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Parish Council

Looking back at what was written for the last newsletter, it feels like we are living in a very different world at the moment. These are challenging times for us all but definitely for some more than others. As a small rural community, we will doubtless support one another well as has already been demonstrated by the tremendous level of support offered by people across our new Parish Support Network – see details on page

Here is a summary of the main items from February and March, unfortunately the progress of many of these will undoubtedly be affected by the Coronavirus restrictions:

- A 'Save Our Crown' Group has formed to look at options given the potential sale of the Crown Inn and any associated change of use. The benefits and implications of registering the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) will be considered. Identifying what parishioners want from the pub premises and what support is available should the community want to consider putting in a bid to buy the premises will be a priority.
- The telephone kiosk door has been wonderfully restored by a volunteer. Next step is to get the electrics checked by BT. Whilst current plans are to install a book library in the kiosk, the siting of a defibrillator in the kiosk will also be reconsidered.
- Environmental issues: the District Council donated over 60 tree saplings which were quickly distributed to parishioners; the Parish Council agreed an Environmental Strategy in support of the themes in the South Somerset Environment Strategy; and two requests have been received from parishioners for allotments.
- The existing website design and content has been transferred to a new platform that meets Accessibility requirements and has a commercial support service. Testing is in hand to rectify any immediate issues; further content and design improvements will be made in the future.
- Blocked drains, ditches and gullies in Swell are being investigated by Highways.
- There has been a good uptake of the Village Messaging Service (NextDoor www.nextdoor.co.uk). This platform will complement, rather than replace, the existing Village Email Group.
- Four volunteers collected an amazing 15 bags of litter on the A378 during the recent road closure.
- The lack of superfast broadband in Swell continues as over a year ago Gigaclear put in all the cables but nothing has happened since then. Gigaclear is now in receivership and Openreach are not involved. Connecting Devon and Somerset are progressing with the retendering process with a successful applicant expected to be appointed in November 2020.
- New House Farm planning application - the SSDC Area North Committee deferred a decision pending submission of a Travel Plan; an Ecological Appraisal; and an Environmental Assessment.
- Glendale site – a Traffic Management Plan will be submitted to SSDC. A copy will be sent direct to the Parish Council for information. Further work on site clearance was conducted during February - SSDC Planning were aware of these works.
- Potential development on the paddock above Ganges Close - the developer proposes to organise a consultation event to show different possible solutions to develop the site, the constraints the site has, and possible types and styles of housing. He has been asked if he would be willing to fund a Housing Needs Survey as it should provide an independent, informed, and up-to-date view of what our parishioners' housing needs are.
- Thanks to an Improving Lives grant from the County Council, a new Parish Map has been painted by an artist in the village for display on a noticeboard in the village. Walks leaflets are being prepared digitally using Parish Online software but these will require ground-truthing and detailed descriptions and photographs before publication on the website and in leaflet form. Volunteers to help with this task will be sought in the coming months if movement restrictions permit.

Parish Council (cont)

The following events are looking increasingly vulnerable to postponement – check the website or noticeboard for details:

- Annual Parish Meeting (29 Apr 2020)
- 75th VE Day celebrations (8-10 May 2020)
- Cathanger Manor Open Garden (17 May 2020)
- Arable Fields Nature Reserve Guided Walk (16 June 2020)

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 20 March 2020 approved a plan which allows the usual business administration to continue and also provides possible new opportunities for the Council to meet virtually online – further guidance on this is expected from the Government. Whatever is put in place, we will endeavour to ensure that you are kept aware of new and ongoing issues – this will usually be via the website <http://fivehead-village.org.uk/> and the Village Email Group which you are encouraged to join by sending a request to the Clerk.

Whatever restrictions are placed upon us all in the coming weeks, we beg you to follow them in the interests of everyone's well-being.

We wish you all good health and we look forward to sunnier and healthier days.

Jill Wardle Parish Clerk

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Coronavirus - helpful tips and local advice

Please wash your hands before reading this...

(it's not contaminated but the more often you wash, the less chance you have of getting ill)

Government advice

The latest Government advice is for **everyone** to practice **social distancing**. If you have **symptoms** you and your family **must self-isolate**. This may change, the best advice is on www.gov.uk Covid-19 guidance.

Local action

We now have our *Lead Contacts* in place for our Parish Support Network. You should have received a notice through your door identifying your *Lead Contact* with their details. If you haven't please contact our Parish Clerk, Jill Wardle (fiveheadpc@gmail.com or 01460 281902) and let her know.

At the time of going to print, there are 10 confirmed cases locally in Somerset, which will have significantly multiplied by the time you read this. *It is likely there are cases in our community.*

These are concerning times for us all, but we are a close-knit community with many wonderful people offering all sorts of help, so we will cope.

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

Despite the atrocious weather experienced, and with most golf courses closed, our first outing of the season, scheduled for Friday 6th. March looked in doubt. However thanks to Gary Smith we managed to find a course to accept us. Although with only 16 holes open (9 of which were temporary greens) 13 members made their way to the beautiful Dorset coast at Lyme Regis Golf Club. There we managed to complete our Open Event before the rain came down. Hannu Maki triumphed in a closely fought event.

We are not sure what the immediate future holds but we still hope to have our Charity Golf Day in June at Long Sutton Golf Club for the charity this year is The British Heart Foundation and its sister charity S.C.A.D.

Let us hope this present crisis is soon over in the meantime everyone of you keep safe and well.

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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall



The Spring Quiz on March 6th was very successful with almost every seat taken. It was agreed that Kevin had pitched the questions just right. The generosity of those supporting the raffle was exceptionally kind and has helped to raise funds for the hall which it looks as if will be much needed as use of the building has and will continue to reduce considerably in these difficult times. So a very happy evening to look back on and one which we hope to repeat in the autumn with a similarly full house.

Our plans for Open Gardens had recently changed to a single private garden event on May 17th but along with most of the social aspects of life this plan has had to be cancelled. We hope it will be possible to reschedule as soon as life returns to a time when socialisation is safe and permitted. Be assured that as soon as it is safe to do so the Village Hall Committee will be doing their best to arrange activities to kick start village life making full use of the village website and secure village email group to keep you all informed.

Looking further ahead and hopefully far enough ahead, plans for The **Summer Fete** on **July 11th** continue to be made with many firm bookings for attractions in place. Tables are available at £10 to sell your wares or promote your organisation. Helpers on the day are still required for the many small jobs which all together make this a successful day. Richard would be so pleased to hear from anyone willing to offer even an hour of their time.

The committee is delighted to have welcomed Michael Way to the team of trustees. Michael signed up in March and we look forward to him working with us to ensure the hall continues to offer the village a safe, pleasing space for a wide variety of activities and entertainment.

STOP PRESS LATEST

With effect from Sunday 22nd March the Village Hall will be closed, no public access.

The Village Summer Fete, scheduled for Saturday July 11th. Is now cancelled.

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Fivehead Playing Field News

All Facilities Are Open

All parts of the Playing Field are open for you to enjoy so get some fresh air and exercise in these difficult times.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has been playing havoc round the world, but I'm pleased to say that none of our committee has yet fallen ill. It was necessary, however, to postpone the **Easter Bingo** planned for the 21st March. As for the **Summer Fete** on 11th July the arrangements made will remain in place for the time being, obviously subject to review depending on what happens in the coming weeks.

New Storage Facility

Our new storage facility project suffered a double setback. We had hoped the Easter Bingo would raise a useful sum towards our target of £2,600, and we also learned that our application for a lottery grant had been unsuccessful. Our secretary Carrie Cunningham, is now looking to other sources of financial assistance so we can get the new container in place as soon as possible,

Football Team

We have been in discussion with a high-flying local league team about playing at Fivehead in the coming season.

More Trees

Thanks to Pip Brett, Leslie Hoover and our tree warden Barry Knox, we have acquired free of charge a selection of British native tree saplings – oak, horse chestnut, walnut and hornbeam – which Barry is kindly keeping in his tree nursery to put on further growth before planting at the playing field in the Autumn.

Stop Press

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Frank Doggett Chairman 01460 281549



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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

It is with sadness that I have to tell you that due to the Covid-19 virus the club will not be meeting for the foreseeable future. We hope and pray that all of you keep safe and well during this difficult time.

The February meeting was a talk by Sue Applegate entitled 'From Plant to Plate'. This was an interesting talk on where and how our food was grown and harvested and included such new methods of picking fruit as doing it while lying down.

The March meeting was a talk by Sara from the Glenda Spooner Organisation which work with horses, their owners and communities worldwide to stamp out cruelty to horses. Sara works for the organisation at their farm near Kingsdon here in Somerset. A talk thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

When our next meeting will be is unknown at the moment so please keep your eyes open for any news about the club or contact me.

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

The Editor welcomes any articles for publication, (space permitting) within this magazine, which are of general interest or with local and historical content.

Also if you have an event of general interest that is not part of the usual contributors.

All that is needed is to drop me an e.mail with an attachment, preferably in Word format.

To harry.price183@btinternet.com.

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2020 planned trips are Mon 8 Jun **Mamma Mia**; Wed 3 Sep **Dreamgirls**; Fri 30 Oct **Barber of Seville** (W.N.O.); Tue 3 Nov **Strictly Ballroom**

In 2021: Tue 16 Feb **The Commitments**; Tue 23 Feb **Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker**; Wed 31 Mar **Il Trovatore** (W.N.O.); Tue 20 Jul **School of Rock** (based on the film with extra music by Lloyd-Webber). We also are expecting **The Phantom of the Opera** sometime in 2021.

Two other trips will run if the theatre is open and there is enough demand; This August to **Sunny Afternoon**, featuring The Kinks music and Jan 2021 a Sunday matinee of the **Snow White** pantomime.

Details at <https://www.atgtickets.com/venues/bristol-hippodrome/> or of course via Miss Google. Contact me if interested in either of these.

Protect Yourself from Coronavirus Scammers

Unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of coronavirus to exploit and play on peoples' fears.

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Scott's Spot – Easter 2020 God in the darkness

Are you scared of the dark? It's unlikely that many of us will be afraid in the way we might have been as children, but for some there's still something about darkness that means we often associate it with something sinister, evil or unknown. Horror films don't help. Just flick onto the horror channel and it will be that dark house, dark forest or dark abandoned starship that is used to heighten the fear factor.

It is not surprising therefore that if there was one thing we associate **with God** more than any other, it is 'light' – the opposite of darkness. In the Bible God is presented to us as 'light' many times. In Psalm 27: *'The Lord is my light and my salvation'*. In Psalm 36: *'With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.'* And then of Jesus in John's Gospel (4:16): *'the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned'*.

Yet this isn't the whole picture, and it is a good thing that that's the case, because there are times when our lives may seem dark, bleak and forbidding. At the time of writing (mid-March) it seems likely that together we are facing a significantly challenging time because of coronavirus. There seems to be darkness on the horizon and we do not know what the future holds. Perhaps as you're reading this - confined to your home in self-isolation, lonely, perhaps feeling ill - God seems far away and you feel like crying out in despair. You are not the first. The 16th century Spanish Priest St. John of the Cross described those sorts of times as 'the dark night of the soul'. What are we to make of times like these? Has God no place in them? Must we face them alone? Well no, not if the accounts of the gospels regarding the death of Jesus are to be believed. Because it is there we can read about how darkness covered the land as Jesus hung there. In Mark's gospel (15:33) we read this: ***'When it was the sixth hour, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which translated means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"'*** At that moment it seemed, even to Jesus, as though God wasn't close. But the reality was quite different. It was here that God was centrally and astonishingly at work, offering Himself for the life of the world, paying the price for sin that would set us free. Though darkness *seemed* to have overtaken the world, the reality was that the light of God's love was shining brighter than ever.

There are times when, for the Christian as much as for anyone, life seems dark and God seems far away. But never feel that God has abandoned you, for sometimes it is in the darkest moments of life that He is there most of all...

With prayer for you and those you love this Easter time, and beyond.

Revd. Scott Patterson.

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

A message from Revd. Scott Patterson:

This is where all our Benefice services are normally advertised, but like so much of normal life, these too have been suspended as the Church of England plays its part in 'social distancing'.

This doesn't mean that the Church of England or our churches are 'shut down'. Far from it. We shall be seeking creative ways to continue 'being church' even when we can't meet 'in church'.

For now, you might like to know that all three churches in our benefice will be open in the daytime for anyone. Perhaps you'd value its space for reflection, prayer, quiet, peace...

With prayer in all we face together, Scott.

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Community Bus

The services are continuing with extra hygiene measures in place.

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Some things that are happening

Flower Show Potatoes

Keep growing your potatoes as we still plan a competition. More details to follow, keep your eyes on the Village Notice Board.

St. Martins Plant Sale

The plant sale will go ahead with orders to be taken. Plants can be collected or delivered. All proceeds to St. Martins Church.

100 Club Winners

February Winners			March Winners	
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No. 53	M.Cavill	£25.00	Until	£25.00
No. 37	N.Cameron	£15.00	Further	£15.00
No. 110	S.Herbert	£10.00	Notice	£10.00

100 Club

Due to the current situation the postponed March draw and any subsequent postponed draws will be held as soon as it is safe to do so, and the winners notified.

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Letter from The Manse



"Don't panic Mr Mainwaring!"

Corporal Jones' ironic outburst has become an iconic catch-phrase!

Panic is an irrational reaction to fear. There has been plenty to fear recently: floods, climate change, wars, financial uncertainty, stock market falls, and now Corona virus.... At the time of writing, people have been panic-buying soap, handwash and even toilet rolls! No doubt, sensible precautions are necessary to protect ourselves and others in our community, but is there ever any real cause for panic?

Panic is unhelpful and ultimately a self-centred, self-protecting response, which often results in harm both to self and others around us. Far better to adopt a sensible, measured and calculated strategy.

By contrast, in his farewell speeches in John's Gospel, leading up to Easter Jesus said, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; Trust also in me."* Despite facing very real fears about what was to happen to him, he endured the Cross, neglecting his own needs, but calmly giving up his life for the sake of others – even you and me! The Apostle John wrote, *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."* (1 John 4:18) This is the message of Easter.

Perhaps, if we followed Jesus' example by seeking the best for others, rather than for ourselves we would create a better society, which would benefit everyone, including us. During the current crisis, if you need any help, support or encouragement, please feel free to phone me, as there are people from the church who are available.

I have already written and rewritten this article three times and no doubt by the time you read this, the advice will have changed! We have reluctantly had to close The Stable Community Café and all church gatherings. However, here is some very timeless advice in the form of a very old prayer by St Teresa of Avila (d.1582):

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing, God never changes.

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Folk and Acoustic Music Night—Crown Inn

Due to National & International events and announcements by the Government in recent days mean we have had to rethink our plans.

I have spoken to Peter & the Rabbits, we have very reluctantly decided that we will have to cancel the next Folk Night and suspend all future bookings until we are advised that it is safe to continue. I will let everybody know when normal service resumes.

Sincere apologies to everyone who was hoping to come to our Folk & Acoustic Nights, and especially to Steve & Jacqui at The Crown. The pub is closed and sadly the Folk Nights are on pause.

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

Fivehead Drama Group

In accordance with Government Directives that all theatres should close, we have suspended for the time being our monthly get togethers. (although with both the Crown Inn & the Village Hall closed it would have had to have taken place in the car park with everybody 6 foot apart)

We have not at present cancelled the Summer Revue but will review it in the light of whatever regulations are in force at the beginning of June. Who knows the Bristol Hippodrome is hoping to reopen on the 26th April, so I might still get to see Les Mis.

Keep an eye open on the Village notice boards and website.

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Fivehead Short Mat Bowls

As we are all aware covid-19 and current Government advice are causing many clubs to stop running.

I have made the decision to join the many in closing the Short Mat Bowling from now until notice.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation we hope it will not be too long, but in the meantime please all villagers stay safe and well. Watch the notice boards for when we might be able to restart.

Heather 281995

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Note from the Editor

We hope to have enough news to fill the next magazine due out in early June. Let us hope we will be able to report on some improvement and a start to a return to normality. Deadline for copy is Friday 22nd May.

Articles of general interest, how have you got through the crisis.

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Fivehead History

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The following extract is from *The Battle of Langport: a short historical account*, by Graham Edwards.

The fight at Isle Moors.

In the afternoon [of Wednesday 9th July 1645], hearing of a Royalist force at Isle Abbots, Massey divided his force and approached the area from two sides. He surprised George Porter's Royalist force, catching them quite unprepared, horses unsaddled and some men taking their ease in the meadows. The Royalists were completely routed and were pursued from Isle Moors almost to Langport itself. ... This disaster had important repercussions. Goring now realised that he had a strong enemy force at his rear west of the River Parrett, threatening encirclement and also his withdrawal route to Bridgwater. The morale of his cavalry was now at an even lower ebb than before.

A colourful account of the skirmish can be found in David Underdown's 'Somerset in the Civil War and Interregnum' (1973)

"Goring's strategy had collapsed, and his tactics now betrayed his desperation. On the morning of Tuesday the 8th he sent his bibulous brother-in-law, Lt-Gen Charles Porter, with most of the cavalry to make a thrust towards Taunton. Fairfax immediately sent Massey's brigade in pursuit. Some time the next day Porter's men were relaxing in the meadows of Isle Moor, some asleep, others bathing in the River Isle or strolling along its banks. The officers, as usual, were drinking, and no scouts had been sent out. The peaceful summer scene was ruined by the sudden arrival of Massey's force, who rounded up 500 startled prisoners and pursued the demoralised remnants across the moors. Goring brought new forces out of Langport to help them, but although he got some of the survivors across the Parrett to safety, he himself was slightly wounded and angrily blamed Porter for his negligence. The entire cavalry, Goring admitted, was 'very much shattered with the disorder that day'."

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Food and Drink

Roast Lamb with garlic & fresh herbs

Ingredients

1.5kg Leg of Lamb	2 tsp fresh thyme leaves
40ml Olive Oil	Flaked salt
6 garlic cloves, halved lengthways	Fresh Ground Black Pepper
6 small sprigs Fresh Rosemary	200ml Vegetable stock

Method

Preheat the oven to 220° C

Cut about 12 small (2cm) incisions into the flesh of the lamb.

Rub the lamb flesh with the oil.

Place a piece of garlic into each incision and then alternate with a small sprig of Rosemary and some Thyme leaves pressed in with the garlic.

Season generously with the salt & pepper

Allow the seasoned lamb to stand covered for 30 minutes before cooking

Place lamb onto a roasting rack and sit within a baking dish. Cook in the preheated oven for 30 minutes turning once.

Reduce the heat to 190° C, pour half the stock over the lamb and continue to cook for about 30-40 minutes. Turn the roast twice during the cooking and add the remaining stock at the same time basting the joint with the pan juices.

Remove from the pan cover with foil and allow to rest for 20-30 minutes before carving

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Due to the current situation		There are no events to record here	
Friday 22nd May		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Tuesdays @ 6.30pm Thursdays @ 10.00am	Weekly	Pilates Suspended	Village Hall
Mondays @ 7.30 pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls Suspended	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15 pm	Weekly	Bellringing Suspended	St. Martins
Wednesdays @ 4.45 pm	Weekly	Dragonfly's Suspended	Village Hall
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