



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting: This year's APM took place on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall; approximately 30 members of the public and committee attended.

The Chairman gave his report, including thanking the five retiring Councillors for their work over the term, and the annual accounts were presented. The Parochial Charities accounts were also presented by one of the Trustees who gave an explanation of them and how they came about.

Sarah Loader, our new Primary School Headmistress, was welcomed and gave an interesting talk on the progress of the school and their plans for the future.

Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson led the discussion of possible events and a memorial to mark the Queen's Jubilee 2012, and Cllr. Phil Stone gave a report on the interest and progress of grit bins throughout the Parish. Mr Brian Dix, having decided that he was not standing for re-election, was thanked for all his dedication, time and input to the Parish and was wished well for the future. The meeting closed with coffee/tea and biscuits.

Your new Parish Councillors: The Parish council is made up of 13 members. As less than this number were nominated (the 8 remaining members plus 2 more names) they became automatically elected as Councillors without an election.

At the Annual General Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th, 2 volunteers came forward and were duly co-opted onto the Council.

Mrs. Tina Stodgell was elected as Chairman and Mr Phil Holms as Vice Chairman. Your Parish Councillors are Stanley Case, Ray Chisnall, Alan Dare, Ian Fugett, Phil Holms (Vice Chairman), Brian Jeanes, George Jones, Mary Parker, David Patten, Tina Stodgell (Chairman) Phil Stone (also one of our Deane Councillors) and Tony Turner.

There still remains one vacant seat; anyone interested please contact Barbara Wellwood our Clerk in the Parish Office.

New Seat: At the Parish Council Meeting it was agreed to install the bench kindly donated by the Garden Club (including all installation costs) on the land in Church Road adjacent to the existing seat and map. Our thanks go to the Garden Club and we are sure it will be used and appreciated by many.

Grit Bins: We had a good response to the offer of grit bins. Groups have got together in three areas, The Fosse/Church Road, Helland Hill and Canterbury Drive and costings are being sought to install them in due

course. (you may remember they are offered on a 50/50 basis.) There is still time for other groups to come forward but numbers are limited, Highways have to agree the position and the grit is not for personal use e.g. households/drives, it is for the roads.

Queen's Jubilee 2012: Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson is our Co-ordinator for these celebrations, Mrs Mary Parker offered to be our Parish Council Rep. and we look forward to our participation.

Parish Council diary for June:

Weds 8 th	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Weds 29 th	Planning Meeting	8:00pm

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

Village Hall

The phone box in the village hall has been used twice in the last year. Given the cost of the line rental the hall committee has decided to remove it in the near future. If anyone is interested in buying the equipment which is only about 18 months old please contact the Secretary on 490201.

Booking Secretary David Woolfenden is standing down at the end of the year and we are looking for someone to take over from him. David has got the system running very smoothly and hopes for a month or two overlap to ensure it continues to do so. He spends about four hours a week on average on bookings and anyone taking over will need to be able to use a computer. Do please consider volunteering for this vital job to keep the hall running efficiently. Contact David on 491222 for more details.

North Curry Playing Field

Pimm's and a Pint

A barbecue will take place on the playing-field on Sunday 3th July 2011. It will start at 1pm and continue until late.

Burgers, beer and Pimm's will be available throughout the day. Lots of fun children's games on the field.

Please come and support your local playing-field.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 16th June 2011 at 8pm.

All residents of North Curry are welcome to attend, find out about the playing-field and sign up to help run it.

'Country Fun Day'

Sunday 10th July - 12 noon onwards
LAWNMOOR FARM, NORTH CURRY
(by kind permission of Heather & Tom JEANES)

**Don't forget the 'Family Dog Show' and
the 'Fancy Dress Competition'**

If you didn't get your Entry Form from our Stall at the May Fayre, you can collect one from either North Curry Post Office or Stoke St. Gregory Village Store.

For more info:

Inter-village Tug 'O' War (for the 'Water Cup') 491518

Fun Dog Show 490587 Fancy Dress Comp 490421

*All profit towards our three villages' celebrations for the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012*

North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory & Burrowbridge Conservatives.



NORTH CURRY W.I.

1st June – Wednesday 2:15 pm

Garden Meeting at the Cricket Club, White Street (in the Pavilion if raining). Hats and summer frocks if you like. There will be cream teas, games and a raffle, but no trading stall or competition.

Advance Notice:-

6th July – Wednesday

Day outing to Bristol Blue Glass Museum. Lunch nearby or take a picnic. Afternoon tea stop on the way home. **This event is open to family and friends.**

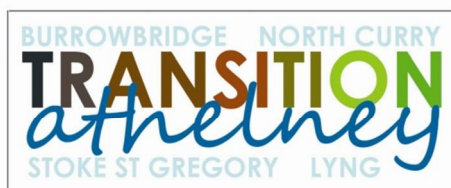
More details later.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 1st June at 7:30pm**. Please note the change of time – 7:30 rather than 7:45 as this suits most people better. We have had several new dancers lately but more 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.

For further details phone 490623.



towards a greener community

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Quite a few of you will be familiar with the concept of "Peak Oil" - the fact that the world is producing as much oil now as it ever has or will. From now on there will be the prospect of diminishing supplies so causing price rises and perhaps, before too many years, serious shortages. This, together with the spectre of climate change is the *raison d'être* for the Transition movement.

As an additional thought, how many of you have thought that we might be facing the prospect of "Peak Food" - a phrase heard recently in a discussion on food supplies and the prospect of burgeoning world population. We're not really at Peak Food as it should be possible to produce a lot more than we do now; however, this increase probably won't keep up with demand so there will be less available per person resulting in dramatic price rises and local shortages. Are we ready for this? Can we be more self-sufficient – as a country or community? Not since 1945 has it been more important to "grow your own".

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Royal Oak in Stoke, 8pm on Tuesday 14th June. Do come if you can.

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



**NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY
COFFEE SHOP**

News broke the day after the AGM on 14th April that for the 4th year running, and ever since the local authority scheme started, the Shop had been awarded the maximum level 5 rating for food hygiene. Congratulations and thanks to each and every volunteer whose efforts made this possible. Although Liz Gibbs has retired from Management, she continues as Shop Manager, and Tina Stone was elected to the Committee in her place.

The shop had further celebrations for its 5th birthday on 6th May with a splendid cake made by Jane Attwood and raised a glass to toast the £35,000 donated to charities and good causes during those years. So what for the future? Some customers have said that menu prices are too low, but the shop was not founded for profit, but as a benefit to the community and what a benefit it has proved!

Art in the Coffee Shop

The Summer Exhibition will be on show in The Coffee Shop from 7th June to 17th July, comprising entries submitted on the theme Local Landscape.

There's still just time to dash off that piece of artwork, be it painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, potting, weaving or sewing, to be in the running for one of the three cash prizes. Details and entry forms are in The Coffee Shop.



North Curry

Twinning Association



**Twinning 20th Anniversary
Celebration Barn Dance**

Come and join us for a 2-course meal, a glass of wine and a superb band and caller at 7:00 for 7:30 on Sat 4th June in North Curry Village Hall.

Tickets £15 for adults, £1 for children available from Gillian Akerman 490234 or the Post Office

Date for your Diary:

North Curry Primary School Summer Fayre

Friday 1st July 6:00 to 8:00pm

(more info in next month's newsletter)



EARLY START FROM SEPTEMBER

Little Acorns Pre-School is delighted to announce that from September 2011, we will be offering a wrap-around care service in partnership with North Curry Primary School. We will be able to welcome children from 8 am, giving working parents more flexibility and more choice.

Of course, we will still welcome children from the age of 2 in our privileged surroundings and continue to offer Forest School on Fridays.

For further information or to register your child at this forward thinking setting, please contact Alison Hembrow or Judy Dawson Cable on 01823 491 615 or email littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for your diary

3rd July – Pimm's and Pint at the Pavilion

We will be supporting the Playing Fields Summer event, come and join us to enjoy an afternoon of fun with BBQ, rounders, football and volleyball tournaments and enjoy the Men's final at Wimbledon.

28th August – Morris Way End of Summer Party.

Come and support this summer events in aid of the Cricket and Football fields.

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 4th June 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

We all welcome your continuing support.

The winner of the May raffle was Frances Machen.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

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

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Royal British Legion

Last week a small party of members had the pleasure of visiting Dunkirk House and to us it was a real eye opener! We were met and shown around by the matron, who explained that the whole object was to ensure that the residents were happy and contented. The place was fitted out to a very high standard, especially the lounge bar and dining hall, and the menu for the day sounded most interesting. The grounds are extensive and beautifully tended. They are holding an Open Day shortly, which will be advertised and I recommend a visit – it will be well worth it. On departure, we presented the Matron with a cheque for £280, which, though a small amount, was much appreciated. We came to the conclusion that this was an instance of Legion monies being well spent to great effect.

As has been said before, we need help to raise money as the active members are ageing so the job becomes more difficult; so we need younger blood to take over and maintain our fund raising efforts. Anyone interested who feels that they can help, please ring Duncan Atwell on 491525.

The next meeting of the branch will be on Monday 13th June at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

First Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8:00 pm

No Club meetings now until Thursday 1st September when Mr Michael Leech will be speaking on "A day with Beth Chatto".

Places are still available on the day trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Wednesday 22nd June. Members £20, non-members £22. The coach will leave Stoke St. Gregory at 7:30 am, stopping at White Street and then North Curry Pavement at 7:45 am.

Places are also available for visit to the RHS Gardens at Rosemoor in Devon on Thursday 7th July. Cost of coach only £12. The coach will leave Stoke St. Gregory at 8 am, stopping at White Street and then North Curry Pavement at 8:15 am.

Further details for both trips please contact Mary Ginger 490527.



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 15th June 2011 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Liz Grant will present *Tales from the Quarter Sessions: Somerset's Criminal Past*.

Liz has been an archivist with the Somerset Record Office for some eight years and has been largely responsible for cataloguing the Quarter Session papers for the 17th & 18th centuries. Don't be frightened about "skeletons in the cupboard", come along and listen – could be fascinating!

A note for your diary. The Society will be holding a Summer Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th July between 10am & 12 noon at the Old Malthouse, 3 Stoke Road, North Curry by kind permission of Dr & Mrs D Bethune.

There will be raffles, cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac together with all the usual social chit-chat. **Don't miss it!**



North Curry Luncheon Club

Lunch Club meet this month on the 7th and 21st (June). Anyone interested in joining us please ring Tina on 480629 or Joyce on 490216.

We still have a few seats left on the coach for our outing on 19th July to Exmouth with a cream tea at Otter Nurseries on the way home. The cost is only £10.00 per person. If interested, please ring Tina.

BETTY'S WALKS

Betty Koppa thanks all of her friends for their generosity on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Her presents included a seat with an appropriate plaque, set on Moredon Hill by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Bennett and donations to the Archives and the Methodist Chapel for the use of their room for Betty's party.

Why not join Betty's walks from the Post Office each Saturday at 2pm?

Contact Betty on 490404 for information about her mid-week evening walks during the summer months.