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One For Your Diary

An exciting event is taking place on **Friday 30th November 2007** at the Fivehead Village Hall. Geoffrey Stanford a mountaineer who failed on his first attempt and succeeded on his second to climb Mount Everest has agreed to give an illustrated lecture. He will speak on different aspects of these climbs such as the planning, hazards, the euphoria of reaching the summit the sadness of loss of life etc. He will gladly answer any questions after his presentation. Although the evening has been organised by the Fellowship & Leisure Club it is open to **EVERYONE**. This type of event is normally held at venues such as the Brewhouse theatre by the National Geographic Society mostly to full houses. Being of such high interest it would be advisable to purchase tickets at the earliest opportunity. The doors will open at 7.15 for 7.45pm Early arrivals will have the opportunity to have a pre-lecture drink the bar being open for light alcoholic refreshments.

**Tickets from Hamish Biggar on 281517, John Taylor 281424
or Fivehead Village Shop.**

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Dates: Oct: 16, Nov: 13, Dec: 4,

Orchard Rise.....9.40 - 09.55
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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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Fivehead Village Hall Fund Raising Group

We are planning now for events from Autumn 2007 until early Summer 2008. Our aim is to provide a varied programme of events that will help our fund raising and provide entertainment for all. We look forward to your continued support and hope our programme pleases. If you are interested in hearing more about our plans or have ideas to contribute we would be pleased to see you at our next meeting on 3rd October - 7.00pm. at the Hall.

Dates for your Diaries:

2 November 7.30 - 11.00pm. Sausage Supper & Quiz Night
Teams of up to 6 - £5.50 per head **BOOK NOW.**

1 December 2.00 - 4.30pm. Christmas Fair
For information or to book a stall - Contact on numbers shown below.

2008

20 February 7.30 - 11.00pm. The Polish Play
An Evening of Family Entertainment - for the whole family, with Refreshments & Bar. Watch for posters.

June Open Gardens Day

Date & details to be decided: We need to hear from any one who would like to open their garden, who has ideas to offer or will help. We must start organising now. This was a very successful event last time so let us try and do even better in 2008. CONTACT Ann or Jo - numbers shown below.

Contacts: Quiz Night - Kate Shakspeare (281332)

All others; Kate or Ann Whittle (281892) or Jo Clarke (281218).

100 CLUB Winners

July: - 1st H. Driffield - 2nd B.Husain - 3rd M.Tennant - 4th F.Doggett.
August: - 1st J. Swinburne - 2nd M. Cavill - 3rd J. Clarke - 4th M. Tennant

Membership - New & Renewals for 2008 will start from the end of this October.

Ann Whittle - Fund Raising Chairperson

Fivehead Fellowship & Leisure Club

August No Meeting

Tuesday September 4th An audience of 45 Members, gathered together to listen to a talk given by Mr F Collins entitled "Happy days as an Exmoor National Park Ranger". In 1974, we learnt that with no experience whatsoever, he saw an advert in a newspaper for the vacancy and with no knowledge of the job he applied from working in Industry. To his surprise he was appointed to the position.

It transpired later that he found that some 300 other People had also applied!. Upon arriving to start work, he was overwhelmed with astonishment to be told that he was to look after as a Ranger, no less than 60 square miles. With nowhere to live he started by hunting for somewhere which was even in those days difficult, as Exmoor was a very desirable place to live, but was fortunate to be then offered for 6 months temporarily, a local Exmoor House which was vacant. A good start to the job! Not knowing how to get going as a Ranger he thought it wise to commence talking to Schools, speaking to Children about the beauty, environment, and care of this lovely area, This subsequently developed further by taking older children to help dig out ditches, pruning etc., so they developed an interest themselves in the Countryside.

From this early beginning Mr Collins himself learnt quickly about Exmoor and the problems. and how to deal with them. Ranging from Visiting Tourists getting lost on the Moors, extreme Winter conditions, keeping harmony with local people and Farmers, even looking after Film Units using Exmoor as locations, meeting famous people visiting, checking wildlife habitats, etc., all on top of his usual work of looking after daily the surrounding Countryside.

Many amusing anecdotes and stories were told which gave Members an insight of what the job entailed. This was a tough job especially in the cold and dark winter months but as he told us, a very satisfying place to work. After 27 years Mr Collins eventually retired, but continued by lecturing about Exmoor and the area, involving some hundred of talks to Schools and Clubs.

Following the talk Members, enjoyed Tea & Biscuits, with a raffle following, of items donated to the Club for the Meeting

Notes for Diary. Xmas Shopping Trip to Plymouth 20th November 2007, £8.50 each
Departure St Martin`s Close 09.30 hrs returning 16.30 hrs,

Fivehead Hall Village Fete 2008

The date for next year's event has been set Saturday 2nd August 2008. It is hoped that an Inter Village 6/8 a side Cricket Competition will run during the day, alongside the WI Flower Show. A fancy dress parade through the village from Orchard Rise to the Playing fields is being proposed, plus a Band playing during the afternoon on the playing fields. More stalls are being invited next year with a theme of local country crafts and we intend to invite the Air Ambulance again as for operation reasons it was unable to appear last year. This on top of the local community groups fund raising activities.

The evening event will be a Group (not the same one as for the last 2 years) plus a Pig Roast/ Buffet and bar. The second Village Marquee has been repaired and will be available for the event in case of inclement weather.

The next planning meeting is on **Monday 19th November in the Village Hall @ 8pm** if you would like to assist in any way with the event please come along, or failing that contact either

Richard Hadfield (281904) or Frank Doggett (281549).

Phil Fouracre

Non Members welcome. **Contact John & Jean Taylor 01460 281424**

Fivehead Baptist Church

What's so amazing about grace!

Every now and then a news story catches your eye and you just can't Believe it's true. Let me tell you about one such incident. It happened a few Weeks back, when Jenny Brown a 62-year old grandmother of Wimblington Cambridgeshire won second prize in a baking competition at the local Fete with her Victoria sponge. At first she was overjoyed but her joy turned into anger when she found out she was the only entrant! Julie Dent, from The Wimblington Sports Committee, said: 'The judges had an expectation and I suppose they didn't feel as though it qualified for first place.' She Said her own baking was subject to another strange decision. About 11 years ago I entered a show with some fruit scones. I was the only entrant but I Came third! Recently I read a book called 'What's so amazing about grace' By Phillip Yancy. In that book Yancy speaks of the scandal of God's grace; that is to say, how undeserving people can be forgiven by God regardless of what they have done wrong and can be accepted and loved by him, even though They are way below accepted standards. In the bible St Paul kindly reminds us all of our own shortcomings, 'There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' Great just what the world needs another critic; perhaps Paul could get a job judging Victoria sponges! However, this is what's so amazing about grace; St Paul goes on to remind us that, and (all) are justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that Came by Christ Jesus. Like the judges at the fete, God has expectations for us. However, even though we fall way below them, he can still allow us to qualify for 1st place. Not because we are good enough, but because he is the loving God of grace, and His Son Jesus is good enough on your behalf. I can't help wondering, would it have been so scandalous to allow Mrs Brown to take first prize! perhaps then she would have known a joy that lasts. How about you, do you need to experience grace in your life. If you do, and according to Paul we all do, I would try Church and Jesus rather than Wimblington and their fete. Something tells me you will get a better reception. Now where's my sponge dish?

Every blessing, Revd Keith Glover 01460 281910.

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**Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor
Mrs Pat Price, 7 Ganges Close, Fivehead (01460) 281573
by Friday 16th November for distribution early December
The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.
Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.**

Fivehead Village Hall Management Committee

The hall has a fresh look after some internal painting and more work on our outside planting schemes. We hope all Hall users will take care, in using the Hall to keep wear and tear to the minimum. Many thanks to our small but very dedicated working group. Any one who would like to join in would be very welcome. Just contact either of the people shown below.

From the end of October we will be in need of a new Treasurer. R. Durrant has put in many hours of sterling work over the past 5 years. He has seen us through the Hall Build project and feels it is now time to move on. He will be around to assist during the hand over period. This job is an important one and needs some one with a good knowledge of computerised book keeping.. If you fit the bill it does offer an excellent opportunity to participate in village life and perhaps add a line to their CV. If you are interested ring Jane Loveridge to discuss what the job entails.

Committee Officers:- Chairperson Jane Loveridge 281232
Secretary Richard Hadfield 281904

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PCSO Beth Unthank came to the September PC meeting to introduce herself. She has already met and worked with the Speedwatch team and is keen to be of assistance and a first port of call for non emergency police matters. She is young and enthusiastic. Council wish her well in her post.

At the Annual Parish meeting Council was asked to find out why we suffer so many very short power cuts. Eventually a letter from Western Power was forthcoming but it is highly technical. It was posted on the notice board for a while but is now filed in "The Council Office" (Clerks filing cupboard!) If this interests you but you didn't see the letter please contact the clerk.

Sadly as yet there is no news on the allocation of the Area Working Panel Funds. The Clerk attended a meeting to put forward Fivehead's case but the whole evening was inconclusive so there will be a delay before any decisions are made.

Somerset County Council have written to state that all Rights of Way are open, despite Foot and Mouth scares but people are asked to be careful, especially by keeping away from livestock and keeping pets under close control in stocked fields. If you see any faults on the ROW network please report them by phoning 0845 3459155, the Chairman or the Clerk or online via the search engine "Somerset County Council Rights of Way faults". The latter is now the preferred option.

The Curry Mallet mini recycling centre will soon be closing following the success of the doorstep waste collection. Tesco's site in Langport will remain, useful especially for plastic. If you have a spare bedroom and think you could help vulnerable children by fostering there is a notice on the board which gives some further details. There is apparently a great need for foster parents and it is a paid post.

Lastly but by no means least our newsletter, so well edited by Pat Price, was entered for the Village Communications Competition 2007. Sadly it did not win its class but received some very good comments including that it is nicely presented and informative. The judges would like to see pictures and logos. Obviously very trendy judges! Congratulations Pat and thanks for attending the Community Council AGM.

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Fivehead Drama Group

“The smell of the greasepaint, the roar of the crowd. “

The smell of the greasepaint is already seeping through the Village Hall as rehearsals for the 2008 pantomime get underway.

All we need now is the roar of the crowd to greet us on

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Playing Field Management Committee

The football season has started I do not have a fixture list

Please Note: the date for our Christmas Bingo/Grand Draw

Saturday 8th December

Doors open 7.30 for 8.00 start - Licensed Bar

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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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)

Fivehead Village Hall – MONDAYS 2PM TO 3 PM

Nicky Barker gives innovative physical exercise instruction to senior citizens, both sex. Come and loosen up your ~ *tired, stiff, sluggish, vital muscles and joints - with fun*

AFTER SUMMER RECESS STARTS 3RD SEPTEMBER