



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Grit Bins: The Parish Council has been asked on a number of occasions to provide grit bins in various key locations in the Parish. It is considering a scheme whereby local groups get together jointly to contribute towards the partial funding of a bin for their location. Bins are provisionally estimated to cost about £200 and the Parish Council would contribute around 50% of this cost with residents funding the balance. The bins would become the property of the Parish Council. The grit would be replenished by the County Council and it would bear the cost. Grit would only be for use on the public highway i.e. not to be used for private drives and paths, and this would be monitored by the Council. Residents would be expected to distribute the grit themselves when the need arose. The scheme would initially be limited to six locations. If you are interested then write before the end of April to the Parish Clerk giving details of your group leader, group members and proposed location.

New Bus Seat: Parishioners will be pleased to see that the Parish Council has completed the construction of a new bus seat at the junction of White Street and Stoke Road. This was partially funded by the County Council, the balance coming from the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Meeting: A reminder that this year's APM will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall. In addition to presenting the Chairman's Report and Annual Accounts it is hoped to discuss, amongst other things, the plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – 2012.

Elections: Nomination Forms for prospective Councillors need to be with TDBC by noon on Monday 4th April

DeafPLUS: This mobile advisory service will be in Queen Square on Friday 22nd April from 12:30 to 2:30

Parish Office hours: -The opening hours of the Office have been revised slightly and now are as follows:

Monday	12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
Tuesday	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Parish Council diary for April

Wed 13 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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



North Curry W.I.

At the March meeting Ms Suzi White from The British Red Cross gave an informative talk about the history of the Society and the many activities that are now covered by them. Some of their services are well known, such as First Aid courses and running charity shops but they also help refugees, respond to major incidents and, through a global network, put families back in touch such as after a disaster or war. Kate Roberts gave a vote of thanks.

Several members went to the Ice Show "Energia" at Westpoint in Exeter. The set was spectacular and the costumes lavish.

North Curry W.I. members were well represented at the 100th Birthday Celebration of International Women's Day at Draycott Village Hall. The theme running through the morning's talks was the need to empower women in the poorest areas of the world through various initiatives. After lunch Demi Ladwa spoke about Indian Culture, cookery and how to wear a sari. There were also stalls and competitions, altogether a very worthwhile day.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 6th April 2:15pm

Speaker Mr P Nadin
History of the spice trade and the effect on society.

Mon 11th April

Visit to Highgrove Gardens (Invitation from Hatch Beauchamp W.I. to join them)

Mon 18th April

Jewellery workshop

Tues 19th April 10:00am to noon

Photography workshop

Wed 20th April

Spring Ramble: details to follow

Advance Notice

Sat 21st May

At the May Fair our stall will have home-made confectionary and biscuits - details to follow

Wed 6th July

Outing to Bristol Glass Museum etc. – details to follow



This month's Newsletter is sponsored by North Curry Embroiderers who will be exhibiting their work from the past couple of years in the church at the May Fair on Saturday 21st May. All are welcome.



North Curry Luncheon Club

Luncheon Club dates for this month are the 12th & 26th. There will be news in the next issue for the destination etc. of our annual outing this year on 19th July.

Anyone interested in joining our Luncheon Club or joining club members and helpers on our outing contact Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216.



North Curry Dancing School News

The children have had continued success at a local dancing festival in Highbridge where the Harry Potter Trio dance was awarded another first place. Other festival successes were for Harriett who gained third place for her song and dance and for Megan and Georgia who performed their dances very well coming within a couple of marks of those in first place.

Children at the dancing school have been working very hard towards their Grade 6 ballet, modern and tap exams which will take place at the end of term. I know some parents will be glad when the exams are over so they won't have to listen to the dance music anymore!

The dancing school takes children from aged three years and if anyone would like more information about joining the dancing school, please contact Ann-Marie by visiting the website www.danceatnorthcurry.com or calling 07595 173649.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

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



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Pat Hase MA will present *Victorian Servants*.

Pat needs no introduction, she set us off on family history research in 2008 and followed it up with *On the Parish* in 2009. She will now explore another fascinating branch of family history. Pat has chaired the Weston-Super-Mare FHS for some 30 years and is therefore well versed in her subject. We look forward to an interesting evening.

Members & non-members are all welcome.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

The speaker on Thursday 7th April will be Mrs Dawn Collins and her subject will be "A Journey through the Stourhead Landscape".

The first outing this year will be on Wednesday 18th May to the Slimbridge Wetland Centre in Gloucestershire: Cost to members £16 & non-members £18. There are still some places available – please contact Margaret Tomkins 01823 490506.

The coach will leave Stoke St Gregory at 8:20 am and North Curry Pavement at 8:30 am.



In Celebration of the Royal Marriage
NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES
are mounting a

Photographic Display of North Curry Weddings

In the Loft above the Coffee Shop
between 14th April and 19th May 2011

If you have photographs you would like to add to the display, please bring them in before 5th April so that they can be copied and mounted.

The Flower Show

The Flower Show Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Marmalade Sale, which made an amazing total of over £500! Thank you also to those volunteers at The Coffee Shop who nominated the Flower Show as their chosen charity.

A recent newspaper article recommended homemade marmalade mixed with vodka and ice as an excellent late morning cocktail!

On a more sober note, remember that now is the time to start planting flower and vegetable seeds ready for the Flower Show, which is on 13th August.



Little Acorns

Friday 3rd March 2011 saw the first visit to our new Forest School set up. The children visited their open air classroom before venturing into the woodlands where they discovered their base camp. They will visit the Forest School Centre every Friday as part of an on-going project to create and improve their site.

We are extremely grateful to P.H Coates and Sons at the Willow and Wetland Centre for providing these fantastic facilities for the children of Little Acorns and North Curry reception class to enjoy.

Little Acorns was also presented with 50 saplings kindly offered by Monkton Elm Garden Centre. The tree protectors were generously donated by Green Shutters Nursery. The saplings were planted on Sunday 13th March and the children will enjoy caring for them and watching their own "forest environment" grow on Little Acorns' door step.

Future Events:

Friday 8th April @ 2pm – Easter Egg Hunt

Enjoy the Egg and Spoon Race, the Easter Bonnet Competition and the Egg Hunt on the Playing Field.

14th May, North Curry Wii Night in the Village Hall, 18:30 – 22:00.

We will be supporting the Playing Field for a night of family fun and competition.

21st May – May Fayre

Visit our stall and enjoy a cream tea...

For further information or to register your child at Little Acorns, please contact Alison Hembrow on 01823 491 615 or email littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk

Fiddlin' Away!

2011 is action-packed for Fiddlin' Folk, the local young people's folk band: in February we took part in Devon's Stringathon, when 320 string players of all ages and stages descended on Crealy Adventure Park, to try and break the world record for the largest string orchestra... in March we meet two Cornish fiddle bands in Bodmin... on 16th April we play in The Shandy Band's concert at the Village Hall... and so it goes on, peaking with Sidmouth FolkWeek on 30th July.

We practice monthly in North Curry Village Hall, on 2nd Sundays from 5:30 until 7:00. We welcome new members; if you're aged between 7 and 14 and play a stringed instrument (bowed or plucked), flute, recorder or guitar, come and give us a try! Beginners welcome!

Contact Anna Bushell on 490269 or annabushell@btinternet.com, and we'd be glad to see you! Our next practice is on Sunday 10th April, 5:30 in the Village Hall.

PARISH CHURCH



APRIL EVENTS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who were so generous when our parish church was raising money for the repair of the organ bellows. The repairs are now completed and the refurbished bellows will hopefully be powering the organ at our services for many years now. Why not come and hear the result of all the hard work at one of our Sunday Services this month.

Mothers' Sunday Service on 3rd April at 11:00am is particularly suitable for families. **Easter Day** on Sunday 24th April at 10:00am is a great celebration when we get the chance to sing all the joyous Easter Hymns and the chance to hear Bishop Michael Ball preach.

Regular church attenders will know just what a treat this will be, but none of this would have been the same without the organ to lead the music, so once again we say

THANK YOU!

'Country Fun Day'

Lawnmoor Farm, North Curry
(by kind permission of Heather & Tom Jeanes)

Sunday 10th July

12 noon until late afternoon

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE QUEEN'S
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
IN 2012**

'Friendly Dog Show'
(book him in early!)

Children's Fancy Dress

Terrier Racing - and much more

Stall Places Available
book now!

Tel: 01823-491518 or 01823-490180

North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory and
Burrowbridge Conservatives



More Local Food in the Local Shop

We are always hearing of food price increases together with terrible tales of how far food is transported around the country (and the world) but we now have an opportunity to redress the balance.

Noel and Alison Prosser have kindly agreed to promote fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables through the Post Office. We now need to source those very products so if you think you are likely to have surplus good-quality produce later in the year please get in touch with us now so that we can start to coordinate the supply chain.

This will, in a small way, help Transition Athelney to achieve its aim of promoting a local economy so reducing food miles, waste and our dependency on supermarkets.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Royal Oak in Stoke St Gregory, 8pm on Monday 4th April.

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



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on Wednesday 6th April. Absolutely no experience is necessary as our very proficient and patient caller, Ray, helps us to learn the dances while having enormous fun. We meet for a couple of hours on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45pm in the village hall. Why not come along and give it a go? A first visit is free and thereafter £3 per session for non-members. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

The 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of North Curry Community Coffee Shop is on Thursday 14th April at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, with refreshments following the formalities. Everyone is welcome, but only members may vote. This AGM is significant since it marks five successful years of the Coffee Shop, during which about £35,000 has been donated to charities and good causes.

The BIRTHDAY is Friday 6th May when the shop will be decorated for the occasion, 'specials' will be on sale and a birthday cake will be cut. Why not come and join the fun?

From 15th March to 24th April Virginia Chester's watercolours will be on display depicting surgeons and hospital staff at work, the proceeds from her prints going to the League of Friends of Musgrove Park Hospital.

The summer menu starts on 5th April, with salads and scrumptious cream teas. We can provide the fare, but cannot guarantee the weather!

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 2nd April 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Please come and support our stalls selling a variety of local produce.

The winner of the March raffle was Dave Walrond.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



NORTH CURRY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A huge thank you to all who supported the Quiz evening, especially those who provided the superb buffet supper. We raised £400 which will help towards the cost of the visit by our French friends in June when we will be celebrating with them the 20th Anniversary of our association.



The outline programme for that weekend is:



Thursday 2nd June French visitors arrive in the evening, we host shared suppers.

Friday 3rd June Organised trip for the visitors and hosts who are able to go. We are still finalising venues etc.

Saturday 4th June 'At home' with hosts.
Evening event: Supper and Barn Dance in the Village Hall.

Sunday 5th June Visitors leave after breakfast.

If you are interested and would like more information or to meet and talk things over with the 'experts' please come to the

Cheese and Wine Information Evening at the Pavilion on Friday 1st April (no joke)



If you cannot make this 'do' and want more information please ring 490837 or email martina_stone@hotmail.com



Other dates for your diary:

25th April Family Easter Treasure Hunt



21st May Balloon Stall at the May Fair



23rd July Summer BBQ



Look out for details of these events nearer to the date.



The SHANDY BAND And Friends Perform

North Curry's village Orchestra



Saturday 16th April.
7:30 pm

North Curry Village Hall

Tickets £4 available at the P.O.
or orchestra members

Refreshments available

North Curry Village Choir Spring Concert

Our spring concert this year will be held on

Saturday 7th May
at 7:30pm

in

North Curry Parish Church

We will be performing the oratorio

Alexander's Feast by Handel

We very much hope that you can join us!

Tickets at **£7.50** (including a glass of wine)
will be available at the **Post Office**

Village Hall AGM

A reminder that this will take place on Tuesday 5th April in the hall at 7:30pm. All parishioners and users of the hall are welcome to hear of the past year's events and to see the annual report and accounts.

The Sorcerer performed by Somerset Opera was a very enjoyable evening and £325 was raised to put towards the equipment to show films in the hall. Many thanks for all those who helped and those who bought tickets for the show.