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Parish Council

Parish Council News

Last April, we were just finding our way with new restrictions to our lives; a year on and things are finally looking up, thanks to all the volunteer groups who have come together to support the NHS with the roll-out of the wonderful vaccination programme. Within our small community we are also grateful to our Parish Support Network volunteers, who have been there all the way through for those who need help.

Although lockdown has officially been lifted, the message is still 'let's keep going' with guidance to help us start to enjoy more freedom again. We've supported each other through difficult times and must remember the hands - face - space rules, so we can keep safe as we carefully move towards normality.

The next Parish Council meeting on 12 April could be its last online meeting. Love it or hate it, Zoom has been an invaluable tool for enabling meetings and Council business to continue. We are waiting to hear if its use may be permitted in future.

It's certainly been helpful to enable the Council to consult with residents and review new planning applications remotely. Extra meetings were held in February and March to discuss a potential development of 7 houses on the paddock above Ganges Close; a new application for a development of four bungalows on Stillbrook Road; and amendments to the Glendale development plans.

At the heart of Fivehead, the Glendale site has become highly emotive, as sadly, there has been significant departure from the approved application and the Council is continuing to consult on how this can now be remedied. For updates on planning in Fivehead and Swell, please see the Parish website and Council minutes.

Other recent items:

- Fivehead and Swell's Housing Assessment Needs survey was completed in February, with the headline finding that **82% of respondents do not want any further development in our Parish**. You can read more on page 20 and full details will be published on the website soon. Thank you to all who took the time to share their views and congratulations to the winner of the prize draw – Laura Collis. Laura moved to Fivehead earlier this year and has lots of DIY planned, so the £50 Screwfix voucher will be put to good use.
- A new energy-saving LED light with motion sensor has been fitted in Fivehead phone kiosk, which our volunteer was pleased to hear, so painting of the interior can be done in his spare time in the evenings now. After this, another volunteer will be fitting the shelving for the book exchange. So, hold on to those unwanted books a little longer please.
- The Save our Crown group received a fantastic response to its call for pledges of share funding and loans to fund the purchase of our Community Asset, The Crown Inn. The Council has supported the Group's registration with the Plunkett Foundation, for guidance and legal advice on how to take their bid forward, once a decision on the pub's Change of Use application has been made by the District Council. You can find further news and updates on the Group's website.
- Two large restoration projects will be starting when Spring (hopefully) brings warmer weather. Firstly, specialist lime-mortar masonry repairs and maintenance are now needed urgently to the historic Pound in Fivehead, an undesignated heritage asset, which has been maintained by the Parish Council and volunteers going back to the 1900s. Located close to Glendale, it was recently partially demolished by a site vehicle. In the vicinity, St Martin's Church Grade I listed perimeter wall is also now in need of maintenance, including repointing and replacing coping – a costly project that will be carried out in stages as funds permit – a stitch in time saves nine philosophy applies here! Both projects will be overseen by a SSDC Conservation officer.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to warmer, healthier days ahead.

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk

Parish Council (cont) other news

Help with getting to vaccination appointments

If you have not yet had your vaccination, you may need to plan how you will get there. If you are relying on public transport, a free Taunton town centre shuttle service has been launched by Somerset County Council to get people straight to their vaccination slot. It runs every 30 mins from Castle Way, Taunton Centre to Taunton Racecourse to help support those who don't drive and it links with other operators coming into the town centre. It is running every day in April, except on 8th and 21st.

Taunton vaccination shuttle bus timetable												
Town centre - Racecourse	Taunton, Castle Way Bus Stop	0820	0850	0920	0950	1020	1050	1120	1150	1220	1250	
	Taunton Racecourse Vaccination Centre	0832	0902	0932	1002	1032	1102	1132	1202	1232	1302	
	Taunton, Castle Way Bus Stop	1320	1350	1420	1450	1520	1550	1620	1650	1720	1750	
	Taunton Racecourse Vaccination Centre	1332	1402	1432	1502	1532	1602	1632	1702	1732	1802	
Racecourse - Town centre	Taunton Racecourse Vaccination Centre	0835	0905	0935	1005	1035	1105	1135	1205	1235	1305	
	Taunton, Castle Way Bus Stop	0847	0917	0947	1017	1047	1117	1147	1217	1247	1317	
	Taunton Racecourse Vaccination Centre	1335	1405	1435	1505	1535	1605	1635	1705	1735	1805	
	Taunton, Castle Way Bus Stop	1347	1417	1447	1517	1547	1617	1647	1717	1747	1817	

If you are concerned about getting to an appointment, or need other help or support during the pandemic, please call the **Coronavirus helpline on**

0300 790 6275. Lines are open from 8am – 6pm daily.

Beating Rural Crime

With a recent rise in rural crime, our local Police Community Support team based in Ilminster, is keen to pass on its number for non-emergency calls – **101** – and encourages you to call if you see anything suspicious. Don't hesitate, even in the middle of the night! This is often when machinery, vehicles and livestock are stolen. A member of the public recently reported a trailer and digger that seemed to be hidden in a field, which turned out to be stolen. If anyone would like to join Farm Watch, which is completely free, please contact Steve Trace - steven.trace@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Recycle more...soon

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is getting ready to expand its recycling service 'Recycle More' to South Somerset at the end of June 2021. This follows its successful launch in Mendip in October 2020, where so far, it has seen recycling tonnages rise by nearly 20% and tonnages of rubbish fall by a similar amount.

With Recycle More, you will be able to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays, as well as cartons (or Tetra Paks), small household batteries and small electrical items (such as irons, toasters, laptops or phones) from the kerbside every week, along with everything you can recycle already.

This is an important and exciting change to the way we recycle. Most people in Somerset are recycling now. This service will make it easier to recycle even more, helping protect our environment, tackle climate change and save taxpayers' money.

SWP will write to all households twice before the new service starts, with details of what is changing and when to look out for leaflets, so you are ready to help. For the latest updates visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more



Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall

As you can imagine there is little to report this month as we are not allowed to open because of Covid restrictions. It may be possible for some activities to restart after April 12th but other than that we do not expect to open until mid-June. We do have a couple of bookings for weddings later in the year.

We continue to receive financial backing from South Somerset Council District Council in the form of business support grants and the Parish Council will assist with the hall insurance premiums from 1st April. Whilst the sun shines we are still receiving Feed in Tariffs from our Solar Panels. As such the hall is financially sound and our Charity bank loan will be paid off by Sept this year, if not earlier.



There will not be a Village fete this year and we expect our next fund raising event will be a quiz night in October. The results of the 100-club draw for February and March to place earlier this month. Paul Narey and Kevin Stevens conducted the draw and the results are listed below.

Pip Brett kindly donated her prize to the Village Hall funds

Chairperson: Kevin Stevens 07794 226149

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100 Club Winners

February 2021

No. 30	J. Du Boulay	£50
No. 36	C. Lawrence	£25
No. 52	L. Benton	£15
No. 108	P&M. Brett	£10

March 2021

No. 26	G. Land	£50
No. 32	D. Powell	£25
No. 74	M. Way	£15
No. 96	P. Knight	£10

Editor's Comment

Here's hoping that we will soon be progressing to a more normal existence by the next issue of your Magazine and I will be able to fill the pages with forthcoming events and activities to keep us active and entertained. Let us all hope that people have not got out of the habit of pursuing their hobbies and activities, Pilates, Short Mat Bowls, Fellowship Club, Drama and all those other things we used to do. Maybe there will be those who having endured the lockdowns will feel like joining in with some of these pastimes.

It only remains to wish everybody a Happy Easter and a fine hot Summer.

Fivehead Playing Field News

Like everyone else we are looking forward to the easing of lockdown restrictions, and hope to get back to something resembling normal this summer.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA NEW FENCE

The new fence around the children's play area will be installed this month with work starting on 19th. April. Weather permitting it should take 3 days and the facility will remain open throughout.

FOOTBALL

The league has voided the 2020/21 fixture list. Instead it is promoting a one-off competition, there will be five groups of seven teams which will include Fivehead & Fivehead reserves. At the time of writing fixture dates and venues have yet to be announced.

FOOTBALL DUGOUTS

Fivehead Parish Council has approved plans for the two dugouts on the western edge of the playing field. District Council planning approval is awaited.

Frank Doggett,
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Fivehead History

From the jottings of Ella Louch

Ella began her education at The Church of England Village School where the Headmistress was **Miss Blanche Titterton**. The Junior Mistress was **Miss E. M. Thomas** who succeeded her father **Mr. Charles Thomas** who had previously taught Ella's mother. When Ella was 10 the Village School became "Junior only" so she was sent off to Curry Rivel which she used to travel to by bus or taxi. She left at the first opportunity a month after her 14th. birthday. (No mature students in those days.)

One special day to remember during the school year was **Empire Day** which the children prepared for some weeks before by learning poems and songs about our Colonies and lands overseas and how important they were to us.

On the afternoon of Empire Day the children went in procession, along with the teachers, all carrying flags, to Langford Manor, where they entertained the **Matterson Family**. After this their reward was a large Empire bun, spiced & well sugared, made specially by **Mr. R. Hillard** from the Village Bakery. They were each also given a bar of chocolate. The children loved this little jaunt to the Manor as a welcome change from the usual school routine, and she never remembers any rain!

Alas the teachers changed and the new one would not co-operate so the custom was, along with many others, ceased. During the war the last of the Matterson family, who lived at Langford Manor died and the house and lands were sold.

Another memorable day at the school was when the whole school were taken to the corner below **Stillbrook Farm** to see the **Prince of Wales (Later King Edward 8th)** pass through whilst visiting his Duchy lands at **Curry Mallet & Ile Brewers** (What a pity the spelling was changed by "modern ideas" to **Isle Brewers**.)

We never received pocket money in those days except for birthdays and Christmas or when it was a Sunday School outing, but when we were old enough to work a little we earned coppers for ourselves, running errands for people, picking blackberries, helping in the teazel fields and picking primroses for the adults who were to decorate the Church for Easter. Lots of jobs for a little money to spend on sweets, comics etc.

About 1932 or 1933 a Company of Girl Guides was formed in Fivehead and met at the **Lambert Hut**. The Captain was **Miss Mollie Bode** one of the daughters of the then vicar and the Lieutenant was **Miss Anderson** who lived at Cathanger Park. There were several patrols **Shamrock, Thistle etc**, and the girls also came from Ile Abbots & Ile Brewers. We had Church Parades, went to camp, had lots of games and entertainment and learnt many useful things. Sadly Miss Anderson had to leave and **Nurse Firth** the District Nurse took over, however the **Reverend Bode** retired so his daughter left and the Girl Guides ceased.

*There is much more to come on this lady's remarkable memories of our Village and next time her recollections of **The Fivehead Male Friendly Society** and the entertaining antics of the Annual Club Day.*

Save Our Crown Update

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your overwhelmingly positive response to our call to register interest in acquiring shares to fund the purchase of the Crown Inn.

Save Our Crown (SOC) hasn't been resting on its laurels since then, but has been investigating the best business structure to use to move forward using the advice and guidance of The Plunkett Foundation (<https://plunkett.co.uk/>).

The original SOC group has now decided to set up a Community Benefit Society (CBS), which will be registered under the name The Crown at Fivehead Community Pub Limited. Individual members of the SOC group have agreed to meet the cost of the registration at Companies House whilst awaiting a decision on a contribution towards initial costs to save this village asset from both the Parish Council and The Plunkett Foundation.

A CBS is a structure designed for organisations who wish to benefit the wider community as well as its members. It is a legal entity registered at Companies House and FCA approved. This will allow shares to be offered which, subject to individual investor status, may qualify for tax relief via the Social Investment Tax Relief (SITR) scheme that the Chancellor has agreed to continue beyond its original 'sell by date' of April 2021. Happily for Fivehead and The Crown, investments made up to 5th April 2023 will now be included in the scheme. Tax advantages for investors are of course subject to individual circumstances and should be thoroughly researched prior to an investment decision being made. SOC can offer no guidance or advice on this aspect, save to make potential investors aware that the scheme is available. More information at Social investment tax relief - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Registering as a CBS also opens up other avenues for funding – grants; social enterprise funding; preferential loans and, in an unexpected move by the Chancellor, up to £250k via the recently announced Community Ownership Fund. This is great news for Save Our Crown! From Summer 2021 community groups will be able to bid for up to £250k matched funding to help buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost to run as community owned businesses. This includes PUBS! Bidding opens in June and we are eagerly awaiting detailed guidance on the eligibility criteria, how bids will be assessed and weighted and how to develop a strong bid. One thing is certain though; the more we can raise locally the more we can bid for. As with all the funding sources we are researching, we expect there will be strict criteria applied around value for money and best use of community shareholders' investment. Distribution of grants is likely to be subject to a requirement that the newly formed CBS demonstrates that it has made its purchase wisely, has considered all its ongoing obligations and that its business plan is robust. To this end, as and when further funding is available to it, the CBS has been advised to obtain a professional property valuation and a business report; that is then our next goal.

It may seem like slow progress, but circumstances presently dictate that our contact is all 'virtual' and the same applies to many of the agencies with whom it is necessary to communicate. We are still here, we are still working towards the aim of saving the pub and hope that soon, with the gradual lifting of restrictions, we will be in a better position to engage more fully.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Save Our Crown



Charity Theatre Trips for April/May 2021

Bristol Hippodrome remains closed, but most of the shows we reserved tickets for have been rescheduled for 2022 and 2023. We have one new reservation on Wednesday 3rd November for the musical **White Christmas** so Christmas will be early this year. Booking is now open; e-mail coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com.

The performances of **School of Rock** may well be able to run as scheduled on July 20th, but to date I only have enough bookings to hire a motorbike and sidecar, so unless there is more enthusiasm for this one I will have to cancel it.

The full list of planned trips is: **School of Rock**, Tue 20 Jul 21, £52/£62; **White Christmas**, Wed 3 Nov 21, £46/£55; **Bourne's Nutcracker**, Tue 1 Feb 22 £41/£51; **We Will Rock You**, Wed 20 Apr 22, £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.

My www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk website no longer works properly due to the 'Flash Player' app being forcibly removed from computers. You can still access the website, but so far I am only able to update the links to the Times and Prices pages.

However we do 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'.

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Boris.

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distancing.

Chris

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Scott's Spot – Easter 2021

The crazy, wonderful heart of Christianity

As 'spring has sprung' there's much around that speaks of new life - blackthorn blossom, the fresh green blur on road-side hedges, the drone of mowers tackling winter lawns. Beyond these signs of new life, this year there's an added sense of expectation. If all goes well we may all feel as if we're emerging from a sort of hibernation. The vaccination programme means hope returning after a significant time of darkness. It has been hard for all, very hard for some, and we are eager for the new life that 'unlocking' will mean.

For the Christian this hope of new life is wonderfully paralleled as Good Friday and then Easter Day are remembered and celebrated. Beyond emerging from winter and the pandemic, this season also speaks to the Christian heart of new life made possible through faith in Jesus. His claim was that in him, and through his cross, stood the doorway to sins forgiven and a new life begun in partnership with God both now and for eternity.

Of course this good news is difficult for many to believe. How can one man pay the price for another's sins? We all know that if I step on your toes, you're the one at liberty to forgive me. If someone were to steal our money, the choice would be ours as to whether to forgive. What are we to make of someone who wasn't the one stepped on or stolen from, who then announces forgiveness to the people who did those things? It doesn't make sense. Yet this is just what Jesus did. He told people that their sins were forgiven, without even stopping to ask those affected what they thought about it. The astonishing thing is that Jesus consistently behaved as if he regarded the sins of those around him as personally offensive to him, something he could then forgive. Maybe you've never thought about it this way, but to do that only makes sense if Jesus really is the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded by every sinful act.

Jesus' claim to forgive others faces us with one of those binary moments. In the mouth of anyone who is not God, these words would mean craziness and arrogance virtually unrivalled in history. And yet even the enemies of Christianity, when they read the Gospels, do not usually see craziness and arrogance in Jesus. In fact when we read of him saying things like **'I am gentle and humble in heart'** (Matt 11:29) most believe him, not noticing that if he were just a man and said these things then humbleness would be the last word we'd use to describe him.

The crazy, wonderful heart of Christianity is all about relationship with this sin-forgiving Jesus. His message has never changed: **"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."** (John 3:17).

This is about us laying our sin at the foot of the cross, acknowledging its offence to God, and accepting by faith that Christ has got it covered.

It is certainly a joy to see new life in the hedgerows, and we can almost taste new life after the pandemic. But it need not end there. Christ, who claimed authority to forgive the sin of others, and who backed this up with his Easter morning resurrection, offers the same to all. Will you consider the new life on offer that matters most?

With prayer for our community, this Easter and beyond.

Rev Scott

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

A note from the Rector: The services listed here are dependant on the current local and national Covid situation, and are therefore liable to change or cancellation at short notice. When unable to meet for live worship, our Benefice church families are instead holding services via Zoom. To receive invitations and links to our Zoom services, and other news and information, please contact Rev'd Scott Patterson via email at scottr.patterson@btinternet.com, or by phone 01458 251375.

April Planned Services

Thursday 1st.	(Maundy Thursday) 7.00pm The Last Supper Via Zoom + UCR friends	United Benefice
Friday 2nd.	(Good Friday) 10.00am Good Friday All Age Service 2.00pm An hour at the Cross 6.00pm A said Prayer Book Service of Compline	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell
Sunday 4th.	(Easter Sunday) 8.00am Easter Morning Communion Service (BCP) 9.30am All Age Easter Communion Service (CW) 11.00am All Age Easter Communion Service (CW)	Swell Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 11th.	(2nd. Of Easter) 10.30am A service of Morning Worship via Zoom	United Benefice
Thursday 15th.	10.00am BCP Communion in St. Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel
Sunday 18th.	9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am All Age Family service, followed immediately by 11.45am said Communion Service	Fivehead Curry Rivel Curry Rivel
Sunday 25th.	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm A Service of Evening Prayer (TBC)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell
Thursday 29th.	10.00am BCP Communion in St. Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel

May Planned Services

Sunday 1st.	10.00am All Age Family Service, followed immediately by 10.45am said Communion 6.00pm A Service of Evening Prayer	Fivehead Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 9th.	9.30am BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am Parish Communion Service (CW) 6.00pm A Service of Evening Prayer	Swell Curry Rivel Fivehead
Thursday 13th.	10.00am BCP Communion in St. Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel
Sunday 16th.	9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am All Age Family Service, followed immediately by 11.45am said Communion Service	Fivehead Curry Rivel Curry Rivel
Sunday 23rd.	(Pentecost) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm A Service of Evening Prayer (TBC)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell
Thursday 23rd.	10.00am BCP Communion Service in St Andrew's Church	Curry Rivel
Sunday 30th.	(Trinity Sunday) 10.00am A United Benefice All Age Communion Service	Swell

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

From the Past

Published in the Parish Magazine Issue No. 8 November 1988

A poem by the late Wynn Jones extolling the benefits of skittling

The Crown Skittles Team

In Fivehead there was once a team
In the Sedgemoor League they were the cream
But that is now a distant dream
To the lads who play in Fivehead

Their days of glory are now done
Where now are all the cups they won?
But skittling's still a lot of fun
For the lads from Fivehead

New faces now are on the scene
Though old ones are just as keen
And some are now just never seen
Who used to play in Fivehead

Bernard's Captain once again
An inspiration to his men
He hits a pin just now and then
When he plays for Fivehead

Bert Westworth now comes out at night
Sneaks down the hill with Peter Knight
But Sue knows where he is all right
When he's with the lads from Fivehead

From Orchard Rise there's Wynn and Pete
Then Clive McHardy dark and neat
Pete Madders you can meet
Skittling now for Fivehead

From last year's Christmas show
There's Kevin Stevens and Paul Rowe
Mike Hill and Harry Price and so
We've all the stars from Fivehead

Though he's working Bristol way
Our reserve is Geoffrey Bray
He can't recall the time of day
But he finds his way to Fivehead

Making up our happy band
Are Johnny Clarke and Graham Land
On Thursday night you'll find us canned
At eleven o'clock in Fivehead

But skittling's not our only game
Our golf trips have achieved some fame
And some hotels won't be the same
Due to the lads from Fivehead

But when the season's been and gone
We've always had a lot of fun
It doesn't matter what we've won
We're all good mates from Fivehead



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Hello everyone

It has been wonderful to be back together. Although around one third of pupils attended school during the lockdown, we are thankful to have the whole school community back. Remote learning was a challenge, but I commend everyone for engaging fully in all things 'Google Classroom' and this new way of working. Being with the children again has reminded us that children are resilient, adaptable and creative. There is a desire to be together, an aspiration to learn with and from others, to make great progress and to be amazing human beings. There is a desire to contribute positively to community, to treat others with dignity and respect, to bring hope into hopeless situations.

As always our community is always so generous- they have supported Comic Relief through a simple non-uniform day today. The theme was 'share a smile'. The current lockdown is a most challenging time and across every community people have experienced the impact of the pandemic in very different ways. Though we are still in lockdown and you may have given up some things for Lent, I do hope that laughter isn't one of them.

British Science Week: 'Innovating for the Future' British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that took place 5-14th March 2021. "Innovation is the creation, development and implementation of a new product, process or service, with the aim of improving efficiency, effectiveness or competitive advantage." Mrs Batchelor, our science leader, organised learning around this special week and children have been doing extra sessions. Please see the school's Facebook page to see what the children have been doing. One pupil's thoughts:

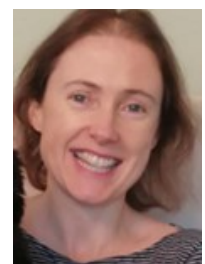
"Science week was incredible because we learned lots of fun things, such as if you put salt onto ice, it sticks. Also, Rosalind Franklin discovered the structure of DNA and I learned that innovation means you think outside the box."

Blenheim Class enjoyed a curriculum enrichment afternoon last week; they visited Curry Woods and worked with Curry Wood Conservation Trust to plant trees. The trust is aiming to plant 2500 trees on land they have purchased aiming to improve local management of flooding, to contribute to biodiversity and to give our young people hope for the future. A public footpath runs through the woodland, so you can go and have a look at their amazing work. The pupils of Blenheim were great ambassadors for the school as they got stuck into digging holes and hammering in stakes for the Scots pine and Maple saplings they planted! This visit linked to their curriculum learning on flooding and flood management.

We had an Ofsted monitoring inspection on 4th March. We have now received the report. Findings include:

- Leaders and governors are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances.
- The Headteacher has shown strong resolve to steer the school through a period of substantial change.
- You have ensured that pupils have appropriate technology and support to access learning.
- You are working hard on improving the effectiveness of subject leadership. As a result, English and mathematics leadership is improving.
- We have rightly focused on developing an effective curriculum for reading.
- The SENDCo is ensuring that regardless of whether pupils with SEND are working remotely or in school, they are having their needs met.
- Governors have a strong understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development.
- Governors are taking effective action to assure themselves that all pupils are receiving an appropriate education in the current circumstances. Areas for development:
 - Improve subject leadership so that it is effective across the curriculum.
 - Ensure that curriculum content is carefully organised, and teachers use assessment more precisely to adapt their teaching.

We were pleased with this outcome, as it reflects the improvements we have made despite the barriers COVID has put in our way. Also, the visit was useful in steering us in our next steps in curriculum development. I will continue to work with parents, the staff and governors to ensure that Curry Rivel School is the best it can be, serving our children.





Letter from The Manse

The new minister: Rev. Matthew Cottington.

Fivehead Baptist Church wishes you well over this spring and Easter period. We plan to re-open the church building for socially-distanced Sunday services on Easter Sunday (4th April) and look forward to the unique blessing of being together for worship.

At this special time of year the seasons bring change and we experience a sense of hope swelling up in the natural world around us. This sense of hope will be especially meaningful for us this spring because of what we've all journeyed through this past year. There is hope that the world's winter is beginning to turn into spring.

The book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible reminds us that the changing times and seasons around us speak of the changing circumstances we all inevitably go through in life: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to plant and a time to harvest... a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." Elsewhere in the Bible we hear the stories of many different people who experienced this interweaving of sorrow and joy in their lives and the tension between beauty and tragedy. But there was always someone else present within their stories – namely, God. The writer of Ecclesiastes goes on to say that God is able to "make all things beautiful in their time." This suggests that God is able to bring about hope in any situation, like bringing something beautiful out of what seemed only tragic at the time.

Ultimately this truth comes to the fore in the events of Easter when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We're told that no-one saw any beauty in him at the time, but we're also told that his death on the cross was full of the glory of God's love for us. What in one sense was the worst tragedy in all human history was also the moment when God's love was most powerfully real. When the world's hatred was most fully unleashed on God, at the very same moment God's love was most fully unleashed on us as he loved us and gave himself for us in the death of Christ.

And so, out of his death came his resurrection life and with it the declaration that God can bring hope out of even the most tragic or difficult situation. Today, many years on, the symbol of the cross is therefore worn, not as a symbol of tragedy, but as a symbol of enduring love and eternal hope.

As the world ponders what good might emerge from the struggle and sadness of this past year, perhaps the Easter message can teach us that God has always been able to lead us from sorrow into joy, from pain into healing, from despair into hope, and even from death into new life.

Rev. Matthew Cottington

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News from The Stable

Like every one, The Stable has had an odd year. Even when we have been allowed to be open, there have been restrictions, so it will be no surprise that our income has been greatly reduced. However, we are still able to give a sum away both to a developing country and to a local cause. In the past we have funded adult exercise equipment at the playing field, the bench by the war memorial and a sum towards secure storage at the playing field. This year, it will be a little different: we plan to improve our outside seating area for villagers use at The Stable, by purchasing a bench and sails to provide some cover.

The visiting Post Office on a Thursday afternoon (1.15-3.15) has been a lifeline for some during the pandemic. It is able to do almost everything that a regular P O can: posting and returning parcels, bank transactions, pensions etc. Just a couple of things like passport checks take longer and can be requested one week and will be returned the following Thursday. Please do continue to use this facility.

As a community café we decided not to open just for takeaways (although permitted to do so), except when open to accommodate the Post Office on a Thursday afternoon. We do hope that we will be able to welcome customers back inside soon, but an enhanced outside space will also be a huge help and we will start to reopen when the Government allow outside service in April. We also hope to re start The Thursday Youth café at around the same time.

During this time our volunteers have also reduced in number and we would welcome anyone who has some time to offer for the community.

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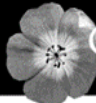



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Fivehead & Swell's Housing Needs Survey

Summary

Thank you to everyone who completed the Housing Needs survey, it has been an important exercise to find out how you would like your community to develop over the next 10 years or so.

- ◆ 18% would like more housing, 70% think it is about right and 11% think we have too much already.
- ◆ 60% said that they would support more housing for those living here already or with a genuine connection.
- ◆ The 3 top reasons for not wanting additional development are: busy roads, insufficient services, and impact on the environment.
- ◆ Circa 19 respondents identified a need for housing in the next 10 years (open market/older people/affordable - roughly 40:30:30).
- ◆ It is approximately 50:50 for houses and bungalows.
- ◆ Approximate percentages for size of properties are 16% for 1 Bed, 44% for 2 Bed, 32% for 3 Bed and 8% for 4 Bed. For open market housing, 3-4 Beds were preferred; for older people and affordable housing, 1-2 Beds were preferred.
- ◆ 5 respondents expressed a need for affordable housing, with the majority wanting to leave their parents' home.
- ◆ The majority would not rely on housing benefit, there are no entries on the Housing Register.
- ◆ Of the households that completed the survey, 10% are aged 0-18yrs, 31% are aged 19-64, 59% are aged 65-85+.

In addition, the following points were made:

The majority want to keep the Parish as a village in open countryside with its green spaces and clear boundary. The existing traffic problems with speed and volume of traffic on narrow lanes is of great concern. The lack of public transport is an issue with schools, GP services, drainage/sewage, broadband services all under pressure. There are other places nearby with more services. The harm additional development is causing to the environment is of concern, with flooding and damage to wildlife being a worry.

Anger was expressed at developers not sticking to approved plans and there is a feeling that Planners do not listen to local opinion. Others want to see the ongoing developments completed to understand the impact they will have, before considering any further development.

Some believe it is not realistic or financially viable for people starting on the property ladder to live here; housing in rural villages will never be affordable. Others believe there should be a few smaller houses for young people, but this should be carefully managed. It was acknowledged there are too many large houses which prices out younger people, forcing locals to move away.

It was recognised that the Village has a predominantly older population, which skews the results of surveys and younger people are needed to keep the Village going and vibrant. Having a small increase in population would improve the viability of our services.

There is concern over the drive for reaping profits from our countryside, rather than building what is needed. It is hoped the publication of our survey will attract what we need for housing, not what is most profitable.

We had a 40% return (105) which gives an 82% confidence level.

For the full report go to www.fivehead-village.org.uk/housing-needs

Food & Drink

Sole Monte Carlo

Ingredients

½ teaspoon paprika	40g (1½ oz) butter
½ teaspoon ground bay leaves	2 slightly under-ripe bananas
1 tablespoon plain flour	Juice of 1 lemon
4 generous fillets of sole	120 ml (4 fl oz) water
3 tablespoons olive oil	4 tablespoons Mango & Ginger Chutney (plain Mango chutney will do)

Method

Mix the paprika & bay leaves into the flour and lightly flour the sole. Heat the oil & butter in a large frying pan and fry the sole for 1½ - 2 minutes on each side over a moderate heat. Remove from the pan and keep warm.

Peel the bananas and split lengthways, coat in the remaining flour to coat them, and fry briskly in the remaining butter & oil for a minute or so until lightly browned.

Place the fillets of sole on individual warm plates and arrange the slivered bananas along the centre of each fillet of sole.

Deglaze the pan with the lemon juice & water, bring to the boil, add the mango chutney & stir until thoroughly mixed. Pour the sauce carefully over the banana down the centre line of the sole.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 2nd. April		Good Friday	Everywhere
Sunday 4th. April		Easter Sunday	Everywhere
Friday 21st. May		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Sunday 23rd. May		Pentecost	Everywhere
Friday 28th. May		Crown Fivehead golf day out	Tall Pines G.C.
Sunday 30th. May		Trinity Sunday	Everywhere
Usually 1st. Monday 7.30 pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall/ Zoom

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We will be cleaning off the cobwebs, oiling the trollies and looking forward to some fine weather and a successful and entertaining return to the fairways. Should any of the above fixtures be of interest they will shortly be on the Society web site or contact myself or **Gary Smith 01460 281555** or email gary.smith555@btinternet.com

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