

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council



GROW YOUR OWN!

Opportunity for more Allotments!

The present allotments near the village hall are oversubscribed with a long waiting list. After considering all options, the Parish Council decided the best way forward would

be for a new, independent Allotment Association to be set up. The Association would rent land near the centre of the village and would be eligible for grants to get established.

Want to grow your own fruit and veg.? Interested in joining and helping to set up the Allotments Association? Or are you a land owner who would be willing to make available or rent land in the village for extra allotments? Contact the Parish Clerk to find out more.

Dog Waste Bins: Many thanks for all the feedback on this matter, many viewpoints were received, both for and against the idea. After full debate of the issue, the Parish Council decided that one bin would not meet the needs of the village, and the cost of several bins would be prohibitive and unlikely to change the behaviour of those dog owners who do not clear up their dog's waste. We are well aware of the problem of dog waste and will look to put up signs reminding owners of their responsibilities.

Event Posters: There has been a proliferation of posters advertising events adorning the Parish in recent months. Please give consideration to where posters are put and ensure that they are removed after the event.

Diamond Jubilee: In February this year the Parish Council announced that Mary Stewart-Wilson had agreed to take on the Chairmanship of a Steering Committee set up to coordinate the efforts of the Parish for Queen's Diamond Jubilee – 2012. The role of the Committee is to co-ordinate activities and to ensure that there is no unsuitable overlap or duplication. It is not to organise individual activities, which it is hoped and expected will be organised by established parish organisations accustomed to such activities. In February and on a number of subsequent occasions the Parish Council has invited individuals or organisations with ideas or suggestions and/or wishing to participate to contact the Parish Clerk. The Steering Committee has yet to finalise its plans and is still looking for suggestions. Please don't keep your ideas to yourself. Contact the Parish Clerk or Mary with your plans and ideas as soon as possible so that we can ensure that everyone's views are taken into account and the best use is made of our resources.

Parish Council diary for October

Wed 12 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 26 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

Clubs, Societies and Groups using the Village Hall

If you would like to join a group ring the Bookings Secretary for details of who to contact or check the hall notice board for details.

Monday	Parents & Toddlers	09:00 – 11:30 *
	Embroidery	10:00 – 15:00
	Brownies	17:15 – 19:00 *
Tuesday	Lunch Club	11:00 – 13:45 (1 st , 3 rd week)
	Bowls	14:30 – 16:30
	Dance School	16:45 – 21:15 *
Wednesday	Women's Institute	13:30 – 16:45 (1 st week)
	Barn Dance Club	19:30 – 21:30 (1 st week)
	Pilates	19:00 – 20:00
	North Curry Society	19:30 – 22:30 (3 rd week)
	Film Society	19:00 – 23:00 (4 th week)
Thursday	Art Club	09:45 – 11:45
	Tone Dance	10:15 – 12:15
	Ladies Badminton	14:15 – 15:15
	Dance School	16:00 – 19:45 *
	Choir	20:00 – 21:30
Friday	Keep Fit	09:00 – 10:00
	Bridge	10:00 – 12:00
	Dance School	15:45 – 19:15 *
	Bowls	20:00 – 22:00
Saturday	Singing Workshop	09:30 – 16:30 (2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th week)
	Produce Market	08:00 – 12:00 (1 st week)
Sunday	Orchestra	
	Bowls	11:00 – 12:30 (Alt weeks)
	Fiddlin Folk	17:15 – 19:15
	Dance School	17:15 – 19:15 *



North Curry Amateur Gardeners Club

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

Thursday 6th October the AGM will start at 7:15 pm and be followed by a talk by Ms Sue Applegate on "Peonies & Iris". Please come along to hear a review of the year and plans for next year.

Reminder to those going on the Highgrove trip on 12th October to bring their requested identification. Coach leaving Stoke St Gregory 9:00 am and North Curry 9:10 am.



Art in the Coffee Shop

From 11th October until 20th November, we are delighted to be exhibiting the work of Tor Townsend once again in The Coffee Shop. Her paintings of architecture, from grand cathedrals to lowly sheds, have a strong emphasis on drawing. Her chosen medium is watercolour, but she has in recent years become more experimental, using a mixed media of ink, tissue paper and other collage materials.



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 19th October 2011 for our Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Annual subscriptions (£5) will be due; new members will be very welcome. The programme for the forthcoming twelve months will be available to members.

The AGM will be followed by the regular meeting at 8:00pm – visitors are always welcome for a nominal fee of £1 (which includes coffee!).

Celia Fitzhugh will present “Archives Revisited”, bringing us up to date with some of the fascinating items in the North Curry Archives, which are fast becoming a treasure house of village memories.

Celia needs no introduction; she is a retired Solicitor and is Company Secretary of the Coffee Shop Management. She, and her husband Rod, whose maternal family were from North Curry for generations, can usually be found in the Archives with Betty Koppa. So – have your questions ready, this could be a real North Curry evening.

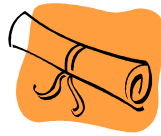
Members and non-members are all welcome.

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 1st October 9:30 am until 11:30 am; when we hope to see a busy market.

The winner of the September raffle was John Watt.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES WORK, WORKERS AND THE WORKPLACE

NOW SHOWING!

On the Staircase to the Archives

A Photographic Exhibition of

**People at Work and the Places where
People Worked**



towards a greener community

AGM and Film

These will take place on **Wednesday 9th November** in North Curry Village Hall starting at 7:30. We'll kick off with the AGM, with locally produced refreshments, followed at 8 o'clock by the film “**The Economics of Happiness**”, a film that argues “that ‘going local’ is the way to repair our fractured world – our ecosystems, our societies and ourselves”. Our group has been arguing in favour of localisation for some time, promoting local food in the Post Office and trying to encourage people to grow their own but this film deals with more than just food – it challenges our whole way of life. Everybody's welcome – put it in your diary now.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the King Alfred in Burrowbridge at 8 pm on Tuesday, 11th October. Do come if you can.

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

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com



North Curry Football Club is pleased to announce that Creech St Michael Saturday Senior Football Team is coming to North Curry to use the facilities at White Street.

These are exciting times for North Curry FC and the future of football in the village.

The long term plan is for Creech to amalgamate with NCFC, to expand and develop the Club. This fulfils part of the recommendations set by the Football Foundation regarding grants etc. obtained for the White Street development.

Creech play in the Errea Somerset County League, Division 2 West on a Saturday afternoon 3pm kick offs.

Their home fixtures for October 2011 are-

1/10/11 Burnham United Res

8/10/11 Portishead Town Res

22/10/11 Wrington Redhill

29/10/11 Westland Untied

Please come along and support our new team, further fixtures will be displayed in the pavilion window.

Please keep an eye on forthcoming pink sheets for details of Children's Football Training in January 2012.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. This will be the second of our new year and there's still plenty of time to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £15 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge. Non-members will pay £2.50 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.



North Curry W.I.

A reminder that we invite anyone who would like to find out what we do in the village hall on a Wednesday afternoon!!
come along for a free visit on Wednesday 5th October at 2:15pm.

In September, members were pleased to welcome back Nick Heal, who demonstrated several "up to the minute" ways to arrange supermarket flowers using various types of greenery from the garden along with some useful tips. Marjorie Wall gave him a well-deserved vote of thanks.

For your Diary:-

Wednesday 5th October 2:15pm

The History of Yeo Valley with samples, presented by the Director of Communications, Graham Keating.

Wednesday 2nd November 2:15pm

A.G.M. elections & games etc.

Saturday 12th November 10am to 4pm

PAMPER WORKSHOP to include Indian Massage, Nutrition & Zumba, Image & Dress & Medical Herbalism.

For more details and tickets (these do go quickly) phone Kate Roberts 01823 490933

North Curry Twinning Association

AGM and Quiz Night

will take place, earlier than usual, on

Saturday 26th November 2011

at the Pavilion, Greenway

7pm for the AGM

followed at 7:30pm by the Quiz

Tickets will be £8 to include a buffet supper and are available from Karen Boddy (490583), Tina Stone (490837) and the Post Office.

This is always a popular fun occasion and we hope to see you there.

*...Keep the Date - 4th February 2012
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You won't want to miss our next event... more details will follow!

PAMPER DAY

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2011

North Curry Village Hall

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

By popular demand we are holding our second Pamper Day

There will be coffee, lunch and tea plus four exciting speakers

Tickets will be on sale from 1st October at £15

Details & tickets available from Audrey West 490345, Di Keyzar 490363 or Kate Roberts 490933

This was a sell out last year so book early to avoid disappointment

Yvette's BIG Autumn Sing

Saturday 22nd October 2011

Autumn tints, starlit skies and a time to sing together: A day of seasonal songs from all over the place, inspiring joy, laughter and fresh harmony. All taught aurally by Yvette Staelens who is a natural voice practitioner.

This is a feel good day and a real treat for the heart and soul. Please bring lunch to share. If you bring a MALE singer he can come for free! Canny ladies will of course split their fee with him – that's as low as a tenner each for a full day workshop!

This will be Yvette's last workshop at North Curry Village Hall for the foreseeable future and so please do come and let's raise the roof!

10:00 – 4:00pm at North Curry Village Hall
Fee: £25/ 20 concessions (retired/low income/unemployed)



Royal British legion

It's that time of year again when subs are due for payment. It would be appreciated if members attended the October meeting to pay the annual fee, as it makes life so much easier.

The October meeting is on the 10th of the month at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm so please do to make an effort.



Country Fun Day

Tug o' War Competition

'The Water Cup'

Stoke St. Gregory, the winners of the Cup had their easiest 'pull' of the competition when the organisers made the presentation at The Royal Oak, Stoke St. Gregory on Thursday 8th September.

The cup was presented by Brian Small who was accompanied by David Walton and Paul Richards.

Neil Sollis, Captain of the team, accepted it on behalf of the winners and undertook to arrange the return match in 2012.

The rivalry existing between our two villages goes back to 1911 when Stoke St. Gregory, who had been drinking river or well water up to that date, decided to pay to have mains water piped in. North Curry was invited to share the cost of installation, which they refused - instead waiting until Stoke had completed the job - then tapping into it! Stoke have never forgiven them!

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

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Last year 1.12 million gift-filled shoeboxes were wrapped and packed by children and adults in the UK and sent to children in parts of the world where Christmas presents are a luxury they cannot afford. Our parish church collected towards this number and we are doing it again this year.

Giving a shoebox gift is really quite simple. You wrap and pack it with gifts and deliver it to: Ralph Roberts, Tudor Cottage, Greenway, telephone 490933 or bring it to church to be blessed during a service; date to be announced later. Leaflets are available with full details. It starts in your hands and ends up in theirs.

Your generosity could really make a difference to a child this Christmas.



North Curry Luncheon Club

Lunch Club returned on 6th September, ready to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Best wishes were sent to a couple of poorly members for a speedy recovery and two new members were welcomed.

With everyone settled, Tina Stodgell gave some remembrances of the last 25 years: "It was 25 years ago today that we had our very first Luncheon Club here in the Village Hall and I was proud to be part of it.

We had 40 members then, our maximum number, plus a waiting list. Although our numbers are fewer now we are sure the enjoyment and company remains the same.

Though not many of our original members or helpers are still with us, we welcome our first members seeing us through the last 25 years, John Walton and of course Helen Kittermaster who as well as being a member has helped from the beginning with the transport until taking a break this spring.

Thank you though is not enough for our very first and still mainstay Pat Curtis, with me from the very first Lunch, with her late husband Roger, willing to put their hands to anything and Pat still cooking today, I feel Pat is The Luncheon Club as well as myself.

I must mention also Dilly & Den Caple, Dilly has been a cook for us in the past, but what I am sure many of you do not know is that almost from the very start first Dilly and then Den have peeled and donated the potatoes for us, thank you to them both and we are dropping some cake in later.

Another blast from the past is Les North and his late wife Iris, in the early days caretakers of the Hall letting us in and out, plus Iris one of our past waitresses for many years.

Lunch Club is still run by a happy band of volunteers today, I cannot mention them all by name, our thanks is endless to those with us today and ones that have retired etc. and I am sure that with myself and Joyce my right hand and all the helpers and members today we will continue to enjoy many more Lunches."

Mrs Ethel Rowe responded with a much appreciated vote of thanks. Following lunch, everyone tucked into the celebration chocolate cake.

Lunches in October will be on 4th and 18th.

New members are always welcome - contact either Tina on 480629 or Joyce on 490216.



Save the Children

You are invited to a
GRAND CHRISTMAS SALE

on

Saturday 15th October
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

and

Sunday 16th October
10:00 am to 12 noon

at

24 Portmans (off Greenway)

North Curry

(Home of Helen Kittermaster)

Cards, wrapping paper etc

Virtual Gifts to order

Please come and support this good cause!