



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Parish Councillors: The Parish Council is pleased to report that it now has a full complement of 13 members following the co-option of Caroline Vaughan. For details of the other Councillors please see last month's Newsletter or the Parish website at <http://www.northcurry.com>.

Parish Footpaths: Would you like to help look after the footpaths in the Parish? The Parish Council are considering whether to participate in the County Council's footpath volunteer scheme. The work would involve repairing stiles, replacing kissing gates, liaising with landowners to agree improvements etc. We have a good network of footpaths in the area, which are well used but there is always room for improvement. At least 4 or 5 people would be needed to make a volunteer group viable and work with Phil Stone, the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer. Two other Parish Councillors have expressed an interest in helping but other residents are needed. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 490136.

Community Notice Board: The Community Notice Board at the bus stop is intended for notices about public events. It has been noted that it is increasingly being used for trade notices as well and, as a result, has become badly cluttered. In order to maintain a balance between trade and community information the board will be split into two sections, one third for trade notices (**no larger than postcard size please**) and two thirds for event information.

Dog Waste: The Parish Council would like to remind all dog owners of the need to pick up and dispose of dog waste appropriately. Failure to do so makes footpaths and grass areas unpleasant for all and could result in a fine of £1000.

Fly-tipping: There have been several incidents of fly tipping in the Parish in recent weeks. Fly-tipping is illegal and anyone witnessing an act of fly-tipping should contact the Police on 0845 456 7000. If the fly-tipping has already taken place, incidents can be reported to Brian Gibbs at Taunton Deane Borough Council, e-mail b.gibbs@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

Parish Council diary for July

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



Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 2nd July 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

June was a very lively market with the visit of our French visitors; we hope July will be as good.

The winner of the raffle was Gill Overthrow.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



North Curry Luncheon Club

Hopefully we are all enjoying lovely sunny weather; this month (July) we have one lunch on the 5th followed by our outing on the 19th to Exmouth (still a few seats available give Tina a ring) and then we have our summer beak returning on 6th September.

Many thanks to all our helpers and members from Tina & Joyce.



SAFARI SUPPER!

**SATURDAY 27th
AUGUST**

Details from:

Liz Gibbs 490191

Gillian Akerman 490234



What a fantastic year we have had at Little Acorns!

In **February**, we were receiving a **Somerset Centre for Innovation and Research award** in recognition of outstanding commitment to Continual Professional Development of all staff and the promotion of creativity.

March saw our first visit to our new **Forest School** set up at P.H. Coates and Sons at the Willow and Wetland Centre. **All the children** registered at Little Acorns have benefited from these discovery adventures in the "forest". They love the open air classroom and venturing into the woodlands to look for animals from bugs to unicorns. On the **15th July**, for our last visit of the year, we are inviting all parents to join us and discover these fantastic facilities.

In **April**, Judy Dawson-Cable received her **Early Years Professional Status** allowing her to lead and support colleagues, helping them to improve and develop their practice to raise the standards of Early Years provisions in the setting.

EARLY START IN SEPTEMBER

We will be offering **wrap around care** in partnership with North Curry Primary School from **September**, allowing us to care for children from **8am till 6pm**. Please register early if you are interested by contacting the school on 01823 490423 or Little Acorns.

Dates for your Diary

- 1 July We will be at the School Fayre
- 3 July Pimms and Pint at the Pavilion
- 10 July Visit our Stall at the Country Fun Day
- 21 July BBQ in support of Cricket Club

For any information contact Alison Hembrow or Judy Dawson-Cable on 01823 491 615 or email littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk

I hope some of you noticed our "Smoothie Cycle" at the May Fair – a fun way of producing a refreshing drink without using any fossil fuels. If you would like to have a go, we intend being at the Family Fun Day at Lawnmoor Farm on the 10th July. (If you don't have the energy, we could probably find someone to act as an energy slave to do the work for you; a bit like flicking a switch, really.)

On the energy front, there is a proposal developing to site a wind turbine on the ridge overlooking Lower Curry Moor at Meare Green. No doubt this will provoke a good deal of discussion over the coming months. There are already quite a number of photovoltaic solar panels on people's roofs and this new approach has the potential to produce at least as much as 200 such installations.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Bird in Hand at 8pm on 18th July. Do come if you can.

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



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on Wednesday **6th July at 7:30pm**. Please note the change of time – 7:30 rather than 7:45 as this suits most people better.

We even have a dance named after North Curry now!

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 Village Hall
 Secretary: Joan Gubbin
 phone 490201
 To hire the hall contact
 David Woolfenden 491222
hallbookings@northcurry.com

20th Anniversary Twinning Visit

On Thursday 2nd June a group of 27 French people arrived in North Curry to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the twinning between North Curry and Les Sept Villages du Vexin (7 villages from the Vexin). There were many old friends and a few new ones with ages ranging from 11 to 80+, including a veteran from WW2, who were hosted in families in North Curry and Stoke St Gregory.

We had fantastic weather for our Friday outing to Wells, with guided tours of the cathedral in French and English, and everyone learned something new. Lunch in the Undercroft of the Bishop's Palace was disappointing, but it was interesting to watch the croquet on the lawn, even if we didn't know the rules in English or French. We then went on to the Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury where there were (rescued) birds of prey on display – and we enjoyed cream teas.

On Saturday the host families entertained their French guests – Hestercombe, Watchet by steam train and the Haynes Motor Museum were a few of the destinations.

Convivial evenings were enjoyed by various groups on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday evening we celebrated in style at the Village Hall. The sumptuous Supper and Barn Dance were open to anyone from the village and 94 people joined in the party. Graham Watson MEP, who has been involved with the twinning from its outset, said a few words in impeccable French and told jokes in French and English before cutting the Anniversary cake. Everyone joined in the dancing with enthusiasm and good humour and went home tired but happy. Thank you to everyone who helped make the visit a success.

A remarkable sense of friendship has built up over the years, and new faces are always welcome, especially those with children.



**NORTH
CURRY
SOCIETY**

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

with entertainment by
The Fiddlin' Folk

Saturday 9th July 2011

10am to 12 noon
at

The Old Malt House
3, Stoke Road, North Curry
by kind permission of
Dr. & Mrs. D. Bethune

NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL FOOTPATH WALK

Led by the indomitable Betty Koppa

Wednesday, 20th July 2011

7:00pm at the Village Hall

Members, Visitors and Dogs welcome

No meeting in August



North Curry Cricket Club

With an unbeaten start to the season, North Curry Cricket Club find themselves top of their league after six matches! The facilities at White Street are the envy of most of the visiting sides and the pitch is behaving wonderfully well for its first season.

We are hoping to attract a large crowd for our game against a Lashings World XI on Thursday 21st July when a host of ex test stars will grace the village! Nearly all of the corporate tickets have been sold but it is free to come and watch all afternoon. Refreshments will be available and there will be a chance to meet the stars (and the visiting team!).

27th June sees the start of our Youth Training sessions under the guidance of our ECB qualified coaches. These will run at White Street between 6:00 and 7:30pm for ten weeks and are open to ages 7-14 priced £2 a session. For further details and to register your interest email Henry at hpapike@googlemail.com

These are exciting times for NCCC and we hope to see many of you at the ground in the near future.

The White Street Bash:

This popular event will be taking place on Sunday 28th August. This year to celebrate the opening of the cricket pitch there will be a match between The President's XI (Old Curry) and The Present North Curry team starting at 2pm. There will be a traditional beer tent, ice creams and a BBQ. After the game we will be holding the usual evening event in the marquee with music, a Hog Roast and full bar.

Entry to the cricket match is free of charge; tickets to the evening event are unchanged from last year at £15 (£5 for children under 16). This event has sold out very quickly in the last two years we have run it so please contact one of the numbers below to get your tickets early. All proceeds go towards the running costs of the new sports ground and pavilion at White Street. Thanks in advance for your support.

James Midgley 01823 491278

Richard Perry 01823 490089

Andy Olie 01823 490276

Flower Show 2011

Saturday 13th August
North Curry Village Hall

The schedules are printed price £1 per adult, obtainable from the Post Office or any committee member. Please return the completed entry form before 12noon on Thursday 11th August to either:

Rosemary Evans 1, Stoke Road 490376
Helen Comrie Greenway House 490358
Mary Cridge Holly Hse Longsfield 491275
Mary Earley 11, Windmill Hill 490769

There is something for everyone to try, amongst the classes, this year.

How about Honey Fudge

900gm (2lb) granulated sugar
100gm (4oz) clear honey
100gm (4oz) butter
½ teaspoon salt
300ml (½ pint) milk

Lightly grease Swiss roll tin; soak sugar in milk for approximately 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Use a large heavy based saucepan, grease with butter. Add all ingredients and bring to the boil. Boil rapidly 5-7 minutes constantly stirring. Mixture must reach 115°C (240°F) Take off heat, cool slightly and beat until creamy. Turn into greased tin, mark when cold and break into squares.

Keep back a bottle of Elderflower cordial to enter in the liquor and honey section as well.



**North Curry
W.I.**

The weather for the Annual Garden meeting this year was perfect and also the setting at the Cricket Club with lovely views. Members enjoyed the cream teas, basking in the sunshine and catching up on all their news.

In May nine members went to a "Cole Porter" evening at the invitation of Burrowbridge W.I. His songs are still well known to many people and after a talk on his life and accomplishments there was a sing along followed by refreshments.

At the North Curry May Fair the W.I. stall "Sugar and Spice" looked very attractive with all the homemade sweets arranged beautifully, really Old World! Hard work for the many contributors & helpers but well appreciated.

The Skittles Team enjoyed their annual dinner. A few members went to W.I. in Binegar Village Hall to celebrate Empire Day with a Victorian quiz, a bring and buy stall and refreshments.

Future Events:

Wed 6th July:

A visit to the Bristol Blue Glass Museum with tea afterwards at Nailsea W.I.

The coach will leave North Curry at 9:15am and arrive back at about at about 6:00pm.

There are several restaurants near the Museum for lunch .

Wed 27th July 7:00pm:

A Group Fun Quiz at Ruishton Inn. We hope to send two teams of five.



**Royal British
Legion**

Once again the May Fair committee and their helpers deserve very hearty congratulations on the success of this year's event; it seemed to be more popular than ever.

We had a very successful Raffle and made £195, which will go towards this year's Poppy Fund. Also we would like to thank all the people who donated Raffle Prizes.

The next meeting of the branch will be on 11th July at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

'COUNTRY FUN DAY'

*Raising money to help our three villages celebrate
the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012
(North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory & Burrowbridge)*

GET INVOLVED on SUNDAY 10th JULY
at

LAWNMOOR FARM, NORTH CURRY

Friendly Dog Show *at 12 noon*

Terrier Racing *from 2pm*

Fancy Dress *at 3pm*

Tug 'O' War *at 4pm*

. . . and lots more!

Barbecue

Cream Teas

Ice-cream

ADULTS £2

CHILDREN FREE

For further details contact:- Paul RICHARDS (491518)

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