



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Speeding Traffic: The Parish Council is pleased to report that 30mph roundels are due to be painted onto the road at each entrance to the village in the near future. It is hoped these will remind drivers from near and far of the speed limit that applies in the village. We have had a number of complaints about the speeding traffic approaching Borough Post; drivers need to be mindful of residents, including children, who are at risk from speeding cars here, and throughout the Parish.

Parish Footpaths: It's not too late to volunteer! There has been a good response to last month's request for people to join the footpath volunteer scheme to help look after the Parish footpaths, but it's not too late to add your name if you think you could help. In order to spread the workload as thinly as possible, the more volunteers we get, the better. There are also roles for those not wanting to be involved in the physical work, such as liaison with the landowners where the volunteers wish to work. If you feel you want to do your bit to help maintain the Parish footpaths please contact the Parish Clerk on 490136.

Outbuilding Security: Please note that a number of sheds and garages in Stoke St. Gregory and Burrowbridge have been broken into recently. Police advice is to keep outbuildings well secured and to paint your postcode onto any valuable equipment using a metal paint such as 'Hammerite'.

Dog Waste: The Parish Council is considering installing a dog waste bin in North Curry. The approximate cost to the Parish would be a one off installation cost of £340 plus an annual cost of £250 to empty the bin. The Parish Council would like to gauge the strength of Parishioner support for this outlay and would welcome your views. Please contact the Parish Clerk with your comments (contact details below).

On-Street Parking in Greenway: Concern has been expressed by Parishioners that the on-street parking of cars on Greenway can, at times, lead to hazards for pedestrians and other road users. There is particular concern for those accessing Cricket Cottages and the Health Centre and also for traffic at the junction of Windmill Hill and Greenway. When parking on Greenway please ensure you do so with consideration for road safety.

Parish Council diary for August

Wed 10 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 31 st	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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



NORTH CURRY FLOWER SHOW 2011



North Curry Village Hall

Saturday 13th August 2011

Exhibitors: 8:00 – 10:00am

General Public: 2:00 – 4:30pm

Prize giving: 4:00pm

A fun village event for all the family to enjoy.

Do come and join in – schedules available from the Post Office.

Don't forget to bring your entries to the show.

All will be welcomed.

Tea and cake available in the afternoon.



NORTH CURRY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Art in the Coffee Shop

The Summer Exhibition has been a great success, with many entries that have generated a lot of discussion and provided a very pleasing display. 277 votes were cast and the winners are: 1st Prize with 38 votes, David Lawrence, for Helland Lane, oil on board. 2nd Prize with 36 votes, Holly Jolliffe, for The Old Man of Manor Field, photograph. The Art and Design committee prize goes to Dawn Hale for Willow in Winter, oil on canvas.

From 19th July to 18th August, North Curry artist Kathryn Baker will be exhibiting some of her work. Her oil and watercolour paintings are a reflection of her lifelong fascination with the Levels in flood. She says, "The water seems to add a magical quality to the landscape and my work is a more contemporary study of the peace, colours and beauty of reflections at this time of year."

This issue is sponsored by the **North Curry Flower and Horticultural Show**, which takes place on Saturday 13th August in the Village Hall. Schedules available in North Curry Post Office now!

To introduce the
NORTH CURRY FILM SOCIETY

SAFARI SUPPER!



**SATURDAY
27th AUGUST
from 7:00pm**

Information from:

Liz Gibbs, Manor End, The Fosse
(490191)

Gillian Akerman, Ty Gwyn, White Street
(490234)



towards a greener community

“Food Yards!”

Food production and distribution, globally, accounts for more expenditure of energy than any other activity (yes, even worse than gas guzzling cars and long-haul holidays). Several calories of fossil fuel energy go into every calorie of food we consume, a completely unsustainable situation, as the era of cheap oil and gas draws to a close.

Transition Athelney has started a modest scheme, but one with real potential, viewed alongside similar initiatives up and down the country. Food Yards is an association of local people producing fruit, vegetables and other foods, be it on farms, or surpluses from their own allotments or gardens. The North Curry village store has started stocking Food Yards produce and the verdict is You Like It! So please look for the Food Yards card, which guarantees locally sourced food, grown without artificial fertilizers or pesticides.

If there is a kind of fresh (unprocessed) food which you'd particularly like to be able to buy locally, do let us know and we'll do our best to plan our growing accordingly, but there will obviously be a time lag, if it's not already available. Similarly, if you have surpluses to offer, please let us know. Garlic and broad beans have been going like hot cakes, but tomatoes in September would be a different story.

It's a Win-Win situation: good for you, good for the planet.

The holiday season is upon us and we will not be holding a pub meeting in August.

Brian and Kathryn Jeanes on 490623 or bkjeanes@f2s.com

Adrian Tait on 490270 or adrian.tait@virgin.net

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 6th August 9:30am until 11:30am. We look forward to seeing those of you who are not on holiday.

The winner of the July raffle was Jean Smith.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216

“FLOWER” COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST
10:30 to 12:30
at

FOSSÉ END

by
kind permission of
Sheila & Alan Billingham

Do come along & join us
Bring & Buy sale
Raffle

A warm welcome
All proceeds towards the Church Altar
Flowers



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

1st Thursday of the month at the
Pavilion 7:45 for 8:00pm

The Club has donated a bench seat to the village. In agreement with the Parish Council it has been placed in Church Road facing the War Memorial and Queen Square Garden. The profits from the two celebratory speaker evenings (Richard Angwin and Adam Henson) have been used to pay for the seat and its installation.

The Club's next meeting will be on Thursday 1st September when Mr Michael Leech will be speaking on “A day with Beth Chatto”. Details of a visit to Highgrove will be given at the meeting.

White Street Bash:

Unfortunately we (The Cricket and Football Clubs) incorrectly advertised children's tickets to this event in last month's pink sheet as £5 each. Due to the popularity of this event in previous years and the fact that some people were left disappointed and unable to get tickets, there is now only one ticket price of £15, this includes live music, a fully licensed bar and a hog roast.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



North Curry W.I.

FREE VISIT

Thought the W.I. was all Jam and Jerusalem?

THINK AGAIN!

Meet your North Curry W.I. on Wed 7th September at 2:15pm

Find out who we are and what we do.

In July members, family and friends went to the Bristol Blue Glass factory and showroom which has been nominated "Tourism activity of the year". After an informative and interesting talk about its history over the last four centuries, the skilled craftsmen gave a demonstration of creating various objects, making it look easy but taking many years to become so skilled. Several people had lunch at the Windmill City Farm café nearby and then went back to look at and buy some of the beautiful glass pieces. Nailsea W.I. provided a lovely tea for everyone, much appreciated.

In June a concert in Wells Cathedral by "The Lancashire W.I. Choir" was enjoyed by a group of members followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7th September 2:15pm

Nick Heal will be demonstrating up to date ways of arranging a bunch of flowers from a supermarket etc.

Wednesday 5th October 2:15pm

A Yeo Valley Dairy speaker will talk about its history with samples of the products.

Advance Notice:

After the success of last year's Pamper Day, there will be another one by popular request with different subjects on Saturday 12th November: Details to follow.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

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

NORTH CURRY CHOIR

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 20th August, 10am to 12 noon

at The Pavilion, Greenway

Please come and support us

'Country Fun Day'

North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory & Burrowbridge Conservatives would like to thank all those who helped make the 'Country Fun Day' such a huge success.

After a lapse of 30 odd years, the 'Country Fun Day' took place at Lawnmoor Farm, the home of Heather and Tom Jeanes, on Sunday 10th July. A good time was had by all and, including the proceeds from our May Fayre stall, we raised just over £3,000 for the three villages' Diamond Jubilee funds.

We set out to entertain people of all ages and judging by the mostly favourable comments, it was successful.

Three barrels of beer sold out! All the hamburgers and sausages were gone in no time and the cream teas ladies were left with just a few scones!

The 'Friendly Dog Show' was well supported, likewise the Fancy Dress. Children met the hounds from Taunton Vale Hunt and the Ilminster Beagles. Visitors also listened to a talk about the Shire horse and its place in history.

Terrier Racing was much enjoyed and fortunes were lost on the betting! There were many exciting races choreographed by a former Master of the Ilminster Beagles who contributed much to the excitement.

Stoke St. Gregory Tug 'O' War Team had kept their light under a bushel for many weeks – sporting Team T-Shirts they proved formidable – beating North Curry in the final in two straight pulls. North Curry team is now seeking revenge after they have practiced more!

Many thanks to all who worked so hard in the weeks before the event and on the day; to the The Royal Oak, The King Alfred, The Canal Inn, The Rising Sun, The Bird in Hand and The Rose & Crown for donating generous prizes and to all who attended for turning up and spending their money to make the day a success.



Dancing School News

Dance at North Curry has had a very successful term with May Festival successes as well as two students being picked to appear in FAME in Weston Super Mare in August. Additionally, Modern exam results were excellent with 20 Distinctions out of 33 entrants (all others merits). Congratulations to you all!

We are looking forward to a new and exciting term beginning on Tuesday 6th September when our planning will begin for our Show at Easter. If you would like to join the school for ballet, tap and modern classes for children from aged 3yrs please call Ann-Marie on 07595 172649 or visit our school website www.danceatnorthcurry.com.



North Curry Luncheon Club

The Lunch Club takes a break during August when a lot of people are away, so enjoy the summer holidays.

We will return Tuesday 6th September when we will be celebrating our silver anniversary; yes it really is 25 years since we began, so make a note in your diaries.

Many thanks to everyone involved in our Luncheon Club. Anyone in the Parish can join either as a member (over 60's please) or as a helper. Contact Tina on 480629 or Joyce 490216.



Royal British Legion

There will not be a meeting of the branch in August; so the next meeting will be on Monday 12th September at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



North Curry School

On the first week back after half term, Shark and Dolphin made their Alien Heads and Starfish made African heads. We made them out of Modroc and newspaper. They looked FANTASTIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The summer fair was such fun and all the Y6's had their own stall and made over £300 for the school! These are the names of our teams... The Whippies, Team Up, Crazy Coconuts, Jelly Tots and the Zoobles. We had GREAT fun!

A couple of weeks later Mike Ratnett, our favourite poet, came in to read his teddy bear story for the Charity 'Escape'. Also he brought all his teddies. The whole school brought their teddies too.

Last Friday we had our Sports Day. Out of our teams, Brendon won. This Sports Day was different to all the others; we did Ks1 and 2 on the same day. We had a picnic on the playing field. The weather could not make up its mind.

On the 11th we had our school music assembly. This year, a young Yr 6 pupil ran the music assembly. We had loads of talented musicians this year. Iona Stokes and Piran Snell won the Hugh Bushel award.

We have loved our time at North Curry and here are some things that we have enjoyed: Kilve, making our Alien Heads, school trips, school play, London, WW2 trip, Christmas, Mike Ratnett and Young Apprentice!

We hope you all have a nice summer!

By Bryony Reeves and Will Graydon

A Date for your Diary!!

North Curry F.O.N.C.S. Xmas Dinner Dance

at



Saturday 12th November 2011

Dress Code: Black Tie - £35 per ticket
or buy 9 tickets and get 1 free

Tickets available 20th July 2011 from
North Curry Post Office; Maria Hawkins,
tel. 01823 491124; Jan Forknall, tel.
01823 490307

North Curry Village Choir

Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert
will begin on

Thursday 8th September 2011

8pm in the
North Curry Village Hall

The concert will be held on
Thursday 8th December 2011

We are always pleased to welcome
new members so if you would like to
join us please come along and sing!