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# Parish Council

As many of you will know, the Parish is in the midst of an unprecedented deluge of planning applications – some residential and some commercial. Planning can be complicated: sometimes, everyone will agree a particular development proposal is a good idea or a bad one. However, in most cases, there will be very different views. In making a decision, the Council tries to exercise its judgement and consider many (sometimes) conflicting issues to decide whether or not to recommend planning permission be granted and, if so, with what Conditions. Details of all those applications discussed so far can be found in Council meeting minutes. Please use <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/planning/search-for-a-planning-application/> to look at applications and record your comments. Thank you.

In other news;

Road narrows marking on the Butchers Hill bridge has been completed by Highways and a warning sign will be installed shortly.

There is a delay in getting the Pound name transfer completed as Land Registry has not yet updated the register following the sale of Glendale. Getting the structure listed is also being considered. Work to repair the Pound stonework should start soon.

The new location for the Langford Corner litter bin (by the telephone kiosk) and an additional dog waste bin (on Lower Swell Road) have been agreed.

Thanks go to our volunteer who is restoring the telephone kiosk.

Thanks also to our Webmaster who has completed a massive clear-up task on the existing village website to ensure that storage and future costs are minimised, and that documents are accessible to those with disabilities.

Rob Wynn is leading an Environment Strategy Working Group for the village – please let the Clerk know if you would like to be involved.

As winter approaches, we hear that there will be an increase in the precautionary gritting network in Somerset from approx. 720 miles to 900 miles of road. This is around 21% of the total road network in Somerset – bringing it back to similar levels to 2017/18. Our grit bins on Ganges Hill and Butchers Hill will be replenished.

A Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £804 has been received for the first time in the parish. This money can be spent (within 5 years) on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing demands that development places on an area. If you have a suggestion on how the money would be well-spent, please let the Clerk know.

We were successful in an application for SCC Health/Wellness funding to support the project 'Fivehead Paths to Fitness'. The £770 grant will be used to improve our information about local walks with the aim of enabling more people to get active, socialise and learn more about our beautiful local environment. We also hope that it will emphasise the importance of the path network and lead to improved monitoring and maintenance preventing loss of a major rural asset.



## *CHRISTMAS IN FIVEHEAD*



### *Christmas Tree Event - 7pm Sunday 8 December 2019*

Please come along to this festive event. The lights will be switched on following the carol service at St Martin's Church and there will be refreshments afterwards at the Baptist Church. Thanks to all involved.

*Kindly supported by: Matravers Engineering, Gordon Balmer, Greenshutters and Langford Fivehead. Jack Westworth has volunteered to erect the tree. Please contact Kate Beacham, details at front of the magazine, for further details.*



*Festive greetings to you all from all of us!*





- In a power-cut, contact your Electricity Distribution Network Operator - just call 105.
- Ensure that your insurance policy is up to date and covers what you need it to.
- When high winds are forecast, everyday items in the garden can become 'missiles'. Also **check** for loose tiles, slates and flashing and dead branches.  
Prune your trees to avoid snow building up on the trees.
- Clear your guttering for leaves which can build-up causing water to go back into the guttering and leak into the roof and sides of your house.
- Insulate water pipes and water tanks with good quality lagging. This will not only protect from freezing but it will help insulate your hot water system and save your money.

### **Some ideas for festive fun with less rubbish - and cutting out the plastic**

- Wrapping paper - avoid foil, plastics, holograms, glitter and miles of sticky tape in favour of – just like the song – brown paper packages tied up with string.
- Crackers – plenty of plastic-free and recyclable options out there – or make your own from card tubes, paper, and hand-written jokes.
- Shun single-use plastic in overpackaging, as well as use-once-and-break toys, decorations that last just one Christmas or less, and man-made fibre festive jumpers.
- Cut waste with gift wish lists; choose presents that last and are valued, worth keeping and worth repairing, ideally made of natural fibres and materials.
- Dig out 2018s cards to cut up as recyclable decorations, new card creations, gift tags, or to keep children busy. Why not buy recycled cards and make festive emails and calls?
- Decorate with natural greenery – compostable and beautiful – from a sustainable source, then add your children's creativity, edible treats, and photos of family.
- Check cupboards, fridge, freezer and drawers to see what you already have so need not buy again. Start saving by eating into your freezer to clear storage. Make a meal plan and create your shopping list.
- Have a real tree, and plan how to home compost it or take it to a recycling site, council drop-off point, or local chipping spot. Garden waste subscribers can have them collected.

Before and after Christmas and New Year, please do not overload the waste system or hard-working collection crews. Put excess materials from festive parties, internet deliveries and Christmas clear-ups out over time or take them all to a recycling site. Thank you.

### **Make a 2020 resolution to reduce your waste, reuse what you can, and recycle better**

Dates for the next meetings of the Parish Council are:

1930 on Monday 6 January 2020

1930 on Monday 3 February 2020

**ALL WELCOME**

Jill Wardle Parish Clerk

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

# Fivehead History

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of young Airman's death

On New Year's Eve, it will be 75 years since the death of Kenneth Merritt, Sergeant Air Gunner, 150 Squadron, Royal Air Force. He was a relative of Jean Burge who lives in our Village and who has kindly supplied his picture. Kenneth is commemorated on our War Memorial.

He was born in 1925, his mother Dorothy came from Swell and father, Tom came from Westport. He also had a younger sister, Nora and the family later lived in Long Sutton.

Kenneth joined the RAF as soon as he was old enough, wanting to be a pilot, but couldn't as he was colour blind, so he became a gunner. At the age of 19 in 1944 he was flying in Lancaster Bombers from RAF Hemswell, near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. As an Air Gunner, his life expectancy would have been just 5 sorties at that time.



On 31 December 1944, Kenneth left RAF Hemswell on a mission to Osterfeld, Nr Leipzig, Germany. It was an industrial town with oil tanks and therefore a key target. 149 Lancasters and 17 Mosquitos were sent to attack the railway yards at Osterfeld. The only details available are Bomber Command's estimates that the railway sidings were 35 per cent damaged and the 'facilities' 20 per cent damaged. 2 Lancasters were lost.

There were 5 other crew members in Kenneth's Lancaster bomber, serial number NG164. All are listed on the Commonwealth War Grave Memorial at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, near the Dutch border at Nijmegen. Reichswald was created after the Second World War when burials were brought in from all over western Germany and is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the country. His grave has a Cross with 'RIP' inscription.

According to a 'Graves Concentration' report dated 2nd December 1947, Kenneth and his crew were previously buried in Eschenbrueck (Eschenbruch), a small Village with just 450 inhabitants, near the City of Blomberg in North Rhine-Westphalia. This Village is on the flight path for their mission, so it's likely their plane came down in this location.

We shall remember his sacrifice for us.

### Remembrance Sunday 2019



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# Village Hall Management Committee

## The View from the Village Hall

All the Trustees of The Village Hall wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We hope many of you will have come to our Autumn Quiz which had a minor Lottery twist to acknowledge the financial support we received from it in order to complete the required refurbishment as much time has passed since the hall was built on the north section of the Playing Field



In October Kevin and Margaret attended the AGM of our advisory body, The Community Council for Somerset. Amongst other information gathered was a list of hall uses to which various hall Trustees had contributed. It is impressive but by no means exhaustive, take a look.

I-pad classes, UA3, blood transfusion centre, Computer Advice centre, eco supermarket, model aircraft flying, pop up pub (may need a separate company if there are large profits), innovative music and entertainment, bands (find their managers and write to them), camping and caravanning clubs who, appreciate the communal space especially in wet weather, bird watching clubs, mini music festival with arts and crafts, touring theatre, wrestling display (or something else that appeals to a few people), training venue, village auction, staging post for a bike ride or run a bike ride, star gazing night, repair shop, hire out to corporate and community – engagement session, community meals.

Just thinking quickly what can you add, maybe crafting, salsa, zumba. Perhaps there is an idea there, something that appeals to you, or the list makes you think laterally. We were told that a couple of enthusiasts hiring a hall, spreading the word amongst like minded folk, not necessarily from within the village can create a space in which their interest or hobby can flourish. There is availability during the day for such clubs. Weekday evenings are trickier but there are slots either side of existing clubs and societies which could be available for all manner of activities. Our online Hallmaster Booking system should show availability or Richard Hadfield can inform you. The VHMC are here to provide the facilities but not to run the clubs or events

**The Village Hall Management Committee's AGM is on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** at, of course, the Hall. All are most welcome to attend. If you have a little time to give to the smooth running of the hall we would be delighted to hear from you. No specific skills are required but whatever you can offer will be put to good use. If you think you might be interested do chat to one of the contacts below or any other committee member or turn up on the night to hear what we have been up to over the last year and our plans for 2020.

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# Fivehead Playing Field News

## Christmas Bingo

A festive favourite full of fun, our **Christmas Bingo** is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall, doors open 7.30, eyes down 8pm. It's brilliant entertainment with great prizes, a warm friendly atmosphere, a big raffle, licensed bar with beer, cider, wine and soft drinks all at very reasonable prices. Make this event the beginning of your seasonal celebrations and be there with us on the night.

## Theft Update

Following the break in and theft of our equipment, as reported in the October issue of this magazine, I am pleased to say our insurers have now settled our claim. No arrests have been made. Looking to the future, it is our intention to buy a larger, much stronger new shipping container at a cost of around £2,600 and we are in the process of raising the necessary funds.

## Fence Upgrade

We have just installed a new wooden fence at the pedestrian gate end of the Village Hall and repaired the fence around the children's play area.

## Keep on Playing

All our facilities are available throughout the winter so make the most of them – have fun and keep fit.

## Best Wishes

The members of the Playing Field Management Committee send you our best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

Frank Doggett Chairman

01460 281549

### Learn and Practice Life Saving Skills

Chris Cox is running a general first aid training session on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Langport Red Cross Centre. Open to all, the course is entirely practical and will teach and give practice in the basic skills necessary to preserve life and stabilise casualties until the professionals arrive. Topics will include Heart Attacks, Strokes, Severe bleeds, Choking, Allergic Reactions, Asthma, Diabetes, Fractures and other topics if requested. The cost is £35 which will be a donation to Langport & District Red Cross Group. Places are limited. Book on 01458 273085 or e-mail [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com).



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# Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

The October meeting was a talk by Lottie Dale on "Flying With Style". Lottie gave an interesting and amusing talk about her exploits jumping out of aeroplanes and parachuting down to earth. A talk enjoyed by everyone at the meeting.

The November meeting was a talk by James Feaver on Food for Free – foraging. James told us about the sort of food we could gather in the countryside and seaside. He also gave us tips on how to forage responsibly. This was another interesting and informative talk. We have had many varied and exciting talks again this year and I would like to thank Sheila Land for organising such varied and good speakers.

The December meeting will be our Christmas Lunch in the village hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This will be a usual 4 course meal with a drink before the meal and coffee and mince pies after. Please bring your own wine if you desire a drink with the meal.

St. Martins Church have again invited us to have a tombola stall at their church Christmas Fair. The club would like to thank the members of the church for their kind offer and we have gratefully accepted. We are looking for items for the stall so if anyone can supply us with prizes we would be very thankful. The gifts can be left either with Val Eggins or me.

The January meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 will be our AGM. Annual subscriptions, which remain at £7, will be due at the meeting where next year's programme card will be available.

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  
Chairman

Chris Jackson,

***The Pied Piper off of Hambridge*** is coming to Fivehead (Children & Rats beware)

Have no fear it is only **Pantomime season** All will be well. This year's script is written by **Pete Brandt** with **Jess** as consultant and is again in the fictional kingdom of **Ruraltania** ruled by **Queen Kevina**. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year at **The Stable & The Crown Inn**.

## PANTOMIME

### ***The Pied Piper off of Hambridge***

**Friday 17th. January  
7.30 pm.**

**Saturday 18th. January  
2.00 pm. & 7.30 pm.**

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## Charity Theatre Trips to Bristol Hippodrome News for December 2019

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There are 2 new shows now on the Hippodrome Website <https://atgtickets.com/venues/bristol-hippodrome>

They are 'Six' and 'Heathers The Musical' both in July, these are unknowns to me, but I am happy enough to run a trip if enough requests are received. Please let me know as soon as possible if you fancy any of these and I will set things in motion once it looks viable.

I have managed to move all my future payment dates into next year, but with most of them needing payment in January things will be a bit hectic at this end.

If you have not yet booked any of the following please let me know early December to get the best seat allocation.

An update on 'Les Miserables' Bookings Monday 20th. April, ?, Tuesday 6th. May. Our Group Agent has kindly moved my payment date for tickets to 21st. February, so invoices will arrive early February.

The Monday Coach is close to being full, so depending on further bookings I may be able to run a trip on Tuesday 21st as well and if, I can, and you would prefer this I will give you a chance to move to this one if you still wish to do so..

'We will Rock You' on Wednesday 18th. March now has the main coach and a mini-coach on the same evening, but I only have 2 places left.

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.

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



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## St Martin's Fivehead



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Rev. Scott Patterson  
Tel: 01458 251375

**Reader:**  
Margaret Smith  
Tel: 01460 281555

### Churchwardens

Meg Tyler Tel: 01460 281574

## St Catherine's Swell



### Churchwarden

Anna Rees Tel: 01458 253067

## Scott's Spot – December 2019 Worship at Christmas

It was over twenty-five years ago that I had the memorable experience of meeting HRH Diana Princess of Wales. I was at music college at the time and the brass quintet I belonged to was asked to play some background music as Diana visited a local charity. At the end of her visit we were ushered downstairs, stood somewhat awkwardly in a line, and were introduced to her. I seem to remember being rather 'star struck' faced with a beautiful real-life princess, and spouting some banal stuff about hoping we weren't too loud! She was very kind.

Knowing what to say, or do, in those sorts of situations can be difficult. Would you know how to address the Queen, another member of the royal family, or even the Archbishop of Canterbury? Clearly I didn't, and I'm not sure I'd do much better today.

When it comes to the events of Christmas, we can also be uncertain in how to best respond in the face of God's extraordinary love. In Jesus, the Bethlehem baby, God became flesh to fully share our human experience, and then as perfect Saviour to give His life for us as a sacrifice for sin. How do we respond appropriately? Well to answer that in full would take many pages, but in the well known Christmas Bible passages, one thing stands out above all others. It is the response of worship.

When Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, regained the power of speech, the first thing he did was praise God (Luke 1:64). When Mary realised the stunning nature of what God had done for her, she burst into joyful, praise-filled song (Luke 1:46-55). When the shepherds had visited the stable and seen the infant Jesus, they returned **'glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen...'** (Luke 2:20). When those two godly people, Simeon and Anna, saw Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple, they also immediately responded in praise (Luke 2:28 and 38). And when the Magi, those wise men from the East, reached the house where Jesus was, they fell down and worshipped him (Matthew 2:11). For each of these people, playing their part on the Christmas stage, there could only be one response to the coming of Christ, one response that was fitting: to offer their worship in glad and joyful praise.

Of course, for the Christian, there needs to be much more to our response, because worship and praise should naturally lead to service and witness in many ways. But this is where it starts. When we understand what God has done for us, then worship will follow.

This was the first response and top priority of those who were there; amongst all the modern-day 'trappings', how much is your Christmas shaped by worship?

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

Rev. Scott Patterson.

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

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>1st. Advent Sunday</b>	
<b>1st.</b>	10.00 am. All Age Family worship followed by	<b>Fivehead</b>
	11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
	<b>4.00 pm. UB Christingle Service</b>	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>Saturday 7th.</b>	<b>2-4 pm. Christmas Fair at St. Martins</b>	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>8th.</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
	9.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Swell</b>
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	<b>6.00 pm. Carol Service</b>	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>Monday 9th.</b>	<b>3.30 pm. MESSY CHURCH</b>	<b>Curry Rivel School</b>
<b>15th.</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
	8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
	<b>6.00 pm. Carol Service</b>	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>Tuesday 17th.</b>	<b>7.00 pm. Carol Service</b>	<b>Swell</b>
<b>Wed 18th.</b>	<b>Carols at The Crown Inn</b>	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>22nd.</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
	10.00 am. UB holy Communion (CW)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>Tuesday 24th.</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	4.00 pm. Crib Service	<b>Curry Rivel/Fivehead</b>
	11.15 pm. 'Midnight' Communion (CW)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>Wed 25th.</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	<b>8.30 am. Christmas Communion (BCP)</b>	<b>Swell</b>
	<b>10.30 am. All Age Christmas Communion</b>	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>29th.</b>	<b>Sunday after Christmas</b>	
	10.00 am. UB Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>5th.</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
	10.00 am. All Age Family worship followed by	<b>Fivehead</b>
	11.00 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
	6.00 pm. Evening Prayer	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>12th.</b>	<b>Epiphany 1</b>	
	9.30 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Swell</b>
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	6.00 pm. Evening Prayer (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
<b>19th.</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	
	8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	9.30 am. Morning Prayer (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>
	10.00 am. All Age Family Service with Sunday Club	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	11.15 am. Short Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
<b>Monday 20th.</b>	<b>NO MESSY CHURCH IN JANUARY</b>	<b>Curry Rivel School</b>
<b>26th.</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
	9.15 am. Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Curry Rivel</b>
	11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Fivehead</b>

# SUE ATWELL SOFT FURNISHINGS

Hi Everybody,

Many people in the village will know that I have a soft furnishing business which I have been running from premises at Fivehead Filling Station for the last eleven years. The business has grown over this time to the extent that I need more space and I am pleased to say that, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, I moved into the former garage showroom which had become available.

This move will provide me with ample space for my workshop and the soft furnishing business and will also give me room to display, and sell, an extensive range of giftware and accessories which I have been marketing with my partner Chris at Steam Fairs, County Shows etc for ten years.

It has been suggested that I should consider selling milk, bread and a selection of groceries (perhaps also coal and logs, for example) but, obviously, before I can assess the viability of this I need to have some idea of what demand levels might be and to help me I would appreciate any input you can give me. If this would be a service you would consider using and / or if you have any suggestions with regard to other commodities I could stock please contact me by Email at the following address.....

[Sue.atwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sue.atwell@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you, Sue Atwell

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No. 53	M. Cavill	£25.00	37
No. 51	I. Gamble	£15.00	89
No. 97	D&D. Mason	£10.00	79

### November Winners

R. Hadfield	£50.00
N. Cameron	£25.00
R. Jackson	£15.00
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## Village Hall Quiz Night .

not a 'Lotto' people knew the answers!

Fivehead Village Hall Committee staged a particularly fiendish Autumn quiz night with a National Lottery theme. The Hall was packed with quizzers to help celebrate the refurbishment of the Hall and 25 years of the National Lottery funding our Village projects; we've been particularly fortunate in receiving £224,000 over the years for a myriad of projects from play area equipment to a shiny new Village Hall.

With a mix of general knowledge and National Lottery based questions, the grey matter was sorely tested, but the geniuses on the 'Ganges Ghat' team outshone the rest of us, winning both rounds with an impressive score. They were most gracious winners, gifting the prize for the second round to the runners up.

Much needed sustenance was needed in the interval, fulfilled by Henry Leighton's delicious sausage supper. (Laird & Rose - finest quality, free range, rare breed pork from happy pigs [lairdandrose@gmail.com](mailto:lairdandrose@gmail.com)) Served by volunteers and helpers from the Village Hall Committee.

Another successful evening was enjoyed by all. If you haven't experienced an evening out in Fivehead yet, try the Christmas Bingo hosted by the Playing Fields Committee at the Village Hall, 7.30pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. You could kick off your festivities by winning a Christmas hamper packed full of goodies.





# Baptist Church

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Kenyan Evening, when we presented stories, photos (and food!) from our trip to Kenya in September. Well done to everyone who tasted Ugali! A number of people were disappointed not to be able to attend, so we are doing a repeat, low-key presentation in The Stable on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 2.00pm.

One of the photos we showed was a wheelchair purchased for Dreamland Mission Hospital by donations from The Stable Community Café. Most people in rural Kenya have very little, yet are happy and very generous. They are also most grateful for the support that we can bring, so on behalf of IcFEM Mission, "Asante sana!" (Thank you very much!)

Back in Fivehead, Karen's Contact Lunches have accrued a profit, which the regulars have agreed to donate to *Crisis at Christmas*, to pay for meals and support for two homeless people this Christmas.

By absolute contrast, I was very dismayed to listen to a dreadful advert on Classic FM in which a woman sings, "I wish ME a Happy Christmas...." The advert goes on to encourage us to treat ME at Christmas by indulging in some luxury, which seems to be the very opposite of what Christmas is about. In the original story, the King of kings (in Hebrew: Messiah) comes to live on earth, not in a luxurious palace, but in a draughty and messy stable, in abject poverty and vulnerability. He came not for his own pleasure, but to save and redeem the lost and to bring Good News to the poor. The Apostle Paul sums this up well:

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)*

Let's face it: most people in Fivehead reading this letter are rich (at least compared to the majority of people in the world!). And yet, riches don't make us happy. Indeed, many of the amazing people we met in Kenya made me realise my own spiritual poverty! If you want to experience true happiness and gain true riches, I urge you to consider again the truth of the message of Christmas and respond from your heart:

*He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all;  
and his shelter was a stable  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

Karen and I, along with everyone at Fivehead Baptist Church, wish YOU a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Rev Laurie Burn

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## Letter from The Manse



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# Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

After the Summer Break it was great to be back at The Crown Inn on Saturday 12th October, and what a cracking evening of music it was. **Hilary Pavey** regaled us with many of her own-composed songs, which are uniquely quirky, but with a very honest and poignant observation of life and love. She had us laughing out loud, but also empathising with the characters her songs portray. Hilary's voice is beautifully clear and her guitar and ukulele playing provides a brilliant sympathetic accompaniment to her songs. On the final few songs, Hilary was accompanied by her talented "other half" **Jim Reynolds**.



Three of Hilary's CDs were on sale, including her most recent "**Last Bus Home**" and we were given some tantalising tasters of the new CD which is currently being finalised. To hear more of her music, or to order CDs, go to her website <https://hilarypavey.co.uk>.

It was a delight to welcome back **Laurie Phillips** after about 6 months of illness that he and his dear wife **Evelyn** have endured. One of Laurie's songs was a love song he had composed for Evelyn!

**Chris Storie** brought us some traditional folk songs, accompanied by delicate guitar playing

The skittle alley at The Crown Inn was packed on Saturday 9th November for another fabulous evening's musical entertainment. Our special guest **Keith Judson** came down from Bewdley in the West Midlands, yet he has roots in this area, having been ordained at **Fivehead Baptist Church** in 1996.

Keith's songs ranged from a hilarious fantasy by **Sidney Carter** about growing younger, living life in reverse to **Bob Dylan's "Let me feel your love"**, but mainly comprised self-penned songs from Keith's wide repertoire. As it was Remembrance Weekend Keith sang a couple of his own poignant songs, including "**Woodbine Willie**" from his CD "**People & Places**" which sold out on the night. Keith's powerful voice, warm sense of humour and excellent guitar playing led to rapturous applause and a well deserved encore.



To listen to Keith's music, download tracks or order a copy of his latest CD "**Find your Song**" go to his website [www.keithjudson.co.uk](http://www.keithjudson.co.uk) All proceeds go to the **Primrose Hospice** where Keith is Chaplain.

The first half floor singers were **Laurie & Karen Burn**, **Laurie Phillips**, **Dave Sutcliffe & Martin**, and a preview of next month's guests **Norman & Ingrid Cumming** with their friend **Andy** on guitar.

A special treat which brought one of the biggest cheers of the night was regular floor singer **Pete Stearn** who was accompanied, for the first time at The Crown by **Will Southgate** with some dazzling accordion playing. Watch this space for a future guest night.

Next Folk evening **Saturday 21st. December** with guest singers

**Norman & Ingrid Cumming & Shayla Merrivale.**

**In January Saturday 11th**

Folk & Acoustic nights are held at the Crown Inn, courtesy of the landlords **Steve & Jacqui Chastell**.

Bar meal of the evening to be pre ordered by phone 01460 281919 or

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For more information contact Laurie Burn [laurieguitars@gmail.com](mailto:laurieguitars@gmail.com)

## The Crown Inn

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Hi all,  
It's that time of the year again, PRIZE DRAW up and running, cost is £1 per square in aid of Air Ambulance and Macmillan cancer support, draw will take place Christmas Eve. Prizes galore, be in it to win it  
Christmas and New Year opening times to be announced shortly

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AS ALWAYS CAROLS AT THE CROWN

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> FOLK NIGHT (FOOD TO BE ANNOUNCED)

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## Fivehead Short Mat Bowls

As 2019 draws to a close the Bowls Club wish everybody **Merry Xmas & Happy New Year**

Our last bowls night is on the 9th December and we reopen on **Monday 20th January 2020** when we will welcome back our stalwart members and hopefully some new friends who will be keen to try out this interesting sport and enjoy a couple of hours exercise (not too strenuous) have some tea and biscuits (or maybe cake) All this for free on your first visit and afterwards just £3 per session.

For further information contact **Heather 01460 281995**

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 7th. December**

**&**

**Saturday 4th. January**

**8.30 am.**

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Our community may or not be aware that the Branch recently went into temporary abeyance pending a new Chairman coming forward.

Since then Mick Brett of The Old Bakery, Fivehead, has stepped forward to take up the role and is now Acting Chairman until he can be formally voted into the post. Mick remains as the Branch Standard Bearer.

The Branch is actively seeking new members. You do not have to have a connection to the Armed Forces to join the RBL. If you would like to join your local branch you can do so on line via the Royal British Legion website or contact Mick Brett at The Old Bakery, Fivehead on 01460 281115 or email [mbrett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mbrett@hotmail.co.uk). Membership starts from £17 per year.

The Branch is still seeking a new Secretary and other members to join the Committee to become involved with helping with the Branch's fundraising events throughout the year.

This year's Poppy Appeal was very successful and Mick Brett, along with two other Standard Bearers from Somerset had the honour of parading our Branch Standards during the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall this year. These events will be covered in the next Branch newsletter.

Mick Brett, Acting Chairman

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## Carols at The Crown Inn

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occasion.

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will be available.



A warm welcome awaits you in **The Stable Community Café** at the bottom of Butchers Hill.

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### Opening Times

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Thursday 10.00am to 5.00pm  
7.30pm to 9.00pm  
(Youth Café)

Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday Nights are Youth Café -  
open to any young people aged  
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# Fivehead Wild Life

Wilding' it up in Fivehead

Did you know we have almost 8000 km of rhynes in Somerset? We also have just under half of the UK's wet hay meadows, half of the UK's crane population, 1/3 of all the bitterns and over 100,000 ducks and wading birds visiting us every winter. Why then are we asking you to do what you can to help in the recovery of our wildlife?

We all know our wildlife is in rapid decline, with 41% of species showing strong or moderate declines in abundance since the 1970's mainly due to the pressures of development, land management changes, pollution and of course climate change. So, instead of beating ourselves up over these devastating statistics, Damon Bridge (RSPB) is asking us to do what we can to help. Damon recently gave a fascinating talk about the wildlife on our doorstep and what we can do to help reverse its decline, just by making some simple changes.

We are so fortunate to live in a county so rich in wildlife, but it's struggling. We need to make sure that we have healthy food chains, with diverse numbers of plants and invertebrates. Our tendency towards neat and tidy gardens and green spaces which offer little nourishment limit this 'bio-diversity' but there's lots we can all do to help.

No doubt you live in Fivehead and Swell because of its beauty and close proximity to nature, so here's your chance to help it thrive. And the good news is, it will save you time and money in the process. It means less mowing in your garden, less tidying, less buying plants that have been sprayed with chemicals and more sitting and watching the wildlife come to you.

The best way to encourage wildlife into your space is to accept some weeds (rebrand them as wild flowers!), let patches of lawn grow into meadow, diversify the habitat through the creation of log piles, or champion of champions - create a wildlife pond. You can also help with bee and butterfly friendly planting, berry bearing bushes for birds, or build bee-hotels and hedgehog hibernacula! So put away those pesticides, herbicides and artificial fertilisers, and let's get messy.

Visit either Somerset Wildlife Trust's or RSPB for information on wildlife gardening:

[www.somersetwildlife.org/top\\_ten\\_tips](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/top_ten_tips).

[www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/creating-a-wildlife-friendly-garden/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/creating-a-wildlife-friendly-garden/)

If you are a bit embarrassed at having an untidy garden, you could always follow the trend from America and erect a sign...

Pip Brett

Fivehead Parish Council



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**&**  
**Happy New Year**  
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# Food and Drink

## Pheasant with Chestnuts

### Ingredients

375g (12 oz) Chestnuts 1Tbsp Olive Oil 1 Pheasant about 1.25-1.5 kg (2. ½ - 3 Lb) 250g (8 oz) Button Mushrooms 2 Tbsp Plain Flour 315 ml (10- fl oz) Stock (Made from giblets) Grated rind & Juice of ½ Orange	1 Tbsp Redcurrant Jelly 155 ml(5 fl oz) red wine Bouquet garni Salt & Pepper to taste <b>CROUTES</b> 2 slices bread crusts removed Oil for shallow frying 2 tbsp chopped parsley
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### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (350F /Gas4) Plunge the chestnuts into boiling water for 2 minutes, then peel away skins. In a flameproof casserole, heat oil and brown pheasant all over until golden; remove. Add chestnuts and onions to casserole and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring, until beginning to turn golden; remove from casserole.

Stir in flour, then gradually mix in stock and bring to the boil. Add orange rind and juice, redcurrant jelly, wine, bouquet garni and seasoning. Return pheasant, onions and chestnuts to the casserole, cover and cook in the oven for 1 ½ hours or until pheasant is tender.

Remove pheasant from casserole, joint and arrange on a warmed shallow serving dish with onions & chestnuts; keep warm. Discard the bouquet garni. Boil cooking liquid rapidly until reduced to a syrupy consistency.

To make the croutes, cut each bread slice into 4 triangles. Shallow fry in hot oil until golden brown. Dip one side of the croute into the sauce and then into chopped parsley. Arrange around the pheasant. Spoon remaining sauce over the pheasant & serve with braised red cabbage and other vegetables of choice.



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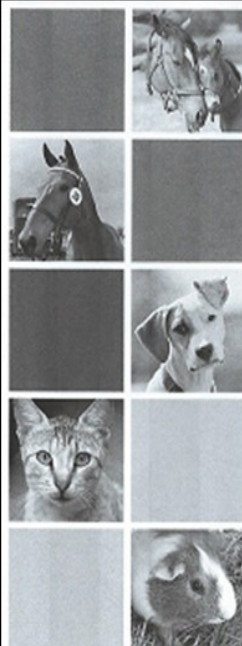
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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Saturday 7th December	7.30 pm.	Christmas Bingo	Village Hall
Wednesday 18th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Carols	The Crown Inn
Saturday 21st. December	7.30 pm.	Christmas Folk & Acoustic music	The Crown Inn
Wednesday 8th January	7.30pm	Village Hall management AGM	Village Hall
Fri/Saturday 17/18th Jan	7.30 pm	Pantomime	Village Hall
Monday 20th. January	7.30pm	Short Mat Bowling resumes	Village Hall
Thursday 23rd January		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Tuesdays @ 6.30pm Thursdays @ 10.00am	Weekly	Pilates	Village Hall
Mondays @ 7.30 pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15 pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St. Martins
Wednesdays @ 4.45 pm	Weekly	Dragonfly's	Village Hall
Thursdays @ 7.00 pm	Weekly	Bridge Club	Village Hall
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