



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2012: We have had a few responses to our request last month for ideas or suggestions for the Jubilee celebrations and a permanent memorial, but would be pleased to receive more. If you have not yet responded please contact the Parish Clerk by the end of March.

Bus Route 51: The Parish Council has been concerned that planned cuts in public services may affect this Route. Hatch Green Coaches have completed their action plan for the period from 1st April 2011 to 30th March 2012 and have announced that there will be no changes to the Route 51 in that time period.

Elections: You are reminded once again that the election of a new Parish Council will take place in May. Please read the last of our series of three articles designed to inform you of what it means to be a Councillor which we are publishing elsewhere in this newsletter.

Annual Parish Meeting: This is advance warning that this year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall. Any community organisation wishing to participate should contact the Parish Clerk before 1st April.

Volunteer Wanted: We are looking for a volunteer Warden to join the Parish Tree Warden Team. No, not to cut down trees! If you have the odd hour or two to spare and enjoy working with children and young people and could engage them with the wonder of trees, we would like to hear from you. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Potholes: The pothole problem remains with us despite regular efforts from the Parish Council to tackle the issue. It may help to address the more dangerous problem areas if individual parishioners were also to make a direct approach to the highways authority. Contact Kali Martin on 0845 3459155 or countyroads-tdaene@somerset.gov.uk.

Parish Council diary for March

Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

Would you like to sponsor the North Curry Newsletter? We are looking for businesses and organisations to sponsor a month at a cost of £50. Your sponsorship will appear on the first page and be seen by every household in the parish, that's over 700 copies.

Why are we asking? Over the years the cost of printing the Newsletter has been borne first by the village hall as a way of advertising events taking place in the hall and then, as more and more items advertising events taking place elsewhere in the village, the cost has been shared by the hall and the parish council. Paper and printing costs have increased markedly in the last few years and the parish council approached the hall committee to see if a way could be found for other organisations and village businesses to contribute to these costs. Contact the hall secretary on 490201 if you would like to become one of our sponsors.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

This is an invitation to you, a resident of North Curry, to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 5th April at 7:30pm in the meeting room of the hall. There are one or two places for people on the committee and we would welcome anyone who felt they could join us to run the hall.



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 16th March at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when John Hebditch will present "100 years of farming change as reflected by farming at Lillesdon."

John Hebditch, of Lillesdon Court, is well known in the area as a farmer and landowner and it will be interesting to hear the views of a "local" on a subject which affects many of us in a rural community. John represents the third generation to farm at Lillesdon Court, one of the oldest historical houses in the area.

Members and non-members are all welcome.

Flower Show 2011

The Flower Show this year will take place on 13th August and we are already thinking about what our entries might be. Do you keep bees, or make sloe gin? Perhaps you are a crafts person, a painter or a potter. Besides a wide range of fruit and vegetables, these are other classes to enter.

Novices or experienced entrants, from the very young, those in their middle years and more senior citizens, we will welcome everyone. All the classes are open so we shall hope to see entries from surrounding villages too. Your future pink sheets will have all the details.



Royal British Legion

The Annual Supper was a great success and the best we have ever had. It was a very enjoyable evening with good food, wine, service and company; many thanks to the staff at the Bird in Hand.

Just a mention of a date to remember; 9th April is the Easter Bingo so please make a note of it.

The next meeting of the branch will be on Monday 7th March starting at 7:30pm at the Bird in Hand.



Saturday 21st May 2011

2:00 – 4:30pm

Queen Square

There will be a meeting for anyone wishing to book a stall or run an activity at the May Fayre on Monday 14th March at 8pm in the Bird in Hand. You will be able to pay for your stall, have a receipt and be given all the usual information regarding times and schedules.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

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

Produce Market

The next market will be on Saturday 5th March - 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All the usual stalls will look forward to seeing you. Come and support us in our fund raising effort for the Parish Church.

The winner of the February raffle was Ethel Rowe.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

At the February meeting members enjoyed the illustrated talk on 'Orchids' by Howard Burnett. He gave a lot of information and many tips on growing and caring for orchids.

On Thursday 3rd March the speaker will be Dr George Hargreaves and he will be speaking on the 'Seasons at Westonbirt'. Don't forget the party on Saturday 19th March in the village hall. Still places available. BYO drink & glasses.



NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

March heralds in a display by Virginia Chester, a tutor for Somerset Skills and Learning, who teaches art to adults in Taunton and Wellington. Her work explores a variety of media and on display will be a series of watercolours depicting surgeons and other staff working inside an operating theatre, as well as other mixed media pieces, watercolours and prints. Prints of hospital scenes will be on sale, the proceeds going to The League of Friends of Musgrove Park Hospital.

Calling all local artists – the 2011 Summer Exhibition between 7th June and 17th July will have the theme *The Local Landscape*, so start producing your masterpiece! Entry forms with all details will be available soon at the Coffee Shop.

New faces will be seen behind the counter as we welcome Gareth Richards and Teresa Jones as volunteers. Why not join them, ring Jan - 490795 or Kathryn - 490623.

The Parish Council

This is the third and final part 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 in May.

Do I want to become a Councillor?

In the previous two features we have told you something about what the Parish Council is and what Parish Councillors do. This may have put you off or you may still be thinking about it. You can find out more by

- Contacting the Parish Clerk on 01823 490136
- Visiting the Parish Office in Town Farm Community Stable
- Talking to a current Parish Councillor
- Visiting the Parish Council Website at <http://www.northcurry.com>

Do I satisfy the requirements to be a Councillor?

- You need to be over 18 years of age on 5th of May 2011.
- You must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union.
- You must be a local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish, or have, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or have during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area.

How do I become a Councillor?

If you have decided you would like to become a Councillor you first of all need to be nominated for election. You will be able to obtain a Nomination Form from the Parish Office or Taunton Deane Borough Council. The date for the return of Nomination Forms is expected to be noon on Wednesday 6th April, but **please check this nearer the time** as at the time of going to press this date had yet to be formally announced.

The election for Parish Councillors is expected to take place on Thursday 5th May and the results are normally available on the following day.

What happens next?

If you are elected then you attend the first meeting of the Council in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 12th May. At that meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council will be elected and the life of the new Council begins.

Race Night at North Curry Village Hall

Saturday 26th March from 7:30pm, first race at 8:00pm



All the thrills and excitement of a day at the races, three hours of thrilling entertainment; seven horse races with the final race being a bit different.

Ploughman's in the interval, with bar all night.

The races all feature 8 runners and are shown on a giant projection screen.

There will be **TOTE TICKET SALES**, ie betting on each race.

You will have the opportunity to **OWN A HORSE** for a race and get the adulation and prize money that goes with winning. Before each race, we will auction off each horse to the highest bidder. Give 50% of the total to the winning owner.

TRI-CAST Winner is paid £100 on first 3 past the post on any chosen race.

Prizes for Best Ladies or Gents Hat and Best Dressed Table

Tables available to seat 4, 6 or 8, larger groups upon request
pavilion@nothcurry.com

Tickets £8 per person, includes meal, but not drink, available from the Post Office or organisers; ask us on Facebook.

Proceeds are being divided between White Street, Little Acorns and the Pavilion & Playing Field Management groups, for the provision of the said facilities for the benefit of the community.

Future Events: Early notice for two more events-

14th May, **North Curry Wii Night** in the Village Hall, 6:30 – 10:00pm. A night of family fun and competition, we will have a bank of Wii's to determine who are the champion players, families, teams and individuals at a variety of Wii favourites.

Come and join the fun, Bar and refreshments available, see next Pink Sheet or Facebook for more details

3rd July **Pimm's and a Pint at the Pavilion** - Playing Field Summer Event

Following the success of the World Cup BBQ last year we are hosting an afternoon of family fun and large screen showing of the Men's Final at Wimbledon.

BBQ, Bar, Strawberries and Cream, Cream Teas, together with Rounders, Football and Volleyball for the energetic, see next Pink Sheet or Facebook for more details

The Conquest Centre for Disabled Riders

Coffee Morning

Bring and Buy Raffle

on

Saturday 26th March 10:00am – 12 noon

at

'Oamaru', The Fosse North Curry

Do come and support this local centre



North Curry Luncheon Club

Our Lunch Club continues to be well enjoyed. Our meeting dates for March being the 1st, 15th, and 29th.

New members are always welcome. Phone either Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216 for a chat about joining us.

A Date for Diary

The SHANDY BAND
North Curry's village Orchestra
(Yes, the Shandy Band)
And Friends



Saturday 16th April 7:30 pm

North Curry Village Hall
More details next month



North Curry W.I.

At the February Meeting members enjoyed the annual Birthday Party. Ms Emma Britten from BBC Somerset gave a very interesting and amusing talk about her life and work as a presenter, the lovely people she meets, the places she has been, bloomers she has made and some embarrassing moments she has encountered. The committee had prepared a variety of sandwiches, mini quiches, trifles etc and a delicious chocolate birthday cake. A good time was had by all.

Two events in January were also much enjoyed by various members: Lunch at The Bird in Hand and a craft day at Westpoint Exeter.

The skittles team also won their last match of the season.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 2nd March

British Red Cross by Ms Suzi White

Tues 8th March

International Women's Day at Draycot Village Hall- coffee from 9:45am

Wed 30th March

Road Show in Davis Hall, West Camel

Further activities are being discussed such as photography, jewellery making and maybe scrabble.

Tai Chi for healthy body/healthy mind

If you've been enjoying retirement for some years now and have every intention of continuing to do so, keeping your mind busy is part of that. In the same way, getting active can help you keep your body in working order and fine-tuned for longer.

A great way of keeping an active body and mind is by practising Tai Chi, it can help you get the most out of life.

The classes are helpful, friendly and affordable and you don't have to be fit to start.

Classes will be starting at North Curry Health Centre Tuesdays at 1:30pm from 1st March 2011 costing £2.50 with the help of Fit as a Fiddle, which is a big lottery funded project to help the health and wellbeing of older people nationally.

No experience necessary, no partner required, just come along and enjoy the challenge.

For further information please call Dianne Ramsay at Age UK Somerset 0845 643 4702 or email

dianne.ramsay@ageuksomerset.org.uk



The Sorcerer

on Saturday 12th March
7:30pm in the Village Hall

Doors and Bar open 7:00pm

Tickets **£10**

from the Post Office
or ring 490201

Profits to go towards the new
projector, DVD player and
screen for the Village Hall



A couple of months ago I expressed a hope that we would be able to have a general discussion meeting in the near future on renewable energy and energy usage in all their forms. This now has to be postponed for a time.

Meanwhile, a number of people are putting PV solar panels on their roofs – there are now at least ten installations round the parish and hopes of getting some on the Church. There is also in the offing a planning application for a field-sized array overlooking West Sedgemoor.

Home energy conservation can never be over-done and if anyone is interested in a free audit of their home by an independent trained auditor then contact us and it will be arranged.

These strands are just some of the topics to be discussed at our proposed meeting.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the King Alfred in Burrowbridge, 8pm on Tuesday 8th March.

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

2011 will be a memorable year for NCCC as cricket returns to the village for the first time in many years! We are fortunate to have a top class playing facility at White Street and are most grateful to all in the village who have helped to make this become a reality.

To celebrate this we have many events planned:-

An open weekend on the 23rd and 24th of April when anyone can come along to White Street to play. Contact Chris on 07702 000826.

NCCC v a Lashings World XI on the 21st July, involving ex-test cricketers! There will be a corporate lunch with tickets now on sale and going fast.

NCCC v a President's XI on the 28th August followed by the annual White Street Hog Roast.

Outdoor nets will begin as soon as the weather is suitable and our season begins in early April. Indoor nets are running now on Sunday evenings and all are welcome.

For further information please contact Midge 491 278, Bren 491 116 or Dave 491 223



Little Acorns

Little Acorns is currently collecting Box Top book vouchers from nestle cereals and we would be so grateful if any members of the local community would consider donating their vouchers to us please. Each voucher is worth 10p to the pre-school and we can exchange them for books or cash, so this is not an opportunity to be missed!

We are also collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers and would equally appreciate it if anyone would like to let us have those too! Please say yes to vouchers at the till and pumps – these small tokens make such a difference to us!

Please hand or send any tokens direct to the pre-school or to me.

DON'T MISS IT!

**SUNDAY
10th JULY**

put it in your Diary NOW

Country Fun Day

*Lawnmoor Farm,
North Curry*

by kind permission of Tom & Heather JEANES

ALL profits will go to help our three villages celebrate the

**QUEEN'S DIAMOND
JUBILEE in 2012**

North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory & Burrowbridge Conservatives