months before the show date. Any profit is donated to charity.

For more details of all trips please visit [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) , e-mail [coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com](mailto:coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com) or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

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<b>2019</b>		
Sun Oct 27th.	The Lion King	£92/£112
Thur Oct 31st.	The Lion King	£92
Wed Nov 13th	The Lion King	£65/£82
<b>2020</b>		
Tue March 3rd	The Red Shoes	£93/£61
Fri March 13th	Carmen	£55
Wed March 18th	We will Rock You	£45/£58
Thur March 26th	The King & I	£53/£70
Mon June 8th	Mamma Mia	£49/£61
Mon April 20th	Les Miserables	£85/£70/£62
Tues May 5th	Les Miserables	£85/£70/£62

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## Scott's Spot – October 2019 Bargaining with God

It seems to me that many today think that Christianity boils down to some sort of bargain between God and people. The idea being that if we pass some sort of test, if our lives are 'good enough' then God will accept us. But the main thing Christians learn from any serious attempt to be 'good enough', is that we fail. We recognise the truth of this in our more candid moments as we consider the depth of the 10 Commandments (yes all of them – Exodus 20) or Jesus' challenging summary of God's ways (Mk 12:28-31) that involve putting Him first and loving neighbour as ourselves – easy to say. But 'test passing' is not what Christianity is about. If there is any idea that God has set us a sort of exam, and that we might get good marks by our actions, that idea has to be wiped away. If there is any idea of a sort of bargain to be struck – any idea that we could perform our side of the contract and then, sort of, put God in our debt – that also has to be wiped away.

I suspect that almost everyone who has some sort of belief in God, until they become Christians, have the idea of an exam or a bargain in mind. One of the first results of understanding real Christianity is to recognise that way of thinking as being an invention of people, and not from God. The God of the Bible is about 'grace', not exams; undeserved mercy and love, not 'you do your bit and I'll do mine'. God is about blessing, with everything, those who know they have nothing to offer. God is about faith in the perfect actions of Jesus His Son (His life, death and resurrection), bringing riches of forgiveness, peace and eternal life we could never earn. Perhaps one of the most significant moments in a journey of faith is understanding this. God has been waiting for the moment you discover that there is no question of earning a pass mark in an exam, or putting Him in your debt by your actions. To recognise this is to have turned a page; finally beginning to see things God's way.

But as this penny drops, it leads to another significant discovery. If God created us (knit us together in our mother's womb - Psalm 139:13), then **every** ability and talent we have, our power of thinking or of moving our limbs moment by moment, is given us by God. Therefore, if you gave every moment of your life totally to the service of God, you could not give Him anything that wasn't already, in a sense, His. The Christian author C.S. Lewis (of the Chronicles of Narnia fame) explains our relationship with God like this: *'It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me a pound to buy you a present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is a pound to the good on the transaction.'* Are you still trying to bargain with God?

May you know the blessings of peace and hope in Christ Jesus,

Revd. Scott.

**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**

**OCTOBER Harvest Celebrations  
6th.**

10.15am Said Communion Service (CW) **Fivehead**  
 11.15am All Age Harvest Celebration followed by **Fivehead**  
 12.15 for 12.30pm Fivehead & Swell Harvest Lunch **Fivehead Village Hall**  
 6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise **Curry Rivel**

**13th. Seventeenth 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**

**20th. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Curry Rivel**  
 9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**  
 10.00am All Age Family Service with Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**  
 11.00am Short Holy Communion (CW) **Curry Rivel**

**27th. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS  
3rd.**

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

**10th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**10.30am Remembrance Service this is a joint service with Fivehead Baptist Church (full details on notice boards in due course)** **Fivehead**  
**10.53am Remembrance Service** **Curry Rivel**

**17th. Second Sunday before Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Curry Rivel**  
 9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) **Fivehead**  
 10.00am All Age Family Service with Sunday Club **Curry Rivel**  
 11.15am Short Holy Communion (CW) **Curry Rivel**

**24th. Christ the King**

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) **Curry Rivel**  
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) **Fivehead**  
**No Evensong (BCP)** **Swell**



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### Worrying Response to Fire

A Fivehead resident recently had cause to call the Fire Brigade to a fire at their home. Luckily a fire extinguisher was available and was used to control the fire until the Brigade arrived just over 20 minutes later. Standard response to a domestic house fire is to send 3 fire engines.

Our Village is in the Ilminster Station response area, but due to staffing shortages they could not put out an engine. Our next closest Station at Somerton managed to send a unit, but they were immediately called away to another incident. Taunton Station provided 2 engines who attended from a crash on the M5 at Bridgwater, which had caused the motorway to close.

Thankfully the damage was minimal and soon made safe. However, this did highlight just how poor the resourcing of our emergency services has become. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is undergoing another reorganisation and I'm reliably informed there are plans to withdraw the engines at Somerton to be replaced by 2 men and a van, literally! Overall there will be a 20% reduction across the Country, having had a 30% reduction in the last parliament.

The response to this incident was reported to our MP, David Warburton who shares our concerns over the increased risks due to these resource levels. He has written to the Minister of State for Policing and Fire and is awaiting a response

In the meantime, strong advice is to invest in an extinguisher, you can pick one up for less than £10 and they can be bought online or from most hardware/DIY stores.

# Baptist Church

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## Letter from The Manse



I am writing this letter early in September as Karen and I will be in Kenya when the Editor requires copy! At present, we are busy packing, but I'm very pleased to let you know that the school I mentioned in my last letter now has a new well. If you can use Facebook, try looking up the page for Bishop Reuben Keya Lubanga to see the video on August 4<sup>th</sup> of water gushing out of the drill hole! It's amazing what can happen with a little help from our friends!



At the same time, I have been watching the news reports from the Bahamas to see the dreadful devastation caused by water and wind from Hurricane Dorian. It's hard to know how and where anyone can even *start* to repair such extensive damage. In a few hours an idyll has become a horror story.

By contrast, I am constantly aware how blessed we are to live in Fivehead. As I write, the tractors are cutting the hedges, now that this year's harvest has been brought safely into the barns, and Karen and I have been out picking blackberries to stock the freezer for the winter. Our response to this contrast should be Gratitude and Generosity.

This year's **Harvest Festival** at Fivehead Baptist Church will be a little later than usual, on **Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Knowing that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above" is at the heart of Worship, when we praise and thank God our provider for all we have, particularly our food. Alongside this Gratitude, we have the opportunity to show Generosity in sharing our goods with those less fortunate. This year our produce will be donated to the Taunton Food Bank, who have been very busy all summer providing food for local families who are struggling to feed their children. Our monetary gifts will be sent to the Baptist World Mission appeal for the survivors of the dreadful conflicts in South Sudan – desperate people who have dropped off radar due to the choices of news editors.

Hopefully the Fivehead News Editor will print this, and we hope to see you at Harvest!

There will also be the opportunity for more generosity on **November 16<sup>th</sup>** with the return of the **TEAR Fund Big Quiz Night**.

Rev Laurie Burn      Tel. 01460 281033

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# Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn



Folk nights return on **Saturday 12th. October** with **Hilary Pavey** (Singer/songwriter) accompanied by **Jim Reynolds**.



**Hilary** lives in Bristol and is widely acclaimed on the South West's acoustic scene where she is known for her beautiful and well crafted songs. Her intelligent and heartfelt lyrics tug at the heartstrings, captivating her listeners as they relate to her words ... her clever use of lyrics and sometimes quirky songs bring warmth & humour to her performance. Lovely guitar and ukulele playing and clear, expressive vocals.

Her 3rd. album, **Last Bus Home** is a collection of striking ballads and some songs with unusual themes!

*".... The first thing that struck me about this album is the extraordinary clarity and purity of Hilary's voice...fresh, enticing, warm and full of expression. There is an honesty and forthrightness in these songs... instantly likeable ..."* Mike Silver

*" Brilliant singer and songwriter"* Johnny Coppin

This month's bar supper for the interval is **Ploughman's Supper (with vegetarian option)-£6-** for pre-ordered meals only. To order supper contact Jacqui on 01460 281919 or [thecrown\\_inn@btconnect.com](mailto:thecrown_inn@btconnect.com)

## Autumn Programme 2019

(please note that, for various reasons, the first two Folk Nights will be **SECOND** Saturdays, as opposed to our usual third Saturday

**October 12th- Hilary Pavey + Guest**

**November 9th- Keith Judson**

**December 21st- Christmas Special with Norman & Ingrid Cumming**

For more information contact

**Laurie Burn**

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Folk nights will be held at The Crown Inn, Fivehead usually on the 3rd Saturday of the month-courtesy of landlords Steve & Jacqui Chastell

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Hi all,

As summer comes to an end we now look forward to autumn and winter with events still to come:

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> FOLK NIGHT WITH A PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> FOLK NIGHT WITH A SWEET AND SOUR SUPPER**

**DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> FOLK NIGHT WITH PORK LOIN WRAPPED IN STUFFING**

**DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> FULL TURKEY DINNER (BOOKING ADVISABLE)**

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## Fivehead Drama Group

The pantomime has been cast, read throughs and rehearsals have commenced, costumes and the greasepaint have been dusted off ready for **The Pied Piper Off Of Hambridge** coming to the Village Hall next January. Set in the fictional village of Ruraltania featuring Terry the Duke and Queen Kevina (thought he usually directed!) you can look forward to the usual fun and frivolity from the Fivehead Drama Group.

Written by that well known script writer **Peter Brandt** assisted by script consultant **Jessica Brandt**

Any helpers, costumes, wardrobe, scenery and back stage always welcome.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 2nd.**

**November**

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# Fivehead Short Mat Bowls

I don't know what we can do to attract new players. I know Monday 7:30pm - 9.30pm is not ideal. All you want to do is chillax and recover from your busy weekend, but there is no other night available at the Village Hall, so we are stuck with it! We need more players so I am pleading with the villagers of Fivehead & Swell, just come and have a go. Try something new and different, see what short mat is, bring a friend if you don't want to come on your own, we are friendly! We are at the point as to whether we can carry on with the club. We need players no matter of age or ability.

## What is Short Mat Bowls

Short mat is a version of the grass sport. The origin is not clear, it may have started in Wales by some South Africans looking for something to do and create an indoor version since we all know what the Welsh weather can be like. To make it more difficult rules were developed and a block placed in the middle of the mat for the bowls to avoid. Short mat is even played on the North Sea oil rigs!

You are not obligated to turn up every week. It's just for fun. We don't do any league or friendlies because we don't have enough players. **FIRST SESSION IS FREE, SO HAVE A GO.**

**JUST GIVE SHORT MAT A TRY.** Start at 7.30pm until 9.30pm Monday at the Village Hall

Thank you

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## Folk & Acoustic Music

Saturday October 12th.

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Saturday November 9th

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Saturday December 21st

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# Fivehead Playing Field News

**Equipment Theft** During August our container on the playing field was jemmied and all the valuable items stolen – the mower, hedge cutter, strimmer, ladders and safety equipment. It is thought the thieves exited via the pedestrian gate at the side of the hall. The police were informed. I would like to thank Matravers Engineering for their swift response repairing and strengthening the door. We are currently finalising our insurance claim, and we are also taking steps to beef up security. In the meantime committee members continue to carry out work on the field using our own equipment, and thanks to Michael Troutt for cutting our hedges, a very neat job.

**Football on the Playing Field** Unfortunately our hopes of getting a league team at Fivehead this season have not worked out. However, we welcomed Wellington Ladies who played two pre-season friendlies during August in exciting and well supported fixtures.

**Christmas is Coming** It may seem a long way away, but now is the time when we arrange the date for our **Christmas Bingo** which will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** so make sure you make a note to keep the evening free. Doors open 7.30, Eyes down 8pm. Great prizes. Lots of fun. Be there with us.

**Annual Safety Check** Following the District Council ending it's playground safety inspection service, we employed another company to undertake this work and I am pleased to report all our equipment, services, etc. were given a clean bill of health.

**Replacement Tree** Responding to my note in the August issue of Community Matters concerning the commemorative oak tree being vandalised, Lesley Hoover was in touch to kindly offer us a young tree from the Old Rectory garden at Swell. Lesley has other saplings available for a small donation to the Church or Chapel. She can be reached on 07947 611362.

**Get Involved** I've had no response whatsoever to my appeal in the last magazine asking for local people to get involved by lending us a hand, and I believe the same applies to Harry Price's article on the same subject. An hour or two every now and then is all we expect of volunteers and we are a friendly group, so think about it and speak to me if you want to help,

Frank Doggett Chairman

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**Fivehead Baptist Church**

**Saturday 16th. November**

**The**

**BIG QUIZ NIGHT**

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# Food and Drink

## Ham & Mushroom Pasta

### Ingredients

22g(3/4oz) dried ceps (porcini)	185g (6oz) Dolcelatte cheese, cubed
30g (1oz) butter	155ml (5 fl oz) Double cream
1 Shallot, finely chopped	45g (1 1/2 oz) Prosciutto ham, cut into strips
60g (2oz) Button Mushrooms Quartered	500g (1lb) Tagliatelle
Pepper to taste	

### Method

Put dried ceps in a small bowl, add warm water to cover and leave to soak for 20 minutes; rinse, drain well and roughly chop.

In a saucepan, melt butter, add shallot and saute for 2 minutes, to soften. Add ceps & button mushrooms and saute for 3 minutes, until button mushrooms are just beginning to brown.

Stir in Dolcelatte, cream and prosciutto and heat gently stirring constantly, until hot and well blended; season with fresh ground black pepper.

Cook tagliatelle in boiling salted water to instructions until *al dente*; Drain thoroughly.

Add tagliatelle to the sauce and toss well. Serve accompanied by green salad & cherry tomatoes  
Serves 4

*Variation*; Substitute cream cheese with garlic & herbs or plain cream cheese for the dolcelatte if a milder flavoured sauce is preferred.



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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 6th. October	12.30 am	Harvest Lunch	Village Hall
Saturday 12th. October	7.30pm	Folk & Acoustic Music Hilary Pavey + Guest	The Crown Inn
Sunday 10th. November	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	St Martins & Baptist churches
Friday 15th. November	7.30pm	Lottery themed Quiz	Village Hall
Saturday 16th. November	7.00 pm	The Big Quiz in aid of Tear Fund	Baptist Church
Saturday 7th December	7.30pm	Christmas Bingo	Village Hall
Thursday 21st Nov		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 8.00 pm. ( Apr-Sept )	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

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