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Parish Council

Recent data from continuous monitoring of traffic speeds with the Parish Council owned Speed Indicator Device (SID), indicates speeding is on the increase again on the top road (A378), with some eye-wateringly excessive speeds of over 90mph. Unfortunately, a collision occurred in July, involving a vehicle pulling out of Ganges Hill with a vehicle on the main road. Luckily, there were no major injuries this time!

After a visit from the traffic engineer in March, we are waiting for the signing and road marking measures for the A378, which have been approved and are scheduled for this summer's works.



At the Council's July meeting, residents' reports were discussed from those who had witnessed traffic travelling at speeds unsuitable for the lanes and corners in the village, including difficulties with larger vehicles, such as coaches which pass through the village.

Recent monitoring on Stowey Road has shown results comparable with last year, indicating that there is still not a major problem here. Based on a minimum speed of 25 mph, over a recording period approaching a month, 400 cars were recorded driving into the village, of these 17 cars were doing excessive speed, and some slowed down when the SID was triggered. 334 vehicles were recorded leaving the village, of which

six cars were doing excessive speed.

Concerns about vehicles taking the corner by The Stable at speed were noted and the Council agreed to request a follow-up visit by the traffic engineer, to see if any further measures can be put in place.

The Parish Council will also be considering investing in another SID, using CIL funding, as the Police Road Safety Fund remains closed whilst under review. This will enable one device to be kept in position on the A378, as the data shows positive evidence that vehicle speeds lower when drivers see that they are speeding. It will also enable more data to be collected to support requests for help from Somerset Highways for traffic calming, and the Police for speeding enforcement in future. With a second SID available to move between locations in the village, it will be possible to add in some new locations, where residents perceive there are problems.

From time to time, we are asked for a community speed watch programme to be set up. The Council has looked into this several times, but has not been able to find enough volunteers to take this forward. At least three suitably trained people are required for a monitoring session.

If you would be interested please contact us at clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk. Further details can be found at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch.

As the unusually high temperatures look set to continue, we hope everyone is finding ways to keep cool, carry on with work/life, and enjoy the summer!

With best wishes,

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk Email: clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council - continued

News from the Fixers and other information

Fivehead Fixers have had a very productive couple of months.



The tubs around the village, The Pound and Langford Corner have been weeded and planted up and the Fivehead Sprinklers team have been out and about trying to keep everything fresh, despite the heat and dry conditions.

A group of Fixers spent a couple of days tidying up the cemetery, especially around the Remembrance Garden and War Grave area. The heat finally won, but we will be back to finish it off when it cools down a bit.

The Fixers have also been out and about helping the footpath team, clearing the local footpaths of undergrowth before it became too hot to work.

Defibrillator awareness night

Thank you to the Baptist Church who came to the rescue at the last minute in June to enable us to hold our refresher session. It was good to see 32 people turn up for this event. Thank you everyone who supported the evening and who gave donations to the Defib fund totalling £85.

Exciting news for cyclists and walkers

The Active Travel Working Group of the Levels and Moor Local Community Network (LCN) is working on a plan to improve the missing link to connect Langport to Taunton, using bridleways and quiet lanes. This section is the Burton Mead Drove in Fivehead parish.

The aim is to offer a safe passageway for walkers and cyclists, avoiding the busy A378. The group is currently scoping the project, establishing what work is required, ownership of land, how current surfaces can be upgraded and maintained, and who will take the lead. Funding will be via the LCN. Several keen cyclists from Fivehead are involved. The Parish Council is grateful to Viv Fouracre, who is the parish representative on the working group, and has kindly offered to be our lead for the project.

Viv and her husband, Phil, have been busy updating the signage on the part of the National Cycle Route which runs from Taunton to Ilminster, via Fivehead. Again, this route follows quiet lanes and comes into Ilminster via a permissive route through Dillington Park. They are also updating the signage on the 80-mile South Somerset Cycleway, with new stickers provided by the Active Travel LCN, which will take some time to complete over the summer. For further details, the link to the whole route is <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/south-somerset-80-mile-cycleway/>



Stop press: Fivehead Village Facebook page, the Parish Council's page for official business has restarted. Links to monthly minutes and other useful community information will be posted here.

A separate independently-run Facebook group, called '**Fivehead Community Chat**', is also now available, focusing on village life – sharing what's happening in Fivehead, local history and stories, together with community events and activities. Thanks to residents, Bernie and Jo, who have set this up to bring the community together and celebrate everything that's happening!



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MICROCHIPPED AND NEUTERED

MISSING SINCE
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LOCATION
MILLERS ORCHARD
FIVEHEAD, TA3

DESCRIPTION

FEMALE

TWO YEARS OLD

GREEN EYES

NO COLLAR

BLACK AND WHITE

DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR

WHITE FUR: BETWEEN EYES, LOWER HALF OF FACE, THROAT, TUMMY AND SOCKS

CONFIDENT, BUT PLEASE APPROACH WITH GENTLENESS



**LETTY IS MISSING FROM HER HOME IN
MILLERS ORCHARD, FIVEHEAD, TA3**

**EVERYONE RESIDING OR WORKING IN OR AROUND THIS AREA
PLEASE CHECK PROPERTIES THOROUGHLY**

**ALL HEDGELINES AND TREES
IN, UNDER AND BEHIND ALL OUTBUILDINGS AND STANDING VEHICLES**

**PLEASE LEAVE OUTBUILDING DOORS OPEN FOR A WHILE
SO THAT SHE CAN ESCAPE IF SHE IS HIDING**

**IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN LETTY OR KNOW WHERE SHE IS
PLEASE REPORT THIS TO THE ABOVE NUMBER ASAP**

Search and Scan SAS is a registered charity, number 1139235

Letty is a young 2yr old female cat who went missing from Millers Orchard on the afternoon of March 30th. We've had no sightings at all of her in the subsequent months. At 6 months old, Letty and her sister were rehomed with us from a charity, after being abandoned. Her sister hasn't been the same since Letty went missing and we all miss her terribly. We have checked outbuildings, hedge lines, fields, empty properties etc, but with no luck. Does she look familiar to a cat that a friend or relative has recently got? She isn't a large cat and is very friendly, so could easily have been picked up. If you know anything, please contact us on 07792 653989 asap.

Thank you Dairin and Claire Keating

Fivehead Rights of Way

Fivehead Footpaths July 2026

The heat of the summer has had its effects on our footpaths, resulting in little hedge growth (except those brambles), dry baked earth with large cracks that are big enough to turn an ankle and dry grasses that can easily ignite with unthinking human behaviour. Take care walkers, keep safe!

We have a problem down on the footpath that runs from the bottom of Cemetery Hill to the river. It was the last remaining old bridge until the cows decided this was a better way through to the next field than the open 14ft farm gate a little higher up the field! In their determination to go through, the fence and hedge were removed and they have broken and turned over one of the sleepers that made up half the bridge. Our Ranger Glyn is aware and one day there will be a replacement bridge with a gate. Until then It is passable with care.



Another piece of news is that we have organised a monthly work party on the last Friday to go out to paths and bridleways that need a bit of extra help. Some of our paths are quite long and too much for one person. These work parties start on 31st July. Let me know if you would like to help. marybraddock@btinternet.com

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Village Hall & Playing Field

Happenings at the Hall & Playing Field

What an encouraging summer it has been! The Hall is busy, the Playing Field well used, and support for the charity has been tremendous.

A Fantastic Fete

This year's Fivehead Fete was a wonderful community occasion, raising approximately **£3,200 for the charity**.

Thank you to everyone who organised the day, ran stalls and activities, donated prizes, baked, volunteered, performed or came along. Its success belonged to everyone involved.

Bringing Play Back

Separately, **more than £10,000 has been raised specifically for the play area** through previous themed events, bingo, other fundraising and generous support from **The Stable**.

Approximately **£25,000** may be needed to repair or replace the existing equipment in its current location. Trustees are comparing options to ensure a safe solution that meets insurance requirements and provides lasting value.

Our **"Play Back – Bringing Play Back for Generations"** appeal aims to raise the balance and welcome children back to the play area.

To donate securely, point your smartphone or tablet camera at the QR code and tap the link. For help or another way to donate, contact **secretary@fiveheadvillagehall.co.uk**

Thank You, Jane and Lorraine

Special thanks go to **Jane Rice and Lorraine Roberts**, who step down as trustees on 7th August after giving a year to the role.

Their enthusiasm and fundraising have made an enormous contribution. We are extremely grateful for their achievements, the time they freely gave and the friendships formed while working together.

A Positive Time to Get Involved

Much has been achieved behind the scenes: stronger financial controls and records, updated agreements and policies, better booking and payment systems, and more organised safety and maintenance.

With these foundations in place, this is an excellent time to get involved.

We need additional **trustees** to help guide the charity and share responsibility. Training and support will be provided; sound judgement, reliability, teamwork and a genuine interest in the community matter most.

We also welcome **volunteers** to help occasionally with fundraising, events, maintenance, administration or practical jobs. You need not become a trustee to make a valuable contribution.

Moving Forward

Wessex Internet has made alternative arrangements and confirmed it no longer requires access to the Playing Field. This welcome development lets us concentrate on improving the facilities and planning for the future.

Thank you to everyone who hires the Hall, attends an activity, joins the 100 Club, supports events, donates or volunteers. Every contribution helps Fivehead Village Hall & Playing Field thrive.

To offer help, volunteer or explore becoming a trustee, please contact:

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FIVEHEAD FELLOWSHIP COACH TRIP TO SHAFTSBURY, DORSET



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th 2026
OPEN TO MEMBERS and NON-MEMBERS

Come and enjoy historic Shaftsbury!

We leave Fivehead at 9-45 am (Village Hall)
returning at approximately 4-30 pm

Coach: Members £14.00, Non-members £16.00

The trip includes a lunch at an undisclosed location

Lunch: Main course + pudding - £20.00

Main course only - £15.00

Please note food must be ordered & prepaid in advance*

For further Information and a copy of the menu, please contact:*

fiveheadfellowshipsecretary@gmail.com

or Margaret on 07745 951493

Scarecrows of 2026

What a spectacular turnout for our scarecrow competition!

A heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to every single person and family who took the time to build an entry. Your hard work brought so much joy and laughter to everyone.

Choosing winners was no easy task with this much talent! Here are this year's amazing creations that made this year so special.



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St Martin's Fivehead



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The Transfiguration of Jesus

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God - 'What is this all about?'

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John, who were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention on Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face.

Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From *our* mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others

From: The Parish Pump

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Welcome to our Benefice.

Below are the services and other gatherings for August & September 2026.

For more information, please contact our Associate Minister

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

Planned Services & Events for August 2026

There is no Messy Church this month

Sunday 2nd	10.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 6.00pm - Evening Prayer	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 9th	10.00am - United Benefice Communion Service + refreshments	Swell
Tuesday 11th	10.00am - 12.00 noon - Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Saturday 15th	10.00am - 3.00pm - Joint Extended Benefice 'Vision Day' Village Hall	Othery
Sunday 16th	10.00am - United Benefice Communion Service + refreshments	Curry Rivel
Sunday 23rd	10.00am - United Benefice Communion Service + refreshments 6.00pm - Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Fivehead Swell
Sunday 30th	10.30am - Joint Extended Benefice Communion Service + refreshments	Curry Rivel

Planned Services & Events for September 2026

There is no Messy Church this month

Saturday 5th	3.00pm - 4.30pm - Teddy Bears' Picnic	Fivehead
Sunday 6th	Joint Extended Benefice Communion + refreshments (Bishop of Bath & Wells in attendance)	Huish Episcopi
Tuesday 8th	10.00am - 12.00 noon - Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 13th	9.30am - BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am - Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments	Swell Curry Rivel
Sunday 20th	9.30am - A Service of Morning Worship 10.30am - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 27th	9.30am - Parish Communion (CW) + refreshments 11.00am - Morning Worship + refreshments 6.00pm. - Prayer Book Evensong (BCP)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

Saturday 5th September

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC AND CREAM TEAS

To be held on Saturday 5th September at St Martin's Church from 3pm to 4.30pm

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Cats:	Tue 24 th Nov 26	£90	17:00 pm
Panto - Sleeping Beauty:	Tue 15 th Dec 26	£48/£53	16:30 pm

Note: Above times are departures from Curry Rivel. To book please use the booking form on the website

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or e-mail charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone Chris on 01458 273085

Fivehead History

An Insight to Victorian School Days in Fivehead

The Fivehead School building as we know it today was built in 1874 with space for 110 pupils. The school had existed at least 25 years earlier as part of the National School programme, established in 1811 as the "National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church in England." These schools provided the first near-universal system of elementary education in England and Wales.

The following extracts are taken directly from the Head Teacher's Log book, covering the years from 1875 to 1891 and give a fascinating insight to village life. Note: In 1875, there was no mandatory school leaving age in the UK. In 1880, the Elementary Education Act made education compulsory, requiring attendance only between the ages of 5 and 10.

1875

7th May: Attendance of girls small on account of heavy rain

16th July: School closed to allow teachers to attend The Royal Agriculture Show in Taunton

1st Oct: Attendance has been very small. Potato digging has begun, so scholars absent to pick them.

1879

7th April: William Sparks sent three of his children to school this afternoon, but they were so dirty and their heads full of lice that the master sent them home for the mother to clean them before they could be sent back.

1880

11th June: The weather has been very fine these last few days and the older boys have been more absent than usual. The girls have not attended quite so well as so much collar work was brought from Taunton and the mothers keep home little ones not 7 years old to help finish in time. Total attendance 57 out of 84 on the Registers.

1881

19th December: The Master has found that Mary Salway has been telling lies for the last 2 weeks, by saying that her younger brother is very ill 'with a breaking out all over his face' while at the same time he was in the fields scaring the birds. She was told to say so by her mother.

1884

13th November: The Hare Hounds are out today and some living near the Foxhound Inn are allowed to remain from school, as usual to see them as they pass.

1885

2nd March: Alice Salway and Rosa Webb have not been much lately, the excuse the parents give is that their shoes are bad.

1888

11th April: The poorer classes of children are often sent to the copse and fields to gather primroses for sale – 30 primroses and some ivy leaves in a bunch for ½ penny.

1889

9th September: School re-opened after five weeks holiday, the managers having consented to an extra week as the gleaning and teazel cutting was not quite over, and now only about half have returned for blackberry picking has begun and is likely to affect attendance for about six weeks.

1891

14th September: This school is now Free for all scholars from 3 to 15 years old.

28th September: A large number of the Upper Standard are absent, some keeping pigs for the farmers, others picking blackberries. Free education is not appreciated by a goodly number of the parents as they think a screw will be put on them if they do not send their children more regularly to school, they would rather pay and be freer.

The summer of 1891 recorded 97 children on the registers – where did they put them all!

Footnote: Pupil numbers dropped steadily from the mid 1900s and Fivehead School finally closed in 1971, the building becoming the Village Hall and then a private house—The Old School House.

By Herodotus

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Rev. Matthew Cottington

Thoughts from The Manse

Fivehead Baptist Church

It's been rather hot lately!

As we see and feel the effects of climate change around us, I'm reminded of a picture given to us at the beginning of the Bible. In the first chapters of Genesis, God is seen placing humankind in a flourishing garden. From this garden rivers of water flow out to the rest of the world. The implication is that the beauty and life of Eden can spread out across the lands.

Human beings are then given a task. They are placed in Eden by God to "tend and keep" the garden. The phrase "tend and keep" is later used to describe a priest's role in the temple. The implication here is that we should view the whole world as a sacred space and should care for it like a priest would care for a temple they consider holy and precious.

God calls us to care for the earth and nurture it because it is so precious and good. The whole earth is considered sacred and we are meant to look after it like nature's priests. In so doing the beauty and life of Eden can continue to spread and fill the earth with flourishing life.

The effects of us not doing this are becoming all the more apparent. But God's calling to us remains the same. He placed us here to nurture and care for the world. The more we start doing this now, the better the future will be for our children.

So let us follow the example of Jesus who "gave himself for the life of the world" by giving ourselves to the task of tending and keeping the garden-planet that we call home.

Rev. Matt Cottington

Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? We plan to run an ALPHA Course at Fivehead Baptist Church beginning in September. Email us for more details.

Email: office@fiveheadbaptist.co.uk

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The Stable

The Stable is a great place for a refreshing break from the hot weather. Iced Lattes are very popular at the moment and our sheltered garden keeps nice and cool in the shade. It has been great to welcome so many customers over the summer months.

Things are going very well and the café remains busy through the week. Youth Café has finished for the summer break. We ended with a barbecue for the youngsters and their parents, which was great fun.

If you would like to help out at The Stable we're always pleased to welcome new volunteers. There are various volunteering roles. You can learn new skills and meet new people. It also looks good on the CV! Please pop in and speak to us for more information.

Thank you to Dave Braddock for making us another beautiful flower box to go with the others in the garden. It looks so lovely as you walk round the corner towards the café!

The Stable tips are currently being given to the Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal. Thank you so much for all your support.

The Stable Opening Times

**Wednesdays 14:00 - 16:30 Thursdays 10:00 - 16:30 (Youth Café 19:30 - 21:00) Fridays 10:00—16:30
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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. Everything on our menu is ethically sourced and we support local producers and artists through sales and displays in the café. We are staffed entirely by volunteers and our profits are given away to charities both locally and worldwide. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please pop in and speak to us.

Fivehead Drama Group

Summer Revue

This year's Summer Revue was again well-attended and the audience were entertained by an eclectic mix of music, drama and comedy.

Where else but Fivehead could you have an eight-year-old trombonist, a classic Hitchcock thriller with a comic twist, Noah's wife, a cross-dressing octogenarian, The Pope, Michaelangelo and our own Village People - all in one show!

We were again fortunate to have support for the ploughman's supper from Sharpham's Cheese and the Black Sheep butchers – thank you. Thanks also go to the Village Hall for running the bar and everyone else who helped to make this an enjoyable evening.

Footnote: *Please remember that although the Revue is organized by the Drama Group, it is open to anyone with a talent for entertaining.*

Looking forward with a mind on the past

Fivehead Drama, in one form or another, has a long history going back over a century. Looking through the village archives recently, I came across the following information on the Fivehead Girls' Club. This was started in 1968 by mothers who felt there needed to be more activities for girls aged 10 to 15. Activities included netball, tennis and drama. The drama was so successful that four members came first in the Improvised Drama Class for under 12s at the Bath festival in 1969, whilst two other members came fourth in the Duo Improvised Drama.

To carry on with our long tradition, the Drama Group needs new members of all ages, especially those under 25.

So, if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch via my email.

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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 14 th August	11.00am	CFGFS Charity Golf Day	Long Sutton GC
Saturday 29 th August	6.00pm	Prostate Cancer Charity Garden Party	T & L Chedzoy
Sunday 6 th September	10.30am	Bishop of Bath & Wells Visit	Huish Episcopi
Tuesday 8 th September	9.45am	Fellowship Club Coach Trip	Shaftsbury
Wednesday 9 th September	11.30am	CFGFS Golf outing	Yeovil GC
Tuesday 22 nd September		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Usually 1 st Monday Monthly	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The season continued with Paul Rowe's Bowl at **Isle of Wedmore GC on Friday 12th June**: 1st. Mark Bradford 34pts, 2nd Martin Evans 33pts, 3rd Tony Chedzoy 31pts (back 9), Best out: Peter Lang 18pts, Best in: Guy Dibble 15pts, Longest drive: 6th Mark Bradford, 14th Peter Lang, NTP: 4th Paul Watts, 18th Mark Bradford, NTP in 2: 7th Dave Baker, 12th Martin Evans. There was one 2 - Martin Evans. £46 was raised in Blobs. Moving on Captain's Day was at **Taunton & Pickering GC on Friday 3rd July**: 1st. Peter Lang 40pts, 2nd. Tony Chedzoy 38pts, 3rd Tim Haddon 36pts, Best out: Hannu Maki, Best in: Martin Evans 17pts: Longest drive: 4th Guy Dibble, 13th Andrew Stanton, NTP: 6th Guy Dibble, 16th Mike King, NTP in 2: 15th No Winner, 18th Mike Poole. There were two 2's Peter Lang & Nick Florey. £24.30 was raised in Blobs. The 6 T&P members paid the full fee which, after the deduction for the meal, resulted in an extra **£219** for the Charity bringing the total to date to **£407.80**.

Our next date is the Charity Golf Day at **Long Sutton GC on Friday 14th August** in aid of **Prostate Cancer UK**. Have some cash ready at home as our raffle seller will be calling in the next couple of weeks and does not accept card payments.

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