



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

### WESSEX WATER – NEW ROAD PROPOSALS

Parishioners will wish to be aware that, as part of their expansion programme, Wessex Water intend to build a new access road to the Ham Sewage Treatment Works. Due to unforeseen difficulties with the original preferred route, which would have been outside this parish, they are now looking at alternatives, including the possibility of a road joining the public highway at Solomon's Hollow, approximately ½ a mile from the junction with the A378 Langport road. The new road would be accessed by sewage tankers going to and from the works, with a current maximum of 50 HGV movements/day. There would also be significant upgrading required to this stretch of road and associated junctions. The Parish Council are represented on the Steering Committee and have expressed their serious concerns and bitter disappointment with Wessex Water's intention to progress the Solomon's Hollow route, a route which will have serious repercussions for the day to day life of those Parishioners in North Curry and also Stoke St Gregory. Wessex Water have been asked to attend a public meeting to present their proposals to the Parish. Details of this meeting were not available at the time of going to press but Parishioners should keep an eye out for news of this meeting in the near future.

### WAR MEMORIAL

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a Parishioner, Private Charles William Stodgell, who died of his injuries shortly after the end of the First World War, is not listed on the War Memorial. It is intended to rectify this omission by the addition of his name.



### TREES AND SHRUBS OVERHANGING THE HIGHWAY

Following the high winds of recent weeks, Parishioners are asked to check that trees and shrubs in their gardens which abut the highway, do not project into or across the highway. Where they do, householders should ensure they are cut back as soon as possible to prevent causing a hazard or damage to vehicles.

### Parish Council diary for February

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

## Race Night at North Curry Village Hall

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Doors open 7:30pm,  
first race at 8:00pm



Organised by North Curry Pavilion & Playing Field



Come along for a fantastic evening which packs in all the fun and excitement of a day at the races.

The evening is professionally compered and the races are shown on a big screen.

There will be a tote and an opportunity to own a horse.

Prizes for Best Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hats and Best Dressed Table.

Bar, soft drinks and light snacks served all evening.

Tables to seat 4, 6 or 8; larger groups upon request.

Tickets:

Adults £3 in advance (£5 on the door)

Children £1 in advance (£2 on the door)

Available from the Post Office from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

On Facebook

Or organisers Andy 490046 and Paul 491667

[pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

### Early notice for our summer event

Put 1<sup>st</sup> July in the diary and don't miss our popular Pimm's and a Pint summer event!

Come along for an afternoon and evening of family fun on the playing field. In the evening we are showing the final of the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship on a big screen in the pavilion.

BBQ and bar

Plus rounders, football and volleyball for the energetic

See future Pink Sheets or Facebook for more details

# The Gondoliers

COMING SOON...  
Somerset Opera  
17<sup>th</sup> March  
in the Village Hall



## PARISH CHURCH



### February Concert

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm

Lamenta: Music for Lent and Passiontide

The Fitzhardinge Consort's Lenten concert series sees them perform in six concerts across Wales and the West Country in some of the country's most beautiful religious buildings, including St Peter and St Paul's, North Curry. The series will ponder the period of Lent and Passiontide through some stunning music from across six centuries.

Programmes will include Lenten favourites such as Allegri's *Miserere* and Lotti's *Crucifixus* as well as more modern works like twentieth century Polish composer Henryk Gorecki's own setting of the *Miserere* and *The Reproaches* by former West Country cathedral organist, John Sanders.

Tickets £10 on the door or from the Post Office.

Interval refreshments.

## Clubs, Societies and Groups using the Village Hall

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

MONDAY	Parents & Toddlers	09:00-11:30*	
	Embroiderers	10:00-15:00	(2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> week)
	Brownies	17:15-19:00*	
	Zumba	19:30-20:30	
TUESDAY	Lunch Club	11:00 – 13:45	(Alt weeks)
	Bowls	14:30 – 16:30	
	Dance School	16:45 – 21:15	
	Choir	20:00 – 21:30	(2 <sup>nd</sup> week)
WEDNESDAY	Women's Institute	13:30 – 16:30	(1 <sup>st</sup> week)
	North Curry Society	19:30 – 22:00	(3 <sup>rd</sup> week)
	Barn Dance Club	19:15 – 22:15	(1 <sup>st</sup> week)
	Film Society	19:00 – 23:00	
THURSDAY	Art Group	09:45 – 11:45*	
	Tone Dance	10:15 – 12:15	
	Ladies Badminton	14:15 – 15:15	
	Dance School	15:45 – 19:15*	
	Choir	20:00 – 21:30	
FRIDAY	Keep Fit	09:00 – 10:00*	
	Bridge	10:00 – 12:00	
	Dance School	16:00 – 19:15*	
	Bowls	19:30 – 21:30	
SATURDAY	Produce Market	9:30 – 12:30	(1 <sup>st</sup> week)
SUNDAY	Orchestra	11:00 – 12:30	(Alt weeks)
	Bowls	15:00 – 17:00	
	Fiddlin Folk	17:15 – 19:15	(2 <sup>nd</sup> week)

\* – TERM TIME ONLY



## Save the Children

The results of money raised in various ways during 2011 are as follows:

May Fayre	170.00
PO Collection for East Africa Famine	22.30
Other donations for East Africa Famine	250.00
Donations from two overseas supporters	60.00
Sale of Christmas cards etc 15/16 October	519.16
Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning	232.45
North Curry Coffee Shop (nominated by volunteers for their work in 2011)	560.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,813.91</b>

All the above amounts have been paid directly into the Barclays Bank account of Save the Children (Taunton Branch). This total has made a significant contribution to the total support given by local people in the Taunton area. The money is used to care for children both here at home and overseas. Very grateful thanks to all those in the North Curry area who have in any way supported this worthwhile charity in 2011. Helen Kittermaster (North Curry contact, Taunton branch)

## Christmas in the Square 2012

will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December, this will also be the 10<sup>th</sup> one, it is an opportunity for the village to get together just before Christmas, for a chat, a drink and a bite to eat. After the success of this year Albion Horns have agreed to come back again which is great news as all who heard them agree they were excellent and great entertainment.

The organisers of the 2011 event would like to thank all who helped make this year's event a success but especially, Ali and Noel from the Post office for the tree and the original idea and Shaun Moore for the lights.

The event also raised over £700 which will be divided between

- Post Office supported charities
  - Conquest Centre for Disabled Riders
  - SAVES Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service
- Dogs4Adoption
- North Curry Playing Field



## Barn Dancing Club

Just a reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**

A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £2.50 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.



## Royal British Legion

Make a note of the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month as it is the date of the Annual Supper at the Bird in Hand. As usual it will be 7:30 for 8 o'clock and the cost is a very reasonable £12 per head. So do come along and enjoy a very pleasant evening.

As there will be no meeting in February, the next meeting of the branch will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

## North Curry Twinning Association



4<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### 'ELVIS EXTRAVAGANZA'

7:30pm - midnight in the Village Hall

Great music performed 'live' for dancing the night away.

Come as you are or get into the mood - think "Grease", think "1950s", come as Elvis or one of his songs - prize for "Best Dressed"

Bar

Champagne draw and raffle

Tickets - £15 - available from Tina Stone 490837 Karen Boddy 490583

### TRIP TO FRANCE 25-28 MAY 2012

This year is North Curry's turn to visit our friends in the Vexin. We stay with families and travel by air and expect the usual warm welcome. Fluency in French not needed someone will always help you out!

Interested? Avoid disappointment by contacting Gillian Akerman (490234) as soon as possible.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

The first meeting of 2012 will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> February when the speaker will be Dr Gavin Haig and his subject "The Healing Garden". Visitors welcome and to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea after the meeting.

We hope to have the new 'Plant & Seed Swap' stall organised by Heather Williams and Patti Withams. Members with items to swap please bring them along. Reminder to make sure names are on the list for the Spring Party on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall, 7 for 7:30 pm.



## North Curry W.I.

2012 promises yet another full and varied programme, so be sure to put these dates in your diary so as not to miss out! (Meetings start at 2:15).

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Our 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party: Musical entertainment and dancing with Robert and Peter. Meeting will include fizz and nibbles and, of course, our legendary chocolate cake.

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Group meeting: We will be welcoming members from the rest of the Taunton Vale Group. Speaker Demi Ladwa on Indian Culture.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

International Women's Day. Long Sutton Village Hall, 10 am.

## Art in the Coffee Shop February 2012

From 31<sup>st</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> March the Coffee Shop will be exhibiting watercolour paintings by North Curry amateur artist Monty Cairns. This exhibition is a selection of landscape paintings of local subjects and some further afield such as the Pyrenees and Russia.

### SUMMER EXHIBITION REMINDER

The annual Summer Exhibition, an invitation to anyone over the age of 16 to exhibit, is divided into two separate exhibitions this year. The paintings/prints deadline for submission of entries is 1<sup>st</sup> June. The theme, to coincide with Jubilee celebrations, is 'By Royal Appointment', that is, anything on a royal theme.

The Photography deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> August. The theme is Sport, to coincide with the Olympics.

Precise details for delivery of artwork and times will follow nearer the time. All artwork needs to be framed. There will be 3 prizes for each exhibition - £50, £25 and £25.



## North Curry Luncheon Club

Lunch Club meet twice this month, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome; interested... ring Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216 to find out the details on how to join us.



The children at Little Acorns have been enjoying the exceptionally warm winter - Forest School on alternative Fridays at the Willows and Wetlands Centre is still really popular and the need for registering your child to attend is becoming more urgent as places fill up.

Also, we are in desperate need of new bank staff. Bank staff are eligible people that we call on in times of a staff shortage to lend a helping hand with the children. We would love to hear from new or previous candidates who could help out at short notice. The minimum qualification that bank staff should possess is an NVQ Level 2 in Childcare. Please ring or pop in to find out more about what is involved and the rate of pay.

If you wish to put your child's name down to attend Little Acorns over the coming years, please contact Alison Hembrow on 01823 491615 or pop in for a chat and a look around. We cater for children from 2 years until school age.



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when David Leach will present *The Avalon Marshes*.

David has worked for the Somerset Wildlife Trust for three years, following some ten years with the Devon Wildlife Trust. His current job title is Brue Valley Living Landscape Manager.

Bring your questions and prepare to sit back and enjoy an interesting evening.

As always, members and visitors are all welcome.

### Pavilion and Playing Field

Available to hire as a venue for parties (children's and adults), meetings and celebrations. With a large outdoor area ideal for bouncy castles and games, in addition a multi-use games area (MUGA) for children and young people to have fun and let off steam.

To book see calendar and booking form at [www.northcurry.com](http://www.northcurry.com)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)  
or call Andy on 490046

## Bells are ringing!

The bell ringing team is expanding – and practice is now taking place every week on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

New ringers have joined us and are progressing rapidly in learning this ancient skill. Why not join them? You'd be most welcome! Either turn up at the church tower on a Monday, or phone Paul Scott on 490679.

### A ringing endorsement?

One of our new ringers writes as follows:

One unsuspecting evening I was sitting next to a charming but complete stranger at a supper party and he very cleverly manoeuvred me onto the subject of bell ringing. Before I knew it I had agreed to come along to his home tower the following Tuesday evening to see what actually goes on in that all too mysterious world up there with the bats and the bells in the belfry.

Well I can hardly believe that was only 8 weeks ago. Now with ruthless determination I am trying to come to grips with finding my way round the complexities of learning the skill of bell ringing but whilst doing so I am completely and utterly bowled over by the kind and amazingly helpful people I have met up there in the bell tower.

There are three of us learning together at North Curry and thank goodness for the other two - it's a case of safety in numbers and sticking together like glue through the highs, lows and sometimes sheer terror of it all! It is a hobby that catapults you from feeling confident and on a high one minute to losing your way and feeling out of your depth the next but it is compulsive, joyful, addictive and totally fascinating. Whilst experiencing the roller coaster of the "beginners lot" we are surrounded by such a tight knit friendly bunch of experienced ringers that we feel totally accepted, understood and never foolish - only ever safe and warmly welcomed into their hallowed hideaway up there 50 feet plus above the everyday goings on of the world below.

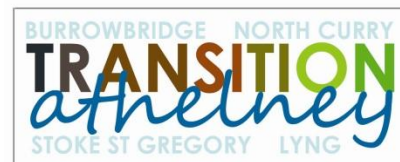
Never with any hobby before (and there have been several during my three score years!) have I encountered such camaraderie and generosity of spirit and though still struggling through the early stages of this complex and at times very frustrating experience I can honestly say that my fortuitous encounter at that supper party has opened up a world that I am myself to be part of - so if by delighted to have entered and now consider chance you read this article David - thank you so much for persevering and persuading me to join you all - I am determined to never look back and absolutely doggedly determined to never never look UP!

## Produce Market

The first market for 2012 is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am until 11:30am. We look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones.

A warm welcome awaits you all.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



towards a greener community

What a winter – Nasturtiums still flowering outside our back door and fresh raspberries (outdoor grown) on the Christmas trifle! Will it still be the same when you read this or will we be up to our ears in snow and be frozen solid?

Either way, now's the time to be planning the garden for the rest of the year. If you're into fruit and veg then perhaps you could consider growing just a bit more and offering it through us to expand the "Food Yards" produce which is sold in the Post Office. This got off to a modest but worthwhile start in 2011 and we have no intention of resting on our laurels this year but instead to expand it as far as possible which is where you, the producers, come in. The more we have the more good we can do for the community. Together we can, through our local initiatives, help to build a sustainable future.

The village shop at Stoke St Gregory has agreed to participate in Food Yards. This, alongside the involvement of the North Curry shop, will help to make Transition Athelney a more coherent reality.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rising Sun in Knapp, 8pm on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Jenny Quinn 490718

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