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### *Fivehead Parish Plan*

In March we held a final meeting and voted to set up the new Implementation Committee as promised at the November Public Meeting.

The plan has already been used in support of funding by the Playing Field Committee. Some other of the objectives agreed are being pursued by the Parish Council. Many others listed on pages 39-41 depend on individuals or interested groups, e.g. Oil purchase, activities with RSPB, leisure activities for which an open day on leisure was mooted. The traffic issue on the A378 is being tabled by a volunteer group. Some of the social care aims are met by the churches, and members of the Fivehead Fellowship, and others no doubt by individuals.

There are things that might be done to make the village a better place to live than it is already. We believe the new committee will have an important role in this.

We need more people to come forward who will join it and bring fresh ideas and energy as to the best way forward. If you feel you could help in this way please contact

Kevin Stevens (281395) or Mervyn Wilson (281558)

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# Newsletter

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## **Fivehead Village Hall Fund Raising Group**

The "Polish Play" proved to be a great success. We had near enough a full house for a most enjoyable evening. Despite 80% of the ticket sales going to Take Art we added some £276.00 to our funds.

We are working towards improving our car parking facilities and adding to our storage facilities so we do need to continue our fund raising. We intend that our fund raising provides some diverse and entertaining events in the village.

Our next event is a **Quiz night on 25 April**, sausage supper , raffle and Quiz. Watch for posters giving full details.

Then we will be staging an **Open Gardens Day on 8 June**, a change from the original date so please check your diaries. Some eleven gardens will be open and the Hall will be providing cream teas. It is not too late if any gardeners want to add their garden ;we will be publishing the final programme in May. We hope to have other activities taking place on the same day. One idea is for a scarecrow exhibition. This is something the children can get involved in. Anyone wanting more information or with other ideas - do ring us on the numbers shown below.

**Ann Whittle - 281892 Kate Shakspeare - 281332**

Ann Whittle. (Fund Raising Chairperson)

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**News from your local PCSO  
 Beth UNTHANK 7666**

**UPDATE:**

Community Justice Panel was attended by those involved and the result was very good, the graffiti is due to be cleaned up by those responsible and apologies have been given to those concerned.

We are in the process of starting up **FARM WATCH** in the local areas: I may well have spoken to or visited some of you already as regards this, for those of you who wish to have more information, please contact **PCSO Charlotte Rogers 8367**  
**On 0845 456 7000.**

There have been some recent thefts from rural areas and farms and we would ask that if you are suspicious of any vehicles or persons visiting your area, please record the information and let us know, by phoning **0845 456 7000.**

If you think a crime may be in progress, about to happen or that offenders are still nearby - regardless of the time of day or night - call **999.**

As regards vehicles, Please remember to always remove all your items that are on display and securely lock your vehicle when unattended.

Please take some time to check and/or update your security for your homes, sheds and out-buildings, make sure that they are securely locked when unattended.

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**Somerset's Heritage Roadshow at Glastonbury Abbey**

This May the Museums In Somerset, a group of over 50 museum and heritage organisations in Somerset, will join forces with local history groups to host the second annual Somerset Heritage Roadshow. The group, with the support and assistance of Somerset County Council, will be holding the free event in the historic surroundings of Glastonbury Abbey.

The Somerset Heritage Roadshow is an opportunity for locals and visitors alike to discover more about the county's history, the museums that preserve it and the groups that study it. Three marquees will be placed in the grounds to hold the exhibitions and activities that are being put on by museums, history, geology and archaeology societies. There will be plenty to see and do, with activities for all the family running throughout the day.

Visitors can paint their face like the Iron Age warriors, watch Medieval Knights sword fighting and even find out what the Monk's of the Abbey had for their tea. They can meet a host of historical figures from throughout Somerset's history and find out hidden secrets from their local history. With over 50 stands and activities and demonstrations running throughout the day, this promises to be the highlight of Somerset's events calendar.

This event has been funded by Bristol City Museum through the Museums, Libraries and Archives councils Renaissance in the Regions programme, a government funded initiative to transform England's museums and make them more accessible to their local communities.

Natalie Watson, Somerset County Council's Museum Development Officer said, "This event is a wonderful opportunity for Somerset County Council and the heritage organisations across Somerset to show the fantastic collections they care for and preserve in a new and interesting way."

The Somerset Heritage Roadshow is being held at Glastonbury Abbey on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, between **11am-5pm**. Entry is free for the Roadshow and the Abbey. For more information please contact Natalie Watson on 01823 320203 or [nawson@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:nawson@somerset.gov.uk).

**100 Club Winners (March)**

1st J. Taylor £50 - 2nd R. Leighton £25 - 3rd G. Clarke £10.00  
 4th A. Leyburn (extra entry in April Draw)

## Fivehead Baptist Church

How's your hard disc?

Anyone who has ever experienced a hard disc failure on their computer or been the recipient of a nasty virus will know just how frustrating it is to lose so much important data. Like me you have probably gone in search of help to get your computer working again, whilst knowing the possibility of recovering your lost data is impossible. That is why I chuckled when I came across a company called 'Lazarus Data Recovery' in America. They say they have recovered over a million megabytes of lost data for their customers. I didn't chuckle because of their boast; I chuckled because Lazarus was the third of three people raised from the dead by Jesus in the bible. When Jesus spoke to Lazarus' sister Martha he told her that he (Jesus) was the resurrection and the life, and that he could raise Lazarus from the dead. The proof of the pudding is in the eating so they say, and Jesus didn't disappoint, you can read about it in chapter 11 of John's gospel. At Easter the Christian Church celebrates the fact that 3 days after Jesus had been crucified God raised him back to life from the dead, and he now lives forever more. It celebrates too because Jesus has promised that all those who put their faith in him shall rise from the dead to eternal life just as Jesus did. Current estimates say there are over 2 billion Christians worldwide that's 33% of the world's population! Now raising that many seemingly lost people is not going to be easy, but boy will it be one great Easter celebration! I hope there will be enough chocolate for everyone! Perhaps both Lazarus data and Jesus' boasts aren't that unbelievable; my computer was raised back to life, will it be that hard to raise me back to life once I've gone? Plagued by questions and doubts just look to Lazarus the proof of the pudding is in the eating, as it's Easter make mine a chocolate one please. Yours in Christ both now and forever more (to come,) Revd Keith Glover.

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As I write this, the stormy weather is upon us with 67 mph winds and driving rain, and the worst storm to hit this country for 20 years! But hopefully by the time you read this, the sun will be shining and the birds will be singing again!! April and May are exciting months to see the arrival of birds that only spend the summer in this country. Birds such as swallows and nightingales, spend winter in Africa and then migrate here in spring. Nightingales very often arrive in early April to establish a territory but the main migration of birds occurs throughout April. Male birds have an incredibly evocative song, with short bursts of powerful notes, very noticeable in the summer evenings at dusk. To experience this song and lots of other interesting wildlife, come along on one of our guided walks.

### April

Saturday 5th Dawn Chorus (W),  
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th Heronry Weekend (W),  
Friday 18th Snipe Walk (W),  
Saturday 19th Bluebells and Birdsong Walk (W),  
Friday 25th Snipe Walk (W), Saturday 26th Snipe Walk (W).

### May

Friday 2nd Nightingale Walk (W),  
Saturday 3rd Nightingale Walk (W),  
Sunday 4th Songs & Sounds of Greylake (G),  
Friday 9th Nightingale Walk (W),  
Saturday 10th Nightingale Walk (W),  
Friday 16th Greylake at Dusk (G),  
Sunday 18th Dawn Chorus (W),  
Sunday 25th Songs & Sounds of Greylake (G).  
(W) = West Sedgemoor - Swell Wood, (G) = Greylake.  
*Please telephone the reserve office for times and details on 01458 252805  
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Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor  
 Mrs Pat Price, 7 Ganges Close, Fivehead (01460) 281573  
 by Friday 23rd May for distribution early June  
 The editor cannot be responsible for any errors/omissions.  
 Email me on pat-harry.price@virgin.net.

## Parish Council

First a very warm invitation to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting** which is not to be confused with an AGM. **On April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 8pm** you can hear a little about the topical subject of recycling from our guest speaker, Hilary Wright, from the Somerset Waste Action Programme. After that representatives of local organizations tell those present a little of their activities and achievements throughout the year. At the end there will be tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to chat. Do please make a note of this in your diaries and come along, maybe with any queries you want to raise on any topic relevant to living in Fivehead.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Robert Fielding as the newly co-opted Council member This brings our Council back to full strength. Council is delighted and grateful that members of the Baptist Church have offered to take over maintenance of the garden in The Pound.

Fivehead's Emergency Plan is being updated. Malcolm Cavill is taking the lead in this with Mr Fielding and the Clerk in supporting roles. If you have first aid or medical skills it would be really useful if you could let one of them know. Volunteers to help in a Rest Centre situation will need to be identified and knowledge of the whereabouts of "useful" equipment in the event of a disaster an obvious advantage. We have a lot of historic information but many people have moved to and from the village since The Plan's last update. If you would be willing to help in a crisis or equally if you feel you might need assistance the numbers to phone are on the front of this magazine. If you have already volunteered, many thanks!

A modern, replacement bus shelter is anticipated on the Main Road at no cost to the village. Apparently the bus route along the A378 is "being updated". The pavement will be "improved" as well. This offer came as a welcome surprise and has been accepted. Other transport news. If you would like to become a volunteer driver using your own car or be a paid driver the Links Project operates in the Langport Somerton catchment area. To apply or to make a booking ring Martin on 01458 250169. In the wider South Somerset community South Somerset Community Cars operates tel 01935 411572 for those needing help with transport.

### Langport & District Red Cross Group Fund Raising Theatre Trips

Date	Show	Time#	Cost (Good Seats plus Coach)
Fri 1 Aug	Evita	5:20	£33 (£35 after 23 Apr)
Fri 8 Aug	Hello Dolly	5:20	£36
Mon 1 Sept.	Footloose	5.20	£30.00
Tue 30 Sept	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	5.20	£29.00
Fri 10th Oct	La Bohème	5.05	£39.00 (£42 after 29 June)
Sat 6 Dec	Beauty & The Beast	11.00	£29.00 (£33 after 30 Jul)

Book now pay later (Payment is normally due 9 weeks before the show date, unless there is an earlybird option)

#### Other trips still available are

Aspects of Love 30th May £35.00—Fiddler on the Roof 6th June £36.00 -  
 OH! What a Night 20th June £33.00

Time# is the start time from Curry Rivel. Langport is +10 mins,  
 To book please call Chris Cox on 01458 273085  
 or write to 2 Camden Road, Somerton TA11 6RN.

### SHORT MAT BOWLS

Possible Funding is available . We need to have a meeting to take this project forward please contact Kevin Stevens on **01460 281 395** for more information.



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### ***Playing Field Management Committee***

Would like to thank everyone who helped at the Easter Bingo donating prizes, helping on the evening and all those who attended despite the bad weather. We made a profit of £247 on the night which was slightly down on last year but we are very pleased with the outcome and we hope a good night was had by all.

No news yet on the Tennis Court Project we are still in the process of going through quotations and trying to obtain funding possibilities as soon as we have anything definite we will let you know through the magazine.

**Our AGM meeting will be held in May watch for posters**

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### **Village Day: Saturday August 2nd**

This is a joint project with the Playing Field Committee and the Village Hall Committee also other village groups during the afternoon have the opportunity to raise funds for their own projects by booking a stall please contact either Richard Hadfield 281904 or Frank Doggett 281549 for more information. The Full programme will be in the next issue

We are hoping to have a Fancy Dress Parade for all age groups starting at the Chapel finishing at the playing field, so that we can assess the interest please contact Kevin Stevens on 281395

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### ***Fivehead Drama Group***

**Please Note: Saturday July 5th** we are again putting on a **Summer Revue** as the last one was such a success.

Again it will feature a one act play, song, dance and comedy (also a ploughman's supper will be provided )

More details of times and prices in the next issue we hope you will all support this event as the funds raised will finance the Christmas Pantomime.

