



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish all parishioners a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We would like to thank the producers and distributors of the monthly pink Newsletter for their hard work during the past year.

Elections: You are reminded that the election of a new Parish Council will take place in May. Several of your current councillors will not be seeking re-election. To assist you in deciding if you are prepared to take their place we are publishing elsewhere in this newsletter the first of a series of three articles designed to inform you of what it means to be a councillor.

Parish Office: - Until the appointment of a new Parish Clerk the Parish Office will be subject to limited opening hours which will be posted on the website and on the office door. As soon as a new appointee is in place normal service will be resumed.

Parish Council diary for January

Wed 12 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 26 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com



North Curry Luncheon Club

Thank you every one who supported our Bingo from the very kind donations for prizes to all who turned out on such a cold night to make it a very enjoyable and successful fund raiser. We made a profit of over £165.00 which enabled us to have a well-funded Celebratory Christmas Lunch on the 14th. After our Christmas and New Year break we return on the 4th January 2011 following on with the 18th January and the 1st February.

Any new members are always welcome; ring either Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216.

A very Happy New Year to all.



The January Newsletter is sponsored by
The North Curry Community Coffee Shop
open Tuesday to Sunday 10-5 for coffee, tea, cake and snacks

PARISH CHURCH



JANUARY EVENTS

They think it's all over...

But it is not! Christmas doesn't end on Christmas day. That's the day it begins. We probably all know the song about the 12 days of Christmas and think it is great fun, but on the Eighth Day of Christmas instead of having 'Eight Maids a Milking' we will be having our traditional service of 9 lessons and carols.

Come and join us for the

Village Carol Service

on

Sunday 2nd January at 3pm in the Parish Church

Join with others of the village, members of many different Christian traditions and denominations, who come together for this great celebration; sing the carols, listen to the readings and enjoy a drink and New Year Cake afterwards.



A Happy & Healthy New Year to all our Members & Visitors. The Society will meet again on Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Bob Croft will present "Recent Archaeology in Somerset".

We welcome this return visit from Bob, who is the County Archaeologist for Somerset, and look forward to hearing about the latest fascinating finds in our county. It promises to be a good start for the New Year.

Members & non-members are all welcome.

The Parish Council

This is first of a series of three features designed to introduce you to the work of the Council and encourage you to consider standing for election to the Council next May.

What is the Council?

The Council is a corporate body with a legal existence of its own quite separate from that of its members. Its decisions are the responsibility of the whole body. The Council has been granted powers by Parliament including the important authority to raise money through taxation (the precept) and a range of powers to spend public money. Parish councils have the legal power to take action, but they have fewer duties and greater freedom to choose what action to take than other tiers of local government. They can play a vital part in representing the interests of the communities they serve and improve the quality of life and the local environment. Furthermore they influence other decision makers and can, in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs. In other words, your Council can make a difference.

What does your Council do?

Planning, highways, traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way - these are the issues that concern parish government. The Government is encouraging parish councils to deliver more services and play a greater part in their communities. For example your council has been heavily involved in the Town Farm Stable and the White Street Sports Field. Of course, your Council could always decide to do very little; but you, the electors might then wonder why the Council exists at all.

North Curry Parish Council was established in 1894 by an Act of Parliament. This created the civil parish, separating it from the church after a long history of delivering local services such as care for the poor, maintenance of roads and collecting taxes

Whilst parish councillors are unpaid, the Parish Clerk is a paid employee who provides advice and administrative support, and takes action to implement council decisions. The Clerk is answerable only to the Council as a whole. The Clerk is the proper officer of the council in law. Legally councils can agree to delegate decisions to clerks because they are professional officers whose independence allows them to act on behalf of the council.

Next month we will consider "What does a Councillor do?" and in March "Becoming a Councillor?"

NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

The Coffee Shop closes for Christmas on Thursday 23rd December 2010 and re-opens on Tuesday January 4th 2011 with the annual display of photographs from the archives depicting North Curry faces and places from times past.

Come and share your memories over a cup of coffee, a bowl of soup or a piece of delicious cake. Enjoy the chatter, the news, meet friends and make new ones. Bring your own photographs to add to the archive collection, you may even find you have long lost relatives up-country or abroad! Make this the year when you become a member of the family of volunteers and enjoy fun and friendship as well as giving your share of the profits to your favourite good cause. Just ring Jan Jacques on 490795 or Kathryn Jeanes on 490623.

And a Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

First Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8 pm

Unfortunately the December meeting had to be cancelled because of the terrible weather conditions and the distance the speaker had to travel. There is no meeting in January. On 3rd February Mr Howard Burnett will be coming and his subject will be 'Orchids'.

Please let Mary Swatton (secretary) 491210 know if you wish to be added to the list for the party in the village hall on Saturday 19th March. Subscriptions are now due and Sue Vickery (treasurer) will be pleased to receive them.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
David Woolfenden 491222
hallbookings@northcurry.com

Advance notice

Somerset Opera will be performing again in the village hall on Saturday 12th March; full details to follow in February. This year they will be presenting *The Sorcerer* by Gilbert & Sullivan and funds raised will go towards the projector/screen/dvd player fund.

The hall executive would like to thank all who had stalls or came and supported the Christmas Coffee Morning and made it such a success.



Save the Children

The results of the various events held in North Curry during 2010 are as follows:

	£
May Fayre 15 th May	202.73
N.C. Post Office collection for Pakistan flood	21.84
Other donations for Pakistan flood	250.00
Donation from N.C. Coffee Shop (nominated by 3 volunteers)	420.00
Sale of Christmas cards etc 10 th Oct	915.54
Village Hall Christmas coffee morning	105.12
Total	1,915.23

These amounts have been paid directly into the bank account of Save the Children Fund Taunton Branch, which this year has sent £8,250 to Headquarters for use in aid of children here at home and across the world. You can see that North Curry has played a significant part in this total. Grateful thanks are due to everyone in the village and the surrounding area who has contributed in any way to our magnificent total.

Village Flower Show Fund- raising



Don't forget to put **The Great Marmalade Sale** in your diary!

It will be on Saturday 12th February
10am – 12 noon

at Helen Comrie's house:

Greenway House, Greenway, North Curry, Taunton TA3 6NH.

Marmalades of various types, jams and chutneys will be on sale as well as a raffle for a special Valentine's Day cake. Hope to see you there!



Royal British Legion

The weather was very kind over the weekend, which resulted in a good crowd at the Xmas Bingo. We had a wonderful evening and raised £283, which will go towards the Poppy Fund.

Our thanks go out to all those generous people who contributed raffle prizes and especially the providers of tea, coffee and biscuits.

The next meeting of the branch is on 10th January at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

An advance date for your diary is for Monday 7th February when we will be holding our Annual Branch Dinner; further details to follow next month.



North Curry

Twinning Association



The barn dance held on Saturday 23rd October was a great success and raised over £600 for funds. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way and everyone else for their support.

People have come forward to offer their help in taking over the running of the association. If anyone else feels that they could help in some way please come to a meeting on Tuesday 11th January at 7:30pm at 20, Greenway when we shall discuss fund raising ideas and plan for the 20th anniversary visit of the French to North Curry. Please note that this will take place between 2nd and 5th June.

The AGM and Annual Quiz Night we hope will take place on Saturday 5th March – date to be confirmed next month – in the Pavilion, Greenway. This is always a fun occasion; hope to see you there.

North Curry with Stoke St. Gregory
& Burrowbridge Conservatives
invite you to a
CURRY SUPPER

at

North Curry Village Hall

on

**SATURDAY 5th
FEBRUARY**

at 7pm

**Come and try a variety of
delicious curries from mild to hot**

(vegetarian and non-curry alternatives
will be available)

TICKETS £15

(a choice of curries, desserts & 1st drink)

from North Curry Post Office or
Heather RICHARDS (491518)



A happy New Year to you all!

As I write this we have just come out of a prolonged and unusually cold spell for the time of year when we have all been made aware of heating costs and, potentially, the sources of our energy, whether it's gas from Russia, oil from the North Sea or uranium from Africa. We need, as a country, to be more resilient in terms of energy supplies, which is where renewable energy in all its forms can play a part; solar, hydro, wind, wave, anaerobic digesters, geothermal, etc.

We are aiming to have a meeting in February to talk around this topic; date and venue yet to be decided so, whatever your opinion on these issues, please look out for further details.

Meanwhile we're getting back to our regular informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Rising Sun in Knapp, 8pm on Tuesday 8th February.

Enquiries: phone Brian & Kathryn on 490623 or email bkjeanes@f2s.com



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Best wishes to everyone for 2011!

At the Christmas meeting, in the beautifully decorated hall, members enjoyed doing quizzes, singing carols and listening to poetry readings. Sadly the speaker had had to cancel due to family bereavement and some of the committee had kindly arranged the entertainment at very short notice. Along with mulled wine, mince pies and crackers the afternoon was a great success.

Several members braved the arctic weather to go to the Carol Festival in Wells Cathedral. This is always a joyful experience.

Dates for your Diary:

Competitions this year will all be "Bloom of the Month" and there will also be a trading stall each month.

Wed 5th January

Speaker Roger Stoakley

Fri 28th January

Craft Show at Westpoint Exeter

Wed 23rd February

Ice Show at Westpoint Exeter



**Dinner with a
Caribbean
Flavour**

**Saturday 29th January 2011
at 7:00 for 7:30pm**
in

North Curry Village Hall

Tickets £12 Cash Bar

Everyone is welcome
Please obtain tickets in advance from
Gillian Akerman – tel 490234

The speaker will be Susan Kramer

Organised by East Deane Liberal Democrats



A Very Happy New Year to you all!

As life returns to normal after the Christmas period it can be a worrying time for many, especially with the uncertainty for many regarding unemployment. Unfortunately, when things are difficult financially, the risk of opportunist crime increases.

With this in mind, and with the on-going trend for rural burglaries on isolated properties and outbuildings, it is important to remain vigilant, and to make sure all your property is securely locked away. I am amazed that so many rural properties are often left insecure when there is obviously nobody at home. This is just an open invitation to burglars to 'Come in and help yourself'.

When you are not at home - even if you've only gone down the back garden or taken the dog for a quick walk, LOCK THAT DOOR!! It only takes a second but can avoid enormous distress and loss of personal belongings if you get unwanted visitors. Also shut gates to your property - I know we cannot always stop these crimes, but if we can make it as difficult for them as possible, it does reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Keep vigilant, and record any suspicious people or vehicles that you see out and about. If these are reported to us, it does help build up a picture of who is out and about and what is going on. Make sure all your outhouses and sheds are kept locked, with things like trimmers/chainsaws and tools clearly marked with your postcodes.

To report incidents, call 0845 456 7000, or for an immediate response call 999.

Your Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC 1146 Maria Jennings
PCSO 8784 Lynsey Gamblin
PCSO 9981 Steve Chapman
PCSO 8466 Eamonn Leniston
PCSO 7310 Amanda Reed



Barn Dancing Club

Don't forget to come barn-dancing this month to skip away all those extra Christmas pounds!

We are always very pleased to see new people so if you haven't been along yet why not join us in the village hall at **7:45 pm on 5th January**. No experience is necessary as we just dance for fun. Singles, couples or groups are always welcome.

We meet for two hours with refreshments served half way through. We look forward to seeing you there.

For further details phone 490623.

Produce Market

The first market for 2011 is on Saturday February 5th 9:30am until 11:30am.

The winner of the December raffle was Janet Bradbury.

Happy New Year

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



Dancing School News

The school is holding a 'Bring a Friend' Day for all classes during the week of 16th January. Please do come along and try out a dance class for free! We take children from 3yrs up and they could try out a ballet, modern or tap class. For more details visit the school website on www.danceatnorthcurry.com or contact Ann-Marie on 07595 173649 for more details. The new term starts again week commencing 10th January and look forward to seeing you all then!