


## FIVEHEAD DOMESTIC FUEL OIL GROUP

After the very cold period in December/January most of us have used more oil than normal, so not a long interval before our next Order. More than 30 households are now taking advantage of the discount for bulk buying, so we shall be putting in another Order to be delivered very early in March 2010.

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I hope this is helpful .....John Tyler.

# Fivehead Village Newsletter

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## **Fivehead Village Hall Management Committee**

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2009 was a busy year for us. We continued improvements to the hall. Work included adding a paved terrace at the back of the Hall, installing a new, secure oil tank enclosure and continued work on the landscaping. To raise funds for these and other activities we staged a number of events at the Hall, a special Open Day event at Cathanger and the Village Fete. We ended with our Christmas Fair which was well supported despite the wind and rain.

We are running the 100 Club again this year and will be staging a series of events to support the Hall. A Take Art production, "Wordwatching", a solo performance by Alex Horne, brings stand up comedy to Fivehead on 5 March. Watch out for posters giving information about this and other events.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from the Village. We need this support, help with organising events as well as coming along on the night, if we are to continue with a diverse programme of events.

### 100 Club – Christmas Draw Prize Winners.

1st Prize £100.00 J. Ash; 2nd Prize £25.00 K. Shakspeare;  
3rd Prize £10.00 G. Land; 4th Prize Extra entry in Jan: Draw – G. Clarke.

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

Ann Whittle – Committee Fund Raiser.

## **Parish Council**

We were very fortunate that Butcher's Hill was gritted at the beginning of the cold spell and remained usable throughout. Whilst the Emergency Plan was never far from Councillor's minds good neighbourliness appeared to keep everyone well stocked and warm. If you do have a problem in difficult conditions or know of someone who might, then contact any councillor, phone numbers listed elsewhere in this magazine and assistance will be arranged. We are now back to the more usual problems of excess water on the highway. There are particular areas where flooding regularly occurs. Council tries to address these via Highways but there is often little that can or will be done. Sometimes self help can keep the water moving away.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> a Temporary Stop Notice was issued by SSDC Development Control (Planning) on Stillbrook Woodyard because unauthorised development has taken place on the northern end of the site. Council has no further information at present.

There are a couple of events for children being arranged at Ham Hill during half term week. They are organised and run by South Somerset District Council's Countryside Rangers. Two sessions entitled "Get Wild" are being held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Families will be guided on a nature adventure into the park's woods and old quarries, with nature related activities along the way. The cost is £2.50 per child. A second event, Back to the Iron Age, being held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, will give children the opportunity to dig for artefacts, make their own coins, have their face painted as an Iron Age warrior and piece together Roman mosaics at a cost of £4 per child, adults go free. Sessions for under eights are in the mornings with over eights in the afternoons. For times and to book contacting the Heritage and Visitor Information Centre on 01935 845946.

SSDC Neighbourhood Policing Team has laid on Free Performances of a Scambuster musical for the over 60's. Performances are being held at Somerton and South Petherton on March 2nd and elsewhere later in the week. For more details see the poster on the notice board by the

**War Memorial Green or ring 01935 404560.**

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

**Dates: Feb: 9, Mar: 2, 23, April: 13,**

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 Baptist Church**

Fivehead Baptist Church choose a charity each year to receive our Christmas Day offering. This year we chose Tools With A Mission, a charity which helps others to help themselves. In many countries of the world people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency is impossible without help and TWAM do this by providing tools and for this they require not only money, but the tools themselves. They collect tools of all sorts and have five refurbishment centres around the country manned by volunteers. From their headquarters in Ipswich, they send tons of equipment overseas each year and all consignments are sent to known agencies for defined needs.

The sorts of tool kits they send include the following: carpenters kits – a range of tools for an individual after they have received training; workshop kits – the carpentry kit but including additional larger tools; computers for orphanage schools and others in need of such technology; typewriters; motor mechanics kits; builder kits and groundworkers kits; sewing machines and knitting machines and not forgetting younger people, there are basic learning packs for schools and books (mainly nearly new) for school from Primary to Secondary science subjects. In addition to the tools themselves, TWAM need money for buying parts, shipping, training and where new items are required such as in the learning packs.

Many of us in this country have duplicates of tools in our homes – often when we have been fortunate enough to be able to upgrade and have been reluctant to throw away the old ones. Many in the church went through their homes and as a result we collected three large boxes of hand tools and a sewing machine. In addition to the tools, we were able to send £557.72 to Tools With A Mission. If anyone would like more information, you will find them on the internet at “twam.co.uk” or contact Paul Douglass at FBC. You will also find contact details for the Church on the net under Fivehead Baptist Church.

### **Short Mat Bowls**

**Monday 7.30 PM Village Hall — Cost £1.50 per session**  
**Contact: Heather Gorton 01460 281995 for more information.**

## **Fivehead Playing Field Management Committee**

### **A New Recruit Wanted**

We would like someone to join the committee and to become involved in our next project, regeneration of the bottom of the playing field—and also with a view to becoming our vice-chairman. We are a registered charity, and if you can spare a little time you will be helping us to achieve our goal of maintaining and improving this important village facility. If you're interested, have a word with Frank Doggett or any committee Member.

### **New Multi Use Games Area**

We are gradually getting this new project going it is open for use, the tennis nets and netball posts are stored in the new locker alongside the tennis court. We are waiting for additional keys to be cut that you will be able to collect from any committee member. We have arranged the Launch Day (Official Opening) for **April 17th** more details later we are in the early stages of organising this event.

**Bingo:** Our Christmas Bingo was a great success again thanks to all those who attended. We raised a profit of £480.50 which will go towards maintaining and refurbishing the playing field. We would like to thank all those who assisted with donations including Odeon, Sainsbury, Hollywood Bowl & Wookey Hole. Our next event will be the **Easter Bingo** which will be on **Sunday 28th March** usual time (we are sorry we were unable to get a Saturday but they are all booked for March). We hope this will be acceptable and you will give us your support once again.

**The theme will again be Chicken and egg**

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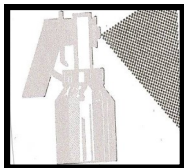
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Temperatures plummeted as low as -9°C on the reserves, and cold, frosty weather combined with ice held throughout much of December and into early January. On top of these conditions, snow in fair quantities fell throughout Somerset. These prolonged wintry conditions meant that ducks and other wetland birds retreated to the coast or wide rivers where some water was still free of snow and ice! But by mid January, with slightly warmer temperatures, the snow and ice disappeared and the ducks and wading birds returned. The snow and ice meant that we experienced some unusual birds, for instance, glossy ibis and bittern were present at Greylake. Winter thrushes – i.e. fieldfare and redwing numbers increased considerably due to the harsh conditions. It was common to see large flocks of them feeding on berries in hedgerows and in gardens right across Somerset.

With the brief respite of milder weather in mid January, many birds were bursting into song, trying out their songs in preparation for spring. Some ducks were also displaying to each other bobbing their heads, (their version of singing), to pair up and find a mate during spring. Many of our ducks, such as wigeon, that are here in winter, can be seen displaying in January and February, before they leave for their breeding areas in Scandinavia and Russia. Come along on one of our guided walks to see wigeon, teal, and other wintering ducks in their thousands before they leave for their spring pastures! Tea, coffee and biscuits also available on our walks!!

**February:**

**Two events for the price of one – treat your loved one to a date with nature!**

**Bird watching for beginners** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Greylake reserve.

**Ducktastic!** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - West Sedgemoor reserve.

**Ducktastic!** – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - West Sedgemoor reserve.

Please phone the reserve office on 07774 620879

or e-mail [west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk](mailto:west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk)

**Becky Thorpe - Assistant Warden, RSPB West Sedgemoor and Greylake**

## **Fivehead Web Site**

To access site: [www.fivehead-village.org.uk](http://www.fivehead-village.org.uk)  
To add to site: [webmaster@fivehead-village.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@fivehead-village.org.uk)  
or telephone Andrew Barrett 01460 281520

## **Fivehead Drama Group**

We are sorry we had to postpone the Pantomime in January but due to the bad weather we felt we had no option. We have re-booked the hall for **Friday 26th & Sat 27th February** and we hope you will all give us your support. The **Saturday Matinee** will be at 10.30 am as the hall is booked during the afternoon.

**Ticket Prices: Fri/ Evening 7.30 PM Adults £4.50 - Child/OAP £3.00**  
**Sat Matinee: 10.30 AM Adults £4.50—Child/OAP £3.00.**  
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25th June 2010

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**Fivehead Fellowship and Leisure Club**

Please note that unpaid 2010 subscriptions are overdue. Some benefits and events are only available to paid up members.

Programme 2010

- Tuesday 2 Feb: Lunch - members only lunch.  
Friday 17 Feb: "Holiday on Ice". Coach Trip to Exeter.  
Tuesday 2 March Seaside Holiday Post Cards. Talk by Ken Atherton.  
Tuesday 6 April Exmoor Search & Rescue. Talk by Amanda Hawkins.  
Tuesday 4 May Llanhydrock House & Gardens. Coach Trip.  
Tuesday 1 June Somerset Archive Film Collection.  
Talk by Deborah Richardson + excerpts from the Archives.  
Tuesday 6 July Stratford on Avon Coach Trip.  
Tuesday 7 Sept: History & Decoration of Narrow Boats.  
Talk by Mr. & Mrs. Prior.  
Plus Harvest Produce Raffle.  
Tuesday 28 Sept: Evening Coach Tour & Supper.  
Tuesday 5 Oct: Somerset Cider Distillery  
Tasting & Talk by Tim Edwards from Burrow Farm Distillery.  
Tuesday 2 Nov: Photographing the Somerset Levels  
Talk by Julian Comrie.  
Tuesday 23 Nov: Christmas Shopping. Coach Trip to Bath.  
Tuesday 30 Nov: Annual General Meeting.

**Tuesday 7 December Christmas Lunch – members only.**

All Events are at the Village Hall unless stated

**Carmina Burana on St Valentine's Day**

Somerset Chamber Choir will be joined by young singers from South Somerset Youth Choir for a spectacular concert on **Sunday 14th February at 3pm** in King's College Chapel, Taunton - and what more appropriate day for a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, with its tales of courtship and love, than that of St Valentine? Famous for its use in the Old Spice TV adverts (and latterly on 'X Factor'), a live performance is always thrilling for the young and not so young alike! The choirs worked together on the piece during a workshop day in November, as part of Somerset Chamber Choir's project to inspire the next generation of Somerset singers. The children gave some lovely feedback after this workshop day, so the choir are sure they will be absolutely delighted by the performance with 3 professional soloists, 2 virtuoso pianists and a plethora of percussionists! Somerset Chamber Choir, noted as one of the finest in the region, will also perform Jonathan Dove's 'Passing of the year'. This is a concert not to be missed, and would make an original Valentine's gift for that special someone. Tickets, priced £11-£20 (children half-price) are available from MusicBox: 01275 349010. [www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk) <<https://email.btconnect.com/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=https://email.btconnect.com/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk>>



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The Group is not a forum for complaints or, the opposite, a doctors fan club. The idea is for the Group to work in cooperation with the practice to allow free sharing of information, suggestions and requirements.

Members of the group come from all over the area served by the practice. Your local representative in Fivehead is Steve Cutts. He can be contacted at Elm Cottage Stowey Road or via his email address [steve.cutts@lineone.net](mailto:steve.cutts@lineone.net)

If you have any suggestions for the practice, please have a word with him and he will pass it on.

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