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As we enjoy the last drops of autumn sun, preparations for winter are underway. A Covid booster programme will run alongside this year's flu vaccinations and children aged 12-15 are now being offered one dose of the Covid vaccine. The main aims are to keep everyone safe from serious illness, and to avoid further lockdowns and the NHS being overwhelmed. Do make sure you get your vaccinations this year, if you are eligible.

For those using the prescription delivery service from Langport Surgery, the prescription box has been relocated to Fivehead shop on the top road (A378) – a big thank you to Sue for taking over this vital service for the community.

Heavy rain, causing flooding at the bottom of Butcher's Hill, has been an ongoing problem, even in the summer months. County Highways has recently excavated a large grip near the bridge to help get water off the road towards the stream, until a CCTV survey of the drainage system can be undertaken in the New Year. Work to clear the overgrown area and stream at the bottom of the Glendale site has also been undertaken by the owner and a meeting is in the diary to facilitate the drainage works with Highways, once site construction is complete. Hopefully, 2022 will finally see an end to flood damage to residents' properties.

Butcher's Hill and Ganges Hill are both seeing an increase in speeding traffic passing through the village. Residents have been in touch with the Parish Council for help to avoid serious accidents. Community Speedwatch has been considered in the past, but was not viable at that time, as there were not enough volunteers to run the shifts.

Community Speedwatch schemes are a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities and have proven successful in many areas. The aim is to make motorists who speed aware of the impact of their actions on local residents, other road users and pedestrians. A team of local residents would be trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds. Vehicles observed speeding are sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour. Further action will be taken by the Police against persistent and high-speed offenders, as well as targeting individual locations. If you would be able to give a few hours a month to help with this, or would be interested in co-ordinating the group on behalf of the Parish, please contact the Clerk.

Help to reinforce our
village speed limits



Volunteer for

FIVEHEAD SPEEDWATCH

Another well regarded way of addressing speed issues is a Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme. These are used in many of our local parishes now, including Curry Rivel and Langport. The Parish Council will be looking into the possibility of funding a device and the training required to move it between locations, possibly using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from recent developments. An opportunity to give your views on this and other potential CIL projects will be launched in the December magazine. In the meantime, if you witness incidents of dangerous driving, please report this to the Police as history of non-compliance will be recorded and support a case for future action.

Finally, Langford Corner is soon to get a revamp ready for Spring, with new planting for lower maintenance. Our environmental volunteer, Dave Braddock, has kindly offered to tidy the existing beds and add pollinator plants that he has grown (and donated), as well as pare back overgrown shrubs, to help make this an interesting and environmentally friendly focal point for the village. Watch this space!

As always, keep well and help look after others,

Jayne Parsons

Parish Clerk

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Parish Council - other news



Reflect...Recover...Renew

You may have heard of Spark Somerset, a countywide charity which supports communities and volunteering in Somerset. Recently, Spark has had a particular focus on supporting community led groups formed during the pandemic. To find out more about this, please visit www.sparksomerset.co.uk/covid-19.

Spark is now working in partnership with Somerset County Council and Somerset Community Foundation on an important new research project to look at what has happened during the past 18 months and how organisations in the voluntary and community sector can continue to help recovery from the effects of the pandemic. After consultation via focus groups, online surveys and events, the information received will be used to create a Roadmap to Recovery. Emerging details will be shared on Spark's forum page soon (<https://sparksomerset.org.uk/forums>).

Free emergency preparedness training for Somerset residents

You are invited to sign up to free, interactive online training with emergency responders and volunteer organisations throughout October, organised by the Somerset Prepared partnership. To attend this free event, you can register and book training sessions on the Somerset Prepared website at www.somersetprepared.org.uk.



Join our Parish defibrillator project...

Many of you voted in the Parish Housing Needs Assessment to have a defibrillator available in the village. The Parish Council is looking into grant funding and needs more volunteers to help run the project. Training will be provided free of charge. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to help – fiveheadpc@gmail.com.

Come along to Pop-up Pub 2 in the Village Hall on 8th October to find out more and help raise funds!

Fivehead Rights of Way

Thanks to a group of around 14 volunteers (new and old), our Parish Paths are being regularly walked and looked after, with support from our new Parish Paths Liaison Officer, Mary Braddock, and Somerset County Council. If you would like to keep fit and help at the same time, please contact Mary - marybraddock@btinternet.com.



Fivehead Rights of Way

Fivehead and Swell Footpaths

Since I last wrote we have established a firm working, walking Footpath Team of volunteers who are willing and ably equipped to deal with cutting back and looking after the footpath routes around Fivehead and Swell. Thank you to everyone who made contact, it's so good to see so much enthusiasm in the village and neighbouring area. We are now firmly established with Somerset County Council who have also provided the team with a few tools and a strimmer which my husband Dave is qualified and registered to use.

We are aiming to deal with as much as we safely can to keep our footpaths walkable but where some issues may be bigger than we can deal with then we will log defects onto the Somerset map and ask SCC to deal with these for us. Replacing fingerposts and broken way marker posts would be an example of the type of work we would have to ask SCC to do as it involves other resources.

Please get in contact if you notice any problems on our footpaths and we will endeavour to sort these out.



I just love the lichen growing on this old fingerpost, it speaks of age and character but is still doing a grand old job of pointing us in the right direction.

My email is marybraddock@btinternet.com

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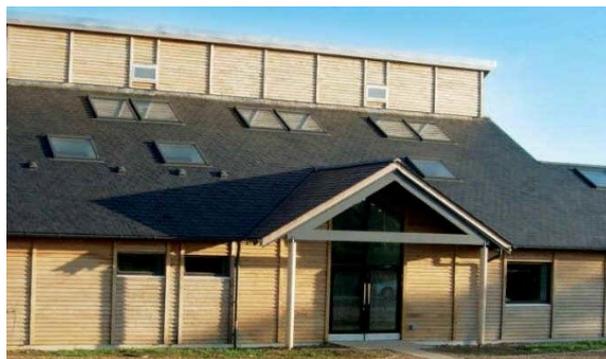


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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall



How often do you spend more than £1500 on something you hope will never be used? The Village Hall Committee are raising sufficient funds to buy a defibrillator to install in the old telephone box which is ready and waiting. It will be an automatic machine which “talks” to the user, and training is offered in its use. It will save lives but we sincerely hope it will never be used!

On Friday 8th October we are holding a second “pop up pub” with draught beer at £3 a pint. We hope to give everyone an enjoyable social event, with a fish and chip van (Layz Riks), a live music group and at the same time raise money for the defibrillator (See separate flyer)

Recent “dough-nutting” on the Village Hall car park means the plans for resurfacing have been brought forward and quotations are in course. At the same time we are looking to secure the frontage with modern CCTV cameras.

A quiz is planned for Friday 15th October get yourself into teams and join us.

Sadly, we will not be allowing the orchestra from Huddersfield to appear in the Hall again because of their fighting! Apparently someone struck a wrong chord and it led to a lot of violins...

Hoping to see you all on the 8th.

Dave Cunningham Secretary

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100 Club Winners

August 2021			September 2021		
No. 77	O & L. Howard	£50	No. 96	P. Knight	£50
No. 67	P. Knight	£25	No. 68	S. Chastell	£25
No. 64	D. Powell	£15	No. 113	C. Coventry	£15
No. 3	M. Wilson	£10	No. 55	G. Stubbings	£10

The Stable Community Cafe

We are delighted that the Stable Cafe is now back to the same opening times as before the pandemic.

Wednesday 2pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 10am – 4:30pm (Youth Cafe 7:30pm - 9pm)

Friday 10am – 4:30pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Thank you so much to all our volunteers for making this possible. If you would like to join our team, please pop in and ask for details.

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance 2021

In this centenary year of the Royal British Legion, the Curry Rivel, Drayton, and Fivehead Branch would like to invite everyone to attend the services of Remembrance being held in our Villages on **Sunday 14th November 2021**

Curry Rivel - St Andrews Church, 10.50 am

Drayton - St Catherine's Church, 9.30 am

Fivehead - St Martin's Church, 10.30 am

The Branch Standard will be paraded at Drayton and Curry Rivel.

Poppy sales will be going ahead door to door, but we are a bit short of volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact the Branch Secretary, Pip Brett (01460 281115).

If you would like to **become a member** of our RBL Branch, you don't need to have any connection to the military, just a wish to support our Armed Forces community, ensuring their contribution is never forgotten. Please contact Pip Brett. (pipbrett@me.com)

Pip Brett, Secretary
Curry Rivel, Drayton, and Fivehead Branch
Royal British Legion

Red Cross Centre

The volunteers of Langport & District Red Cross re-opened Langport Centre on Monday 6th September. We are sorry that Covid concerns have led to such a long shut-down but now look forward to welcoming our friends back between 10 and 12-ish each day, Covid considerations permitting.

If you have not visited our Centre/Shop before you will find the entrance in the large Langport car park. Donations for the shop may be brought to the Centre during opening hours or in Somerton by arrangement with Chris. We do not have room for large items such as furniture.

We are usually happy to re-home mobility aids such as wheelchairs, raised loo-seats and walking aids.

Volunteer needed at Langport Red Cross Centre

Langport Red Cross Centre is in need of a volunteer one morning a week. We serve hot drinks and sell donated goods whilst providing a meeting place for a chat and company. If you can spare a few hours please contact Chris Cox on 01458 273085 or cox.cj@btinternet.com

Chris

Langport & District Red Cross Leader

Save Our Crown Update

In our project to Save the Crown, several wonderful letters arrived from intending shareholders, the most notable of which was from Robin D Bailey.

Robin's maternal grandparents were William Charles ("Bill") Pester and Aquila Mary Jane Pester. Bill served in both the Boer War and on the Western Front in WW1. They had four sons and four daughters. Robin's mum was born in 1910 in a cottage called "Stones" in Silver Street, but it appears that the family moved into The Crown shortly before or during World War 1 as all were said to have been brought up there. All eight siblings and most of their children attended Fivehead Village School which was jokingly referred to by the family as "Fivehead University".

Grandfather Bill was the Sexton and Churchwarden at St Martin's and together with his two sons Charlie and Jim, rang the church bells for many years, no doubt popping across to The Crown to slake their thirst!

Robin was christened there and so were his cousins. He has a fond memory of waking up early to the smell, taste, and texture of a fresh loaf, still hot, straight out of the oven of Maisey's Fivehead Bakery with lashings of home-made butter....mmm!

Grandfather Bill was involved in growing teasels along Stowey Road, which were cut into bunches of 20 each then formed into large packs and sold to Woollen Mill Reps from the North. As well as being paid Bill received each year, a bolt of cloth, which, thanks to a tailor in Taunton, was made into an annual new suit! Elegant!



The accompanying photos of two toddlers sitting on the wall outside The Crown are Robin's Uncle Charlie and Auntie Grace together with "Uncle Hutchence", who we believe was the licensee of The Crown in the early 1920s.

Robin now lives in West Cornwall and sadly only makes infrequent visits to Fivehead to visit the graves of the family all of whom are buried in Saint Martin's Church. He is looking forward to once again visiting The Crown to drink to the memory of his Fivehead forebears, adding that he's always impressed that the churchyard is so very well tended.

He concludes by wishing The Crown prosperity, and every success and hopes that Bill, Aquila, Jim and Lucy will be peering over the church wall taking a keen interest in their heritage.

Save Our Crown
www.fivehead.org.uk

THE BRISTOL HIPPODROME

100 YEARS



Charity Theatre Trips for October edition 2021

Book on line at www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or e-mail Charitytheatrerrips@btinternet.com.

The full list of planned trips is: **White Christmas**, Wed 3 Nov 21, £46/£55; **Bourne's Nutcracker**, Tue 1 Feb 22 £41/£51; **We Will Rock You**, Wed 20 Apr, £45/£58; **Strictly Ballroom**, Tue 10 May 22, £36/£51; **Mamma Mia**, Mon 20 Jun 22, £49/£61; **Les Miserables**, Tuesday 19 Jul 22, £45/£58; **The Commitments**, Tue 21 Mar 23, £50.

We now have a Groups link on Facebook, if you do such exciting things! You can sign yourself up to receive the latest news. The link is 'Charity Theatre Trips'.

Finally, if you join the coach at Somerton we have to follow the new one-way system so your coach from Langport will have to circumnavigate Somerton on the way to the Half Moon Car Park and so pick up on the opposite side of the road to in the past. Take care crossing!

Let's hope that we really are able to get going this autumn.

Chris



Volunteer Helpers Needed for Round Window Club

An Active Living group for older people, living on their own, from several parishes (a lively group!).

We meet at Curry Mallet Village Hall every fortnight on a Wednesday. We are restarting on 21 July from 2—4pm. Changing to 10.30am—12.30pm in the Autumn.

Do you have a small amount of spare time?

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to come and chat with the members and help serve tea and cake, for a couple of hours whenever you can. Our present team come from several different parishes.

Cake makers also needed!

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Scott's Spot – September 2021 Remembrance Day

Poppies, cenotaph, lots of medals on show, 2 minutes silence, Khomeni prayer, RBL fundraising, etc. etc.

Same old, same old. But hang on, what does it MEAN?

We go through the traditions, we follow the prescribed format, we pay for the poppies, hoping that the donations will do some good, but what does it all MEAN?

In the early 80's I was an Air Traffic Controller in the Fleet Air Arm. One of my duties was to run Air Safety Cells for major NATO exercises. Basically, we were there to stop opposing air forces from banging into one another, or anything else, for that matter. I had repeatedly pointed out to the Command that we didn't have to be positioned in a grey funnel liner (RN capital ship) but could be in any NATO member ship.

So it was that my team was assigned the FGN (Federal German Navy) Lutgens, a missile equipped small cruiser, operating off the north of Scotland. We conducted the exercise in a Force 10 gale. We lost most of the upperdeck guard rails and anything that was not bolted or welded down. The entire ship's company, me included, took on a greenish pallor. I have not been able to look sauerkraut in the face since.

I found myself in the Wardroom talking and joking with young German Naval Officers, thinking that if their fathers and my father had actually met, they would have tried to kill each other. Surreal.

On the 11th November, I went for breakfast and found to my total astonishment that all officers were wearing poppies. As were most of the ship's company.

I queried this from one young Oberleutnant, who replied, "We remember. We are here to ensure that it never happens again."

That morning, with three of my team, we stood on the quarterdeck of that German ship and gave thanks to God that, despite conflicts that continue to plague the world with political domination, insurrection, and terrorism, that God's power had put us there as a force for good. However insignificant.

Despite the formality, despite the attendance of veterans that you never see from one year to the next, despite the jingoism and blatant patriotism always there, there is a message from God.

Do not forget. Honour.

I lost good friends in the Falklands conflict. I honour them every year. I acknowledge that there must be sacrifices for our freedom. But at what cost?

There are still men and women of our armed forces that every day put their lives on the line for our safety.

Those that have gone before require our respect and acknowledgement.

They are in God's hands. They have performed and acquitted themselves as required.

We should remember them. They fought for our freedom and our Christian beliefs.

I have never missed a Remembrance Day service since. Despite the jingoism, the blatant patriotism, the feeling that the whole episode has been somehow hijacked for profit, there is still the knowledge that God acknowledges our prayers for the fallen, and those who have passed on.

Roger J. R. Chadbourne

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Please note The services listed below are dependent on the current local and national Covid situation, and are therefore liable to change or cancellation.

If you would value reassurance as to whether a particular service is on then please contact the Parish Office on 01458 251375

October Planned Services

Sunday 3rd.	10.00am. All Age Harvest Family Service, (+ refreshments)	Fivehead
	11.00am. Said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00pm. Harvest Songs of Praise	Curry Rivel
Thursday 7th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in St. Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel
Sunday 10th.	9.30am. BCP Prayer Book Communion Service	Swell
	11.00am. Parish Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm. A Service of Evening Worship	Fivehead
Sunday 17th.	9.30am. Morning Worship	Fivehead
	11.00am. All Age Family Service (+ refreshments)	Curry Rivel
	12 noon Said Communion Service (CW)	
Thursday 21st	10.00am. BCP Communion in St Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel
Sunday 24th	9.30am. Parish Communion (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00am. Morning Worship	Curry Rivel
Thursday 9th.	6.00pm. BCP Prayer Book Evensong	Swell
Sunday 31st.	10.00am. United Benefice All Age Communion Service	Curry Rivel

November Planned Services

Thursday 4th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in the Old School Room	
Sunday 7th.	10.00am. All Age Family Service (+ refreshments)	Fivehead
	11.00am. Said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00pm. A United Benefice ' All Souls ' Service of Thanksgiving	Curry Rivel
Sunday 14th.	9.30am BCP Prayer Book Communion Service	Swell
	10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service (with Baptist Church)	Fivehead
	10.53am Remembrance Sunday Service	Curry Rivel
Thursday 18th.	10.00am BCP Communion in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 21st.	9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00am All Age Family Service (+ refreshments)	Curry Rivel
	12 noon said Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 28th.	(Advent Sunday) 10.00am United Benefice All Age Communion Service	Swell

BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship, UB = United Benefice

Fivehead Nature Watch

Dave Braddock

For this newsletter I was going to write about the local wildflowers that I have found around the village and their historic uses, but I have had such a great response from the community about local wildlife sightings and things to follow up that I will save it for the next edition.

I have been sent several reports of Jersey Tiger moths from around the village. Frank and Lydia got the ball rolling with one seen in their garden, quickly followed by Anne in the middle of the village and several reports from Swell. This is a beautiful day flying moth which looks more like a butterfly than a moth. It is slowly spreading Westward, from along from the coast. One of my hobbies is moth trapping and I found several in the trap each morning to be released at dusk. For info, my garden moth list is approaching two hundred species and I only started recording in May. Pip and Mike sent me a photo of a Poplar Hawk Moth seen in their house. Michael sent me a message that he had 3 Elephant Hawkmoths in his garden one evening, sorry Michael I can beat that with twenty-eight one evening!



Following up a report of White-legged Damselfly from Mary, several were seen along the river as well as eight other species of dragonfly.

The Barn Owl and Dormouse saga continues. I have followed up sightings of Barn Owls and several bats by Kate and Sandy, but a Fivehead Owl still eludes me, but I have seen two in Curry Rivel. Still drawing a blank with Dormice though.

My bat surveys are going well, nine surveys done so far with a few more to do before the Winter chill sets in, so you might bump into me during the dark with my detector and torch in hand. By this time next year, I hope to have covered most of Fivehead. I will let you know what I have found in future newsletters.

In our garden, our new House Martin boxes produced six chicks, and all have fledged safely and hopefully by now, on their wintering grounds in Africa. It is an amazing feat if you think about it as I still get lost around the local lanes of Fivehead, they have never been to Africa before, but know their way. I am hoping to put up another four boxes before they return. We have also put up a couple of swift boxes to see if we can attract them as well.

We also have a vocal Tawny Owl or two in the garden most nights and Autumn flocks of small birds are starting to go through with a flock of over 120 Goldfinches over the house several times. Fivehead is a migration flyway so each Spring and Autumn masses of migrant birds are funnelled over the ridge, especially if misty or low cloud conditions. Flocks of 500+ Swallows, Swifts and House Martins are regular.

I am starting to turn our garden into a wildlife haven, waiting for cooler weather to build a pond and stream but my three pollinator flower beds are doing well, attracting several species of bees, our bee boxes are brimming with nests for next year and the garden has been full of butterflies. I



have recorded twenty-one species of butterfly in the garden this year, including Brown Hairstreak. We have spent several hours around the village looking for them only for one to turn up while we were having a tea break. Hopefully, a planned butterfly bed for next year will increase the butterfly numbers further.

It has also been a Tortoiseshell year with large numbers seen around the village. Anne had over 60 on her flowers and Peter said he has never seen so many around the village since he was young. I counted over a hundred just walking down Ganges Close. It is good to see them recovering from their dramatic crash a few years ago due to the arrival of a parasitic fly from the continent.

Wildlife records and sightings are now just over 1000 so please keep me busy by sending in the records and sightings to me at davebraddock349@gmail.com especially for any Barn Owl or Dormice sightings and any areas where you have found or seen Brown Hairstreak Butterflies this year.

CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious and Confident'

'Healthy trees bearing good fruit' - Matthew 7 v 17



Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School and Little Pips Nursery

It has been a busy few weeks at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School. I have been conducting learning walks, book looks and pupil voice interviews - this is to support the school's self-evaluation and monitoring. The teachers have worked so hard in developing a coherent, organized and sequential curriculum, based on core knowledge, skills and concepts. I am delighted that the children are keen to discuss the wide range of subjects they learn here, from Art to Maths, from French to Science and from English to Computing. I have been impressed by the tonal drawings in Discovery class, knowledge of French days of the week in Camelot, and there has been some really deep thinking about Christianity by Year 1 children in Pippin. Blenheim have been to Huish Leisure centre, enjoying their first swimming lesson of the term, Maigold have been working on some collaborative Art pieces and Gala have been enjoying 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and applying their knowledge of adjectives; and last but not least our wonderful new Reception pupils have started some amazing phonics learning. Overall, the pupils are enjoying a broad and challenging curriculum.

As you know, we love sports and activity at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, and we are led in this by our enthusiastic PE lead, Mr Bridgeman. Our sports clubs have started again: football, netball, multi-skills and tag-rugby. Swimming lessons have also re-started for the oldest children. All the children enjoy the 'Daily Mile'. Mr Bridgeman has launched the 'Sports for Schools' event which takes place this week; gymnast Isabel Haigh will be meeting all the children and leading sessions to motivate and inspire. Isabel is an Acrobatic Gymnast who was born in Cornwall. Her most memorable sporting achievement is being selected to represent Great Britain. She has competed at the 2017 World Games where she was part of the GB team that won a bronze medal.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for all schools and nurseries to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. We have our special service at St Andrew's church coming up, where children will be donating gifts of food to the Curry Rivel Foodbank.

If you are interested in our school, or are considering an application for your child to start school in September 2022, please come and visit us on Friday 8th October- we are having an Open Morning where you will receive a warm welcome. Contact our school office to book your place: 01458 251404.

Mrs Ali Pook

Head Teacher





I had no idea how much butterflies enjoy a fruit salad! In our garden we have various fruit trees including a greengage which produced plenty of fruit this year. Lots of greengages fell to the ground and were trodden on, but this brought the unexpected joy of butterflies feeding on the trampled fruit. Red Admirals seem to particularly enjoy them! I would often walk past the tree to a flutter of butterflies launching from the grass (who I'd obviously interrupted mid-meal). The fruit we considered lost and ruined was actually a source of nourishment to the butterflies and brought some added life to the garden.

It made me think about times in life when things become so difficult for us that we struggle to see any good in it. Like the fallen fruit we think of it only as loss, or waste, or decay. We do not expect any "butterfly wings" to come from the struggles as we face them, but perhaps it's these very experiences that shape our characters most. Perhaps it's during these times that the deepest lessons are learned for the future. Like an athlete training through the pain barrier, or metal being refined in the fire, the struggles may produce in us a strength and maturity that we will draw from in the days ahead. Without minimising the very real pain of those difficult times, there is a kind of growth that can come through them as we support one another. I believe God is also present with us in our difficulties, not just to get us through them, but to help us emerge from them in new ways.

In the Bible we're told that Jesus "endured the cross... for the joy that was set before him" (Hebrews 12:2). The suffering of his cross was not joy in itself - Jesus had to endure through it, and even through death - but there was a joy to come in his resurrection which enabled him to continue and carry that suffering for us. Both the suffering and the resulting joy is something Christ now shares with us as he accompanies us through our own struggles, even through death itself, into the new life he is always eager to bring us.

May the butterflies remind us that, when we feel trampled down, all is not lost. And may the death and resurrection of Jesus remind us that God's life and salvation can transform every situation as we rely on him day by day.

Rev. Matthew Cottingham.

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Fivehead Drama Group

We are now preparing for the pantomime to be performed on **Friday 14th. & Saturday 15th. January 2022**. This year's offering will be a NODA script **Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Basketcases by Dave Crump**. Casting and rehearsals are about to begin, commencing **Tuesday 5th. October**. We look forward to full houses to cover the cost of performing rights & licensing for what we expect to be an entertaining and novel production.

As always, we are ever in need of members to either perform or help with scenery, costumes or just setting up and dismantling the stage and tabs.

There will be no more monthly get togethers now until after the pantomime is finished but if you are interested in helping come down to the Village Hall any **Tuesday at 7.30pm from 2nd November**

Contact **Kevin** or **Harry** details on Page - 3.

Fivehead Short Mat Bowls

After the long lay off due to the Coronavirus epidemic the short mat bowls club restarted in early August with an influx of new members. Unfortunately some have decided that short mat bowls was not for them, a pity as it takes more than 1 or 2 weeks to achieve any consistency. However a number have persevered and are starting to enjoy their Monday evenings bowling.

We could still do with more members, so to those who have not yet tried it come along and meet the crew, 7.30pm for 2 hours with a refreshment break in between. All that is required are some flat soled footwear and you will be up and bowling.

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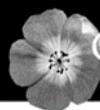
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Editors Comments

As we slowly come out of this terrible period we hope we can start getting back to some sort of normal Village life. We have a successful shop up at the garage which caters for all the basics and more, Post Office Services in The Stable on a Thursday and who knows, soon, a thriving pub.

It is important as a Village that we support these local facilities as much as possible so that they are viable and sustainable.

There has been a great change with a large number of properties being sold and we all look forward to welcoming the new owners at one or all of the many activities that are at last beginning to re-open in our community.

It is good news that the Crown Inn was finally sold as a pub but hats off to the Save the Crown Group and all the prospective investors who raised so much, lets hope we get a good tenant soon

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Fivehead Playing Field News

Basketball success

Jack Sweeney and Sean Raithby are two keen sportsmen from Fivehead who play for Huish Tigers under 16s league team, and are in year 11 at Huish Episcopy Academy. They regularly practice in our multi use games area and Jack tells me that when they needed new nets they contacted Basketball England and were really pleased when they were sent a package of nets and fixings from them. Well done Sean and Jack and good luck in the coming season

Christmas bingo Saturday December 4th

Nothing is certain with ever changing measures to combat COVID 19, but we hope for an element of normality in time for the festive season so our Christmas Bingo can go ahead! Further publicity nearer the date.

Sports car enthusiasts meet

On August 6th the Morgan Sports Car Club got together on the playing field and had cream tea in the village hall. More than 20 Morgans of varying ages were there to be admired by all.

Save Our Crown evening

There was a great turn-out for Save Our Crown's fundraising evening at the Playing Field and Village Hall on August 13th. Intended as a "meet the team" event as well as raising money to help purchase The Crown Inn as a community asset, the fine weather, pop-up pub and pizza BBQ attracted a large crowd making it a memorable social occasion in it's own right, regardless of subsequent events affecting the pub's future.

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Food & Drink

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200ml / 7fl oz Red Wine	3 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar
3 tbsp White Wine Vinegar	2 tbsp Fresh Thyme
1 tbsp Olive Oil	Salt & Pepper

Method

With a sharp knife make a few slashes in the skin of the chicken, shape and secure with wooden cocktail sticks. Brush the chicken with the crushed garlic and place in a non-metallic dish. Pour the wine & white wine vinegar over the chicken and season to taste with salt & pepper. Cover and leave to marinate in the refrigerator overnight.

Remove the chicken pieces with a perforated spoon and drain well, reserving the marinade.

Heat the oil & butter in a frying pan, add the shallots and cook for 2-3 minutes or until they begin to soften. Add the chicken pieces to the pan and cook for 3-4 minutes, turning, until browned all over. Reduce the heat and add half the reserved marinade. Cover and cook for 15-20 minutes, adding more marinade when necessary.

Once the chicken is tender, add the balsamic vinegar & thyme and cook for further 4 minutes.

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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 8th. October	5.00pm	Pop Up Pub	Village Hall
Friday 15th. October	7.30pm	Quiz	Village Hall
Friday 22nd. October	10.00am	Golf Chairman's Day	Cricket St Thomas
Sunday 14th. November	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	St Martin's
Wednesday 24th. November		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Mondays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Mondays @ 7.15pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St Martin's
Wednesdays @ 4.45pm	Weekly	Dragonflys Dance Group	Village Hall
Usually 1st Monday 6.30 pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

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Our Charity Golf Day on Friday 13th August was very successful raising on the day **£1004.05** which added to our fines total so far means we have **£1277.68** and this will be increased by the fines from our last 2 trips. The individual winners were: **1st. P. Lock 40 pts, 2nd. R. Hadfield 39 pts & 3rd. J. Pattison 38pts**, a closely fought contest. The team trophy was also a close thing with the winning four **S. Hodder, J. Pattison, S. Ash & B. Holmes** succeeding by 1 point.

Our September trip was to **Yeovil Golf Club** on Friday 24th. September when 12 members and their guests enjoyed a fine day on a very well maintained course with a delicious Steak & Ale pie with chips to follow, Phil **Lock** triumphed once more with 35pts. Next date **Friday 22nd October**

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