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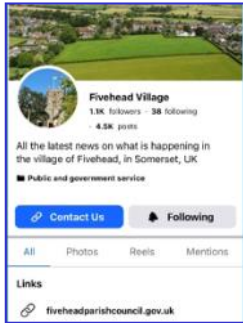
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Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place in May, which included the re-appointment of the Chair (Kate) and Vice-Chair (Laura) for the final year before the 2027 elections. As well as reaffirming other roles and responsibilities, the Council's policies were reviewed and a new social media policy adopted with terms of reference for the Council's presence on Facebook and NextDoor. These can be viewed under 'Parish Council – Policies' on the parish website.



Social media is one of several channels the Council uses to share official council news and decisions. From June, our Facebook page will restart for broadcasting official council messages, including occasional emergency alerts and local road closures as notified by Somerset Council. Comments to posts will normally not be enabled. The admins for the council page are Councillor Rob Wynn and the Clerk. If you have any queries, please email us at clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk, rather than messaging via Facebook. Any matters raised needing a decision will be added to a future meeting agenda for Council consideration.

Sharing information from community organisations and village events will now be handled via a separate community-led Facebook page coming soon.

The Council's main tool for communication is the parish website, where agendas, minutes and other council information are posted each month. Please sign up to our village messaging system, if you haven't already, by filling in the form on the home page at www.fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk, so that you will receive occasional email alerts from us.

Fivehead and Swell's active neighbourhood on NextDoor will continue for residents to use; this has a well-established following, set up in 2019 as an additional messaging forum for local adverts and messages, particularly helpful during the pandemic. As this forum has evolved, the Parish Council now has the opportunity to use 'NextDoor for Public Services' for broadcasting key information (when needed), so will no longer be posting via the general forum. Our volunteer lead will be stepping down and NextDoor will automatically reappoint a local moderator for this neighbourhood.

Many residents prefer to read village news in print, so this newsletter is kindly organised by our long-serving editor and distributed by a team of volunteers, with print costs supported by local advertisers (see 'Facilities & Organisations – Business A-Z' on the parish website).

Please note: from 2 June, our councillor emails will be changing to the new .gov format, for enhanced security. You can find these under 'Parish Council – Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk' on the parish website. All enquiries for the Council can be sent to the main email – clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk. The Council's old *gmail* addresses will no longer be checked regularly as they are being phased out, so we would be grateful if you could use the new address from now onwards.

Finally, our Annual Parish Meeting was also held in May and reports from our local organisations will be available on the parish website shortly.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer,

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk

Email: clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council - continued

News from the Fixers and other information



By the time you are reading this, the Fixers will have dug and planted Langford Corner for the summer display, planted the tubs at the Baptist Church and renovated and filled the planters by the telephone box. The Pound will also have been replanted.

The spring display was well received, so the challenge is to make the summer display even better! Fivehead 'Sprinklers' are on standby again this year to keep all the plants fed and watered during the summer.

Once this busy period is over, the Fixers will be catching up on a backlog of jobs. Watch this space!

Discover Snowball

Since appearing on Dragons' Den, **Snowball** has grown significantly, and is now one of the largest disability accessibility apps in the world, remaining completely free to use.

The aim of the app is simple: helping disabled and neurodiverse people access their communities with confidence. It allows users to discover accessible places they may never have known existed, while also helping them navigate practical everyday challenges, such as Blue Badge parking bays, accessible toilets and changing places facilities, step-free access and accessible hospitality, retail, and leisure venues. The app will also direct you to the location you want, via Google or Apple maps. To find out more, search via your usual app store.



Stay safe this summer - COVID boosters protect vulnerable people in Somerset

As the weather gets brighter, many people naturally feel more active and want to get out more. But illnesses like COVID-19 haven't gone away, and for some, the risks remain very real. 42% of people in Somerset have already been vaccinated this Spring, but the virus spreads easily all year round and can be very dangerous, even life threatening for vulnerable people including those who are immunosuppressed or older adults living in a care home.

The NHS in Somerset is encouraging eligible people to book their spring booster when invited and reminding families and representatives with responsibility for care home residents to return consent forms where needed. More information is available at: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccine

Could You Save a Life in Our Village?

The defibrillator committee would like to welcome everyone to a defibrillator awareness session at **6.30pm on Tuesday 16th June in the Crown Inn.**

Whether you have been before or not, it's always worth attending, as it is useful to be reminded what to do in a heart emergency where every second counts. When someone goes into cardiac arrest, their chance of survival drops by 10% for every minute without CPR and a defibrillator. However, if CPR and a defibrillator are used within the first 3 to 5 minutes, survival rates can increase by up to 70%.

Where to find Our Village Defibrillators:

- The phone box near the pub
- The wall of the garage next to the car wash at the Premier Store

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We hope to see you on the 16th June.

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Fivehead Drama Group

FIVEHEAD DRAMA'S SUMMER REVUE

This popular evening of drama, fun and silliness takes place on Saturday 27th June in the Village Hall starting at 7-30 pm.

Included in the ticket price of just £10 is a wonderful Ploughman's Supper, so don't delay; get your tickets (available from the Fivehead Premier Stores, Stable Café and Crown Inn) and look forward to a relaxing evening with friends.

There will be a licensed bar (cards accepted).

We hope to see you there!

David Green

Fivehead Drama Group

invites you to a

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Fivehead Rights of Way

Fivehead Footpaths June 2026

The wet months have now been replaced with a long period of dry weather making the paths accessible, although some care is required. The clay soil, which is so muddy in wet conditions, forms cracks which can easily become a walking hazard. The other hazard to be aware of at this time of year is the cows that find being released from their winter sheds all so exciting. They seem to be extra bouncy and, of course, care is required if walking in a field with them, as sometimes their inquisitive nature gets the better of them and a walker can feel intimidated. However, it is good to see them out enjoying their freedom.

Apart from the hazards, it is so refreshing to be able to use our paths at this time of year. The one that goes along the bottom of Swell Wood goes through the RSPB protected flower meadow. Already this meadow has looked spectacular with cowslips and oxlips. When coupled with the amazing bluebells in Swell Wood, it is a refreshing walk with nature.



Oxlip



Bluebells



Cowslips

To reach the flower meadow, cross the A378 at top of Ganges Hill, walk down the hill and take the right hand footpath that runs along the bottom of Swell Wood. Just follow this path to the meadow. Take care to keep to the path so as not to damage the flowers and insects in this magical place. Then there is the matter of the return journey back up that hill! Not for the faint hearted!!

As always, if you think you can help us maintain the footpaths please contact me at marybraddock@btinternet.com



Fivehead Fete

Saturday 4th July

12.00 noon until 4.00pm

Village Hall & Playing Field

The date is set, so all we need is good weather and the whole village to come together for a fun afternoon.

Stalls, dog show, classic cars, food outlets, tea & cakes, activities and licensed bar - what more is needed to spend a delightful & enjoyable afternoon?

This event takes a lot of effort to organise and deserves a full attendance to succeed, so we look forward to meeting up with old friends and newcomers to our village.

Village Hall & Playing Field

Summer at Fivehead Village Hall & Playing Field

As we move into summer, there's a real sense of energy around the Hall and Playing Field. From football and fundraising, to classes, performances and future projects, it's wonderful to see the facilities so well-used and well-supported by the village and beyond.

Everything happening here is run entirely by volunteers. Behind every event, repair, booking, raffle prize, afternoon tea and committee meeting is a small group of local people giving up their time because they genuinely care about keeping these facilities thriving for the whole community. We are hugely grateful for all the support and encouragement we continue to receive.

The last few months have been especially busy. Plans for the Summer Fete are well underway, and we're looking forward to another fantastic community day in July. We're also excited for the Drama Club Summer Revue following the huge success of this year's pantomime, which once again packed the Hall with laughter, music and community spirit.

The Playing Field has also been full of life this season, with our football teams enjoying a strong year and bringing fantastic energy to the site every weekend. As the weather improves, it's lovely to see more people enjoying the outdoor spaces, whether that's watching a match, meeting friends, or simply taking a stroll around the field on a sunny evening.

We've also been delighted to welcome new regular activities to the Hall. Jac Bell from Fit & Fabulous Somerset has launched friendly Monday morning Yoga and FLeXercise sessions, focused on improving strength, mobility and wellbeing in a welcoming and supportive environment. The classes have already built a lovely atmosphere, with plenty of laughter alongside the exercise, and new faces are always welcome.

For more information about the classes, please contact Jacquelyn Bell via Fit & Fabulous Somerset:

www.fitandfabsomerset.co.uk

Improving the play area remains one of our biggest priorities. We know how important this facility is to local families, and it has been genuinely heartening to see how many people care about getting the space safely reopened for children to enjoy again. Trustees have continued meeting with specialists and Somerset Council officers to help shape the most practical and sustainable way forward.

Alongside all of this, trustees are currently dealing with a significant legal and governance matter relating to a proposal by Wessex Internet to install telecommunications infrastructure affecting the Playing Field.

As a charity, trustees do not have the option of simply making informal decisions regarding charity land. We are legally required to follow charity law, obtain professional advice, properly assess risks and impacts, and ensure any decisions are made lawfully and in the long-term interests of the charity and its beneficiaries. This process is unfortunately complex, time-consuming and costly, but it is not something trustees can simply ignore or bypass.

We fully understand that many residents are keen to see improved broadband infrastructure, and trustees are continuing to engage with the process as responsibly and constructively as possible, while balancing their legal duties to protect the facilities, playing surfaces, drainage infrastructure and long-term operation of the site.

Despite the challenges behind the scenes, the Hall and Playing Field continue to move forward positively. Bookings remain strong, new ideas are developing, and there is a real sense that these facilities are valued by a huge number of people.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, helpers and supporters. Whether you can spare an hour at an event, help behind the scenes, support a project, or are interested in becoming a trustee in the future, every bit of support genuinely makes a difference.

To get involved or make enquiries:
secretary@fiveheadvillagehall.co.uk



Fivehead Fellowship Club

– *bringing people together*



Our May meeting was certainly one to remember. Local award-winning composer, musician and conductor Nicholas O'Neill captivated members with his fascinating life journey in music, interspersed with a wide range of musical accompaniments ranging from choral, classical, ragtime and rock.

Still to come in 2026.....

Tuesday 9th June – The 1820 British Settlers in South Africa - Dawn Denton

Fivehead Village Hall – doors open at 2-15 pm

South African born Dawn will give an insight into the little-known history of British Settlers in South Africa after the Napoleonic wars.

Tuesday 14th July – Wildlife in La Brenne National Park, France – Mary Braddock

Fivehead Village Hall – doors open at 2-15 pm

Local wildlife photographer Mary will highlight the diverse flora and fauna of this area of central France

Advance notice - Tuesday September 8th - Daytime coach trip to Shaftsbury

Please remember, there are no age restrictions for joining the Fellowship. We have no religious affiliations and our goal is to provide a platform for friendship. Membership is only £10.00 a year (February to February) and if you want a taster, you can come as a visitor to our Village Hall meetings for £3.00 per event.

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

Margaret on: 07745 951493 or email: fiveheadfellowshipsecretary@gmail.com

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Jacob, the man who encountered the holiness of God

Lester Amann considers the man who is our 'spiritual father'...

Have you ever had a dramatic turning point in your life? Was there an incident, a meeting or something you saw or read which profoundly changed you? The Old Testament character Jacob had a dream, which changed his life.

One night, in the region of Luz, a Canaanite city, Jacob had a dream. He saw a ladder, on which were angels, linking earth with heaven. The dream revealed to him that God is continually connected with this world. When Jacob woke up, he knew he was in a special place. He became a changed man and changed the place name from Luz to Bethel, which means House of God. Many years later Jacob changed his name from Jacob to Israel. Bethel became a holy place.

How might we define a holy place? We could say it's a place where God has touched earth with something of heaven e.g. with a miracle or a vision. Venues such as Lourdes (France), Lindisfarne (England), St Peter's in Rome or Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre are considered Holy Places. The Garden of Gethsemane was a special place for Jesus.

Jacob certainly wasn't faultless or impeccable. His encounter with God didn't completely change the way he behaved, but it gave him a fresh perspective on life and where he fitted into God's plans. Like Jacob we too may encounter God at a particular time and grow slowly with God and His plans for us. God doesn't wait until we are perfect before He can use us. Sometimes we too may need a Holy Place to make or to return to, to help us remember we are in God's hands.

Dear God, in my busy life, find for me a place where I can be still; a place to meet with You. I am weak and need your strength for each situation. Give me a holy place where I know your arms are embracing me, always safe and secure.

Amen.

From: The Parish Pump

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Welcome to our Benefice.

Here are the planned services and other gatherings for June & July 2026.

For more information please contact our Associate Minister

Revd. Scott Patterson at: scottr.patterson@btinternet.com

Planned Services & Events for June 2026

Saturday 6th.	3.30pm - 5.30pm - Messy Church, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 7th.	10.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 6.00pm - Evening Prayer	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Tuesday 9th.	10.00am - 12.00 noon - Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 14th.	9.30am - BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments	Swell Curry Rivel
Sunday 21st.	9.30am - A Service of Morning Worship 10.30am - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 28th.	9.30am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 11.00am - Morning Worship + refreshments 6.00pm - Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

Planned Services & Events for July 2026

Saturday 4th.	3.30am - 12.00 noon - Messy Church, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 5th.	10.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 6.00pm - Evening Prayer	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 12th.	9.30am - BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments	Swell Curry Rivel
Tuesday 14th.	10.00am - 12.00 noon - Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 19th.	9.30am - A Service of Morning Worship 10.30am - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 26th.	9.30am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 11.00am - Morning Worship + refreshments 6.00pm - Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

Fivehead Naturewatch

Dave Braddock



Something to look out for this year is the Painted Lady butterfly. This is a long-distance migrant, with a spectacular visible migration. We are due another year like 2009 when they arrived in their thousands. Each year they spread northwards from the desert fringes of North Africa, the Middle East and central Asia, recolonising mainland Europe and reaching Britain and Ireland. In some years it is an abundant butterfly, frequenting gardens and other flowery places in late summer.

Adults were first seen in Fivehead around late March as they started to arrive on our shores and numbers should build up in June as further migrants arrive from the continent. These breed and give rise to the next generation that peaks in early August. There may be more than one brood in the British Isles each year, depending largely on the weather. They mainly feed on thistles and nettles and can be seen anywhere in a good year.

Unfortunately, this species is unable to survive our winter easily, as it doesn't tolerate cold or wet, which may be the cause of its ultimate demise in the British Isles. However, it is thought that some individuals may try a return migration in Autumn. Perhaps in the future they may succeed.

I have been asked to mention hedgehogs, which are active in and around Fivehead. They suffer in the dry weather, so can you please leave out a bowl of water for them. Also please be careful when grass cutting, especially strimming, as a hedgehog might be sleeping in the long grass. Finally, a couple of dead hedgehogs have been found painted purple around the village. If you have any idea why, can you please let me know?

THE BRISTOL HIPPODROME 100 YEARS

Matilda:	Thu 4 Jun 26	£86	17:00 pm
Miss Saigon: (SOLD OUT)	Mon 27 Jul 26	£50/£65	17:00 pm
Annie:	Wed 19 Aug 26	£50/£60	17:00 pm
We Will Rock You (BLOC):	Sat 29 Aug 26	£50/£65	17:00 pm
The Car Man (Dance)	Tue 1 Sep 26	£66/£73	17:00 pm
Back to the Future:	Wed 14 Oct 26	£52/£67	17:00 pm
Cats:	Tue 24 Nov 26	£90	17:00 pm
Panto - Sleeping Beauty:	Tue 15 Dec 26	£48/£53	16:30 pm



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or e-mail charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com

or phone Chris on 01458 273085



CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious and Confident'

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

News from Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School and Little Pips Nursery

Sorry no report this month

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

Angela Sullivan, Head Teacher



Fivehead History

Fivehead sons' success across the Atlantic

Almost 2500 miles east of Fivehead is Stodgell Recreational Park in the old Canadian township of Walkerville in Essex County, Ontario. Today Walkerville is a district of the city of Windsor, just across the river from Detroit. The park, completed in 1925, was named in honour of Charles James Stodgell from Fivehead for his many services to the community over several decades.

Charles James Stodgell was born on Ganges Hill in 1860, the son of lime burner Simeon Stodgell and his wife Emily. Charles started his working life as an errand boy for a Langport grocers and went on to become an accomplished tea-blender and foreman. However, at the age of 22, Charles decided that he wanted more from life so, much to the bewilderment of his parents, decided to emigrate to the US.



Camilla Stodgell Wile's family in 1907
L-R: Grandmother Emily Stodgell, Grandfather Simeon Stodgell, Father John Stodgell, Brother Simeon, Brother Charles, Camilla, Mother Emma

Charles landed in New York in 1882, and after several short-term employments, arrived in Walkerville in 1884, working as a farm hand with Hiram Walker & Sons, after whom the town had been named. He quickly moved up the ranks to running the Walkerville general store and acting as assistant postmaster. After resigning from the Walker firm in 1889, he opened his own grocery store and in 1894 an opportunity arose to secure a licence to run a liquor store in Walkerville. However, Charles, a devout Baptist and teetotaler, was concerned whether it would be the right decision given his beliefs. However, encouraged by his friends, he realised the potential business advantages. He sold his grocery business and went on to run a successful wholesale wine and liquor store for the next twenty-two years. His other business successes included owner of Symes Motor Sales at the nearby town of Leamington and vice-president of the Butternut Bread Company. His political life was also highly visible; he served as Mayor of Walkerville (1921-23), on the town council, as well as a member of the Board of Education and the Library Board. Charles died in 1939 and, without doubt, the tea blender from Fivehead had a major impact on this small Canadian town.

Charles' younger brother John, who trained as a baker in North Curry, emigrated to the US in 1885 and set up a successful bakery business in Detroit. He moved to Walkerville in 1896, continuing to run his business in Detroit. He worked into his eighties and died at the grand old age of ninety. Charles and John's parents, Simeon and Emily also emigrated to Walkerville in 1887 and family relatives continue to live in the area.

By Herodotus

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Rev. Matthew Cottington

Thoughts from The Manse

Fivehead Baptist Church

Community

The Church is a wonderful idea. A community of people living in mutual support, sharing an outlook of hope with each other and the world, inspired by the love of Jesus. A community of forgiveness, new beginnings, compassion and love for all. A practical community where “love” is not just a word but is put into practice in ways that change people’s lives and change the world. We see this in action in the various churches in our local area who each serve the community in a variety of ways. No single church can do it all, but together we hope our faith is lived out in ways that make a real difference.

Families

At Fivehead Baptist Church we have recently been thinking about one particular group of people who always benefit from a supportive community – young people and families. We thought about the challenges they face, the blessings they bring, the support they need, and the hope they inspire in society.

Family Fun Days

After a month of prayer and reflection we decided to try holding some “**Family Fun Days**” through the year as a way to encourage children and families. They will be free of charge, with activities for different age groups and some food to enjoy. **Our first Family Fun Day will be on Sunday 12th July from 3:30pm.**

Jesus

Jesus set us a clear example of a community that welcomes all. He gathered many around him, young and old, some of whom had never experienced a welcome quite like it before. We hope the church continues to be such a community today with the example of Jesus at its heart.

Rev. Matt 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





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The Stable

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Our volunteers continue to do an amazing job. Thank you all so much! We really could do with a few more volunteers, particularly to cover any time when people are away. If you would like to help out at the café please pop in and speak to us.

A number of young people have recently completed part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award with us. Thursday Youth Café continues to be very well attended, providing a safe place for them to meet up and socialise.

Thank you again to all our visitors and to everyone who helps maintain the café space, prepare food, and serve in the café.

We hope to see you soon!

The Stable Opening Times

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Please note this is Bank Holiday weekend this year!! As usual we will be looking for items for the auction and raffle. Donations can be dropped off at our house (Brookside, Isle Brewers Lane). So get your thinking cap on folks!! I will be hassling you!!!! We have a large target to beat, but I have faith in all of you! We are also looking for band/singers and any other forms of entertainment. Tickets will be £10 each as usual and we really look forward to seeing you in our back garden once again.

Linda



Diary of Events

Day/Date	Time	Description	Where
Friday 12th June	10.30am	CFGs Paul Rowe Bowl	Isle of Wedmore
Tuesday 16th June	6.30pm	Defibrillator Awareness meeting	Crown Inn
Saturday 27th June	7.30pm	Drama Group Summer Revue	Village Hall
Saturday 4th July	12.00 noon	Village Fete	Playing Field
Sunday 12th July	3.30pm	Family Fun Day	Baptist Church
Wednesday 22nd July 2026		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Usually 1 st Monday Monthly	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The Spring Trophy outing was held at **Honiton GC on 17th April**; 1st Martin Evans 37pts, 2nd Tony Chedzoy 36pts (back 6) 3rd Tim Marshall 36pts, Best out Hannu Maki 18pts (back 6), Best in Tim Haddon 17pts(back 3) Longest Drive 14th Mark Bradford, 18th Bob Durrant, NTP 2nd Dave Baker, 12th Nigel Fisher, NTP in 2, 4th Mike Poole, 8th Tim Haddon. Dave Baker had a two and collected £44 and the Blobs raised £33.

The Geoff Bray Memorial Trophy day was held on **15th May at Shirehampton GC**; the results were as follows: 1st. Nigel Fisher 36pts, 2nd Kenny Rosie 35pts (back 9). 3rd Mark Bradford 35pts, Best Out Hannu Maki 19pts (back 3), Best In Malcolm Head 17pts, Longest Drive 5th Mark Bradford, 11th Martin Evans, NTP 2nd Tim Marshall, 6th Malcolm Head, 18th Len White, NTP in 2, 9th Dave Baker, there were 2 twos Tim Marshall & Hannu Maki £33.50 was raised in Blobs (Total to date £118.50 including a donation)

The next event is the Paul Rowe Bowl and will be at **Isle of Wedmore GC on 12th June**

The season has got off to a good start, fiercely contested as always, with the Charity Golf Day on **Friday 14th August at Long Sutton GC** in aid of **Prostate Cancer**

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