



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**Annual Parish Meeting:** A final reminder that this year's APM will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall followed by free coffee. The Chairman will be presenting his Annual Report and the Annual Accounts will also be presented. Mrs. Sarah Loader, the new Head Teacher of North Curry Primary School is also expected to address the meeting.

Amongst other things, the plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – 2012 will be on the agenda. This is your opportunity to influence the selection of a permanent memorial to mark this event and also to discuss other aspects of the Jubilee Year such as the celebratory events that might be organised.

**Elections:** You are reminded once again that the election of a new Parish Council will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May alongside the District Council elections.

**Additional Councillors:** As a result of the fact that only 10 candidates are standing for 13 seats in the election, the Council may use its powers to co-opt additional members to fill the three vacancies that will arise. This will take place at its first meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Anyone wishing to be considered is asked to forward their name, together with brief details of their reasons for applying, to the Parish Clerk before 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and to attend the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Clerk, or any of your current members, will be happy to discuss any aspect of becoming a Councillor with you. More details on our web site.

**Welcome Booklet:** Later this year the Council expects to be publishing an updated Welcome Booklet. Would any organisation or business wishing to update their entry or make a new entry please contact the Parish Clerk by no later than 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**DeafPLUS:** This mobile advisory service will be in Queen Square on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 1:30 and 3:30pm.

### Parish Council diary for May

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

**Contact the Parish Council:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

Church Road and Queen Square

**2:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.**

For your enjoyment there will be:

- Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden ◦
- Display of Country Dancing from the children of North Curry School ◦
- Cheese and wine under the copper beech tree ◦
  - Horse and cart rides ◦
  - Plants, cakes, jams and pickles ◦
  - Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden ◦
- Coconut shy ◦ Unique Troll bead stall ◦ Refreshing May Fayre Punch ◦ children's entertainments ◦

The church bell tower will be open for visits and there will be many interesting charity and non-charity stalls. Come prepared to carry home cakes, jams, plants, and many other delectable items and happy memories.

**Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1.00**

Please follow the signs to this car park. We would really like to encourage you to park here as it is important to keep the main roads through the village clear for the fire brigade, ambulances and large farm traffic. All parking proceeds go to provide entertainments at the Fayre. There is a safe pedestrian route from Manor Field along the Fosse to the Fayre.

We would like to thank our sponsors: The Bird in Hand Pub and 'So Raise Your Glasses'

## Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am until 11:30 am. We look forward to seeing you all.

The winner of the April raffle was Carole Smith.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



This month's newsletter is sponsored by the North Curry May Fayre – this year on the 21<sup>st</sup> May



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

First Thursday of the month at the **Pavilion** 7:45 for 8 pm **but please note change of date for May when it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday on 12<sup>th</sup> May**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> May the speaker will be Mr Brian Carlson and his subject "Fuchsias".

Day trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - the coach will leave Stoke St Gregory at 8:20 am and North Curry Pavement at 8:30 am.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10 am-12 noon – COFFEE MORNING & PLANT SALE at the PAVILION, Greenway – hope to see you there.

Day trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Members £20, non-members £22 – for further details please contact Mary Ginger 490527.



## Royal British Legion

Once again the May Fair is upon us on 21<sup>st</sup> and we shall be running the Giant Raffle as we did so successfully last year. That means that we shall need lots of prizes, so if you can donate a prize we shall be very grateful.

It is our intention for the branch to visit Dunkirk House. The suggestion is that the visit will be on the afternoon or evening of 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> May. Those interested please contact Geoffrey Durrant on 490685 so that we have some idea of numbers.

The next meeting of the branch will be on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at the Bird in Hand.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
David Woolfenden 491222

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)



### Where does your energy come from?

As we all know we use vast quantities of energy in our everyday lives, often without realising it, for instance in the food we eat. Virtually all of this originates from fossil fuels of one form or another and the majority is imported, all the more so as our North Sea oil and gas reserves are used up.

To help think about just how much effort we save from these fuels come along to our stall at the May Fair and have a go at doing something normally done at a flick of a switch; we hope it will inspire you to respect fossil fuels a little more and perhaps reduce your dependency on them.

There are many ways of cutting our fuel addiction such as increasing home insulation, turning down the heating, using low energy lights, buying fewer goods, driving less (on yer bike!), and living and shopping more locally. At this point I'll remind you of our aim to get more local food in the Post Office – if you'd like to be one of the suppliers contact us.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Rose and Crown in Lyng, 8pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Do come if you can.

Contact: Brian & Kathryn on 490623 or email [bkjeanes@f2s.com](mailto:bkjeanes@f2s.com)



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm**. Please note the change of date - the second Wednesday instead of the first due to the Parish Meeting taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> May - and the change of time – 7:30 rather than 7:45 as this suits most people better. New people are always welcome so 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 - we now have several single men so single ladies have a chance to dance as ladies!

For further details phone 490623.

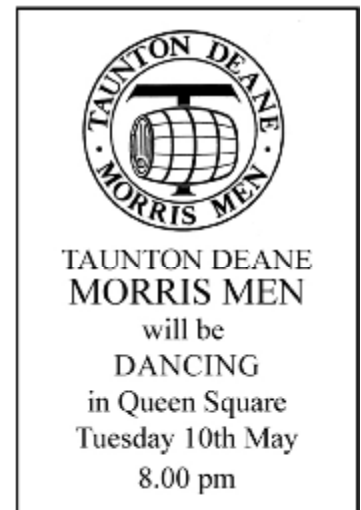


## North Curry Luncheon Club

The days are warming and summer is on its welcomed way. Dates for lunches in May are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Final preparations are being sorted for our annual outing, this year to Exmouth leaving North Curry at 10am on the 19<sup>th</sup> July with a cream tea on the way home at Otter Nurseries to arrive back in North Curry approximately 5:30pm. There are some seats available for non-members and if anyone is interested in joining us, £10.00 per head covers it all. Contact Tina on 480629.

For the outing or anyone interested in joining our Lunch Club for the over sixties or volunteering help Joyce on 490216 or Tina.



## Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is an informal way to investigate Christianity or just brush up on the basics. It explores who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
- You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing.
- You can ask any question you want.

Can you know you are a real Christian? Come and find out how! Everybody is warmly welcomed.

The Christianity Explored course will be run by North Curry Baptist Church, Windmill Hill. For further information please contact Rev. Cyril Aston by telephone on 01823 491018 or email [cyrilaston@talktalk.net](mailto:cyrilaston@talktalk.net)



## North Curry W.I.

April has been a busy month for North Curry W.I. and at the April meeting Mr. Phil Nadin gave an informative talk about the history of Spices.

The Group Meeting was held at Hatch Beauchamp on 25<sup>th</sup> March and included music and a talk about the 'Bevan Boys' which was punctuated with humorous anecdotes.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March several members from North Curry W.I. attended the Road Show at West Camel. There were several stalls exhibiting various activities which are available with the W.I.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April the skittles team enjoyed their Annual end of season dinner at the Merry Monk.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

The May meeting will discuss the Resolutions which will be voted on. To follow there will be tea and biscuits whilst we put our thinking caps on ready for a Quiz

Please remember that we have a trading stall at every meeting, so please bring along suitable items.

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Corsage Workshop at Wilton Lodge

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Cole Porter Night at Burrowbridge

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Another reminder about our stall at the May Fayre when we will be selling home-made confectionary and biscuits.

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Empire Day Cream Tea at Binegar Village Hall



### **Conquest Centre**

A big thank-you to everyone who supported my Coffee Morning: It was a great success and £557.35 was raised.

Conquest are very pleased and the money will be used to buy a music system for use in the indoor school. The children love riding to music and nursery rhymes.

Thank-you again – Diana Highley



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Stephen Parker will present *Conservation of the Somerset Levels & Moors*.

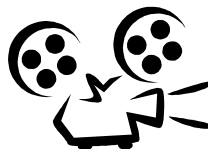
Stephen works for Natural England on the Somerset Levels and his main interest is wild plants of Somerset.

Perhaps conservation and farming do not sit well together – no doubt this will raise some discussion!

Members & non-members are all welcome.

## **Flower Show 2011**

Members of the Flower Show committee will greet you warmly at their May Fair stall. We will be selling plants and marmalade and there will be a raffle. The most important item for sale will be the 2011 Flower Show Schedule. The new one is now printed, costs £1 and is free for children. There are lots of classes the same as last year but there are some new ones as well. How about trying your hand at chocolate bread or one of the honey delicacies. They are interesting to experiment with and quite delicious.



## **North Curry Film Society**

At the Village Hall Committee's Annual General Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April, it was agreed that the Film Society should go ahead with the purchase of the necessary equipment to show films in the Village Hall. An order has been placed with a local supplier and it is hoped that it will be installed soon.

There will need to be some fund raising to help to make up the shortfall and more on this will follow.

Further news about the Film Society will be given in later Newsletters, so watch this space.

If you would like to know more about this budding Society, please phone John Attwood on 490648.



## **NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP**

### **It's our FIFTH birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> May!**

Yes, it's hard to believe, but we will have been open for 5 years on 6<sup>th</sup> May, thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who work in the shop, produce cakes, soup and other lovely things to eat.

Come along that morning and enjoy the fun, a piece of Birthday Cake (while it lasts) and see how the shop has been specially decorated by the Art and Design team. Some other special cakes will be on sale to enjoy with your coffee.

**6<sup>th</sup> May – morning – it's the place to be – don't miss it.**

### **ART IN THE COFFEE SHOP**

From 26<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> June, the sumptuous colourful paintings of Carole Tennant will be exhibited at The Coffee Shop. Carole is a regular exhibitor at leading galleries in the south-west and also exhibits in London and abroad. She works in acrylics, oils, watercolour and pastel, painting in particular, landscapes and gardens.

## **North Curry Village Choir Spring Concert**

Our spring concert this year will be held on

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 are **£7.50** (including a glass of wine) and will be available at the **Post Office**.

# 'COUNTRY FUN DAY'

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY - 12 noon onwards

## Lawnmoor Farm, North Curry

(by kind permission of Heather & Tom JEANES)

### FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

From Pre-historic to the Historical, from 'Book Characters' to the 'Royals' or be really original and remember the theme is 'Diamond'!

Tel: 490421 or 491518

Classes for:- Pre-school  
5-8 years  
9-12 years  
13-16 years

### FUN DOG SHOW

Numerous Classes - something for everyone.

Entry Forms from our Stall at the May Fayre, North Curry Post Office & Stoke St. Gregory Village Store.  
Tel: 490587 or 491518.

### INTER-VILLAGE TUG 'O' WAR

(for the 'Water' Cup)

North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory and Burrowbridge.

Tel: 490845 or 491518 for more details.

*North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory & Burrowbridge Conservatives*



## North Curry Cricket Club

We have now started the 2011 season with a friendly game against North Devon CC, with more friendly games over the next couple of weeks before we start our league campaign at our new White Street Ground in early May.

Club nets are now underway for all (over 16 unless accompanied by a parent) every Thursday evening from 6 o'clock, please come along and join us.

A quick clarification on our big game against the Lashings World XI on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July; this game is FREE OF CHARGE to come and watch. There will be ice creams, a BBQ and Bar available. There is a corporate lunch but we are very keen to make this event open to all, hence the free ground entry. The game will run from 2 o'clock till approximately 7 o'clock so still plenty of time to come to the game after school.

Our new junior club nights start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 6:00 till 7:30pm and will run for 10 weeks, please put this in your diary, all are welcome.

Our new fixture booklet should either have dropped or should be dropping through your door any day now, if for any reason you do not get one please contact any member of the club who will get you one.

Please pop up to White Street to see us at some point during the season, it would be great to make the cricket pitch a social focal point for friends to meet, have a chat and watch a bit of cricket, we will do all in our power to make you as welcome as we can.

# North Curry Wii Night

in the Village Hall

14<sup>th</sup> May, 18:30 – 22:00

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. Finals of top three at each game fighting out for glory and prizes on main screen.

Suggest games and competitions you would like to play via Facebook or email to [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

Come and join the fun, Bar and refreshments (rolls crisps etc) available, see Facebook for more details

**Tickets £5 per family £2 per person, available from the Post Office or organisers, ask us on Facebook or call 490046. Small charge per entry.**

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 summer event

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rounder's, Football and Volleyball for the energetic, see next Pink Sheet or Facebook for more details

The race night was great fun and while numbers were lower than we hoped, we still raised a good sum for the three groups and have agreed to run another one next year as all those that came have said we should do it again and those that missed out will get to join in the fun, probably late February next year.