



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council wishes all Parishioners a Merry Christmas.

Winter De-icing: In addition to the County Council's service of positioning salt bags at strategic locations and refilling of salt bins, we are offering individuals the opportunity to collect a limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow and ice. If you wish to take advantage of this offer please contact the Parish Clerk.

Faster Broadband? – Register your interest today!!

North Curry is not currently listed as potentially receiving Infinity (the new fibre optic fast broadband system offering up to 40MB/sec) in the near future. However, if enough people register an interest, it is possible that the availability date could be brought forward. Individuals can register an interest by going onto the following site and entering their phone number:

<http://www.productsandservices.bt.com/consumer/Products/displayTopic.do?topicId=29017>

Somerset Community Oil Scheme – an update:

Following on from the article in the Newsletter last month concerning the Somerset Community Oil Scheme, you may be interested to know that on 3rd October the first order was placed which gave a member price of 53.97ppl (+VAT). This was a saving of 3.53ppl (+VAT) on the market average of 57.5ppl that day, with a market high of 61.95ppl. For more details go to www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil or contact the Parish Office.

Somerset Levels Business, Enterprise + Craft Day:

Interested in an opportunity to promote and introduce your enterprise to local residents and potential clients? A "Business, Enterprise and Craft Day" will be held on Saturday 21st April 2012 at the Williams Hall, Stoke St. Gregory. There will be a variety of events and the opportunity for enterprises from the Somerset Levels to have manned or unmanned displays, or just to provide literature informing people about the services provided. Anyone interested in participating, or just wanting to find out more about it, should e-mail marykelsey@btinternet.com or call Mary on 490550.

Parish Council diary for December

Wed 14th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

No Planning Committee Meeting in December.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23rd December until Tuesday 3rd January.

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



Christmas Coffee Morning

Please come to this annual festive event – there will be lots of stalls, mince pies, mulled wine, hot drinks and wonderful carols played by Anna Bushell's fiddlers.

Starting at 10am till midday

If you have booked a table the hall will be open for setting up from 9am.



Maureen Lawrence will be running a cake stall at the Coffee Morning in support of Taunton Citizen's Advice Bureau. She would be delighted to accept bought cakes as donations for the stall. Please contact her on 491200 if you can help – Thank you.

Produce Market

The last market for 2011 is on Saturday 3rd December 9:30am until 11:30am. There will be no market in January; our first market for 2012 is on 4th February.

The winner of the November raffle was Gloria Pring.

The market team and stallholders would like to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year. Thank you for your continuing support.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



North Curry Luncheon Club

Lunch Club meet only once this month, our Christmas Lunch on the 13th. December, 11:45 am please, ready for the school children who entertain us so beautifully at 12 noon. We then have a break until 3rd January 2012.

A REMINDER PLEASE for our super prize Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 3rd December. Doors open 7:30pm eyes down 8:00pm. We would love to see more support from parishioners for this friendly event, lots of super prizes a refreshment break, raffle etc. finishing by about 10:00pm. All profits go towards all the extras a Christmas Lunch involves. Many thanks to all the businesses, members and friends who donate many of our prizes for this event.

May we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Contact Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Provisional Programme for North Curry Parish

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations will take place over the extended weekend of 1st to 4th June 2012. The provisional programme of events for North Curry Parish is as follows:

Friday 1st – An afternoon presentation of commemorative mugs to the children from North Curry Primary School and Little Acorns Pre-School. (Extra mugs will be available for any other Primary School children in the Parish.)

Saturday 2nd – The Shandy Band will hold and host an evening concert in the Village Hall; this will include other local acts.

Sunday 3rd – Main Parish Celebrations

There is planned to be a short, multi-denominational service in the village around the War Memorial, followed by the blessing of a permanent Jubilee Memorial. This will be followed by a Benefice service in the Parish Church with a peal of bells.

It is hoped that then the entire Parish will join in with the NATIONAL BIG LUNCH, which will be held between the Village Hall and the Greenway Pavilion. Parishioners will be invited to bring their own picnics and/or food for barbeques (oil drums, stands and charcoal will be provided). There will be a Jazz band, games and a Coronation tea party for the children with a “best crown” competition, and the chance to see a film of the Coronation. There will be adult teas in the Pavilion with the on-going televised programme of the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant on the Thames.

Monday 4th – A Jubilee bonfire beacon will be lit in the evening. There may also be a Jubilee choir and organ concert held in the Church at some time during this day (to be confirmed).

Santa is Coming

Sunday 18th December 4pm – 6pm

Christmas in the Square

Mulled wine, mince pies, carols, raffle
All the usual fare and festive cheer

Mark it in your Diary

Would you be able to help either to organise this event or spare some time on the day to man a stall/sell raffle tickets? If you can, please call in to see Alison at the Post Office or call 490261.

The Village Candlelit Carol Service

**December 18th @4pm
in the Parish Church**

Kings College Cambridge may be on Television, but did you know that North Curry has its very own Service of Nine Lessons and Carols this Christmas? It will be read and sung by the people of the village.

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Sunday 18th December 2011 @ 4pm

This is your Village Carol Service where people from many different churches will be reading the lessons as we all join together to tell again the Good News of Christmas.

Many well-known carols are there to be sung by the congregation between the readings. Everyone is welcome to come and share this wonderful Service.

To reward you for your singing there will be a biscuit or a piece of cake with a cup of something to send you out ready to face the week ahead.



Royal British Legion

Once again it's Xmas Bingo time on the 10th of the month. It's doors open at 7 o'clock and 'eyes down' at 7:30. Members are asked once again to donate prizes towards the Grand Raffle. So do come along, there will be some wonderful prizes to be won, and have a very enjoyable evening.

The next meeting of the branch will be at the Bird in Hand on 9th January starting at 7:30pm.

North Curry Village Choir

Christmas concert 2011

This will take place in the

North Curry Village Hall

Thursday 8th December at 7:30 pm

Christmas Cantata – Geoffrey Bush

Carols for choir and audience

Buffet supper

Tickets available from the Post Office
and at the door - price £7.50

Supporting outdoor play in the parish

If you value the playing field and its part in parish life, please consider helping a very small band of volunteers to run the facilities and champion the joys of playing outside as well as the pavilion, which houses the main feeder playgroup for the primary school.

You can do this in a number of ways:

- Join the committee; we need a Secretary and Bookings Secretary as well as places for people who would like to share the load
- Help with the organisation of our fundraising events
- Support our events which next year are on 24th March in the Village Hall a Race Night and on 1st July to tie in with the Final of European championships, a family fun afternoon and BBQ.
- Encourage those that use the facility to do so responsibly, use the litter bins and have fun!

Should you have any questions or wish to join us we can be emailed at pavilion@northcurry.com or call Andy on 490046

Race Night at North Curry Village Hall

Saturday the 24th March

from 7:30pm, first race at 8:00

Come along for three hours of thrilling entertainment as horses and riders take the to the race track. We have seven races lined up – and the final race offers something unexpected!

Bar all night. Adult: £3.00

Children: free, with adult

Put the date in your diaries now,
more details will be published soon!

Whatever the Weather we'll weather the weather, whether we like it or not.

Carols in the Garden in the Square on Monday December 19th @ 6:00pm

We have braved high winds, rain and freezing temperatures, but we have always managed to sing our hearts out at our Annual Carol singing in the Garden in the Square.

Bring your voice, a torch, dress for the weather and be part of

North Curry's Big Christmas Sing

Art in the Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop Christmas Show runs from 22nd November until the New Year with a selection of gifts sourced from our local area.

Advance notice of Summer Exhibition 2012 themes

We hope even more of you will be inspired to take part in this popular annual show in the Jubilee year. We are giving you plenty of notice to create a piece of artwork to adorn the walls of The Coffee Shop and maybe win one of the 3 cash prizes of £50, £50 and £25. Next year's exhibition will be divided into two categories and two separate exhibitions:

Paintings/Prints 2nd June – 15th July, for which the theme is 'By Royal Appointment', that is, anything on a royal theme.

Photography 28th August – 2nd October 'Portraits'.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

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

Thursday 1st December will be the Christmas meeting. Mrs Yvonne Bell will speak on "The Edwardian Christmas". There will be mulled wine and nibbles. As there will be no meeting in January, please sign the list for the Spring Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th March 7 for 7:30 pm.

Happy Christmas everyone and may the World's problems improve in 2012.



Kindly note that there will be no meeting in December.

We look forward to seeing all our friends again on 18th January 2012 when Janet Seaton will be entertaining us with "Kelways: Our Blooming History".

As usual, members and visitors will be welcome and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Little Acorns Pre-School

The air was filled with the sound of excited children on 4th November, with the return to Forest School at the Willows and Wetlands Centre. Although we experienced rain for most of the morning, the children's spirits were high. The minibus ride to Stoke St Gregory was filled with chatter and laughter. On arrival the rain briefly stopped and we were greeted with the most beautiful rainbow over the river!

We spent the morning exploring the Forest and footpaths, searching for bugs (and handling some!) and jumping in puddles! Our bus trip home for lunch (and to dry off!) was just as noisy, with tales of the day's fun. We would like to thank Taunton Rotary Club for their kind donation which has helped towards the transport costs to Forest School.

We will be hosting a toy tombola at the North Curry Primary School Fayre on 2nd December – we look forward to seeing you.

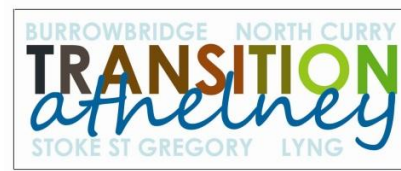
For more information about Little Acorns, please contact Alison Hembrow on 01823 491615.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 7th December at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. As we'll be nearing the Christmas season we will be having a bring and share supper as well as learning to dance. If you're a regular or if you've never been before please just come along and bring a dish or plate of something to share. If it is your first visit there will be no entrance fee; subsequent ones are £2.50 per session, or you could become a member for an annual subscription of £15. Whichever way do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian & Kathryn on 490623.



towards a greener community

Following our AGM in November we are continuing with the same committee and will be trying to continue to build on our successes so far.

"Food Yards" has seen a measure of appreciation in the village as we have endeavoured to market locally grown fruit and vegetables with the cooperation of Noel and Alison Prosser in the Post Office. All being well this will continue and be expanded upon next year.

Also, as a result of a lively discussion after the showing of The Economics of Happiness in November, we are looking to start a new food-related scheme in 2012.

Three of our number are trained as home energy surveyors through the Deane Energy Saver Scheme; if anyone would like to have a survey of their home, free of charge, together with any appropriate recommendations then please contact me to arrange it.

Our next informal pub meeting will be in the New Year at the Rose & Crown in Lyng at 8 pm on Tuesday, 17th January. Do come if you can and join in the discussion on all things local and energy-saving.

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



Dancing School News

Dance at North Curry has seen a record number of successes at a recent festival in Bideford, Devon over half-term. Harriett Clements was awarded a trophy for the most promising classical dancer at the Festival which is a tremendous achievement. Other successes were two first places for her solo ballet by Harriett Clements and trio dance (Harriett Clements, Sophie Jones and Eve A Court-Wils). Additional successes were second places for Sophie Jones and Eve A Court-Wils in their duet and Georgia Dare for her modern dance. Well done girls!



North Curry W.I.

In November it was the A.G.M. It was announced that two Committee members had resigned and three new members were nominated and accepted, so the new W.I. year starts with a complete Committee once more.

After the business had finished there was a fun quiz and also there were various photos of Committee members when very young dotted around the hall for people to guess who they were, not an easy task!

Eight members went to the Group Meeting at Hatch Beauchamp to represent North Curry with two teams for a Quiz Evening. There were no sports or pop song questions which pleased most of us.

Dates For Your Diary:

**THE DECEMBER MEETING
(Christmas Party) WAS HELD ON
30th November**

Saturday 10th December am

W.I. stall at Christmas Fair in Village Hall

Wednesday 7th December – 2:30pm

Carols in Wells Cathedral

Friday 9th December – 2:30pm

Group Carols in Hatch Beauchamp Church

Wednesday 4th January – 2:15pm

Memoirs of a Local Girl. Lady Mary Stuart-Wilson.

North Curry Flower and Horticultural Show

As some of you will know, there will not be a flower show in the summer of 2012, as there are other festivities taking place requiring people's time, effort and attention. There will be a flower show in 2013 so please do not throw away anything that might be useful later.

The next Great Marmalade Sale will be in February 2013 so, marmalade makers, you have time to try out some new recipes well before the event.

There may be a slightly different focus in 2013 and some different classes. We will keep you posted about the changes.

BELLS ON MONDAY



Time for a new skill?

Ever thought of ringing a church bell?

Now's your chance! With some new ringers just joining, North Curry Church is laying on a series of starter lessons: Mondays at 11:00 am in the tower, from November.

Run by Pearl Jeanes, a leading local ringer and experienced teacher, these offer the hesitant newcomer a chance to have a go and see if ringing's for you. An ancient traditional skill, time and patience are needed to "learn the ropes" – so these sessions, purely focused at the beginner, allow just that... And they're free!

No pre-qualifications! You don't need to be any particular age, or even a churchgoer – just have a sense of rhythm and some modest enthusiasm!

Your first step: phone Paul Scott, Tower Captain on 01823 490679. Or if you prefer – just turn up!

When do you open your Christmas Presents?

Some open the first after the 'Midnight Mass'. If that is when you open yours then come

**on Christmas Eve at 11:30pm to
North Curry Parish Church**

Carols will be sung, the Organ will be played as we celebrate the birth of a baby in a stable at this wonderful

Christmas Eve Service of 'Midnight Mass'

Everyone is welcome to join us as we take this time to share in the Great Christmas Festival.

If 'Midnight' is too late for you, then take time out between opening presents on Christmas Morning and lunch to come to the

**Family Christmas Communion Service
@ 10:00am in the Parish Church**

Whether you have a family with you, whether you are old or young you will have a warm welcome awaiting you on this very special day.

Football Fun Day

Saturday, January 21st

10 am - 12 noon

White Street, North Curry

Ages 5-10 years

F.A. Qualified coaches

Refreshments available

The purpose of the session is to judge interest in the community for mini soccer at NCFC and to see if there is sufficient interest to go ahead with regular weekly coaching and soccer fun sessions with a view to organising and operating a league team for the 2012/2013 season.

For further information contact:

John Boddy: 490583

Richard Perry: 490089

Steve Daniels: 07783719511

Shawn Sutton: 491086

FREE!

**Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December
at 5:00pm**

The Crib Service in the Church

The candles will be lit, the tree will be decorated and the empty crib will be waiting at the start of the Crib Service.

All that is needed are the people, the children and the families to come and start the Celebration of Christmas, to see the figures brought to the crib and sing the Carols as we begin our celebration of the wonder of Christmas.



Save the Children

Do you need a few more Christmas cards, wrapping paper, decorations, preserves, etc?

Visit our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th December – Grand Raffle as well!



**THE MUMMERS
BOXING DAY
26th DECEMBER**

12.00 noon
The Rising Sun
KNAPP

1.00 pm
The Square
NORTH CURRY