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Fivehead Village Hall Fund Raising Group

First, our apologies to those who had booked for the Quiz Night planned for April. We had to cancel because we only had a very small number of advance bookings. We have heard since that others were intending to come. This is a shame and we are sorry for the disappointment caused. However we cannot put an event on unless we know that we have enough interest to make it worthwhile. We will try again in the Autumn so please do book a place for that .

Our next event is our **Open Gardens Day** on **8 June**, 12.00 - 5.30pm. 12 Gardens to visit, plant sales and, from 2.00pm. cream teas at the Hall. Entry fee for Adults is £3.50 and covers all 12 gardens. Accompanied children free. Sorry, no dogs in the gardens. We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to visit some neighbourhood gardens and take a cream tea at the Hall.

After that we will be concentrating, along with all the Village groups on the **Village Fete** on **4 August**.

For the Autumn/Winter 2008 we are planning a Quiz Night, a Take Art event and the Christmas Fair.

For information about any of the above please telephone me
Ann Whittle on 01460 281892.

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Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club

Tuesday April 1st Mrs Anne Cook. Members were again pleased to welcome Mrs Cook with a photographic slide show, having enjoyed years ago her first visit to the Club with a journey in pictures through Russia. This time it was further abroad with a journey to South America, visiting Mexico, Guatemala and the Maya. Once again the presentation was superb, and the audience were treated to an exciting spectacle of colour and scenery, through her stunning pictures. Slides were often accompanied by recording of local music, which enhanced the interest of the viewers. From Temples in stone with near vertical sides perched on stone stepped mounds, to beautiful colourful embroidery in dresses and costumes of the People. These were all recorded in pictures from a land far away. In Guatemala one early Temple was built so high on a mound that it was at that time the highest building in the world even more than the height of the Empire State Building. Such was the passion of religion to worship by these early inhabitants. Whilst these Temples are crumbling with age, weather, and erosion by masses of Visitors, they are still the wonders of the world. The slide presentation was then followed by our customary raffle, which raised the sum of £37.50.

Tuesday May 6th Half-Day Trip to Bovey Tracey & Dartmoor. On a beautiful sunny spring morning, 47 Members and 2 Guests departed on an outing to a most interesting place in Bovey Tracey known as the House of Marbles. This venue was on the site of the original Bovey Tracey Pottery, and had retained the old brick buildings, sheds and one of the huge brick kilns from the days of making pottery. Starting our tour into the Museum the first room had a replica model of how the pottery factory looked in early days, Some examples of old pottery ,i.e cups, plates made originally were in glass cases around the walls for visitors to view. The pottery history went back to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Then next onwards into the more modern part of the building was displays of the multitude of current marbles mass-produced today from Japan! available to buy in all shapes, colours and sizes. An excellent Restaurant was also available for lunch and refreshments, which many Members enjoyed. Another room had on display a vintage American machine that originally manufactured glass marbles. This so large nearly took up the length of the room. Also hanging from the walls were numerous early wooden pintables Quite surprisingly to find such a fine collection from days when these items were so popular with early generations, Finally we watched at the House of Marbles demonstrations of glass blowing which the factory make as luxury glassware displayed in their showrooms. Down the road if time, Members could visit another factory which specialised in producing teapots and mugs of modern decorative designs. Boarding our Coach we departed for the rugged and vast Dartmoor, stopping off at Hey Tor, a rock outcrop on the hilltop and the more energetic of our numbers either ran or walked up to this beauty spot to enjoy the fantastic view across the Moor and beyond. Others wisely remained down in the Car Park to enjoy ice cream on the hot day.

Fivehead Web Site

To access site: www.fivehead-village.org.uk
To add to site: webmaster@fivehead-village.org.uk
or telephone Andrew Barrett 01460 281520

Short mat bowls

If you are interested in this activity
a meeting will be arranged to get it started
Please contact Kevin Stevens on 01460 2812395 for further details.

More Trees for South Somerset!

South Somerset District Council has appointed me as Tree Planting Project Officer. My name is Barbara Collier and I have taken on the role for the next two years.

I will be spending my time at the District promoting and facilitating various tree planting and tree management projects as well as co-ordinating the District's Tree warden Scheme.

The Project's objective is to assist the planting of over 15,000 native broadleaf trees in the District over a three year period, by engaging with local communities, including Parish councils and tree wardens, and by developing contacts with various landowners, partner groups and compatible organisations.

The environmental and social benefits of the project are wide ranging but mainly include carbon sequestration. Carbon sequestration is the term describing processes that remove carbon from the atmosphere. Through photosynthesis, plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, store carbon in sugars, starch and cellulose and release oxygen into the atmosphere. Other benefits of the project include biodiversity and landscape gain and importantly community involvement.

I am happy to visit and give free practical advise on all potential tree planting sites in South Somerset but am especially keen to find potential community woodland sites near to towns. If you are aware of any site that could be planted up with trees please let me know. I can be contacted by

Telephone 01935 462120 or email Barbara.collier@southsomeret.gov.uk

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Fivehead Baptist Church

Out of time and out of oil! Well it had to happen one day, inevitable I guess. We ran out of heating oil! I knew I was low but I just kept putting it off for various reasons. Perhaps it was a form of denial that if I didn't dip the tank it would just keep going. It didn't. I had to get the technician out and he had to replace the filter and prime the system before it would all work again. What is it about us humans that we naturally tend to procrastinate? This week is another good example. I find myself in the unusual position of not having to take the Sunday service. Now next week I know I am short on time and heavy on work and I will struggle to get the service and sermon ready before Sunday. The wise thing to do would be to get some or all of next weeks ready now while I have the time. But no I am procrastinating again. However, I don't think this comes as a big surprise to God. Several times in the bible the disciples asked Jesus what would happen in the future concerning judgement day, they were especially keen to know when it would happen. Jesus gave them some clues, but he said I didn't know the exact time, best be prepared don't procrastinate. To make his point he told them a story about ten bridesmaids who were waiting for the bridegroom to turn up at a wedding. They needed oil in their lamps incase he came at night. The bridegroom was a long time and the oil in their lamps ran out. Five wise bridesmaids had brought some spare oil just in case, in other words they had prepared themselves. But the other five did not. They made a quick dash to the local store for more oil, but while they were gone the groom arrives and the wedding starts without them they are left locked outside! Let me ask you have you dipped your tanks lately. No not your heating oil but your spiritual tanks, are you prepared for judgement day or are you procrastinating? Don't let yourself get caught short, be prepared. Go to church and hear the good news about Jesus or read your bible, I bet you have one on the shelf gathering dust somewhere, it will be next to oil distributors phone number. Now then I best look at next weeks service. Yours in Christ,

Revd Keith Glover. Fivehead Baptist Church. 01460 281910.



**R.S.P.B June/July
2008**



Summer is a busy time for birds and other wildlife. Many birds will actively be feeding their young and some birds will be ready to leave the nest, such as lapwing out on the moorland or grey herons in our heronry at Swell Wood. Chicks of little egrets will be visible from our hide in the heronry, but only just, through the leaves on the trees!

June and July sees a range of insects on the wing, either emerging from hibernation over winter, (small tortoiseshell butterflies for instance) or emerging from a larval stage (all dragonflies and damselflies). Dragonflies and damselflies spend the largest part of their lives as a wingless nymph - underwater as a carnivorous predator, crawling along the edges and base of ditches or ponds, feeding on most small, aquatic insects and even some very small fish. Dependent on the species, they can spend two or three years or even longer, as an underwater nymph before emerging as a beautiful and colourful dragonfly or damselfly. They tend to live as a winged insect for only the summer season to mate, lay eggs and either die when the winter weather approaches or become a tasty meal for a passing, summer migrant bird such as a hobby! So enjoy the precious glimpse of a dragonfly or damselfly on the wing! And during summer, there are always new things to discover on our guided walks, so come along to wander through a colourful array of flowers in our hay meadows while curlews and skylarks display and sing melodically over head! There are many other great natural treasures to be found...

June

Sunday 8th Wildflower Walks (plus trailer ride!) (W).

Saturday 14th There be Dragons at Greylake (G).

July

Saturday 12th Dragonfly and Damselfly Walk (W).

(W) = West Sedgemoor – Swell Wood, (G) = Greylake.

**Please telephone the reserve office for times and details on 01458 252805
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by Friday 25th July for distribution early August
The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.
Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.

FIVEHEAD LOCAL HISTORY

Fivehead Local History Group have arranged to visit Somerset County Record Office at 7.00p.m. on **Monday June 30th.** for a talk on the Archive Service and, we hope, some sight of archives relevant to Fivehead. We are restricted in numbers but there may be some extra places. If you would like to join us,
please phone Ann Leyburn on 01460 281251.

Fivehead Village Fête *Saturday August 2nd 2008*

Cricket Matches from 10.30am

Afternoon will commence at 2.00pm starting with a procession from the Baptist Chapel to the Playing Field (This will include Fancy Dress)

Contact **Kevin Stevens 2813295.**

Flower/Craft show

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Contact Numbers: General information:

Richard Hadfield. 281904 Frank Doggett- 281549

Raffle: If you have any donations for prizes - Pat Price 281573

Watch for posters - tickets for the evening will be on sale in the shop
We hope you will all support this event

Parish Council

The AGM has been and gone with members largely continuing to represent Council within village and South Somerset organisations in the same positions as before. When representation is required at ad hoc meetings it is a matter of finding who is available to attend.

There has been much interaction with the Playing Field Management Committee who are working towards replacing the tennis court with a Multi Use Games Area. (MUGA). This project would require financial support from Council before the PFMC can access SSDC grants, this can only be achieved by increasing the precept, i.e. increasing the rates. The required support would be 10% of the project cost, currently quoted at £41,907. Council is naturally concerned at the potential of escalating costs should the project be delayed or hit unforeseen problems. Members are having to give this matter much thought as there is already a high precept devoted to the maintenance and servicing of the existing facilities within the village.

The planning application for Stillbrook Woodyard will have been before SSDC planning committee for the second time by the time this article is in print. It was deferred for clarification on the imposed conditions at the April meeting. The application is again recommended for temporary approval with conditions.

If you want any advice on tree planting SSDC's officer Barbara Collier would be pleased to assist. She can be contacted on Thursdays or Fridays on 01935 462120.

If you have an interest in Climate Change and maybe belong to a group related to this topic then Mr Peter Lansdown (peter.lansdown@virgin.net) would like to hear from you. He is collating information relevant to this subject for local government purposes.



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How the scheme work:

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John will collect order-forms and negotiate with suppliers for the best discount: obviously the greater the bulk order, the larger the discount for each household is likely to be.

Oil deliveries to households will be arranged for the first week in September; households will settle their own invoices with the supplier, if the scheme is successful, this pattern will continue throughout the year, with further deliveries at the beginning of January and March

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