

## **Curry Mallet Primary School Summer Ball**

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Curry Mallet Primary School the school PTFA is throwing a summer ball to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the school. Everyone is welcome and in particular parents, ex pupils and anyone with a connection to the school past or present. All proceeds from the ball will go towards the purchase of books and furniture for the new school library. Tickets are priced at £16.50 to include a delicious supper, drink on arrival and dancing. For further information and tickets please call Emily on 01460 281108. Tickets are also available from Curry Mallet Post Office.

**Curry Mallet Primary School Open Afternoon:** As part of the birthday celebrations the school will be holding an open afternoon on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30pm. We are planning a display of old photographs of the school [if you can help please let us know!], country dancing and cream teas amongst other things.  
All very welcome.

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### **St. Martins Church**

Calling all pre-school children with their Mums ,Dads and Grandparents to  
**PRAYERS AND BEARS**  
a Fun-time with songs, stories , craft, tea, squash and biscuits in St. Martin's Church at 2.00pm on the 2nd Monday in each month (**11th June and 19th July**)

### **MOBILE LIBRARY calls at Fivehead 3 weekly Tuesday**

Dates: June: 12, July: 3, 24,

Orchard Rise.....9.40 - 09.55  
Red Post.....10.00 - 10.10  
Ganges Close.....10.15 - 10.30  
St. Martin's Close.....10.35 - 11.05  
Webbers.....11.10 - 11.25

# **Fivehead Village Newsletter**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Stowey Road.....10.14       | Surgery.....12.05                          |
| Langport Town Hall....10.30 | Langport Shopping Precinct....12.06 approx |
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## Village Hall Fund Raising Group

A sale on our behalf in April raised £109. 50p. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Our May Event, a Treasure Trail followed by “Fun on the Field” had to adapt to cope with the unkind weather. The Trail was undertaken by some eight intrepid, family groups who arrived at the Hall in varying degrees of wetness, from damp around the edges to really, really dripping wet. They found that the Bar-B-Que. had become a Kitchen cook-in, the hot teas and coffees were more attractive than cold beer and the fun on the field had become riotous play in the Hall. Never mind, the Hot dogs were rapidly consumed and everyone had a good time. Thank you everyone who came, and everyone helped, especially Linda Trott, Sue Atwell and Theresa Burge who helped with everything and kept spirits high. We did not raise much money, about £20.00, but we did have a good time.

We will not be staging any more events before the July Summer Celebration on **14 July**. This will see a full day of events, from 2.00pm. onwards. A leaflet enclosed with this Newsletter gives details of what is planned. Please put this date in your diary **NOW**. Watch for posters announcing when tickets for the evening event will go on sale at the Village Shop. (Thanks to Jean and Lynn for this).

If you have any ideas for fund raising or would like to come along to one of our informal, monthly meetings please give me or Kate Shakspeare (281332) a ring.  
Ann Whittle - Fund Raising Chairperson Tel:281892

### Fivehead Drama Group

**HELP: we need a pianist or keyboard player**  
for our SUMMER REVUE on **Saturday 28th July**.

We will be performing **for one night only** (not to be missed). One act play, sketches, music and dance. We look forward to your support - any profit will go towards staging and equipment for our Christmas Pantomime

licensed bar during the evening,

**Please look for notices nearer the time on tickets prices and time.**

## Fivehead Playing Field

The committee are aware of the condition of the tennis court and thank the members for their patience. This is our next project which we now have underway and are committed to completing as soon as possible. We have received quotations to re-fence and re-surface the court and are looking at possible funding options. In the meantime as always we will do our best to keep the court clean and tidy. Shortly we will be clearing the weeds. At our last working party most of the evening was spent fixing the fencing that had been damaged. Renewal forms will be sent out to existing members during the early part of June. Below is a form for any one interested but not yet on our mailing list.

**Subscription: £25.00 Family membership £15.00 Single membership**

Name..... Address..... Tel No:.....

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**list names and Date of Birth: (£5. each child)**

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**Keys (new Members only)** £1.00..(1 key per family)..£.....

Total Payable:-...£.....

**Cheques payable to:** Fivehead Playing Field Management Committee and returned to the Secretary at 7 Ganges Close.

Signed..... Date.....

**Please keep the court tidy by removing old ball canisters and depositing them in the bin in the children's play area also any bottles, sweet and crisps papers Thank-you**

## Fivehead Fellowship & Leisure Club

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> The Meeting opened with Club business, a presentation of a special birthday present from the Club to Mrs Jo Clarke thanking her for all the hard work which she had done for the Club over many Years. The Raffle was drawn, Tea, Coffee and Biscuits were served, followed by a very informative talk with Slides by Mr D Warren. This was on the Somerset World War Two Stop Line. In 1940 the Government of the day drew up plans for the possible Invasion of England by Germany, and decided which areas would be defended to the death. The stop line of defence in the South West would run from the mouth of the River Axe in the South to the mouth of the River Parrot in Bridgwater Bay.

This would consist of some 500 or so concrete pillboxes and gun emplacements placed strategically along Rivers, Canals and Railway lines. Our Lecturer had researched the sites of the pillboxes also locating the local firm in Taunton who had built some in our area. He found that some were even camouflaged to look like Fisherman's Cottages, Railway Huts, Signal Boxes etc., some even to look like Chicken Houses i.e. near Farms to make them less obvious to the Enemy had they ever invaded. The Audience was fascinated by such an unusual hobby, which Mr Warren illustrated with slides, of the pillboxes he had researched. Anyrate let us be thankful they were never required. Two can be seen still to day, close to Fivehead, one at Wrantage, and the other at Ilton. There is the possibility that the remains of the Stop Line may become a Heritage site or listed.

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> The first outing for the year was a half-day excursion to Slimbridge to see the largest collection of Ducks Geese Swans and many other species of wild birds. Founded in 1946 by Sir Peter Scott on the banks of the River Severn, this wild life haven has over three hundred hectares of wild reserve to walk and view. Accessed by a network of level surfaced footpaths with many hides with magnificent views over the Countryside this was an excellent and interesting day blessed with beautiful sunshine. A place to visit again with more time to spend as it was all too soon to rejoin the Coach.



## ***Fivehead Baptist Church***

Mad News...Bad news...Sad news! That's all we seem to hear around us at the moment. We groan inwardly at the injustices of the world- the images of starving children; the sick and lame; the cruelty of some people on to others; the miss use of the planets resources.....We can however, be sure that God groans much deeper than we do! I think it would be impossible to put into words how God's heart feels about his creation and his children.

But in the book of Isaiah, Chapter 41 and verse 10, we read, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." When life seems hard or unfair, and you are confused as to which way to turn, may I be bold and suggest- You Turn to God? He is The Good News! This Good News can change every part of our world if we would but let him.!

### **Please come and find out more –**

Family services are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Communion Services are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Where there are 5 Sundays, please see the notice board or ring Keith on 01460 281190 for details. All services start at 10.30am.

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## ***Restoration of St. Martins Church Bells***

A recent inspection of the 6 bells hanging in St Martin's tower indicated the need for significant restoration work and the wear on the heavier bells has stopped their use. The last major work on the bells and bell frame was carried out in 1909-1910. With an estimated bill of more than £11,000 a number of fund raising events will take place over the coming months to ensure that the bells will be able to ring for weddings and other important village and national occasions for another 100 years. An illustrated commemorative book is being started to record all donations and people will be able to sponsor a particular bell, with their details recorded in copperplate calligraphy. It is also hoped to open the tower to visitors during the summer. For further information or to make a donation to the restoration fund, please contact Maurice Daly or Pauline English.

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## Parish Council

Whilst we were disappointed not to have an election it must show that you are all quite happy with what Council does and hopefully we will be up to full strength next month. The District Council has asked that we appoint a Parish Paths Liaison Officer. Malcolm Cavill has taken this post so he will be your first port of call for any problems with footpaths and bridleways. Self help with secateurs on your regular walks is a good idea for soft side growth. The Clerk is the named Environment Warden so please contact her with problems concerning graffiti, fly tipping dog waste etc. Apparently she will be given a card and a direct number to ring!!

There seems to be some confusion as to what parish councils can and cannot do. As you can imagine there are regulations, called powers, under which action can be taken and money spent. If there is not a specific, numbered power it can be possible to use public money for things but they must be of benefit to the community. It has to be made clear in the minutes that the money is being spent under something called section 137. This was a useful power for councils wanting to celebrate the Golden Jubilee and is used for example for making a donation to a charity which benefits the parish. There is quite rightly a cap on this source of funding, so much per head per person on the electoral role.

It is audit time again and anyone wishing to study the accounts can apply for their own copy from the Clerk at a nominal charge. A notice to this effect is on the Parish Notice Board. Please note Council Meetings are held at the Village Hall at 8pm on the first Monday monthly (second if there is a bank holiday) the only exception may be August if there is no urgent business. Please do come. We will be very pleased to see you. In the meanwhile be aware there have been shed burglaries again in the locality.

**The Community Police will be in the village on June 14th between 1 and 2 pm.**

## Langport & District Red Cross

The Langport & District Red Cross Centre are hoping to hold a Matinee Musicale at Higher Hurcott House on **Sunday 9th September**, but we do need more musicians to provide the music - ideally soloists or small groups. If anyone is interested in putting their talents to good use to raise funds for the Red Cross. Expenses will be paid.

Contact Chris Cox. (address below)

### Latest Shows:

| Date        | Show             | Time# | Cost            | Book By        | Pay by  |
|-------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Wed 11 July | Chicago          | 5:20  | £32             | Pay on booking |         |
| Wed 29 Aug  | The Producers    | 5:20  | £39             | 25 June        | 25 June |
| Sat 29 Sep  | Carmen           | 5:05  | £42             | 14 July        | 14 July |
| Wed 10 Oct  | 42nd Street      | 5:20  | £32             | 15 Aug         | 31 Aug  |
| Wed 17 Oct  | The Snow Queen   | 5:20  | £36             | 15 July        | 25 July |
| Thu 8 Nov   | Cinderella       | 5:05  | £42             | 15 Aug         | 31 Aug  |
| Fri 16 Nov  | The Wizard of Oz | 5:20  | £27 (child £18) | 30 Jun         | 14 July |

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**Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor  
Mrs Pat Price, 7 Ganges Close, Fivehead (01460) 281573  
by Friday 20th July for distribution early August  
The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.  
Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.**

## ***Fivehead Village Hall Management Committee***

The Village Hall is becoming a real centre for the Community. Support for the regular activities continues to grow. Also, more people are using the Hall as a venue for their celebrations as they become aware of our very competitive rates and excellent facilities.

We now have a very smart Village Hall sign, placed above our Front entrance. Our thanks to Maurice Daly for making this and donating it to us. Our thanks also to the User Groups who helped to clean the Hall until this April. We have recruited a cleaner for the Hall now, releasing these volunteers from that duty.

Sadly, vandalism continues at the Hall and on the Playing Field. Recent vandalism by two youths, aimed at the hall and the Playing Field Committee's play area has been reported to the Police. We are liaising with the Community Police about increased security.

Some of you will have noticed a group of our Committee members, plus some welcome volunteers working very hard on your behalf to start on creation of attractive surroundings planned for the hall. The main front bank, between the road and the car park has been cleared and replanted with a variety of shrubs. A very generous donation from a village resident, augmented by a small grant from Wessex Water enabled us to purchase the border edging and the superb plants, the latter greatly subsidised by Greenshutters Nurseries.

The Committee hopes that all the community will enjoy the plants. Please will parents make sure that children and young people do not climb on the banks, for their own safety and for that of the plants which are very vulnerable to damage. Clearing and planting on the other banks will start when volunteers, funds and plants are available. Young people would be very welcome. All helpers will be provided with refreshments. If anyone would like to assist us in any way please contact our Secretary, Richard Hadfield on 01460 281904

### ***Fivehead Web Site***

To access site: [www.fivehead-village.org.uk](http://www.fivehead-village.org.uk)  
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## ***Playing Field Management Committee***

The Playing Field Management Committee would like to thank all those who assisted with our Easter Bingo it was the largest turn out yet 93 people attended on the night and a great time was had by all, with your help we made a profit of £367.08. Thank you once again. We look forward to seeing everyone at our joint venture on July 14th there are lots of activities arranged for the afternoon and a great band in the evening plus a pig roast and licensed Bar.

We had our AGM meeting on Wednesday 30th and again was disappointed with the lack of village support but conclude that maybe we are doing things right. The same committee have agreed to serve another year and were duly elected by representative members.

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