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Mon 14 May	Chitty Bang Bang	5.20	£39.	28 Feb	8 Mar:	Stalls
			(£32 child/Cons)			
Wed 20 June	Riverdance	5.50	£38	28 Feb:	15 Mar:	Grand Circle
Wed 11 July	Chicago	5.20	£32	21Apr:	9 May	Stalls
Wed 29 Aug	The Producers	5.20	£39	15 June	25 June	Stalls
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Fivehead Village Hall Annual Report

This is a brief report on what we have done in the last year.

First of all I should like to thank our sponsors in 2006, including the Lambert Hut Trustees; Parish Council; Green Shutters Nursery; Bridge Club; Battens Solicitors.

Secondly, I must thank all the Committee Members for their support and hard work throughout the year - and last but not least I should like to thank our user groups and their valiant cleaning teams, without whom the Village Hall could not run.

2006 was our first full year of running this hall and my first year as chairperson. It was bound to have its difficulties . The problems that we have encountered and had to deal with were three-fold. One - snagging. Here there were some major problems for example with the roof. The stainless steel ridge has proved very unsatisfactory as we feared and the contractors will be replacing it with conventional ridging tiles as soon as the weather permits. Two - Vandalism has also been a problem from the outset and continues as one. For example the car park lighting was destroyed; a window broken; fittings from downpipes removed; the car park notices have had to be repaired twice and now the gate into the under fives play area has been wrecked again. We need everyone's help please to counteract this.

Three - Finance - We have had to find extra monies to meet extra costs in order to reach a final settlement with the contractors.

On the positive side, our main task this year has been to build up bookings and we now have a busy hall which is an achievement. We acquired Badminton equipment and started off with a staged event . Badminton is proving popular.

We have put on various events to provide community activities as well as fundraise. Here I must thank our special fund-raising group including Linda Trott; Marion Vile and Kate Shakspeare for their tremendous efforts on our behalf.

The Joint Event last July was a great success. We are running it again this year and hope that more groups and individuals will participate to make it an even greater success. People who are willing to participate are asked to please attend a meeting on February 21st in the Village Hall.

We are now almost at the end of the snagging and are looking forward to a more settled year.

We applied to South Somerset District Council for help to replace the car park lighting and have been awarded a Community Safety Grant. The lighting should be installed within the next two months.

We are also hoping to address the Village Hall surroundings this year and have applied for a grant for plants etc.. Several volunteers have already kindly assisted us in this project so far. However, we do need people to join our working parties to weed , clear and plant the banks etc. and then maintain them.. If you are willing to help, please give your names to our secretary Richard Hadfield. Whilst on names - if there are any young people over 16 who would like to attend some of our meetings will you also give your names to Richard Hadfield and he can then notify you when meetings are taking place.

Finally, may I say that as a committee, our job is to provide and maintain the hall as an amenity for the village . We are happy to organise some events and we wish the hall to be the centre for a variety of activities BUT it is for other people in the community to get together to organise specific leisure, sporting or special interest groups.

I wish everyone Happy Use of the Hall in 2007.

RSPB News - February 2007

Further improvements, to make the woodland trail at Swell Wood more accessible for less able visitors and wheelchair users, have commenced. There is a new surface and the path is now slightly wider with 'tramlines' either side, on the first section completed. In the next few months, the improved path will be extended up to the viewpoint in Swell Wood. We are in the process of adding a replacement ramp to the Heronry hide, with a small platform to enable wheelchair users to access the hide unaided. Many thanks to Bob and Denise Chamings, from Crewkerne Local Group, for taking the time to test out the first section of the improved path and providing us with some useful feedback about it and also other hints and tips on visitor access for wheelchair users.

Some birds have started to act like spring is here in January! I have heard goldcrests, wrens and song thrushes in full song and great spotted woodpeckers drilling on trees – all in the first week of a very mild January. I've also seen a pair of stock doves mating, but a lot of the pigeon/dove family are known to breed at any time of the year. The reason for this is that pigeons do not have to rely on a source of insects to feed their young. Parent birds feed their newly hatched young (squabs) on 'crop milk' produced in the parent birds' crop. (Rock Doves, Feral Pigeons, Stock Doves, Wood Pigeons, Collared Doves and Turtle Doves all produce crop milk.) The squabs feed by reaching into the adults' mouths. Parent birds can feed their young in this way for up to 10 days. After this, they feed the young on leaves, buds, seeds and berries specialising in clover, ash and ivy, in particular or insects if they are abundant. Young are able to fly after 5 weeks. Adults can have 2-3 broods each year. Woodpigeons are particularly successful breeders and are a common bird in woodlands, parks and gardens. Find out more about birds and wildlife on our spring and summer walks!

April Saturday 7th Dawn Chorus, 7th – 14th Aren't Birds Brilliant Heronry Week, Friday 20th Snipe Walk, Saturday 21st Bluebells and Birdsong Walk, Friday 27th Snipe Walk, Saturday 28th Snipe Walk.

May Friday 4th Nightingale Walk, Friday 11th Nightingale Walk, Saturday 12th Nightingale Walk, Friday 18th Nightingale Walk, Sunday 20th Dawn Chorus.

June Sunday 10th Wildflower Walks.

July Saturday 14th Dragonfly and Damselfly Walk.

Please phone the reserve office to book on 01458 252805.

Fivehead United F.C.

Here is the league table at the time of going to press 15th January.

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Fivehead Utd.	13	9	2	2	24	29
2	Chard Town Colts	11	9	0	2	43	27
3	Ilminster Colts	10	7	1	2	12	22
4	Perry Street Reserves	10	6	1	3	17	19
5	White Horse Reserves	8	5	2	1	24	17
6	Shepton Reserves	8	4	0	4	-1	12
7	Combe B	11	4	0	7	-11	12
8	Barrington Reserves	10	4	0	6	-28	12
9	Hinton St George Reserves	12	2	0	10	-32	6
10	Chard Rangers Reserves	11	1	0	10	-22	3
11	Lyme Bantams	6	1	0	5	-26	3

As you can see we have had a good start to the season. All up coming fixtures are posted on the village Web Site as some fixture can be changed at the last moment. If you do not have a computer and would like to know where they are playing please contact me and I will be able to tell you where they are.

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or telephone Andrew Barrett 01460 281520

Fivehead Baptist Church

By the time you are reading this, Christmas and the New Year will be just a distant memory. A high proportion of New Years resolutions will have been broken and several diets started and finished!

It's never too late to make a fresh start! It might be February now, but Jesus doesn't mind what month it is! Why not try and decide to find out more about Jesus this year? Spend some time getting to know him and what he has done for us all. How different will it be for you?....celebrating the real reason for the coming Christmas!

We are starting a new youth group on a Thursday evening for children aged 9yrs and upwards. They will be meeting at the Baptist Chapel between 6.30 and 7.30pm. The older young folk (13 to 18yrs) continue to meet from 7.30 till 9pm. All people between these ages are most welcome.

Family Services are on the 3rd Sunday

Communion Services are on the 4th Sunday

**Where there are 5 Sundays, please see the notice board for details
or call Keith on 01460 281910**

All Services start at 10.30am. Please join us, you will be very welcome!

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Dates: Feb: 6, 27, March: 20,
Orchard Rise.....9.40 - 09.55
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Mrs Marina Saint wishes to thank all the kind friends who gave items for her Tombola and Raffle Stall and supported it at the Christmas Fair. The total raised was £203 and a further £80 was donated from the W.I group Carol Service.

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Fivehead Fellowship Club

In Memoriam

Suddenly and peacefully on 27th November 2006 our Chairman Dr. Paul Northcott Aged 79 years sadly passed away at his Home in Fivehead. He had been one of the earliest Club Members, and held the Office of Chairman for over four years. During that time He had managed the Club with great ability, devoting personal time and effort to its smooth running. He will be greatly missed not only by his Family, but also by the Members of our Club.

Tuesday December 5th. The Annual General Meeting took place in the Village Hall Chaired by our Vice-Chairman Cdr J.R. Hoover. Some 34 Members were present to hear the report of the Clubs activities during the year

Voting then took place for the Officers and Committee. Because of the vacancy of Chairman, we were able at the meeting to welcome and introduce to the Club Mr Hamish Biggar, who has kindly volunteered to take on the position of Chairman of the Club. He was duly elected to this post by the usual show of hands and we wish him well. The remaining Officers & Committee again offered their services and were elected en bloc.

Mrs Maisey reported the success of the Village Xmas Stall by the Club, which raised £56 this year from gifts donated from Members. Our Hon.Treasurer Mr R Jackson advised that the Clubs finances were in good health, but a possibility that the Subscription may have to be raised to accommodate the extra costs of Insurance.

A member then rose to thank everybody who gave their time to make the Club its success which was applauded by the Meeting, which then closed being followed by the Raffle.

Wednesday December 13th. One of the Club's most popular events The Xmas Lunch, took place at the usual venue at the Langport Arms Hotel which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The food and service were up to their usual high standard.

Notice Board

The Coach for the Exeter Ice Show will be departing from St Martin's Close on Wednesday 21st February at 11.30am.

**Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor
Mrs Pat Price, 7 Ganges Close, Fivehead (01460) 281573
by Monday 19th March for distribution early April
The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.
Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.**

Parish Council

Local elections take place this May and Council would dearly love to see the first election in Fivehead for many, many years because in an ideal world the people who serve on a parish council are elected. This can only happen if sufficient people want to be councillors, in our case that means more than seven of you apply for the seven positions which will become vacant this May when local elections take place. If insufficient people stand then council will automatically consist of those who offer their services, unless there is a reason why they should be barred from holding office. Any person living within the parish aged over eighteen or having a business here can stand. A younger person would be particularly welcome. Youth councils are a popular concept and could well be considered if there were sufficient interest from our young people. Look out for notices and events explaining about parish councils, councillors, their work and the election timetable. The clerk will be only too pleased to supply explanatory literature and chat about what's involved.

A parish council is the lowest tier of government. That means it is closest to the people and as such should be in the best position to know what is needed on the ground, where problems lie and be the easiest route for an individual to raise an issue affecting their environment. Sometimes Council can take unilateral action to address a problem but often negotiations take place with some other body and Council works in a partnership.

Something which has become apparent as the Parish Plan results continue to be scrutinised is that some of you have little idea what a Parish Council is for and what it can do. Many of the items identified as desirable are also those on which Council continues to work but unfortunately life is rarely straightforward and achieving results is often not as instant as we would wish.

The months ahead should be particularly interesting as now there is this definitive list of what the village would like to see happen. It is planned to use this newsletter as a vehicle to explain what Council has the powers to do. In the meanwhile please be aware you are all most welcome to come any Council meeting. They are usually held on the first Monday of the month (second in February!) at the village hall at 8.00pm. If you have an item to raise this can be done at 8pm and you can leave or you are most welcome to stay on. Draft minutes and agenda are always posted on our two notice boards, at the War Memorial Green and at the Old Rectory, Swell. We look forward to seeing and or hearing from you.

Over the last few months there have been several instances of vandalism, namely to the external lights at the village hall and to the Christmas tree at the church. Obviously vandalism causes the village organisations problems with needless additional expense but just as importantly it creates an atmosphere of negativity for those who work so hard to provide pleasure and service for all. Please do what you can to prevent any vandalism in our village.

Organixc Vegetables

Fivehead Village Summer Celebration 2007

Since the successful celebration on 22 July last year we have received many requests for a similar event this year. We have decided to stage this on **14 July 2007**.

While everyone enjoyed last year there was general agreement that more events are needed on the field during the afternoon. People would like to see more stalls, more competitions, more, more, more!! We would like this too **BUT** we need the involvement of the whole village if this is going to happen.

We are holding our first planning meeting on **21 February**, from **8.00pm** in the Village Hall. Please join us to discuss how to make the next **Summer Celebration** a great day for everyone.

Perhaps you would like to run a stall, to raise funds for your group or a charity, you might be prepared to supervise a fun game (wellie throwing?) or join our merry band of helpers. We need help with planning and organising and we need many willing helpers on the day.

Please come along on the **21 February**, and have a tea or coffee with us and share your ideas. For any queries, or comments if you cannot come to the meeting telephone us.

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Playing Field Management Committee

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Bingo and made it such a success the profit was £380.00 which will come in very useful with our ongoing projects. Grand Draw Winners were: £50. D. Stevens (Taunton) Hamper R. Chedzoy, Whisky R. Parish, Turkey Fivehead P.O. there were numerous other prizes a list was posted in the Shop and on the Notice Board.

As you can see the fencing is well under way, many thanks to Graham Land, Andy Davey and Andy's ground worker. There will be a new child friendly gate for the play area entrance which will open onto the field by the tennis court for added safety. A Walnut tree will be planted in the corner of the play area to replace the one Reg Yard donated to the Playing Field and was removed when the village hall was built, this one is also from Reg's original tree's.

Please note: The Easter Bingo will be on 31st March
There will again be a Chicken and Egg Theme
We look forward to seeing you all there.