



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

### WESSEX WATER – NEW ROAD PROPOSALS

Discussions with Wessex Water have been on-going while they look at all the different road options open to them. It is hoped that an alternative route to the one suggested via Solomon's Hollow can still be found but, pending confirmation of such an alternative, the Parish Council are still pressing for a public meeting with Wessex Water. Details of this meeting will be displayed around the Parish as soon as they are confirmed, look out for them and come along and have your say!

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This is advance warning that this year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Village Hall. Any community organisation wishing to participate should contact the Parish Clerk before 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Warm Homes Community Event:** The Community Council for Somerset is running a series of "Warm Homes, Healthy People" roadshows at venues across the County, giving advice and information to help reduce your fuel bills. The nearest one to North Curry will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Stoke St Gregory Village Hall from 10am to 1pm.

**Dog Waste:** Responsible dog owners clean up after their pets. A dog owner is picking up dog waste in plastic bags and then leaving the bags lying along a ditch, on the path from Windmill Hill to Knapp Lane. These bags will not decompose quickly and are unhygienic litter. Please pick up your dog's waste and dispose of the bags thoughtfully.

**Protect Rights of Way from damage by off road vehicles:** The Path Watch Scheme is a joint initiative between the Police and major landowners and authorities in Somerset aimed at protecting rights of way from damage by off road activity. The scheme provides details for reporting incidents of unlawful use of off road vehicles. If you see unlawful use by an off-road driver, please report it either by phone on 0845 456 7000 or at [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/pathwatch](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/pathwatch).

### Parish Council diary for March

Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

## Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

The winner of the February raffle was Celia Fitzhugh.  
Contact: Joyce Gore 01823/490216

## Football Fun Day



Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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!**

Follow us on facebook  at North Curry football club



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Steve Membury will present *Excavations at Taunton Gateway*.

Steve is the Senior Historic Environment Officer for Somerset County Council and is now based at the Heritage centre at Norton Fitzwarren. He has worked for Somerset for some ten years.

Members will recall his excellent talk on the finds at Taunton Priory. This time he will tell us about the considerable finds at Taunton Gateway, the new park and ride at Cambria Farm, Ruishton.

As always, it promises to be a fascinating evening and members and visitors are all welcome. The evening is free to members; visitors pay a small entrance fee (which includes coffee).

## 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@nothcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@nothcurry.com)

This is being organised by the North Curry Playing Fields charity. All proceeds are going towards the improvements of the playing fields.

### 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



**12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Queen Square 2:00 – 4:30pm**  
**A REMINDER OF NOTABLE DATES**

There have been a few enquiries already regarding the date for the May Fayre for 2012 and as many of you will be organizing your diaries, here is a reminder of the date:  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

We will, as usual, have a planning and booking meeting in the Bird in Hand on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm** when stall holders can book and pay for their stalls.

## Don't miss... The Gondoliers

Somerset Opera sing  
Gilbert and Sullivan

17<sup>th</sup> March  
7:30pm  
in the Village Hall



Tickets £10 from the Post Office, or ring 490201  
All profits to go to new, comfy chairs!

## North Curry Short Mat Bowls

ARE YOU BETWEEN 9 AND 90?

*If so, how do you like the idea of Indoor Bowling?*

The North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club has enjoyed another successful year in 2011 having played 21 friendly matches with local clubs and winning 13 of these with 2 draws and only 6 losses.

The Club meets in the Village Hall on Sunday afternoons (3 to 5pm), Tuesday afternoons (2:30 to 4:30pm), and on Friday evenings (7:30 to 9:30pm).

If you think that you would like to learn a new skill and become involved you are very sure of a warm welcome. Initially no Bowls nor specialist skills are required, just a pair of socks or flat slippers. The Club will provide all other equipment.

Your first three sessions will be free and thereafter £2 per session and an annual fee of £7.50. Where else could you achieve 2 hours of entertainment for just £2?

Why not, perhaps, just come along, maybe with a friend, to watch one of the sessions to see whether you would like to participate and learn a new skill? The Club is holding its annual Singles Competition on 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10am and this would be an ideal opportunity to watch.

9 to 90, male or female, we look forward to welcoming you in 2012.



## Barn Dancing Club

Just a reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## Posy Making in the Church

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 9:30am**

The church will be open and the kettle brewing as we revive the traditional posy making for the next day's **Mothering Sunday** gifts for those we wish to thank in our families. This is a happy time, when those of any age are welcome to come and make the posies. They are very simple – children can do it too.

Even if you can't come but you can spare some flowers or some bits of greenery please bring them to the church that morning. All will be welcome. If you can't come then you will be welcome on

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am**

When we will be celebrating the festival of

## Mothering Sunday

Even if we are not mothers or have no family with us, we all have people who are dear to us and what better way to thank them than to be in church to celebrate this day and take or give them one of the posies.

Come and be welcomed as part of your Parish Church.



## Art in the Coffee Shop

From 13<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> April Janet Jordan's work will be on show. Janet uses her favourite medium, etching, to create jewel-like images, which are very detailed and colourful. Often inspired by the natural world, she follows in the footsteps of her hero, William Blake, in combining text with her images. The result can be quirky and sometimes contain elements of humour.



## North Curry W.I.

### Upcoming dates

#### 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, 10am  
Tickets £12.

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

There will be a change to the scheduled programme, to be announced next month.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

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

Speaker on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Mr Colin Varndell on 'Highlights from a Wildlife Garden'.

Don't forget the party on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall: Still places available. BYO drink & glasses

☎ 491210

Time to add names to lists for the first two 2012 outings:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - RHS Gardens Wisley ☎ 490527

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Cardiff Flower Show ☎ 490527



## Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the branch will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**3:00pm**

### North Curry Methodist Church

The speaker is Mrs Elaine Cox. This year we are praying for the people of Malaysia. All welcome.



RIDING FOR THE  
DISABLED ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATING DRIVING

## Riding for the Disabled Conquest Centre

**Coffee Morning  
Bring and Buy  
Raffle**

on

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

at

**'Oamaru', The Fosse**

**North Curry**

**10am – 12 noon**

Please support this local charity

## North Curry Embroiderers



West Country Embroiderers are holding their bi-annual exhibition 'Seasons In Stitch' at Rosemoor Royal Horticultural Gardens, Great Torrington, Devon from 14 – 29<sup>th</sup> April.

North Curry Embroiders have booked a coach to attend the event on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** leaving North Curry Post Office at 9am.

If you would like to join us, please contact:-

**Tracey BARTLETT 490675  
Julie WOOLFENDEN 491222**

**Coach tickets £10.50**  
(Members of RHS or WCE will be admitted free of charge)



## Does this ring a bell?

Don't forget, practice in the church tower every Monday at 7:30 pm

For further details contact Paul Scott on 490679 - or just come along...

### LOOK TO!

Who could resist the opportunity to climb North Curry church tower during the 2011 May Fair to take in the view across the moors and try your hand at bellringing. Dave & I each had a go and tower captain Paul Scott took note of a casual remark along the lines of 'I wouldn't mind learning!' For several months we declined his invites to see what goes on at a bellringing practice but in November with some trepidation as to what we'd let ourselves in for, we climbed the spiral stone steps to the ringing floor where we were warmly welcomed. A brief safety talk (most important to keep clear of ropes with up to not far short of a ton of bell at the other end) and a new language to learn (sally, changes, plain hunt and bobs to mention a few we heard that first evening) - but it all proved absolutely fascinating and before the end of 2 hours we'd agreed to join other learners at West Monkton tower on Thursdays evenings and North Curry on Monday mornings (our sincerest apologies to unfortunate souls within hearing distance!).

Two months on and learning something of this wonderful tradition is proving addictive. We're just beginning to join in 'rounds' - where the 8 bells are rung in order - furrowed brows as we try to remember technique AND keep time.

Bellringers come in all ages and from all walks of life, if you've ever thought you might like to give bellringing a try sometime - our advice is don't hesitate; you will be warmly welcomed and, probably, hooked! Even the most experienced ringers, by their own admission, can still learn more - Dave & I both wish we'd started years ago!!

Louise & Dave Holcombe

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Jenny Quinn 490718

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



All the children at Little Acorns have been busy doing lots of arts and craft activities over the past few weeks. Our notice board at The Pavilion is currently displaying the children's self-portraits - they really do look excellent.

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 and aim to create a warm and welcoming environment in which all children are able to develop social and education skills to the best of their ability. In order to prepare the older children for the transition to school we also liaise with the Primary School and encourage joint activities with the reception class.



*towards a greener community*

### Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

The Woodland Trust - which protects our native woodlands and promotes the planting of new ones - is marking the Jubilee by urging us to plant trees. A Diamond Wood of 60 acres, a Jubilee Wood up to 50 acres, a copse, some hedgerow trees or just one single tree - all are worthwhile. Your tree need not be forest-sized; it could be a dwarf fruit tree suitable for a small garden. If you wish, it can be recorded in a special Royal Record to be presented to the Queen. So whether you have space for one, or more; whether it is for blossom, for fruit, for nuts; whether it is for shade from the hot sun (use your imagination), for bees, for birds, for a loved one; whether it is for the village or for you - let's plant more trees! Transition Athelney's Woodland Group can help, so if you would like advice or assistance with planting, contact Zita Tait 491611 [transitionzt@virgin.net](mailto:transitionzt@virgin.net). We expect to hold planting days late autumn or winter 2012.

Pub Meeting this month is at the Royal Oak in Stoke St Gregory from 8pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, meet for a drink and a chat.



## North Curry Luncheon Club

Due to the weather and some illness our numbers have been a bit down during February but Lunch Club is still very much enjoyed and appreciated. A very special thank you for everyone pitching in during my illness, we have got a super team and I am so proud of what is achieved.

We meet this month on March the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining us for Lunch (over 60s please) ring Joyce 490216 or Tina 480629.

## PILATES CLASSES

Do you suffer from back pain, neck and shoulder tension?

Do you want to tone your body, develop core strength and create a leaner physique?

If so then come to Pilates! All ages and abilities are welcome to the general class where we work on building core strength and all-over body conditioning.

Horse riders often find their riding improves with Pilates. It can give your better posture and improve your seat, balance and stamina.

Pilates Classes, in the Games Room at Village Hall:

Wednesdays:

6pm - 7pm: General Pilates

7pm - 8pm: Pilates for Horse Riders

Call Kate Lewis on 01823 430452/078131309 or email [kate.lewis23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kate.lewis23@yahoo.co.uk)

### 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