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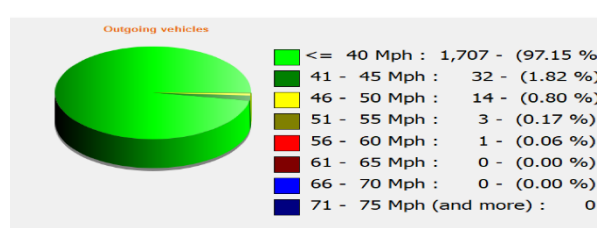
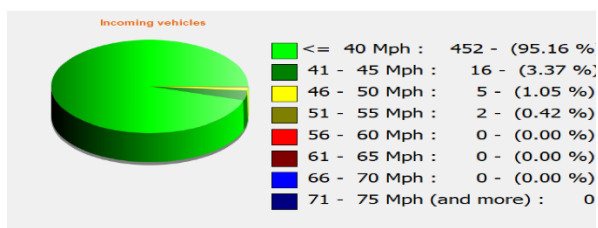
Our new community Speed Indicator Device (SID) has now completed its first round of monitoring at the current four approved locations in the parish.

Last month, we reported on the initial data collected at two points on the top road, which showed that over 95% of vehicles passing through were travelling at less than 40mph. Throughout June and July, data was collected on Butcher's Hill and Stowey Road.

1,277 vehicles passed the **Village Hall** in two weeks, 697 from Curry Mallet direction and 580 from Fivehead direction; the majority were doing less than 30mph, so there does not appear to be a problem in this area, although the SID may be helping to remind people to reduce speed.

On **Butcher's Hill**, it was a different picture (see charts below – please note the default has been set to only record vehicles travelling at 30mph or higher):

2,232 vehicles were recorded in just over 4 weeks. Of those travelling downhill, 95% (451 vehicles) were either at or over the permitted speed limit, with the majority nearer 40mph. 97% travelling uphill (1,704 vehicles) were either at or over the 30mph speed limit, with speeds up to 40mph, indicating people tend to travel slightly faster on their way out of the village to the top road.



The highest speeds in both directions were recorded from late afternoon to 9pm. These speeds support safety concerns previously raised about traffic travelling too fast in the centre of the village, even though this often can be just within the legal limit.

Once the second round of data is available, the Council will be able to consider how to take matters forward, involving the necessary authorities. A request to monitor the traffic in other more populated areas of the village, such as Miller's Orchard, is also being considered, to have a more complete view when considering future traffic calming measures. Just having the SID in position, at regular intervals, in the various locations, may have a positive impact, again as a reminder to slow down to help keep residents safe.

The SID is now back on the top road, so it will be interesting to see how the peak holiday period impacts the data collected. Thanks again to Councillors Braddock, Wynn and Ferguson, for moving the SID between locations, and running the data analysis. The Council is also grateful to a resident for the donation of ladders, to help with putting up the SID, hedge-trimming and other maintenance jobs.

Keep cool and enjoy the rest of the summer sun!

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk

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Parish Council - continued

Other news

News from the Fixers



Despite the hot weather, the Fixers are up-to-date with their tasks:

- The telephone box flower tub has been replaced and planted up; the new tubs in the Baptist Church have also been made, installed and planted up. The Pound and Langford Corner are planted and weeded. The Fivehead Sprinklers, a gang of six, are going well and it is now much less of an effort to water in this hot weather. Fixers, Trish and Dave, have cleared the church wall edges of weeds and rubbish. Our litter pickers are also out in force around the village, wombling away!
- Under the banner of the Village Hall, several volunteers helped with erecting and taking down the marquee for the fete, as well as the general set-up of this very successful event.
- The bus stop and surrounding area has been given another spruce-up by residents, Jo and Stuart, which they kindly take-on twice yearly.
- Several Fixers are doing a short online training course, organised free of charge by Somerset Council Highways, so town and parish councils can take on some minor roadside tasks. This will help to keep the village looking tidy, and may include some minor drainage work, which will hopefully reduce any flooding in the Winter.
- Going forward, the telephone box has a small leak, which will need to be repaired before Winter.

Look out for St Margaret's 'Ultra Hikers'!

On Sunday 21 September, around 100 people will be walking 30 miles of beautiful Somerset countryside, starting at Yeovil and ending at Taunton, to raise funds for St Margaret's as part of the charity's 45th anniversary celebrations.



The organisers hope that the event will cause minimal disruption and that teams might gather along the way to cheer on the hikers as they pass through the villages. To request further information, including the specific route, please email events@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk or call 07519 112265.



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Fivehead Village Fete

Fivehead & Swell Fete 2025 – Wow what a day! Thank you Everyone!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's village fete such a wonderful success. From the tireless volunteers and generous donors to all the visitors who came along to support, we couldn't have done it without you.

We are thrilled to share the news that we made a fantastic profit this year. The final amount is yet to be verified but would appear to be over £4,000, a true testament to the hard work and community spirit that makes our village so special.

Special thanks to the incredible Red Barrows display team for their entertaining and crowd-pleasing performance – they were a highlight of the day!

A big 'well done' must also go to everyone who took part in the village scarecrow competition. The creativity and effort on display was truly fantastic.



After 6 Years, the Fivehead & Swell Fete was back with lots to enjoy. Despite the adverse forecast, the weather was relatively kind to us and the lower temperature was actually a blessing.

Gary Smith, our wonderful MC for the day welcomed a local celeb who looked amazingly like Ozzy Osborne, then it was all systems go for The Kingstons Band to start playing and activities in the ring to begin. Ringside seats were required to watch Red Barrows, The Knights of King Ina Morris Dancers, Curry Mallet School Children and the Tug of War.

Activities around the Hall and Field included the Dog Show, the Baptist Church led Children's Activities, the Open Craft and Flower Show, Photo and Flower Show, Fantastic Raffle, Tombola, Treasure Hunt, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Cream and Cake Teas, Bacon Butties, Bar, Guess the Height of the Bottle, Football game, Classic Vehicles, Skittles, Wine and Water table and all the assorted Traders and Stallholders, including The Crown with their mobile kitchen. This meant that all our visitors could enjoy a huge variety of things to do and watch.

WELL DONE FIVEHEAD AND SWELL!



Village Hall & Playing Field

Village Hall, Playing Field & CIO Update

With a heartfelt thank you from the Chairs

It's been a season of progress, positivity, and proper community spirit in Fivehead!

We're thrilled to share that this year's Village Fete was a huge success – both in turnout and fundraising. Despite a few ominous clouds, the weather held (mostly!), and the people of Fivehead came out in force to enjoy the stalls, games, performances, and cream teas. We're delighted to announce that we raised over £4,000, all of which will go directly towards improving and maintaining the Village Hall and Playing Field for everyone's benefit.

As Chairs of the three charities, we want to offer our personal and heartfelt thanks to every single person who helped make it happen:

"To all the volunteers who gave up their time, the local businesses who donated prizes, the bakers, the gazebo-putter-uppers, the face painters, the car-park marshals, and of course, everyone who turned up to support – thank you. It's a reminder of what a truly wonderful community this is."

Bruce Ferguson (Chair, Fivehead Village Hall)

"The Playing Field has always been at the heart of village life, and seeing it filled with people having fun was a real joy. The money raised will help with repairs, new equipment, and keeping the field safe and welcoming for all."

Lesley Peters (Chair, Fivehead Playing Field)

"This was the first major fundraising event since forming the new CIO, and it showed just how much can be achieved when we work together. On behalf of the CIO, thank you for supporting the next chapter in Fivehead's community story."

Mike King (Chair, Fivehead Village Hall & Playing Field CIO)

Behind the scenes, the formal merger of the two long-standing charities into the new Fivehead Village Hall & Playing Field CIO (Charity no. 1204704) is progressing steadily. Trustees are working hard to finalise the transfer of land, leases, and other assets, and to ensure that all operations move smoothly under the new organisation.

We've also been busy reviewing hiring agreements, updating licenses, refreshing our insurance, and improving how we manage day-to-day operations – including booking systems and cleaning protocols. One small victory: we've now got a handle on the mysterious case of the disappearing tea towels, thanks to a new stock and laundry system!

The new CIO is committed to transparency, sustainability, and putting the needs of our community first. Whether you use the Hall regularly, attend events occasionally, or just care about Fivehead's shared spaces, your support makes a real difference.



100 Club Winners

JUNE

78	L. & K. Beacham	£50
88	G. Clarke	£25
15	G. & E. Balmer	£15
40	R. Eavis	£10

JULY

27	B. & S. Westworth	£50
1	J. Cramp	£25
80	A. Leyburn	£15
50	M. & P. King	£10

Fivehead Fellowship Club

– bringing people together



FIVEHEAD FELLOWSHIP DAY TRIP

Tuesday, September 9th 2025

10-00 am to 5-30 pm (approx.)

Come and join us for this peaceful day out in South Devon. We travel by coach to Colyton and then board the electric tram to Seaton, passing through the Seaton Marshes and alongside the River Axe. After spending time in Seaton, we then return by tram and board the coach for home.



The coach leaves Fivehead Village Hall at 10-00 am and arrives back around 5-00 to 5-30 pm. **The trip is open to members and non-members**, so please feel free to bring friends and relatives.

Inclusive Cost for Members £24, non-Members £26

Please note: There is no meal provided. Members are free to arrange their own food in Seaton or take a picnic lunch. The new tram station in Seaton has a café and is also near the newly-opened Dinosaur Museum.

**For further information please call Margaret on: 01460 281341
or email: fiveheadfellowshipsecretary@gmail.com**

Freemasonry in the Community

I have been a Freemason for nearly 60 years. I know this will bring the usual comments of “funny handshakes, rolled up trousers and wearing pinnies”, but the overriding principle, which I admire, is the commitment to charity and helping those in need, particularly in your local community.

In 2022, I was honoured to be elected Master of Taunton Deane Lodge and during my year in this office and the following year we supported 5 local charities with £1000.00 donations to each. Among these were **Somerset Sight, Christmas Sparkle** (a Taunton-based charity ensuring underprivileged children and families receive a Christmas gift), **Escape line** (a Taunton Charity supporting youngsters and families to free themselves from drugs and the county lines) and **Musgrove Park Hospital** (Robotic Surgery). This is only 1 of the 9 lodges based in Taunton and the 80 plus throughout Somerset, all of whom support local charities in a greater or smaller way. Commitment to all the food banks, local hospices and the Air Ambulance are foremost in our donations. Recently I have been present at cheque presentations of £200 & £300 to Somerset Sight (with our Village ambassador Victoria Fransham), £300 to St Margaret's Hospice & £200 to Friends of Musgrove Park, all donated from 2 side degrees in Taunton.

We have our ceremonies but these are merely to impress on candidates that from birth to death the overriding principle to follow in Masonry is the practice of Universal Beneficence & Charity and to help those less fortunate. This is the reason why I am proud to be a Freemason.

Harry Price

UNITED BENEFICE OF CURRY RIVEL, FIVEHEAD AND SWELL

St Martin's Fivehead



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St Catherine's Swell



Churchwarden

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Keeping Calm in the Storm

By Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. She writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they weren't about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers "Where is your faith?" It's not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don't get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God's help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

'Peace' in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand.

I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

From: The Parish Pump

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 Associate Minister Rev'd Scott Patterson at:

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

Planned Services & Events for August

	Every Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop in	Curry Rivel
Sunday 3rd	10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion (CW) + refreshments	Curry Rivel
Sunday 10th	9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion (CW) + refreshments	Swell
Tuesday 12th	10.00am-12.00pm Craft & Coffee, in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 17th	10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion (CW) + refreshments	Fivehead
Sunday 24th	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) + refreshments	Fivehead
	11.00am A Service of Morning Worship + refreshments	Curry Rivel
	6.00pm Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Swell
Sunday 31st	10.30am Extended Benefice Holy Communion (CW) + refreshments	Curry Rivel

Planned Services & Events for September

	Every Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop in	Curry Rivel
Sunday 7th	10.00am All Age Family & Friends Communion Service (CW) + refreshments	Fivehead
	6.00pm Evening Prayer	Curry Rivel
Tuesday 9th	10.00am-12.00pm Craft & Coffee in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Saturday 13th	Messy Church in the Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 14th	9.30am BCP Prayer Book Communion Service	Swell
	11.00am Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments	Curry Rivel
Sunday 21st	9.30am A Service of Morning Worship	Fivehead
	10.30am All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Curry Rivel
Sunday 28th	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) + refreshments	Fivehead

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC AND CREAM TEAS

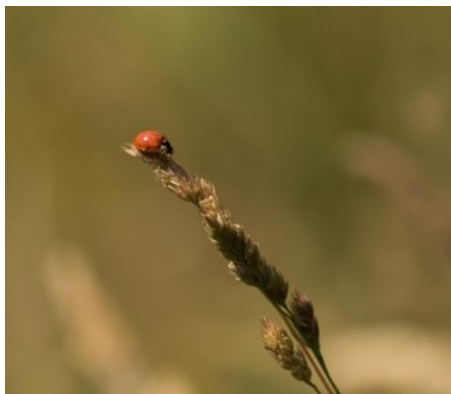
To be held on Saturday 6th September at St Martin's Church 3pm to 4.30pm

ADULTS AND CHILDREN, BRING YOUR TEDDY TO PARACHUTE FROM THE TOWER

Children's Picnic £3.00 (to include sandwich, cake and a drink) Cream Tea £4.00

Fivehead Naturewatch

Dave Braddock



The hot and dry weather we have been having lately is going to make it a ladybird year. Most gardens will see an increase in larvae and adults, even swarming in extraordinary numbers like they have been at the seaside recently. They are a gardener's friend, a healthy garden will support several species, munching their way through 100s of aphids.

There are around 47 species of ladybird in the UK, and they come in all manners of colours from the usual red and black through brown, orange, yellow, white, some even have stripes instead of spots. When threatened ladybirds create a smelly yellow oil from the joints in their legs, it acts as a reminder to predators that they don't taste nice. The spots and stripes act as a visual warning as well. Ladybirds can lay over 1000 eggs a season with several generations.

Most ladybird adults overwinter in sheltered places often in large groups. These overwintering sites can be in sheltered trees or buildings. When a ladybird finds a suitable site, they release a pheromone to attract other ladybirds to inform them that the site is dry and safe.

In spring the adults emerge and disperse, mate and lay eggs. Most species lay eggs on plants with colonies of aphids or other insects, an adult ladybird can live from 1 to 3 years.

A few more images from the Fivehead Village Fete





CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious and Confident

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

Celebrating 150 Years of Our School Community

What a truly unforgettable week it has been as we marked the **150th anniversary** of our beloved school and nursery ! The celebrations began with a breathtaking aerial photograph capturing the heart of our community- our pupils, staff, and buildings standing proudly together, a symbol of unity and history in the making. Our School Council then paid a moving tribute by laying flowers at the grave of Mr. Tifford, our very first headteacher, who faithfully led the school for an incredible 37 years. It was a poignant reminder of the legacy we are all part of.

We then gathered for a celebratory service at St Andrew's Church, led by Rev. Scott Patterson and The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Their words beautifully reflected the spirit of our school and the generations it has nurtured. Back at school, we were delighted to welcome visitors to a beautifully curated exhibition showcasing log book entries, photographs, articles, and memorabilia from across the decades. The PTA added a special touch with a delicious cream tea, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

The celebrations continued into Saturday, when we opened our doors to past, present, and future pupils and families, community members and visitors. It was a joy to see former staff reconnecting with old friends and sharing memories, while children explored the school that has shaped so many lives. This anniversary has been more than a celebration- it has been a powerful reminder of the strength of our community and the enduring spirit of our school. Wherever life takes our children, they will always carry with them the values, friendships, and memories formed here. Here's to the next 150 years!

Sports Update We have had a fantastic few weeks of sport at Curry Rivel. Our Athletics team finished an amazing 2nd place in the annual CLP Athletics Competition, even without the Year 6 children who were away on residential. Our Year 5/6 Rounders team WON the CLP Rounders event! An incredible effort from all involved on a very hot day. This week, the KS2 swimmers finished in 4th place at the CLP Swimming Gala at Huish Academy. The children were amazing, winning several races including two of the relays. Amazing teamwork and resilience from them all!

Residential I am delighted to share the wonderful success of our recent Year 6 residential trip to Hill House. It was an unforgettable experience for our pupils, filled with adventure, learning, and personal growth. Throughout the stay, the children demonstrated resilience and independence as they embraced the challenge of being away from home. They developed essential life skills such as organisation, teamwork, and consideration for others, all of which were evident in the way they supported one another and took responsibility for their belongings and routines. The range of activities offered at Hill House provided rich opportunities for skill-building and confidence-boosting. From the thrill of kayaking and the challenge of the high ropes, to the practicality of survival skills and the focus required in archery, every child stepped out of their comfort zone and achieved something to be proud of. It was great to see the children grow not only in ability but also in character. Their enthusiasm, courage, and kindness made the trip a real success, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Public Speaking Our public speaking team represented our school at the Huish CLP Public Speaking Competition this week and we were up against four local teams. It is with pride I announce that Curry Rivel won. Well done Brooke, Mia-Rose and Beth. It is noted that Beth had to stand in at the last minute and Mia-Rose had to question another team who changed their topic, and so had to really think on the spot. They presented with confidence, eloquence and passion including using gestures, eye contact and intonation- great job!

Ali Pook, Head Teacher



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Rev. Matthew Cottington

Thoughts from The Manse

At Fivehead Baptist Church we've recently been thinking about the importance of REST - or as the Bible calls it: SABBATH. In the Bible, Sabbath tells us that we all need to make time to stop and recover ourselves – not just physically, but also to remember who we really are. So many people feel exhausted from the relentless pace and demands that surround us today and the constant bombardment of information we're expected to consume. Some have started a practice of "digital sabbath" – a day each week without using digital devices or looking at screens. Most of us agree this would do us all good. Not many of us are actually willing to try it.

But Sabbath rest is not just about stopping something. In the Bible, God told people to make regular time for Sabbath rest in order to remember three very important things about ourselves, those around us, and the earth on which we live

Ourselves – Sabbath rest reminds us that we are loved and valued by God without any need for us to do or achieve anything first. We do not need to prove ourselves to God. He loves us without us needing to earn it. We can rest in his love without having to work for it.

Others – God said Sabbath rest must be for absolutely everyone, reminding us that he loves everyone else just the same as he loves me. As such, Sabbath reminds us to treat everyone with the same dignity, respect, and value as we would want for ourselves.

The Earth – God also said the land and animals must be given time to rest. This reminds us that the earth is not a mere resource to be used and exploited. God loves the earth just as he loves humanity. As such, we must see the natural world as a gift and a companion to be loved and cared for.

Over the years, the idea of Sabbath rest has sometimes been obscured by religious rules and negativity, but when originally given by God it was meant to signify blessing and freedom. In the Bible "Sabbath" was the opposite of slavery. As we make time to stop and remember God's love for us, for others, and for the earth it frees us from the shackles of despair, injustice, and greed which still today can lead us into slavery.

Ultimately, in the Bible, these things point us to Jesus who said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

How can we make time for Sabbath rest to remember these things in our lives today?

Rev. Matthew Cottington

Fivehead Baptist Church meets for gathered worship on Sunday mornings (10:30am) in the church building at the bottom of Butchers Hill. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit our website: www.fiveheadbaptist.co.uk

North Curry Football Club

North Curry FC is delighted to have an exclusive agreement for the use of the two football pitches in Fivehead for the new season starting in September.

Although our origins lie in North Curry, we now attract players from a wide area to the east of Taunton. We train and play matches at Fivehead, plus White Street and Greenway in North Curry.

We field a men's team and an over 35 "Legends" team. At youth level we have mixed teams (predominantly boys) at U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U15 and U16, plus girls only teams at U10, U11, U12 and U13.

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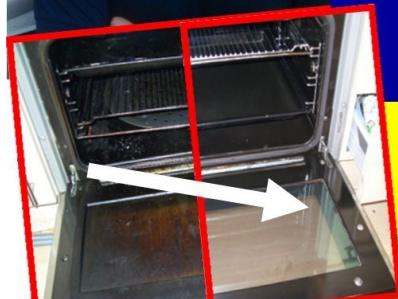


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The Stable

The Stable is a community-run café in the heart of the village. It is the realisation of a vision which began in the congregation of Fivehead Baptist Church. Its purpose is to provide a space of friendship, relaxation, and encouragement for all. We are staffed entirely by volunteers and our profits are given away to charities both locally and worldwide.

Once again, a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers and visitors who continue to make The Stable café a thriving community hub.

Things are going so well and the café continues to be busy. Our iced lattes have been very popular in the recent hot weather! A lot of cake is served and we could do with a few more cake-bakers if that's your gift (we are very happy to reimburse your cake baking costs).

In this edition of the Village Magazine we wanted to say a bit more about Youth Café which we hold on Thursday evenings (7:30-9pm) during school term time for 11-19 year olds. At Youth Café we open The Stable for young people, providing a safe space for them to meet up, relax, chat, and have fun. Refreshments are sold at a reduced price, there are comfy sofas, games, and WiFi. We've had a wonderful group of youngsters attending over the past school year and we provided a barbecue for them and their families on the final Youth Café before the summer break. The youngsters also enjoyed making some scarecrows for the recent Village Fete competition. With all the pressures on young people today, and the effect of social media, we feel Youth Café is a really important activity to offer our local young people as a place to meet up and enjoy themselves.

Please do continue to support our local community café. If you haven't been in recently, do make time for a visit and enjoy our selection of food and drink. We hope to see you soon!

Fivehead Drama Group

This year's Summer Revue at the end of June, attracted a capacity audience and they were not disappointed.

The first half started with five members of the Drama Group castaway on a desert island. At the outset, Larry thought he was "destitute, alone and without a friend". However, his peace and quiet was soon shattered, when he found out that this was far from the truth. This hilarious one act play saw two members successfully 'tread the boards' for the first time – well done to them. Just before the interval, in an attempt to get the gastric juices flowing, we found out 'How not to make a Yorkshire Pudding'.

During the interval we were fortunate to be entertained by renowned musician and composer Nicholas O'Neill.

The second half kicked off with a traditional favourite – 'Little People'. How do they do that?' The evening then progressed with some risqué poetry and a monologue from an out of work actress. Ernie, the fastest milkman in the west and Trigger, then took us back in time to Christmas 1971.

For the finale, imaginations were somewhat stretched when we visited the Olympic swimming pool for the final of the synchronised swimming! Need I say more!

A huge thanks to all those that took part and helped out backstage and front of house. It certainly was a great team effort. We also would like to thank our generous sponsors, Sharpham Cheese and Black Sheep Butchers, who made our ploughman's supper something to remember.

NOTE: We are now starting to plan next year's panto – Cinderella. Auditions are currently taking place and anyone interested in taking part, either on or off the stage, should contact me or a member of the group. David Green on 07703 699377

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Our latest ticket reservation is for a new production of 'Miss Saigon'. Details of the show are attached. We plan to go on Monday 27th July next year. I have reserved Stall seats at £48 and £63 inclusive of coach transport. Book now with no obligation or payment until usually two months before the performance date.

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Diary of Events

Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 15th August	From 11.00am	CFGFS Charity Golf Day	Long Sutton GC
Saturday 30th August	6.00pm	Tony's Hog Roast for Prostrate Cancer	Brookside
Tuesday 9th September	10.00am	Fellowship Club Day trip	Colyton/Seaton
Thur/Fri 11th/12th September	From 11.00am	CFGFS Other Cup & Team competition	St Pierre GC
Sunday 21st September		St Margaret's Hospice Ultra Hike	Yeovil/Taunton
Wednesday 24th September		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Usually 1st Monday 6.30pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

Friday, 13th June saw the Society visit **Dainton Park GC** to contest **The Paul Rowe's Bowl** with the following results: 1st Nigel Fisher 38pts, 2nd Paul Watts 36pts, 3rd Andy Bennett 36pts (on count back.) Best out Malcolm Head 21pts, Best in Mike King 17pts. Longest Drive 6th Dave Baker, 16th Nigel Fisher, NTP 8th No winner, 15th Andy Bennett, NTP in 2 9th Guy Dibble, 13th Guy Dibble. There was one 2 Phil Welch. The blobs raised £28.50.

Captain's Day was on Friday 11th July at **Wells GC** on an incredibly hot day on a very tough course in the dry conditions and the results were: 1st Tony Chedzoy 38pts, 2nd Ed Boyce 36pts, 3rd Paul Watts 36pts (on count back.) Longest Drive 11th Mike Poole, 16th Phil Lock, NTP 5th Hannu Maki, 17th Tony Chedzoy, NTP in 2, 12th Paul Watts, 15th Guy Dibble. There were three 2's Mike Poole (2) & Len White.

The Captain's Prize: Best Gross Score on the Par Threes: Shared between Mike Poole & Ed Boyce and the blobs raised another £30.

To date the blobs have raised £188.50 for our charity this year. £500 will be donated to the **Fivehead Fixers** and the remainder to **Christmas Sparkle**, a Taunton-based charity which provides Christmas presents for underprivileged children and families.

The next event is our Charity Golf Day to be held at **Long Sutton GC on Friday 15th August**. Individuals or teams of 4 welcome cost £50 per person (£30 Long Sutton Members) contact Gary Smith. Raffle tickets are on sale in the Village. Please have some cash at home when our ticket salesman calls, as we don't have a card reader, £100 first prize with many more prizes.

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