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Following the creation of the Unitary Somerset Council in April, a launch meeting for the Levels and Moors Local Community Network (LCN) was held in Curry Rivel in June. This is one of 18 LCNs across the county, which aims to bring together a wide range of people and partners to influence the issues that matter locally. Councillor Richard Wilkins is the elected chair.

Informal group discussions produced a range of items for future discussion, of which the most important were that parishes should share experiences, learn from each other and gain from 33 councils working together. This could include sharing the cost of initiatives and projects. Other issues identified include: housing and development management; transport and highways; communication/connectivity (Broadband); flooding; rural crime; environmental issues; employment and skills; and health and wellbeing.

Whilst time has flown by this year, some of our bigger projects have been moving forward in the background. We are pleased to report that arrangements have been put in place to complete the restoration of the Pound. The work will start in the autumn, when the weather will hopefully be more favourable for lime work.

The original site owners, Neil Pringle and Jane Jones (who now live at 3 Glendale), have agreed to make a generous contribution of £1400 to the overall costs of the restoration of the Pound. The project has been complicated by the uncertainty over the title to the Pound and the fact this was not transferred to the Parish Council by the developer (Tollbridge) at the time of the site sale. Neil and Jane have always made clear their intention to make a generous contribution to the works once the uncertainty over ownership could be resolved. Neil has also offered to maintain the highway verge in front of the Pound, as far as the Bridge, as an extension to keeping clear the visibility splay to the site. We are pleased to accept this kind offer. The other maintenance repair costs will be funded from a donation held in Reserves, from the previous developer.

At the same time, re-pointing of the remaining sections of St Martin's perimeter church walls will also be undertaken, by Gales Building Conservation, experienced lime masons who repaired the bulge in the village green section of the wall in September 2022.



There are numerous other issues under review, including highway concerns and the possibility of a **Speed Indicator Device**. The parish has a small fund of CIL money (Community Infrastructure Levy from local development) for special projects to enhance village infrastructure and add new amenities (as opposed to repair work), which will be reported on monthly, through the Minutes. If you have any suggestions for ways to spend this, please email fiveheadpc@gmail.com by 28 August.

Fivehead Fixers' and the 'Green Group' are working groups under the banner of the Parish Council, who are helping with much needed work around the village (see page 5). New projects for the autumn/winter include painting St Martin's gates, installing new posts on the Village Green and planting a commemorative bed for the King's Coronation (on the Green).

We are so lucky to have amazing volunteers in the parish, including our team of footpath volunteers, led by Mary (our Parish Paths Liaison) who will be keeping our footpaths passable for everyone to enjoy walking our countryside this summer.

A big 'shout out' to all our volunteers for everything you do – thank you!

Parish Council - other news continued

News from the Fixers

Since last time, the Fixers have been joined by two more volunteers. We look forward to having them onboard helping out with tasks.

Being British, we do love to moan about the weather...first, the hot weather curtailed most of the painting jobs as the surfaces were too hot for the paint to be applied; but Fixers, Dave, Alan, Lucie, Bruce and Lorna managed to complete the Baptist railings, starting early to beat the heat. They are now finished, and they do look good!

Then, the hot spell broke and showers set in, delaying painting as it was too wet! Putting weather aside, Dave, José and Mary still managed to finish the fingerpost on Cemetery Hill. It is looking quite dapper in its new clothes.



...before and nearly finished...



It was challenging work, removing years of old paint and rust, and fiddly painting the letters back. This was a trial run to iron out any problems before we embark on others around the village, as we are new to this work. We have been getting some valuable feedback about how this one looks, and it seems the community wants these splendid links to the past restored and saved. The post has not looked this good since it was put in all those years ago. There is just the Fivehead finger to be reinstated, then it will be complete.

So, over the rest of the Summer, Fixers - Dave, José, Mary and Laura - will be seen around the village doing their best to make our posts look good again. Each one takes two people about two days to complete. The next is underway, located near Cathanger.

Unfortunately, only volunteers who have completed a workshop with Somerset Council can work on posts at the roadside, but if you would like to volunteer to help with other village tasks, please do get in touch with **Dave** – dave.fiveheadpc@gmail.com



Thanks again to residents who donated paint, brushes and other materials to support this work, and also to CPRE, the countryside charity, who are able to offer us a small grant to top-up for additional materials.



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Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

The amalgamation of the two committees to become a single new registered charity is a complicated process and has not progressed as quickly as intended, but we are hopeful for completion in the near future.

Meanwhile, everything continues very much as usual. The Village Hall is a popular venue enjoyed by several village clubs, as well as an ideal venue for special celebrations such as wedding receptions and birthday parties – with the Marquee also available to hire, either on site or elsewhere in the locality.



The Playing Field will host two football teams for the coming season starting in September, with one or two pre-season matches arranged for August.

We will stage an event for the Summer Bank Holiday, Monday 28th August (see page 24), while the ever popular Playing Fields Christmas Bingo will be held on Saturday 9th December.

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100 Club Winners

JUNE 2023

18 C. Miller	£50
104 A & P. Hellier	£25
11 D & V .Green	£15
92 J & S. Morling	£10

JULY 2023

20 J. Rogers	£50
101 R. Lawrynowicz	£25
21 T. Haddon	£15
4 J. Cramp	£10

Fivehead Drama Group

The Drama Group thanks all those who supported our **Summer Revue** held at the Village Hall on Friday 7th July. With 61 tickets sold and seated at round tables the hall was full and the audience were presented with a one act play, comedy sketches, music and song, and during the interval were served a magnificent ploughman's supper.

An evening's entertainment that apparently was enjoyed by all. We thank The Crown Inn, the Stable and Sue's Shop for selling the tickets.

Our thoughts now turn to next January's Pantomime—we are always on the lookout for local talent to join us, particularly younger people, as a lot of our youngsters now move on to their higher education.

If it appeals to any of you to tread the boards, join us at our monthly meeting in the Crown Inn on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm or contact **Kevin Stevens 07794 226149**.

Fivehead Rights of Way

FIVEHEAD FOOTPATH RAMBLES JULY 2023 by Mary Braddock marybraddock@btinternet.com contact me if you would like to help with our footpaths or have any issues.

Well, just how different two years can be! Last year it was so hot and the hedgerow growth was stunted from lack of rain. Not so this year, here we are almost at the end of July and since Wimbledon started, we have had just a few dry days and the hedges and grasses have just kept growing.

This weather must be so frustrating for our landowners who are trying to get their crops in, which brings me to the issue of footpaths that run along the side of fields that have been planted. Some of these paths have been surface cut by landowners for which we thank them, others are trickier. The width of a footpath should be a minimum of 1.5 metres from the hedge line. Of course, if the path is not walked that frequently this width soon becomes eroded by vegetation growth. We do have a brushcutter that we employ, but some of our paths are a long way from vehicular access which means it must be carried a long way before it can be used.



Somerset County Council surface cut some of our bridleways which keeps them passable, but most of our paths are managed by our team of volunteers who try to keep the hedge growth under control. Footpath surfaces respond to people using them as this flattens the growth. Just going for a walk on a footpath can help to manage the vegetation growth and keeping it passable.

How about getting out there and walking our footpaths? Enjoy the countryside and watch a bit of nature which is all around us.

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The Golf Society's Annual Charity Golf Day takes place this year on **Friday 18th August at Long Sutton Golf Club** and the charity we are supporting this year is the **Freewheelers**. The day is open to all golfers and is in teams of 4 (All ladies, Mixed or all men) there are team prizes and individual prizes plus many spot prizes. The cost is **£45 (£25 Long Sutton Members)** which includes 18 holes of golf, 2 course meal and a contribution to the Charity. Anybody wishing to join us please contact :

Gary Smith 01460 281555 or email gary.smith555@btinternet.com

Raffle tickets are also available £2.50 per book (50p Ticket)

Top Prize £100 plus many others. Below is a piece about the Charity we are supporting.

Riding For Life

Freewheelers EVS is a registered charity which offers an out of hours, free of charge courier service to the NHS. Freewheelers transport blood, pathology and microbiology specimens, patient notes, X-rays, breast milk and other medical supplies, plus deliver every night to two local Air Ambulance bases. During the Covid year 2020-21, we made over 7792 deliveries, riding more than 225,000 miles. Our slogan "Riding For Life" describes our operation perfectly. We ride to play our part in saving peoples lives, we ride to help the NHS divert money that would otherwise be spent on taxis or expensive couriers, but more than anything else we ride because we love it and wish to put something back into the community.

In 2008, in recognition of the dedicated work of our volunteers, we were given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest honour a voluntary group can receive, equivalent in status to an MBE. In 2020, we celebrated our 30th year as a charity 'Riding for Life' Our service is provided entirely by volunteers and we depend fully on public sponsorship and donations.

The Stable – 2023

We have had an exciting summer at The Stable community café. Our aim is not only to offer great coffee and cake but also to bring encouragement, friendship, support, and well-being to the local community. It is always a pleasure to see so many visitors.

New decking areas outside have increased our garden space with extra tables. A huge thank you to the volunteers who built them for us. The “Fivehead Fixers” kindly painted our outside railings which now look so much better. Another huge thank you to the Fivehead Fixers.

A video about The Stable has recently been made by the South West Baptist Association. It tells the story of the community café and the difference it makes in the village. Search for “The Stable Fivehead SWBA” on YouTube. You may see some familiar faces!

We have recently been able to offer work experience and Duke of Edinburgh Award placements to some local young people. This is a great opportunity to support young people in our community.

In addition to our usual giving we were able to give a £300 donation to the Fivehead Defibrillator Fund for the ongoing upkeep of the defibrillator in the old telephone box.

We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who keep the café running and to everyone who visits to enjoy our community space. More volunteers are always welcome, whether helping behind the counter or baking some cakes. If you would like to help out please pop in and speak to us.

The Stable is open Wednesdays 2:00-4:30pm, Thursdays 10am-4:30pm, Fridays 10am-4:30pm, Saturdays 10am-1:00pm. The Post Office visits from 1.15-3.15pm every Thursday afternoon. Thursday evening Youth Café is on during term times (7.30-9.00pm).

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Our latest booking is for the musical 'Come From Away'. Several of our patrons who saw the production in London have sung its praises to the sky and are looking forward to seeing it again; One wrote '*It was such an uplifting warm show. We loved it.*' We are going on Monday 26th August 2024.

The hit musical 'Hamilton' is booking up fast so if you want to come don't put it off. Payment may be due at the end of August, but I will try to get the date pushed back to next year.

The best way to keep up to date is at www.charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form, send an e-mail to charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone Chris on 01458 273085. All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

Tues 29th August	Blood Brothers	£48/£62
Wed 27th September	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	£62/£70
Wed 1st November	Pretty Woman	£40/£63
Thur 22nd February 2024	Wicked	£66/£76
Wed 27th March	Everyone's Talking about Jamie	£40/£59
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Scott's Spot – 'He hears your prayer'

In recent months I've had a couple of conversations about prayer. One was with someone who is just beginning to piece Christianity together, and another with someone who has heard a lot of 'things Christian' in their time. Both however were uncertain about prayer. Where is prayer directed; who is listening; and what difference does it make?

Well an article like this isn't the place for detailed answers, but here's a start...

Christian prayer is not about inward gazing meditations seeking truth within, but rather about clear words addressed to the Creator of the universe through His risen and ascended Son Jesus Christ. It's not about saying the right words at the right time in the right way and in the right place, but rather it's about words spoken any time, anywhere, humbly and honestly from the heart, to an ever attentive God. And it's not about what we bring to the table - our IQ, our eloquence, our likeable character, our high moral standards - but rather it's about an empty handed recognition that in our own strength we are weak, but in His, all things are possible. Perhaps this true story will help...

Derek Redmond, a British twenty-six-year-old, was the favourite to win the four-hundred-metre race in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway through his semi-final heat, a pain seared through his right leg. He crumpled to the track with a torn hamstring.

As the medical staff approached, Derek climbed to his feet. "It was animal instinct," he would later say. He set out hopping, pushing away the coaches in a crazed attempt to finish the race.

When he reached the final straight, a big man pushed through the crowd. He was wearing a T-shirt that read "Have you hugged your child today?" and a hat that challenged, "Just Do It." The man was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his weeping son. "Yes, I do," Derek declared. "Well, then," said Jim, "we're going to finish this together." and they did. Jim wrapped Derek's arm around his shoulder and helped him hobble to the finish line. Fighting off security men, the son's head sometimes buried in the father's shoulder, they stayed in Derek's lane to the end. The crowd clapped, then stood, then cheered, and then wept as the father and son finished the race.

What made the father do it? What made the father leave the stands to meet his son on the track? Was it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. His son was hurt and fighting to complete the race. So the father came to help him finish.

God does the same. When it comes to our prayers, they may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. Why not pray right now?

With blessings and prayer for you and your family this summer,

Revd Scott Patterson

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Welcome to our Benefice. Here are the planned services for the months ahead. If you would like to receive the latest Benefice news, information, prayers, recent talks and other helpful material, then, to be added to the Benefice email list, please contact the Rector Revd. Scott Patterson at:

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Planned Services for August

Thursday 3rd.	10.00am Prayer Book Communion in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 6th.	10.00am All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead
	11.15am said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	2.00pm Baptism Service	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 13th.	10.00am United Benefice Communion Service (CW)	Swell
Sunday 20th.	10.00am United Benefice Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 27th.	10.00am United Benefice Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise (Psalm 48 V 1)	

Planned Services for September

Sunday 3rd.	10.00am All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead
	11.15am said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
Thursday 7th.	10.00am Prayer Book Communion in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 10th.	9.30am BCP Prayer Book Communion Service	Swell
	11.00am Parish Communion Service (CW) + Kids Church TBC	Curry Rivel
Saturday 16th.	 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 17th.	9.30am A Service of Morning Worship	Fivehead
	11.00am All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Curry Rivel
	12.15pm said Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Thursday 21st.	10.00am Prayer Book Communion in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 24th.	9.30am Parish Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00am A Service of Morning Worship + Kids Church TBC	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm Prayer Book Evening (BCP)	Swell

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

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Fivehead Naturewatch

Dave Braddock

A widely overlooked group of insects which we can see and hear around Fivehead, especially on warm evenings when walking around the fields or sitting in the garden are grasshoppers and crickets. They are among what is the most ancient living group of chewing herbivorous insects, dating back around 250 million years ago.



Both are typically ground-dwelling insects with powerful hind legs which allow them to escape from threats by leaping vigorously, crickets less so. They hatch from an egg into a nymph or "hopper" which undergoes five moults or instars becoming more similar to the adult insect at each developmental stage. They hear through their tympanal organ which can be found in the body.

Both grasshoppers and crickets are mainly plant-eaters, with a few species at times, around the world becoming serious pests of cereals, vegetables and pasture, especially when they swarm in the millions as locusts and destroy crops over wide areas.

There are a number of differences between crickets and grasshoppers, but the easiest are that crickets have much longer legs than grasshoppers, but shorter, fatter bodies. Crickets have exceptionally long antennae, much longer than their body. Although crickets can jump (and some can fly), they prefer to walk away from threats. Crickets tend to be more nocturnal in nature than grasshoppers.

There are twenty-three species of grasshopper and crickets in the UK but the four likely ones to be seen around here are....



The large great green bush-cricket which lives in trees and on grassland dotted with patches of scrub, eating vegetation and other insects. Once seen, it cannot be mistaken for anything else, 7 cm long, green and a real bruiser. The males display to females by rubbing their forewings together to produce a very loud, long 'song,' which sounds like a sewing machine going continuously for extended periods, but their expert camouflage still makes them hard spot.

Common and widespread, the Common field grasshopper, about 2cm in length, mottled brown in colour is found in any open, sunny, grassy area, including our gardens. A gregarious species, males can be seen displaying to females by rubbing their legs against their wings to create a 'song' - in this case, it is a brief, single, repeated chirrup.



Another common grasshopper, the Meadow grasshopper, around the 2cm mark, mostly green is found in many damp areas of grass. Males can be seen displaying to females by rubbing their legs against their wings to create a 'song' - in the case of the meadow grasshopper, this is a regular 'rrrr' sound. The meadow grasshopper is the only flightless grasshopper in the UK.

The Speckled bush-cricket, green with a covering of tiny black speckles prefers rough vegetation, scrub, and hedgerows, and is also found in gardens. It can be seen perching on bushes, window ledges and flowers. It is a remarkable climber, and it is very attracted to light, so it is the usual suspect seen walking on your ceiling before you go to bed in warm weather. It is in the top four of creatures needed to be evicted by your partner, after spiders, wasps and bees, before the lights go out.

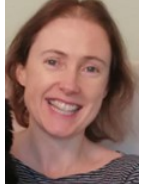


CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious and Confident

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



Ofsted Inspection – 13th and 14th June 2023

We have good news.

I am writing to share details of the recent Ofsted inspection, which took place at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School on the 13th and 14th June. We were delighted that the Ofsted team believes the school and nursery is **good in all areas**. This is my first Ofsted inspection following two 'requires improvement' inspections in 2017 and 2019.

As the Headteacher, since 2020, I am incredibly proud of all the pupils and staff and it is wonderful to see the work that has gone in over these previous three years in providing such a strong and caring ethos and a strong curriculum. Inspectors commented that:

"Pupils are proud to attend Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School. They enjoy coming to school and attend well. There are strong relationships between pupils and staff. The school's values underpin their sense of belonging."

The inspection team were impressed by what they saw, noting that:

"Staff have high expectations and pupils know why these are important. Pupils are keen to learn. They are enthusiastic about the opportunities to develop their knowledge. Pupils enjoy earning merits and receiving certificates for making good choices about their work or behaviour."

The report acknowledges the impact of our tireless work with pupils with Special Educational Needs:

"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported. Staff know pupils' precise needs. Leaders work in partnership with parents and external agencies to secure support. Teachers consider the talents and interests of pupils with SEND and plan the curriculum to develop these. Consequently, pupils with SEND learn the curriculum with success."

Ofsted reinforced our belief that pupils across all year groups receive a good quality of teaching:

"Leaders have reviewed and developed the curriculum so that it is relevant and ambitious."

This was also reflected in Little Pips Nursery:

"Pupils make a strong start in the nursery. Leaders have planned a curriculum that helps children to build knowledge securely over time."

I was particularly delighted to read that 'Pupils have a strong sense of justice because they understand that discrimination is wrong and that everyone should be treated equally', and that 'Governors ensure that the values and ethos of the school are well understood by all'.

The Governing Board were quite rightly praised:

"The governing body is knowledgeable about the school. Governors bring a range of experience to their roles. Therefore, they challenge and support leaders effectively."

I truly believe this Ofsted report shows how much progress has been made in recent years. Pupils and staff, and you as the wider community of parents and carers, should be rightly proud of what we have achieved together.

I look forward to working with staff, pupils, parents, and governors to achieve the next steps in our journey. Many thanks for your continued support; as ever we will continue to work hard to take the school forwards onto the next stage of school development.

Ali Pook Head Teacher

Baptist Church

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Rev. Matthew Cottingham

Thoughts from The Manse

One thing the life of Jesus teaches us is that people really matter. In a world so often obsessed with “things” he reminded us how important relationships are. In a world sometimes filled with hostility he showed us how powerful an act of love towards another human being can be. In a world often dictated by the loudest he focused on those who were marginalised and forgotten and he demonstrated what can happen when truth and kindness shape our communities. In his death and resurrection Jesus showed us that such things are stronger even than death.

When we read the Gospel stories about Jesus what often strikes us is how genuine, loving, and engaging he was. Jesus showed real concern for the well-being of others. He always had time for people, whoever they were, and the things he did and said seemed to make a real impact for good on those he met.

It's great to see such a big community spirit in this local area too. Walking the couple of minutes from our house to church usually includes stopping to talk to a few people along the way, sharing some burdens or sharing some laughs. The churches, the Village Hall, The Stable café, the shop, and The Crown pub are all busy, friendly places where people look out for one another and enjoy each other's company. And then there's all the different groups that meet to spend time together and support the community. I can imagine Jesus being a regular presence in all these places if he were a Fivehead resident today.

But maybe that's the point! Maybe we are and can be the presence of Christ in our local community today by the things we do and say. A listening ear, an encouraging word, a bit of time to help others can make a huge difference. At the end of the day it's us ourselves who create the community spirit that is so good for our villages. I think this is one of the things Jesus wanted to show us and it's a joy to see what a difference it makes here in Fivehead and Swell.

Let's think about the difference each of us can make when we remember that, above all, it is people that matter most.

Fivehead Baptist Church meets on Sunday mornings (10:30am) in the church building at the bottom of Butchers Hill. Our services are relaxed, with a mixture of new and traditional music. Someone reads from the Bible and a speaker will share some thoughts on what it says. Prayers are offered for each other, our community, and the wider world. Sometimes people share something for encouragement. There are activities for children during the service. Tea and coffee is served afterwards for any who want to stay and chat. Everyone is welcome.

Rev Matt Cottingham

The Crown Inn

Forthcoming events :

Monday 28th August Blues Band 7.00pm

Sunday 17th September Tom Brain 4.00pm

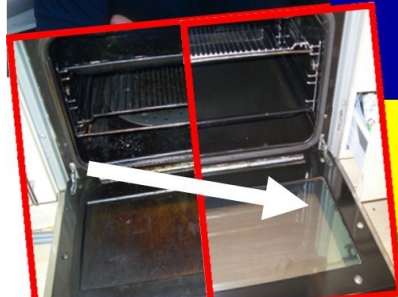


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Fivehead Fellowship Club – *bringing people together*

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In June, members enjoyed a fascinating visit to Isle Abbots private railway where they were treated to multiple rides on this expansive narrow-gauge layout. Everyone had a wonderful time in the beautiful setting and the afternoon finished with refreshments outside. If you didn't go you missed a treat!

For the July meeting we were back in the Village Hall, when Vanessa Linnell gave a splendid insight into the invaluable work carried out by our local St Giles Animal Rescue Centre.

MYSTERY COACH TOUR - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

There is no meeting in August and our next main event is the ever-popular Mystery Coach Tour on Tuesday September 12th, which includes supper at an unknown location. The coach leaves St Martin's Close, Fivehead, TA3 6PW at 4-30 pm, arriving back around 9-00 pm (unless we get lost of course!)

Tickets for the coach cost £10 each for members (£12 for non-members) with prices for the two-course supper ranging from £15 to £20. Please note that if the required numbers are not met by members, the Tour will be made available to non-member residents of Fivehead and surrounding villages.

To find out more and book your place, please contact:

Sue at: sec.fiveheadfellowshipclub@outlook.com or Margaret on 01460 281341

Moving on into the Autumn, please note meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month.

SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS

On October 10th, we're back in the Village Hall, when our Treasurer Gordon Balmer will give a talk on his time in the Royal Navy – *My Life in a Blue Suit*. This promises to be full of surprises, so make sure you don't miss it.

Folk & Acoustic Music Night - Crown Inn

Our final Folk Night before the summer break was a fitting finale to a great year of music at **The Crown Inn**. The new arrangements with a sound system and a basket meal satisfied ears and mouths to enhance the audience's enjoyment of the evening's music. Please note that there will be **NO FOLK NIGHT IN AUGUST**. We restart on **Saturday 9th September**.

Food Orders

Del & Antony now offer Basket Meals for our interval (served between 8.30 and 9.00pm) if you want to order a Basket Meal, please phone **The Crown Inn 01460 281322** or use their website **www.thecrowninns.co.uk**. The pub will continue to serve their full menu until 7.00pm on Folk Music nights

Future bookings

September 9th Katie Grace Harris; October 14th James Slater & Andy Danford; November 11th David Mitchell

For more information contact **Laurie Burn** lauriesguitars@gmail.com 07854 750545

Food & Drink

Pork Chops with creamy leeks & new potatoes

Ingredients

700g New Potatoes halved	2 Tsp Dijon Mustard
4 125g Pork Loin Chops	200g Half fat Crème Fraiche
1 Large Garlic Clove crushed	Finely grated zest of half lemon
3 Leeks trimmed & finely sliced	Lemon wedges to serve
1 Tbsp Wholegrain Mustard	Small handful fresh flat leafed parsley roughly chopped + extra to serve

Method

Cook the potatoes in a large pan of boiling water for 12 – 15 minutes, or until just tender, then drain & set aside.

Meanwhile mist a large pan with cooking spray and set over a medium heat. Add the pork chops and Garlic clove and cook for 3 minutes, then turn the chops over and cook for a further 2 minutes until golden and cooked through. Transfer to a warm plate, loosely cover with foil and set aside.

Mist the pan with cooking spray, add the leeks and cook over a medium heat for 3 – 4 minutes until softened, then stir in both the mustards, the crème fraiche and lemon zest. Season to taste and bring gently to a simmer stir in the parsley and remove from the heat.

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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 18th August	11.00am	CFGGS Charity Golf Day	Long Sutton GC
Monday 28th August	12.00pm	BBQ & Children's Sports Day	Village Hall & Field
Monday 28th August	7.00pm	Blues Band	The Crown Inn
Saturday 9th September	7.30pm	Folk & Acoustic Music Night	The Crown Inn
Sunday 17th September	4.00pm	Tom Brain	The Crown Inn
Friday 22nd September		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Mondays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Wednesdays @ 6.30pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St Martin's Church
Wednesdays @ 4.45pm	Weekly	Dragonflys Dance Group	Village Hall
Usually 1st Monday 6.30pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

This season continues to be well supported. On Friday 16th June we went to **Honiton GC** for the **Paul Rowe Trophy**—1st. Phil Dibble 35pts (Countback) 2nd. Len White 35pts 3rd. John Bolton 31pts. Longest Drive 14th Mike Poole, 18th Andrew Stanton. NP 2nd Malcolm Head, 12th Bruce Ferguson. NP2 4th Tim Haddon, 8th Mike Poole. Best out Malcolm Head 18pts, Best in Dave Baker 18pts. **Captain's Day** on Monday 17th July was at **Taunton & Pickering GC**—1st Tommy Atkins 37pts (Countback) 2nd Paul Watts 37pts 3rd Phil Lock 35pts.

Longest Drive 4th Dan Brunt, 13th Andrew Stanton. NP 6th Malcolm Head, 16th Paul Watts. NP2 15th Paul Watts, 18th Tim Marshall. Best out Dan Brunt 18pts Best in Guy Dibble 18pts

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