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Useful Information

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Parish Council

At the Council's August and September meetings, members of the public joined us to express strong support for taking action to make our roads safer.



Although speeds may often be legal, they feel too fast for the narrow roads and bends in the village and people no longer feel comfortable out walking in areas without pavements. Concerns were also raised for school children walking to the local bus pick-up points, especially with darker mornings and evenings on their way.

A call for more volunteers to help set up **SpeedWatch for Fivehead** was put out via social media and the village email system. We already have a number of volunteers, but more people are still needed to make this viable. **Could you spare a few hours each month to**

help? If so, please let us know via email - clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk - then the Council will help facilitate a start-up meeting.

Since collecting data on the Fivehead section of the A378 from April 2025, there is evidence of ongoing dangerous speeding, as well as two accidents this year, so the Council has now invested in two solar-powered Speed Indicator Devices (SID) to leave in position at either end as a reminder and deterrent to speeding drivers. This approach is strongly supported by Somerset Council's Traffic team, following success in other areas, and our own data shows that drivers slow down after passing the SID.

Once the new equipment arrives, the Council will be planning further monitoring in other parts of the village with the portable SID. New locations will require consultation with close neighbours, approval from Somerset Council and possible new pole installations.

What next? Pre-consultation about 20mph speed limits

This month, the Council will be looking at how to consult widely with parishioners in the first step for deciding whether to start the process to reduce speed limits to 20mph in some areas of Fivehead village.



New speed limits need to meet the Department for Transport's criteria, in order for a proposal to be supported by the Police. Roads in Fivehead, where existing mean speeds of 24mph or below have been recorded and reported, using Somerset's speed compliance data, could be considered as part of a new 20mph speed limit. This would not include the A378.

There would be a statutory consultation process to introduce a new Traffic Regulation Order. Part of this process is to justify the proposed changes and demonstrate that they are likely to be effective, which can be lengthy and costly. Costs depend on the areas being considered and include many factors such as advertising, Somerset Council officer time to address any objections during formal consultation, and the number of new signs, posts and road markings required to legally sign the new limit. The parish will need to fund the cost of the process and implementation, as Somerset Council no longer funds speed limit changes.

The Council will be interested to hear from everyone, once the pre-consultation is launched.

Kind regards,

Jayne Parsons Parish Clerk

email: clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council - continued

News from the Fixers and other information



Despite the dry conditions, it is amazing how brambles keep growing. The Fixers have spent time working alongside the Footpath Team trimming the paths back. Work is ongoing in the cemetery and with a good grass contractor, it is looking very tidy.

The Fixers have struggled this summer to keep up with the watering of the tubs and Langford Corner. The tubs still looked good but Langford Corner was a bit disappointing. Following two hot summers on the trot, we are looking to revamp and change Langford Corner to lessen the watering needs in the future. We are also looking to see if we can find areas to put in two more tubs to brighten up the village.

Autumn is approaching, so it will soon be time to clean and spruce up the area around the church and memorial in preparation for Remembrance Sunday on November 8th.

Reminder that cold calling is unwelcome here...

The Council has obtained a limited supply of self-adhesive stickers for Fivehead residents to fix inside glass door/porches or windows, to help protect the community from rogue traders. The reverse has useful advice and details of who to call for help. If you would like one, please email clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk



Somerset Guide to Social Care and Support for Adults

This guide is a helpful resource when choosing and paying for care and support. It is available in a free printed booklet or online at www.carechoices.co.uk

If you would like a hard copy, please email: clerk@fiveheadparishcouncil.gov.uk

Somerset Crisis & Resilience Alliance

The Alliance brings together a range of organisations across Somerset to provide support for residents experiencing financial hardship or a sudden financial crisis. Support available includes:

- Crisis payments for those facing unexpected financial shocks
- Help with essential living costs
- Wraparound support, including debt advice, budgeting support and income maximisation
- Community-based resilience support to help prevent future crises

The scheme is being delivered through a partnership of local organisations, with Citizens Advice Somerset acting as the Alliance Lead and working alongside partners including Somerset Community Foundation, Age UK Somerset, SASP, Thrive and Somerset Council. Further information, referral details and eligibility guidance can be found at: www.somersetcf.org.uk/grants-funding/details/somerset-crisis-and-resilience-alliance/



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Village Hall & Playing Field

The CIO board of trustees is preparing to hand over the reins to a new team. The reasons have been well documented in recent statements delivered to all villagers. Suffice to say that we are sad to be stepping down. We have endeavoured to provide a safe, inclusive, attractive venue for villagers and local groups to engage in a wide variety of activities and events. We have received many warm words of appreciation from well-wishers, but due to matters beyond our control the time is now right to stand aside.



There are a number of challenges that we had planned to address, as well as ongoing routine operation and maintenance. However, we are pleased to be leaving the Village Hall and Playing Field in a very strong state. This includes a healthy financial position, a varied calendar of bookings, comprehensive administrative controls and sound policies, all compliant with legislation and Charity Commission guidance.

We like to feel we have set the bar high and we are confident the incoming board will have everything they need to continue making progress in adding value to the facilities for all. There will inevitably be an emphasis on the reopening of the playground, which we are all looking forward to greatly.

The CIO trustees have always appreciated the many contributions of past trustees and volunteers, both recently and over a long history of service. We give our thanks again. In addition, this now feels like an appropriate opportunity for me to acknowledge a few unsung heroes, my fellow team members.

Mike King has been an affable and supportive chairman, with an aptitude for taking on both practical and diplomatic tasks, and a sharp sense of humour. **Joe Hancox** has been a first-class Treasurer, who has brought great clarity and detail to the accounting. This has ensured the viability of the premises and a sound platform for moving forward. And finally, **Philippa Brett**, our Secretary, has been a tower of strength, working tirelessly, selflessly and showing great leadership. Her dedication to the role has been invaluable. Pip has always focused on getting to the heart of the matter in any given situation, finding solutions, keeping comprehensive records, and taking a positive, innovative approach.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve with them all. As I write, the appointment process is in full swing. We are confident that a new board will soon be in place. It will just remain, then, to hand over the keys and the documentation to the new team. No doubt the incoming trustees will introduce themselves in the next edition. We wish them every success in their roles.

The Village Hall and Playing Field are wonderful assets and the people of Fivehead deserve the best possible facilities. We look forward to expectations being met and services continuing to be delivered on this remit, with many more happy times to come.

Eddie Hewitt, Outgoing Trustee

100 Club

Please note: The 100 Club will continue to operate during the current transition stage of the Fivehead Village Hall and Playing Field. Subscriptions for 2027 are due before the end of December and will remain at £35 per ticket. The allocated numbers for current members wishing to renew will stay the same.

Fivehead Rights of Way

Fivehead Footpaths - October 2026

Well, Fivehead seems to be in the news yet again! The Footpath Team, 15 people who help maintain your footpaths and bridleways, has been nominated for Somerset County Chair's Award for Services to the Community. Wow, what a surprise! The Awards take place in mid-October so we will have to let you know how we got on in the December Newsletter.



It's been a busy time since I last wrote. The dry summer has created more problems than I care to think of. Fingerposts have loosened in the ground and rotted off; trees have come down in a couple of places and a couple of our ditch bridges have also decayed in the dry weather.

A huge tree came down across the footpath that runs parallel to South Drove on West Sedgemoor. Our landowner over there struggled to get this tree sorted during the heatwaves, but was hoping to at least cut it through so the footpath becomes clear again. Not an easy task and his gate was crushed at the same time.

Sadly the two plank bridge over the ditch on the popular path that leads from Cemetery Hill towards the River Five has still not been repaired. Please take extra care when using this bridge.



The great news for the village is that the Footpath Team is being joined once a month with people who are Fivehead Fixers. We have been going out on the last Friday of the month since July to tackle jobs that would ordinarily take one volunteer ages to complete. The picture above left shows us tackling the bridge on the footpath that goes to Green Lane. Thank you to the Fixers. What a great team you are and a real help to us usual footpath volunteers.

If anyone would like to join the Footpath Team, or the monthly get together (the last Friday of each month for about 1-2 hours depending on numbers and work), please contact marybraddock@btinternet.com for more details.

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Fivehead Fellowship Club

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Out and about in August and September



August is usually a quiet month for the Fellowship, but this year saw two separate member groups visit Hinkley Point 'C' Nuclear Power Station, currently the largest construction site in Europe. The official tours started off with a visit to the Hinkley Point Visitor Centre at Cannington Court. Here our members were given a detailed insight into how the nuclear plant will operate and how the existing A and B plants are currently being decommissioned. From here the coach headed north to the site. Instead of the expected brief, distant views of the site that many expected, we travelled slowly around the whole site, even stopping to allow members to get out and marvel at 'Big Carl', the world's largest land-based crane, with a capacity of 5000 tonnes. The excellent and very knowledgeable couriers made the tours all the more enjoyable, explaining in detail what each area and building was. Two very memorable days.

Historic Shaftsbury

The annual coach trip saw 45 members and friends visit the historic market town of Shaftsbury. This Dorset hilltop town is famous for its steep cobbled street, Gold Hill, used in the iconic Hovis television advert, and its beautiful Abbey founded in 888AD by King Alfred the Great. Despite the inclement weather, Gold Hill was conquered by a brave few. Others visited the Abbey and Museum and the coffee shops did well. The sun finally came out 'en route' to the lunch break at The Virginia Ash at Henstridge, where the venue put on a wonderful two course lunch. As usual, Bakers ensured the coach travel was enjoyable and very comfortable.

Still to come in 2026.....

Tuesday 13th October – A whimsical look at our favourite Nursery Rhymes – Brian Wright

Fivehead Village Hall – doors open at 2-15 pm

Local historian, Brian Wright will put a different slant on the meaning of these bedtime favourites

Tuesday 10th November – Ideas for Xmas, *plus a cake raffle* – Wendy Briggs

Fivehead Village Hall – doors open at 2-15 pm

This will be a special 'Wendy Briggs' demonstration, worthy of the Great British Bake-Off

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Lunch – The Lamb and Lion, Hambridge

Christmas jumpers are a joyful option

Looking forward to 2027.....

Tuesday 12th January – A talk by Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – details to follow

The 2027 AGM will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th February at 2-30 pm

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

UNITED BENEFICE OF CURRY RIVEL, FIVEHEAD AND SWELL

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Do the Bible and Science contradict each other?

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

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future. Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation. So, the question to ask, if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of Science.

It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sort of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the world in ways we would recognise as scientific. Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the seasons, the behaviour of physical objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically using the tools of Science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because Science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about Science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to draw others into a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Welcome to our Benefice.

Below are the services and other gatherings for October and November 2026.

For more information, please contact our Associate Minister

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

Planned Services & Events for October 2026

Sunday 4th	* 10.00am. Parish Harvest Communion Service (CW) + refreshments ^ 6.00pm. Harvest Songs of Praise. Wine & Cheese afterwards	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Saturday 10th	3.30pm—5.00pm. Messy Church. Old School Room (note earlier finish)	Curry Rivel
Sunday 11th	9.30am BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am. Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 12.15pm for 12.30pm. Fivehead & Swell Harvest Lunch. Village Hall	Swell Curry Rivel Fivehead
Tuesday 13th	10.00am - 12.00 noon. Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 18th	9.30am. A Service of Morning Worship 10.30am. All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 25th	9.30am. Parish Communion (CW) + refreshments 11.00am. Morning Worship + refreshments 6.00pm. Prayer Book Evensong (BCP) & Blessing of Pets	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

Planned Services & Events for November 2026

Sunday 1st	10.00am. Parish Communion Service (CW) + refreshments 6.00pm. United Benefice All Souls Evening Prayer (CW)	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Saturday 7th	10.00am. 12.30pm. Autumn Fayre, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Sunday 8th	9.30am - Remembrance Sunday BCP Communion Service 10.30am. Remembrance Sunday Service with Fivehead Baptists 10.50am. Remembrance Sunday Service followed by short Ceremony at the Village War Memorial	Swell Fivehead Curry Rivel
Tuesday 10th	10.00am - 12.00 noon Craft & Coffee, Old School Room	Curry Rivel
Saturday 14th	12.00 noon - 1.30pm. Soup & Pud 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Messy Church. Old School Room (note earlier finish)	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Sunday 15th	9.30am. A Service of Morning Worship 10.30am. All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments	Fivehead Curry Rivel
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm - 9.00pm. Open meeting with Bishop Fiona Gibbs (Bishop of Taunton) visiting Ivelchester Deanery Edgar Hall	Somerton
Sunday 22nd	9.30am. Parish Communion (CW) + refreshments 11.00am. A Service of Morning Worship + refreshments 6.00pm. Patronal Festival Evensong (BCP)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell
Sunday 29th	First Sunday of Advent 10.30am. Joint extended United Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	Curry Rivel

- *Donations of food at this service will be taken to ARC Taunton Homeless & the collection will be for The Farming Community Network*

^ *Donations of food at this service will be given to the local Food Bank*

Important Notice from the Village Hall & Playing Field

**FIVEHEAD VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (CIO)
NOTICE OF MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the next meeting
of the CIO Trustees to be held at the Village Hall at:
7pm on Wednesday 7th October 2026

There are two items on the Trustees' Agenda:

Item 1: To appoint new Trustees

Item 2: To formally record the resignations of the retiring Trustees:
Mike King, Joe Hancox and Eddie Hewitt



Exciting new shows scheduled for 2027 include **Billy Elliot & Priscilla Queen of the Desert**.

To view the full list, please visit the website link below

Back to the Future:	Wed 14 th Oct 26	£52/£67	17:00 pm
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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CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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'Caring, Curious and Confident'

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No Report from the School

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Rev. Matthew Cottington

Thoughts from The Manse

Fivehead Baptist Church

Life is often likened to a journey.

It's a helpful picture because it's obviously true. We are not the same as we once were. We do not think exactly how we once did. We find ourselves in new places, experiencing new things, learning and growing as we go. Sometimes the pathway is difficult and painful. Other times it's exciting and fun. But through it all, the journey shapes us and makes us who we are. Tomorrow we may find ourselves stepping out into a new chapter on the journey.

The Bible itself often describes life as a journey. One of the main themes of the Christian faith is the idea of us being on a journey from captivity to freedom, from darkness to light, from being lost to finding our way. It's sometimes even described as a journey from death to life.

One of the ways Jesus talked about Christian faith was with the simple invitation: "Follow me". We can walk with Jesus.

On one occasion we're told a disciple of Jesus said to him: "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" To which Jesus replied: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Sometimes we may not know what's ahead. Christianity is not so much having all the answers about the future as having someone to trust along the way. Jesus invites us to trust him as we walk life's journey. He is the "way" we can follow, bringing us truth and life as we do so.

Life need not be a journey taken by ourselves. We don't have to walk in the dark. Faith is the decision to walk life's road with Jesus as our guide.

Rev. Matt Cottington.

Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? We are currently running an Alpha Course at Fivehead Baptist Church. Alpha is an experience that unpacks the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. It's for anyone who's curious, no matter their beliefs or background. No pressure. No strings. Just space for food, interesting talks and open conversations. Email us for more details.

Email: office@fiveheadbaptist.co.uk

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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. A way of giving back to the community. 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.

Thank you to all our volunteers and visitors for your ongoing support of The Stable café. Summer has been busy and fun. The café continues to be a thriving place for friendship, food and great coffee...

But did you know The Stable is not just a café? It's also a hub for the local community. One of the ways we encourage community activity is through the display and sale of local crafts and produce. There are currently a wide range of things available, all locally produced: honey, apple juice, marmalades, pottery, cards, paintings, crochet, sewing and woodwork. Everything is made by local people and shows the huge amount of talent in our local area. With Christmas rapidly approaching there are some great gift ideas if you'd like to give something a bit more unique and special. Pop in and have a browse.

Youth Café is back after the summer break, offering a safe space for youngsters aged 11-19 to enjoy the café to themselves. They meet on Thursday nights at 7:30pm.

As always, we welcome new volunteers if you'd like to join the team. Thank you.

The Stable Opening Times Wednesdays 14:00 - 16:30, Thursdays 10:00 - 16:30 (Youth Café 19:30 – 21:00 during term-time) Fridays 10:00 - 16:30, Saturdays 10:00 – 13:00

First Sunday of Each Month 10:00 – 12 noon

Fivehead Drama Group

It's Panto time again and preparations are under way for the Drama Group's annual Panto in 2027. Next year's production will be the old favourite 'Jack and the Beanstalk', (think giant and pantomime cow) with performances on Friday January 29th (evening) and Saturday 30th (matinee and evening), 2027. Rehearsals (normally Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall) start in earnest mid-October, with tickets going on sale in November at the Stable Café, Premier Stores and Crown Inn. Make sure you get yours in time.

Can you help?

Casting is almost complete, but we still need actors, male or female, for the comedy duo. This is quite a busy part and anyone interested should get in touch via the email below. We are also always looking for volunteers for stage building, sound and light, backstage and front of house duties!

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October 10th - George Evans.

November 14th - Irish Music with 'Tor'

December 12th - The Farey Family

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Diary of Events

Day/Date	Time	Description	Where
Wednesday 7 th October	7.00 pm	Village Hall and Playing Field Public Meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th October	12.15 for 12.30 pm	Harvest Lunch	Village Hall
Thursday 22 nd October	12.00 noon	CFGs Chairman's Outing	Stover GC
Sunday 8 th November	10.30 am	Joint Remembrance Services	FH Baptist St Martin's
Saturday 14 th November	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Soup and Pud	St Martin's
Sunday 22 nd November		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Usually 1 st Monday Monthly	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The August event was of course our 31st year Charity Day held at **Long Sutton GC** and was a very enjoyable and successful day, raising **£1613** to which will be added our usual blobs and donations at the monthly events. The fund at the end of September stands at **£2080.03**. The winners were: Individual. W Allen **41pts**, 2nd. G Dight **38pts**, 3rd. N Aires **36pts**. Best Lady Golfer E Arundel **34pts**. Team Competition: Winners: I Moses/ J Pattison/ W Allen/H McQuire **93pts**. Runners up: D Bremner/ E Boyce/ S Howell/ M Dukes **87pts** on countback. Spot Prizes: Best out M Evans **20pts**, Best in N Fisher **20pts**. Longest Drive Men (10th) D Bremner. Longest Drive Ladies (16th) M Marshall. Nearest the pin (12th) T Marshall (17th) J Pattison. Nearest the pin in 2 (5th) R Symes. (15th) C Mileham. 2's W Allen (12th & 14th) N Fisher (14th).

Wednesday 9th September event was at **Yeovil GC** and the successful golfers were: 1st. M Poole **38pts on** countback. 2nd. E Boyce **38pts**. 3rd. M Bradford **37pts**. Best out P Dibble **21pts**. Best in N Aires **18pts**. Longest Drive(11th) P Dibble, (16th) A Stanton. Nearest the pin (10th) M Bradford (13th) P Dibble. Nearest the pin in 2 (4th) D Baker (18th) D Baker. 2's M Bradford & P Dibble. £38.50 was raised in Blobs

Our next and final event of the season is The Chairman's Day at **Stover GC** on **22nd October**.

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Contact details: gary.smith555@btinternet.com

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