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Parish Council

Parish Council News

As the weather becomes more unpredictable, being prepared for sudden heavy rain has been the focus of recent efforts, tackling some of the long-standing problem areas which have been causing disruptive flooding for residents, as well as for traffic passing through.



Following the parish flood review by Councillor Braddock earlier this year, we are delighted to report that Somerset Council Highways has helped to camera and jet drains at the bottom of Butcher's Hill, so they are now clear and surface rain water is flowing freely into the stream again. This appeared to stand the test of recent heavy rain and, with regular clearing of leaves and other debris, it will hopefully be the end of regular flooding which has also been detrimental to the Pound and nearby properties.

Over on Ganges Hill, there has been more success. Highways has lowered and dug-out drains at the top and bottom of the hill, so more positive results will hopefully be seen when the next period of heavy rain comes. Further work is scheduled, including digging grips on Isle Brewers Road and surveying the problem drains reported in Lower Swell.

Preparing for Emergencies – can you help?

We are looking for a community volunteer to be the first point of contact during emergencies. The main role is to liaise with the Parish Council and other residents, acting as the contact for the parish to receive and pass on information; this will require access to phone, email and internet. The volunteer will also play a key role in helping the community to develop an Emergency Plan. If you are interested in this role, please email fiveheadpc@gmail.com

The Government has launched a new website to encourage everyone to think about possible risks around them and to prepare for an emergency, so that it will be easier to manage if it does happen. For further details, visit gov.uk/prepare

Moving forward with speed monitoring



New guidance and documentation from Somerset Council has recently been launched, enabling the **Fivehead Community Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme** to move forward. Possible sites for the equipment have been identified on the A378 and Butcher's Hill. Members of the Parish Council working group will be in touch with residents in the near vicinity of these sites, to let them know and give the opportunity to raise any concerns. The sites and choice of SID will require approval by Somerset Council Traffic Management. Funding for the project is likely to come from a variety of sources, including Community Infrastructure Levy, Council Reserves and eligibility for grants from Avon and Somerset Police can also be explored once approval is granted. As well as providing valuable data on traffic

speeds through the village, the device will also be a reminder to drivers to slow down and respect residential speed limits.

Finally, a reminder from Somerset Council to please make use of local community bus routes, such as the 54, so they can continue to be safeguarded. Subsidised fares of £2 each way will be fixed until December 2024, offering an economic way to travel with no parking fees. A good way to get out and enjoy the last drops of sunshine, as Autumn is fast approaching...



With best wishes

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk

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Parish Council - other news continued

News from the Fixers

The Fixers have been busy now that the weather has become more settled:

The Pound has had an Autumn clean-up, thanks to Beth, Len and Dave. All systems are 'go' for planting and dividing existing plants in October; the Baptist Church wildlife bed will be re-vamped at the same time. Dave has given the village noticeboard varnish a refresh; it's surprising how much it gets used. The weeds have been cleared along the church wall and litter picking is ongoing.



By the time you read this, another finger post will have been restored and painted, along Isle Abbott's Road. This takes the total to four successfully refurbished posts around the parish, thanks to funding from the Parish Council and grants from CPRE. The remaining three posts in need of repair are challenging and possibly not economical to repair, which is a shame. One option is to paint and restore what is left of each post, to preserve them. Hopefully, more funding will be available in future for the repairs. The ones already completed will be freshened up again in the Spring.

Future jobs around the parish



Future tasks will include an Autumn/Winter makeover of the cemetery and the Coronation bed on Langford Corner will be starting in October. We have had a donation of some tulip bulbs for Langford Corner and The Pound, but we are happy to have some more, if anyone wants to donate a few tulip bulbs to plant in the beds.



The countryside charity
Somerset

Several residents have written recently to let us know how much the Fixers' voluntary work is appreciated. Since they were first formed as a sub-group of the Parish Council's Green Group in Autumn 2022, led by Councillor Braddock, their fixing tasks have made a real difference to how the parish looks, which has not gone unnoticed. Thanks to resident, Claire, who summed this up quite aptly with a few poetic lines:

*From the finger posts that direct you
The railings that protect you
Beautiful flowers that are seen and the removal of weeds that are just
so keen.*

We are looking into Highways volunteer training with Somerset Council and also enhancing our insurance to hopefully broaden the scope of the Fixers' future work.

Good luck for Somerset Community Awards Night!

The Parish Council adds its sincere thanks to the Fixers, who number around 40 now. The group has been nominated for Somerset Council Chair's 'Award for Services to the Community'. Parish Council Chair, Kate, along with two Fixers, David and Victoria, will be attending the Awards Night in Taunton, on 4th October, when this year's award winners will be announced. Fingers crossed for the Fixers!

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Fivehead Rights of Way

Fivehead Footpaths October 2024

Welcome to our new Somerset Ranger, Daniel Gordon who replaces Debbie. We look forward to working with you.

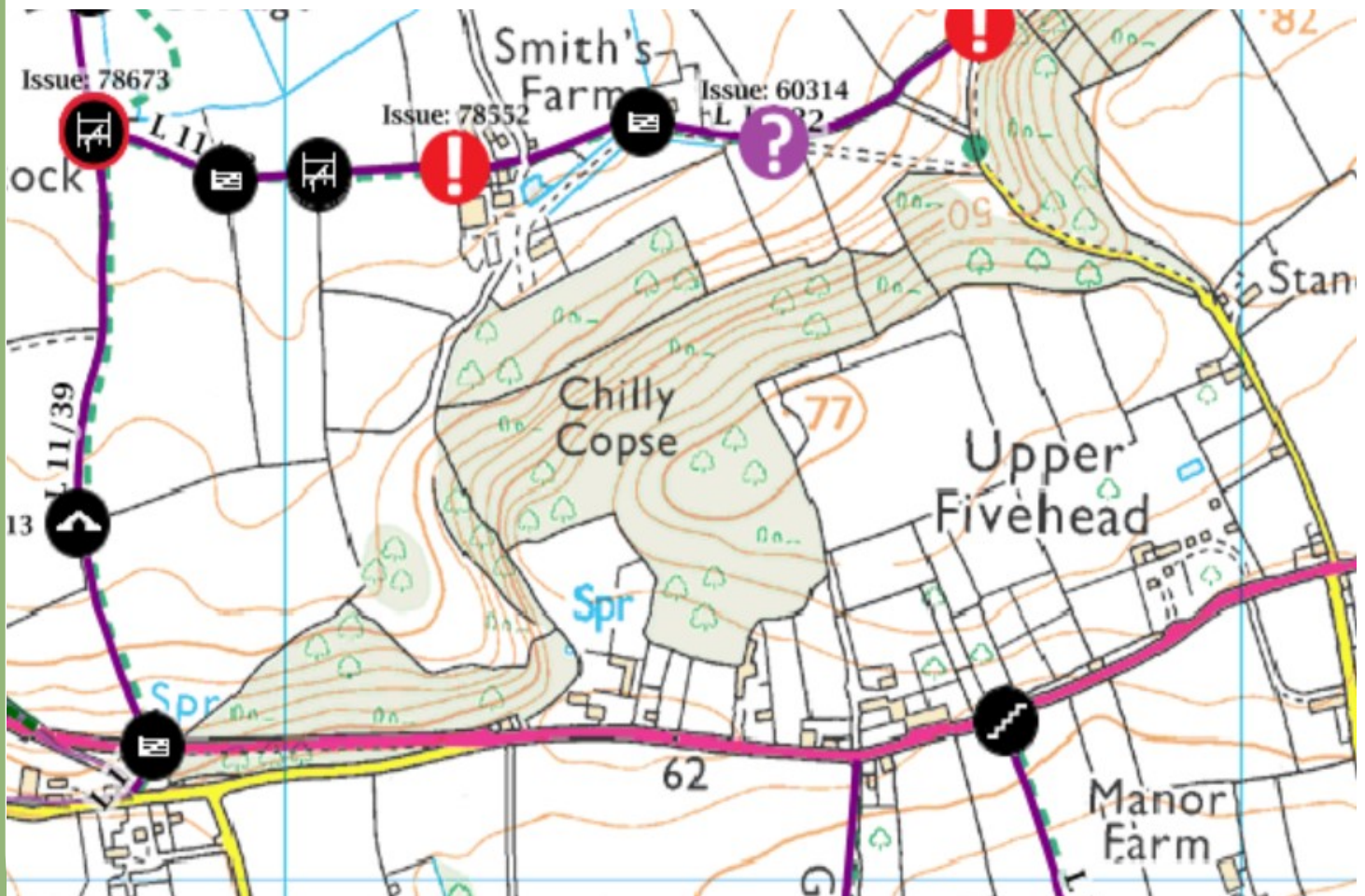
The heavy hedgerow growth of 2024 has taken a long time to get under control this year, brambles and nettles seem to grow very quickly. I want to give our Footpath volunteers a major thank you for all the hard work they do, it is no easy task and I am sure residents of the village will also want to say thank you.

Thanks also has to go to the team who turned out again to complete Phase 2 of Green Lane. I honestly didn't expect this to be done this year but the results are amazing. One happy walker wrote to our Parish Council

"I have just returned from a lovely walk along Green Lane & wanted to let the Parish Council know what a superb job has been done by the Fivehead Fixers to make it really easy to negotiate, even by oldies! (Including steps up into the field where there used to be a sea of mud). This has been my most favourite walk since I moved here 23 years ago but I found I could no longer manage it last year, now I am looking forward to walking it regularly again."

Thanks Fixers – once again you turned up and got the job done.

On another note, one of the bridges and a stile is showing a bit of wear and tear on the walk going west from Smith's Farm on north side of the A378 (see green line). Take care when crossing these. It is still a lovely walk though.



Village Hall & Playing Field

The View from the Village Hall & Playing Field

The wind-damaged door is now subject to an insurance claim and we await the outcome.

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me about the smashed glass in the front door and would like to assure everyone that this was dealt with immediately, as it was accidental and not an act of vandalism.

We are another step closer to confirming the merger of the two charities and will now be looking for any extra trustees to join. If you are interested, or want to know more, please contact Kevin Stevens on 07794 226149.



Date for the Diary: Saturday 19 October at 7.30pm, Quiz Night

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100 Club Winners

August 2024

118	L. Hoover	£50
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64	D. Powell	£15
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– bringing people together



Despite the inclement weather, the September Mystery Tour was once more enjoyed by those who came along. Heading north this year, the full coach toured the North Somerset coast before a brief, damp walk at Watchet. The final destination for the evening was the Stonegallows Inn, Taunton which provided excellent fare and service for our cheerful and enthusiastic travellers.

We're now moving into the final quarter of 2024, with just two more meetings before the Xmas Lunch on December 10th.

Tuesday 8th October - Fivehead Revisited - David Green

We take a short journey back in time to discover more about how the villages of Fivehead and Swell have changed since the early 1900s. The talk will look at what people did for work and leisure and how the 'landscape' of the village has evolved through the depression and two world wars.

Tuesday 12th November – Wildlife Talk by Mary Braddock

In a change to the published programme, there will now be a talk by Mary Braddock on the wildlife of Somerset. (The Murder Mystery is now planned to take place in the first quarter of 2025).

Tuesday 10th December – Xmas Lunch at the Lamb & Lion, Hambridge

We're looking forward to having our Xmas Lunch at the Lamb and Lion. There is an excellent and very varied menu on offer – *plus the usual Xmas Quiz!..... Christmas Jumpers optional*. Full details and menu booking forms will be available at the upcoming meetings.

For further details on the Fellowship and our events please contact:

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The Stable

The Stable Community Café Opening Times

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The Lord is my Shepherd

By Liz Richardson

Harvest takes place throughout the year. We plant the seed and tend it but it is God who makes it grow. Seeds of the gospel are planted at Messy Church for instance, where people of all ages meet informally and, with various activities, crafts and songs based around a Christian message, concluding with a meal which provides an enjoyable time for all.

Recently Messy Church visited a farm where we were able to touch lambs in the field - very exciting. The shepherd told us many interesting facts, including comparing his job of caring for his sheep, to our Lord Jesus who loves and cares for each one of us.

The Bible reference being **Psalm 23** which will be familiar to many.

The Lord is my shepherd:

I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green meadows. He leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths. bringing honour to his name.

Even when I walk, through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid. For you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff, protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me, In the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, Anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me. All the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord for ever.

This Psalm was written by David out of his own experience because he had spent his early years caring for sheep. Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for provision, guidance and protection. The New Testament calls Jesus the good shepherd { John 10-11}, the great shepherd { Hebrew 13-20}, and the head shepherd [1 Peter 5-4 }, As the Lord is the good shepherd, so we are his sheep ---- not frightened, passive animals, but obedient followers, wise enough to follow one who will lead us in right places and in right ways, This Psalm does not focus on the animal like qualities of sheep but on the discipleship qualities of those who follow.

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Welcome to our Benefice. Here are the planned services for the months ahead. For more information please contact our Curate Rev'd Mark McKnight at:

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

Planned Services for October

Sunday 6th.	10.00am All Age Family & Friends HARVEST Service + Refreshments	Fivehead
	11.15am said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 13th.	2.00pm—4.00pm Meeting-Results of Benefice Survey. Village Hall	Fivehead
	9.30am Prater Book communion, HARVEST (BCP)	Swell
	11.00am Parish Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
	12.15pm for 12.30pm HARVEST LUNCH. Village Hall	Fivehead
Sunday 20th.	9.30am A Service of Morning Worship	Fivehead
	10.30am All Age Family & Friends Service + Refreshments	Curry Rivel
	11.45am said Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 27th.	9.30am Parish Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00am A Service of Morning Worship	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Swell

Planned Services for November

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
Sunday 10th.	9.00am Prayer Book Communion, REMEMBRANCE (BCP)	Swell
	10.30am Joint REMEMBRANCE Service St Martin's & Baptist Church	Fivehead
	10.30am REMEMBRANCE Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 17th.	9.30am A Service of Morning Worship	Fivehead
	10.30am All Age Family & Friends Service + Refreshments	Curry Rivel
	11.45am said Communion Service (CW)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 24th.	9.30am Parish Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead
	11.00am A Service of Morning Worship	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Swell

Fivehead Naturewatch

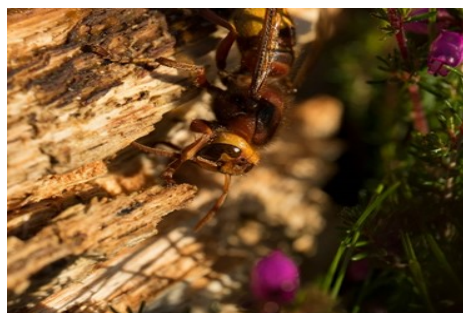
Dave Braddock



The European hornet is the largest of our native wasps. They get undeserved bad press because of being misidentified as non-native Asian hornets, this is in part because the media label pictures of European hornets as Asian hornets and the public are misinformed and confused so any hornets seen must be Asian. The antics of its relative, the common wasp, doesn't help. We have an active hornet nest just above our garage door. If we do not do anything stupid to annoy them then we will get on with our new neighbours and will co-exist with no problems. We forget they are there most of the time.

An unwarranted fear of *hornets* has often led to the destruction of nests. This has led to the decline of the species, which is often locally threatened or even endangered. Yes, they are large (around 2 inches) and look aggressive, but hornets are shy and retiring and are mainly docile, but they can be inquisitive and are nocturnal and come to light.

They will only sting in response to being stepped on, grabbed or attacked (you can't blame them), but they generally avoid conflict, so leave them alone and they will do the same. It is also defensive of its nest. European hornets are mainly carnivorous and hunt large insects such as wasps, beetles, slugs and spiders so they are important. They also feed on fallen fruit and other sources of sugary food but rarely come to picnics like their cousin, the common wasp usually does.



Their nests are an amazing piece of engineering. Materials such as twigs, branches, and other available plant resources are broken up, chewed, and shaped into a nest by the queen and her offspring. These pieces are not uniform in shape but are glued together very closely with a type of waterproof cement. There is a single-entry hole on the outside and as hornets like to nest in the dark, they build a wall around the nest to keep the light out if they cannot find a dark place to nest in. After a site has been chosen the queen lays eggs in a specially constructed comb and when the workers hatch, they take

on the building role, leaving the queen to continue laying eggs. The size of the nest will depend on food availability and weather conditions, but it usually breaks up at the end of October when they all start to die off. Fresh queens are produced in late Summer, and these hibernate somewhere warm and start the cycle off again next year.

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CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious and Confident

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



We have welcomed everyone back to the new school year, including 21 new reception pupils. The school grounds at Curry Rivel are looking amazing; we are so lucky to have so much space, a large hall, front and back playgrounds, a field and an Orchard many smaller village schools would be envious of. As head teacher, I have high expectations for the school premises as I believe that the surroundings for both staff and pupils impact on how they feel about being here. Not only does our school look great because it is uncluttered and tidy, it also means that children and staff can access resources easily and it also reduces risk of accidents etc. Over the summer we have had the following works completed:

- Blenheim and Camelot classrooms, as well as other areas, redecorated
- New ramp to access a Sensory Room (Room in development)
- New shelter in the Orchard, funded by a grant available through the Local Parish Council, & also supported by Yarcombe Woodland Products.

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, we believe everyone can be a leader and make a difference. We value what our children think and say about learning and school life and we encourage them to confidently share their views and take on various roles and responsibilities.

The roles and responsibilities we will have this year include:

- House captains (Chosen by senior staff)
- School Council Representatives (Voted in on Democracy Day)
- Sports Leaders (Apply for job)
- Librarians (Apply for job)
- Worship Leaders (Apply for job)

Our new Year 6 house captains were announced. Congratulations - you will have many tasks to do in your role, as well as being ambassadors for the school and role models to others.

Apple Trees Wraparound Care are excited to let you know they have expanded!

- We are open from 7:30 am for breakfast to mirror Little Pips Nursery opening times!
- We will also trial re-introducing the later session on Thursday afternoons, meaning we'll be open from 7:30am-5:30pm Monday - Thursday and 7:30am-4:30pm on Fridays.
- Sessions are still just £5 per session, but if you're a taxpayer, you can even save 20% by using the HMRC Tax-free Childcare Scheme! Just ask us how.

If you are interested in your child attending our school, do contact us if you would like to visit: 01458 251 404 or email office@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk. You are welcome to one of our Open Mornings on Tuesday 1st October and Thursday 14th November, 9.00-10.30 am

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Rev. Matthew Cottington

Thoughts from The Manse

The Bible is obviously important to Christians. But what is it and why is it so important?

The Bible is actually a collection of books, a kind of library of writings that were collected together over time. The books are mainly written in ancient Hebrew and ancient Greek (with a little bit of Aramaic thrown in). There are different styles and genres of writings: stories, poetry, letters, satire, parables, and a rather strange style known as “apocalyptic” which is heavy in symbolism and fantastical imagery. The books were written a long time ago and therefore reflect the time and culture of the ancient world. This means we sometimes have to do some work in order to understand what the authors were originally saying.

The books of the Bible emerged out of the life experiences of people who were finding God to be present in the midst of life’s ups and downs. Sometimes God is very clear in their experiences. Sometimes they wish he were clearer. Some things about God are straightforward. Other things are more nuanced and are seen from different perspectives in different passages. It’s important to note that the Bible is not an instruction manual or a set of dogmas. The “theology” within the Bible emerges entirely from lived experiences, indicating that we know God through relationship rather than via a textbook.

As you will sense by now, from one perspective the Bible is a human book. Every bit of it was written by human beings. But as Christians we also believe it is a divine book. It tells us who God has shown himself to be over the years; revealing his character and his actions. We believe that God really was speaking (and continues to speak) through this very special library of books. The accumulation of wisdom within the Bible’s pages turns out to reveal the wisdom and life of God who is present through it all.

Ultimately, for Christians, we believe the Bible centres on the person called Jesus who came into the world around 2,000 years ago. Jesus is described in the Bible as “the Word of God” in human flesh - almost as if the message on the page has now stepped out in human form. It all culminates in Jesus, who is the wisdom and life of God now present with us in a way that we can understand more clearly than ever.

When Christians gather for worship in church buildings they usually spend a bit of time thinking about something the Bible says and how it helps us navigate our life experiences today, remembering that Jesus is still speaking and guiding us through it all.

Rev. Matt Cottington

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.

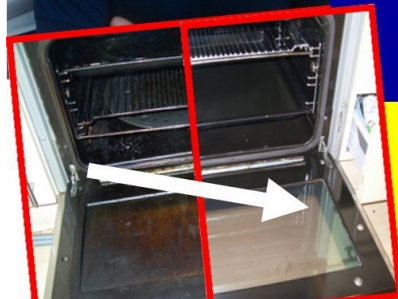


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Bristol's pantomime is always great fun, but 'Goldilocks' sounds even more hilarious than usual. Goldilocks' circus is under threat from an evil rival circus owner and, with the help of their madcap circus friends, they are battling to rescue their Big Top from ruin. Will they succeed? All seems lost, until three brilliant bears join the gang...

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Folk & Acoustic Music Night



Saturday October 12th at 7.30pm

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Future Bookings

Here is the fabulous line-up of high quality acts for the rest of 2024

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Fivehead Short Mat Bowls Group



THE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME



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Fivehead Short Mat Bowls Club

A big thank you to Sport England from Fivehead for the funding received from The Small Grants Programme. Equipment has been purchased and we now have three mats and electronic storage that makes it easier to prepare for the game. The storage equipment is called “Melanie” and we are getting used how to operate this, it will take time to become proficient but we are improving!

Our advertising programme has brought in new players from the village and we have started a very active afternoon session. We are fortunate to have existing members who are able to teach the game and help our new players learn.

Contact marybraddock@btinternet.com for more information

Editor's Comment

So we say farewell to Del and Antony from the Crown Inn and thank them for their efforts and wish them well on their future ventures. We hope we get new landlords quickly and that they will be open for the busy Christmas and New Year celebrations. Contrary to widely spread gossip & rumour, this village is ready and willing to support the Crown Inn in all its ventures and endeavours. The clubs & societies using the pub for their meetings and activities, as well as skittles & darts, all would like to hold their celebrations in our own Village Pub. The weekly quiz, theme nights and exotic food nights are well supported; just a few comments for the new landlords to ponder upon. We will be supportive of anything you wish to try with the right approach. It is and remains a Village Pub

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Ingredients

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4 Cooking Apples peeled, cored & quartered	5 fl oz. Calvados or Brandy
2 tsps. Ground Cinnamon	2 tsps. Sugar
2 tsps. Chopped fresh Sage	1 tsp. Black Pepper
½ tsp. Ground Mace	3 tbsp. Redcurrant Jelly
2 tsps. Grated Lemon rind	
1 tsp. Salt	
1 tbsp. Butter	

Method

Preheat the oven to very hot Gas mark 8, 230°C. Place the apples, cinnamon, sage, mace & lemon rind in a bowl and stir with a wooden spoon until the apple is well coated.

Prick the duck around the thighs, back and lower breast. Place the duck on a wire rack in a roasting tin & rub it all over with the salt, spoon the apple mixture into the cavity and secure.

Place the butter, wine, Calvados/brandy, sugar & pepper in a small saucepan, set on a high heat and bring the liquid to the boil. Pour the mixture over the duck and place in the oven.

Roast for 15 minutes, reduce the oven temperature to Gas mark 4, 180°C and continue to roast the duck for 1 to 1 ½ hours, basting every 10 minutes with the juices in the pan till done when the juices run clear when the thigh is pierced with a skewer.

Remove from the oven and transfer the duck to a warmed serving dish.

With a spoon, skim as much of the fat as possible from the juices in the tin. Pour the juices into a small saucepan and set over a moderate heat. Stir in the redcurrant jelly and cook until it has melted. Remove the pan from the heat and pour the sauce over the duck reserving some of the sauce in a gravy bowl. Carve and serve the duck with vegetables of your choice.

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Remembrance Sunday

November 10th

10.30am

St Martin's Church

&

Baptist Church

Combined Service at

Fivehead Village

War Memorial

Fivehead Drama Group

Our Secretary **John Crossland** is always willing to hear from anybody interested and can be contacted on **07969 398095**. With the darker evening our attention now focuses on the Pantomime which will be on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th of January 2025. Casting and rehearsals are underway for the presentation of **Red Riding Hood & the Three Little Pigs** by Dave Crump & Paul Simcox—a Noda Script.

We are hoping for record audiences this year, who we know will be expecting an experience never to be forgotten (we hope).

Ticket and performance details will be in the next Magazine and from posters and flyers.

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Diary of Events

Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Tuesday 8th October	2.30pm	Fellowship Club <i>Fivehead revisited</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 12th October	7.30pm	Folk & Acoustic Music	Baptist Church
Sunday 13th October	12.15pm	Harvest Lunch	Village Hall
Saturday 19th October	7.30pm	Quiz	Village Hall
Sunday 10th November	10.30am	Remembrance Day	War Memorial
Friday 22nd November		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Mondays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
2nd Tuesday @ 2.15pm	Monthly	Fellowship Club	Village Hall
Wednesdays @ 6.30pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St Martin's
Usually 1st Monday 6.30pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The Society's **Annual Charity Golf Day** was a great success raising **£1398.34** on the day, which when we add in our monies raised at our other events throughout the year, we would hope to be in the region of **£1700.00** raised this year for the **Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**. Winners on the day as follows:
Individual competition: Winner: N.Wakeman 42pts. Runner Up: M.King 41pts. 3rd: B.Wood 40pts. Best Lady Golfer: Amanda Head 37pts. **Team Competition:** Winners: P.Lang / F.Yardley / K.Roslie / G.Dight 100pts. Runners Up: G.Dibble / N.Wakeman / D.Brunst / G.Pugson 92pts. **Spot Prizes:** Best Out: M.Head 19pts. Best in: G.French 21Pts. Longest Drive Men: L.Greenwoos-King. Longest Drive Ladies: M.Marshall. Nearest the Pin (12th):J.Brodie, Nearest the Pin (17th): A.Chedzoy, Nearest the Pin in 2 (5th) I. Moses: Nearest the Pin in 2 (15th.) K.Rosie. **Two's:** T.Haddon (7th). J.Brodie (12th & 17th). Our thanks to all those who took part and everybody who brought raffle tickets on the day and beforehand.

The Annual weekend outing took place over the 13th & 14th September at **Woodbury Golf Club** with the following results: Friday **The Other Cup:** Winner: G.Dibble 37pts. Runner Up: R.Seaton 35pts, 3rd: A.Chedzoy 34pts, Best Out D.Baker 18pts, Best in P.Watts 18pts, Nearest the Pin: 6th G.Dibble, 14th R.Seaton, Nearest the Pin in 2: 7th G.Dibble, 11th B.Durrant, Longest Drive: 9th D.Baker, 13th H.Maki. Saturday **Team Competition:** Winners: R.Seaton / L.Wheatly / H.Maki / P.Dibble 92pts £15 each. Runners Up: G.Dibble / B.Durrant / M.Head / H.Price 88pts £10 each. 3rd: A.Chedzoy / P.Watts / E.Blunt./ B.Ferguson 82pts £5 each. 4th: G.Smith / D.Baker / L.White / R.Chedzoy 78pts £0 each. **Two's:** G.Dibble £50 **President's Cup:** D.Baker 34pts (best individual score today) **Mike Hill Trophy:** G.Dibble 69pts. (best individual score over both days) Blobs total: **£33.00**. Raised for Charity to date: **£1590.74**.

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