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Curry Mallet Primary School Summer Ball

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Christmas Tree Festival

Back by popular demand at St. Martin's Church Saturday 15th December & Sunday 16th December carol Service by Christmas Tree lights on 16th December more details in Oct.

(Participating groups will be contacted soon)

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Fivehead Village Summer Celebration Saturday 14 July

The weather was kind to us and our bravery in persisting with a celebration of the “summer” so far was justified by events. All reports indicate that a good time was had by all. The afternoon offered a variety of attractions. The W.I. Flower & Craft Show had an increased numbers of entries and visitors. The village groups all did well with their stalls. The games and competitions provided a lot of fun and the Bar and Bar-B-Q were well supported at all times. The cricket match proved to be a popular entertainment for participants and observers. Congratulations to both teams. Attendance at the evening Hog Roast and Live Music event was slightly down on last year. However the Band were as entertaining as ever so everyone present had a great evening. Thanks are due to our Sponsors; Greenshutters Nurseries & Plant Centre, Matravers Engineering and Sedgemoor Game Farm, plus other anonymous donators and local businesses that provided raffle prizes. Special thanks to all those who worked so hard, in the weeks leading up to the event, and on the day. They gave the village groups the opportunity to raise some funds while providing fun on the field and entertainment for all. Finally thanks to all those who joined the fun on the day. If you have any comments about the day or suggestions for any future event please let your group representative have them or give me or Frank Doggett (281549) a ring.

Ann Whittle (Tel:281892) for Joint Organising Group.

Village Hall Fund Raising Group

Along with other village groups we will be assessing the results of the Summer Celebration. When all the bills are in we will be able to judge how successful we were in raising funds. Now the Summer event is over we can start drawing up a programme of events for the Autumn and Winter. We hope to publish details in the next newsletter. We need more people to help with our fund raising and to provide us with some new ideas. Do consider joining our informal group or running a small event on our behalf. You might hold a coffee morning or a bring and eat buffet perhaps. Please give us a ring .

Ann Whittle (281892)

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RSPB News - Summer 2007

At the beginning of April, the West Sedgemoor and Greylake teams were amalgamated with Harry (Site Manager), Damon (Warden), Becky (Assistant Warden), Steve (Senior Estate Worker), Trish (Office Administrator) and all the fabulous residential volunteers working as one big integrated team with their skills deployed at both reserves as priorities see fit.

WEST SEDGEMOOR: The new disabled access path in Swell Wood, has received lots of good feedback from recent visitors, so has been all the more rewarding in its completion! There is now one section left to complete, from the visitor car park to the Heronry Hide, which is planned for completion over the summer months.

Birds The heronry census produced encouraging results for our grey heron population - 104 nests were occupied. The wing tagged heron, marked BX, returned to nest again this year, in exactly the same nest as last year, and again raising three young. Little egret numbers appear to be increasing too, with 9 nests occupied this year. At least two territories of spotted flycatcher were recorded during woodland point counts. There were also three casual records of lesser spotted woodpecker in Swell Wood. Wader surveys were conducted and produced a mix of disappointing and encouraging results. An amazing 27 pairs of curlew (a reserve record) and 39 pairs of snipe bred with 7 pairs of redshank and a very miserable two pairs of lapwing. Broods of curlew and redshank have been evident in recent weeks. Yellow wagtails have faired very well this year with 27 territories held – another reserve record. Water vole surveys provided evidence of their presence on 85% of ditches surveyed in May. Water voles have been seen at various locations across the reserve as casual records during spring and early summer. Scarce chasers were recorded this year for the first time – and interestingly, also picked up on nearby moors – perhaps this rare dragonfly species is spreading? upright support for the footings of the boardwalk should help us to meet the 1st anniversary deadline of 15th September this year. A new cattle pen is under construction at the far end of the reserve to ease cattle management and a contractors are also constructing a quad-bike bridge which will enable access to the far end of the reserve from neighbouring land on Moorlinch.

Birds Intensive monitoring of lapwing nests found a total of 33 nests this year. However, productivity was low, as revealed by nest cameras which recorded foxes taking eggs at 13 nests and many more nests were predated but not caught on camera. A fox exclusion fence is planned for next year to try to improve the situation for the next breeding season. Results of the wader surveys included a fantastic five pairs of snipe (a reserve record), 10 pairs of redshank, one pair of curlew and 11 yellow wagtail territories. Both shoveler and garganey were present during wader surveys, so probable breeding success there too. All in all, predator issues aside, things are looking really good at the reserve, and as the swamp/fen and wet grassland habitats continue to develop bird numbers should continue to respond.

Other wildlife Nearly 200 feeding signs were found during the May watervole survey, compared with 25 feeding signs found on the last survey done during May in 2004 – quite an increase! Stoats are still a regular sight on the boardwalk and during the spring there were a number of sightings of grass snakes in the car park. Surveys of a variety of botanical communities were carried out in June and July to monitor change in the swamp fen and wet grassland areas.

Becky Thorpe, Assistant Warden, West Sedgemoor and Greylake Reserves.

Fivehead Fellowship & Leisure Club

Tuesday June 5th -Members gathered together for a talk on Organic Gardening by Mr Ted Pitman who unfortunately was booked for last year but owing to illness was unable to come. This was a somewhat amusing talk, which involved Audience participation due to our Talker forgetting the names of various flowers and having to be prompted from the floor. Information given by him covered advice on Composting, Pests & Slugs, Root Crops, Collecting seeds, and Saving water, which was most interesting for us Gardeners.

Mr Pitman was enthusiastic in everything organic in the garden, having a small holding for many years. We were then treated to a slide show of examples including the linking up of large plastic drums together to collect water for his garden, and the making of vegetable plots. Much laughter exploded when one of his slides on Indians collecting crops, was the wrong way up in the projector, showing Peasants in a vertical position as if on a Mountain slope. A most likeable Person, who also had done great work for Charity, once rowing a tiny Coracle down the Bridgwater Canal to raise money. The Members greeted the end of his Talk with much clapping showing our appreciation of his visit to our Club.

Tuesday July 3rd On a very stormy and rainy morning Members left Fivehead for our Annual Full Day Outing to Exeter including a Boat trip to Topsham. The rain on the Motorway was torrential, but happily the further West we went the better it got, arriving at Exeter Quay with heavy grey clouds and overcast but dry. After a brief stay, a Representative from the Tourist Information Centre joined the Coach and then gave us a Tour around Exeter with our excellent Coach Driver Chris manipulating his vehicle around narrow roads including the Campus of the University, Then back to Exeter centre to walk with our Lady Representative around the Norman Cathedral and precincts afterwards given time ourselves to look at the Shops and interesting Buildings of Exeter. Returning to the Coach a short journey to the waterside of Exmouth, and then a Boat Trip down the Estuary towards Topsham viewing the wildlife and Boats including the modern Lifeboat for Exmouth donated by the City of Birmingham. All to soon it was back to the Coach with the added bonus of a journey in the closing sunset over the Blackdown Hills. A great day out thanks to our Club trip Organisers Jean & John Taylor.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary: - Trip to Butcombe Brewery 11th October
Trip to Plymouth 20th November Xmas shopping

Reminder. Change in Subscription, from £2 per annum to new rate £5 per annum from renewal December 2007 at AGM.

Fivehead Village Hall – MONDAYS 2PM TO 3 PM

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AFTER SUMMER RECESS STARTS 3RD SEPTEMBER

RSPB please book in your diaries: the **Greylake Reserve** 1st anniversary and wetland discovery day on **15th september** from **10am to 3pm**. There will be bug hunts, pond dipping, a wildlife safari quiz and you can try your hand at reed planting. wildlife experts will be on hand! (for those that don't know, the reserve is on the A361 between Othery and Greinton.) Please e-mail west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk or phone the reserve office on 01458 252805 if You need any More information Or visit www.rspb.org.uk/Reserves/Greylake for directions.

Fivehead Baptist Church

As I write this, the most reliable yearly summer event has just happened. No not the fact that it rained at Glastonbury, although that could be it. Tim Henman has just gone out of Wimbledon again! I know it may be somewhat of a distant memory now. I know also I shouldn't be surprised; he is near, if not, at the end of his career. But each year it still saddens my heart. Even more so, because a few years back I remember hearing another well-respected tennis champion say the biggest obstacle Tim faces each year is his own lack of belief. He went on to say that most if not all the tennis players are aware that Tim is the best serve and volleyer on grass in the world, the only person not to believe this is Tim! "If he went into each game believing this, he could win Wimbledon." In the bible Jesus once asked a man the same question three times? It was the disciple Peter, and Jesus' question was 'do you love me?' (John 21:15-17.) Obviously Peter said yes the first time, and he got rather upset when Jesus kept repeating the question. His upset was because he thought Jesus didn't believe him. (Yes I know Peter denied Jesus three times earlier, and yes these three affirmations of his love for Jesus are in response to that.) But something deeper was happening. Jesus knew Peter Loved him, but because of his failure Peter was no longer sure. It was Peter who needed to hear it and believe it not Jesus. Encouraged by his self-belief that he loved and was loved by Jesus, Peter was able to become the bedrock of Jesus' Church. Ask yourself the question. Do I love Jesus? Maybe ask yourself three times! If you believed that you love and are loved by Jesus, what could you achieve in your life? Anyone for tennis?

Every blessing, Revd Keith Glover.

Family services are on the 3rd Sunday

Communion Services are on the 4th Sunday

Where there are 5 Sundays, please see the notice board
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Tickets for the Langport & District Group's 'Nearly New Designer Clothes Event' to be held in a stately home near Yeovil, Somerset on November 4th 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Entry is by ticket only, which is priced at £10 and includes a drink and light refreshments. Full details of the venue will be provided with the ticket. Numbers are strictly limited and payments for unsuccessful applications for tickets will be returned if an SAE is enclosed.

The 350 items of lady's fashion are the entire wardrobe of a well-known business lady who died recently, and have been donated by her husband who has requested anonymity. They are all in immaculate condition, sizes 14 to 16 (alterations by Marion Baker of Yeovil are available) and will generally be priced from £10 to £50, with some exceptional items being offered to sealed bids.

The event will also feature many high quality craft stalls and a Casino. Payment for items at the event may be made by cash, credit/debit card or cheque. Applications for tickets should be made to C. J. Cox, 2 Camden Road, Somerton, Somerset TA11 6RN and should include a cheque for £10 per ticket made out to British Red Cross.

The garden of Higher Hurcott House, near Somerton just off the Keinton Mandeville road, on Sunday 9th September from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring a picnic (sit on the lawn or bring your own chair) and enjoy a varied programme of music performed by local amateurs. The garden is very attractive and has good disabled access. Entry is by ticket as numbers are limited, £3.50 (Cheques to British Red Cross) from C.J.Cox, 2 Camden Road, Somerton, TA11 6RN, or (if any tickets remain) £5 at the gate on the day. Tickets will include a drink (tea/coffee/juice) and cake, and should the event have to be cancelled due to the weather will be valid for a re-scheduled event in the Spring.

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The last couple of months have seen quite a lot of work going on quietly behind the scenes. Whether any of it will bear fruit remains to be seen. One can only live in hope. There have been various problems on our roads, largely caused by water, not surprising given the awful weather and the large vehicles used by Wessex Water as workers have struggled over so many months to renew the pipeline. Two Members had a meeting with the Assistant Highway Service Manager. Much was promised. Applications for grant funds have been submitted. If successful these will benefit organisations in the village which work hard to provide facilities and pleasure for young and old.

There has been a request from residents in the Silver Street area that owners keep their dogs on leads as it seems some of the resident cats are having a rough time of it. On the same theme, but not connected, dog walkers are reminded please to keep their dogs on leads on footpaths in fields and to pick up any dog waste deposited on what is in effect a cow or sheep's dinner plate. These ruminants' health can be badly affected by eating contaminated food.

As this is being written the dreadful flooding in Worcestershire is much in the news. Council has been charged with creating an Emergency Plan similar to that which was drawn up about fifteen years ago. If you would like to have input to this new plan or can offer any support in the way of goods or services any councillor would be very pleased to hear from you.

In the latest edition of Thatch, the magazine of the Community Council for Somerset, were many web site addresses for creating low carbon dwellings. The clerk has the details if you require them.

**Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor
Mrs Pat Price, 7 Ganges Close, Fivehead (01460) 281573
by Friday 24th Sept: for distribution early October
The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.
Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.**

Fivehead Drama Group

The Drama Group would like to thank all those involved in the recent production and of course the audience for making last Saturday's Revue a great success. The idea was to give people a good night out and raise funds at the same time to provide the Drama Group, and the village with a stage. To this end we have raised in the region of £250 with one outstanding bill to be paid. We hope you will all support our Pantomime next year which will be held in January, date to be confirmed,

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Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper for the churches of Fivehead, Curry Rivel and Swell will be held on Saturday September 22nd at Fivehead village hall, at 7.00 for 7.30 tickets £7.00 can be obtained from:-

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Playing Field Management Committee

Many thanks to all those who supported our stalls in the afternoon at the Village Summer Event and the evening Hog Roast. Profit raised will be published in the next newsletter once all bills have been accounted for.

Please Note: the date for our Christmas Bingo Saturday 8th December

Tennis Fees: there are still a few members who have not responded, your prompt attention would be appreciated to save the expense of reminders Thank you

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