



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

THEFTS FROM CARS AT NEW BRIDGE: There has been a spate of thefts from cars parked at New Bridge. The Police are aware, but anyone parking there should ensure that all valuables are well hidden and that cars are left locked.

WESSEX WATER – NEW ROAD PROPOSALS: The Parish Council are still pressing Wessex Water to attend a public meeting to discuss the options being considered by them with regard to accessing the Ham Treatment Plant. Their reticence to do so may be as a result of their renewed consideration of the route via the old Tarmac site, following a change in ownership. If viable, it is understood that this would be likely to be the preferred route. We will keep you informed of any progress on this matter.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A reminder that this year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 2nd May in the Village Hall. In addition to presenting the Chairman's Report and Annual Accounts it is hoped to discuss, amongst other things, the Parish Plan and the Church Road Lime trees.

JUBILEE: See the back page for details of plans for the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

Parish Council diary for April:

Wed 11 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

Produce Market

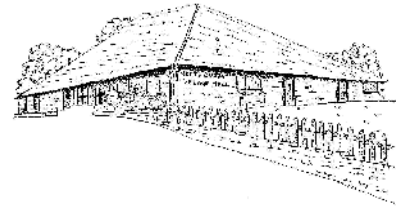
The next market is on Saturday 7th April, 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

We will have the usual stalls selling Levels lamb, Pitney pork, sausages and bacon; all organic. Preserves and pickles, Vegetarian savouries, fresh vegetables, a variety of breads, cakes and eggs, local brewed ale and plants.

The craft section will have local handmade items of jewellery, cards, gifts and cosmetic creams and soap. The book stall will have a good selection of books at reasonable prices. The kitchen will be serving coffee, tea and bacon butties.

Last but not least there is a chance to win the raffle. The winner in March was Liz Brown.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



VILLAGE HALL AGM

This is an invitation to you, a resident of North Curry, to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 24th April at 7:30pm in the meeting room of the hall. There are places for people to join the committee and we would welcome anyone who felt they could join us to run the hall. Any groups hiring the hall can send a representative to sit on the committee which meets six times a year.

North Curry Cricket Club

The summer is coming, the sound of leather on willow will be returning to the village soon. The cricket club is looking forward to its second season at its new White Street home and hope it will be as successful as its first when they achieved promotion, as champions, from Somerset division 3 to division 2.

Indoor nets are taking place as we speak at Heathfield School on Sunday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm, everyone is welcome.

Outdoor nets begin at White Street at 6pm on Thursday 5th April and will continue every Thursday evening till the end of the season, again, everyone is welcome.

We will once again be running our very popular junior training evenings; these will run for 10 weeks beginning on Monday 18th June; we will be publishing more details in the pink sheet nearer the time so keep your eyes peeled.

Our 2012 fixture booklet should be dropping through your door over the next month or so; this will include all the season's fixtures for all our teams. 2012 will be the first year that we are running 2 teams on a Saturday so there will be plenty of cricket for everyone, we are always looking for playing members.

Apart from playing for the club there are many other ways you can get involved. Maybe you fancy helping to prepare the square or mow the outfield, ever thought of umpiring or scoring? Fancy feeding 25 hungry men, expenses are paid; we would love anyone to help us out with our teas! Or just come along and watch; you could always become a social member of the club.

If you are able to help us out in any way or want to enjoy the odd game please call James Midgley 491278 or Chris Golding 07702 000826.



Firstly, a date for your diaries – NCS Summer coffee morning – Saturday 7th July at the Old Malt House.

The Society will meet again on Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Martin Watts will present *Wind & Watermills of Somerset*.

Martin is a traditional millwright and historic milling specialist. He is the author of several articles and books, including "Windmills of Somerset", "Corn Milling", and "The Archaeology of Mills & Milling". He also advises on, and carries out, restoration work on old mills throughout the south-west.

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).

Shops and Trades of North Curry

Who remembers that butcher Charlie Duddridge used to weigh babies on his scales, or that you could be measured for your Spirella corset upstairs of the Post Office? Newcomers to the parish may not know that there used to be upwards of 40 businesses here from tailors and cobblers to an undertaker and TV shop. A new book is being compiled by Dave Patten and while Betty Koppa can supply many old photos from her hoard, he would love to hear from residents who can recall not just about the businesses, but also humorous anecdotes from "the characters". He says "I have already been told of some hilarious stories - not all alas that are fit to print, but some can be disguised as Mr X." Please contact him on 490782 if you have some memories to share. All profits will go to Betty's Archives.

Dave Patten tel/fax 01823 490782
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Use it or lose it!

Perhaps you saw our display in the PO window last month showing heat loss through walls and windows of some of our local homes. This was done to highlight current inadequacies of our housing stock.

We also pointed out that in Britain only 57% of lofts are properly insulated and only 58% of 'fillable' cavities are properly filled; if yours is one of the many others then now is the time to get them done as all subsidised schemes come to an end in the autumn when the Government's "Green Deal" begins. This will also apply to offers of cheap insulation at all outlets such as DIY stores and builders' merchants. Once that happens you'll be able to obtain loans for such projects which will then be repaid using the money saved by the improvements but, be warned, it will cost a lot more than at present!

There are lots of deals currently available – use 'em or lose 'em!

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Bird in Hand, 8pm on Monday the 9th April. If you want to talk on this or any other matter we will be pleased to see you there.

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



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 4th April 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.



Art in the Coffee Shop

From 24th April to 3rd June Rosemary Sargent will be exhibiting her paintings: "I have always had a love of flowers, particularly wild, and all my paintings are portraits of flowers from our garden. I use watercolour because I love its translucency and delicacy. I am very aware of the texture and pattern within flowers and the subtlety of colour and tone. I work from my studio in the garden".

SUMMER EXHIBITION ENTRY FORMS are now available from The Coffee Shop, category: Paintings/Prints, theme: By Royal Appointment. The exhibition will run from Saturday 2nd June to Sunday 15th July.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

On Thursday 5th April we have an unusual title for the talk to be given by Mr Bebbington – "The Protection Racket" Butterflies & Moths, use of colour.

The trip to the Cardiff Flower Show on Friday 20th April will leave Stoke St Gregory at 7:45 am and North Curry Pavement at 8 am.

The Coffee Morning & Plant Sale will be at the Pavilion on Saturday 28th April 10 am - 12 noon. There will also be a Cakes & Produce Stall. See you there.

Pilates Classes

Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm

General Class, North Curry Pavilion

Wednesdays 7:10pm - 8pm

Pilates for Horse Riders, Village Hall

Contact Kate Lewis on 01823 430452 or 07813 130309

Please not change of venue for earlier class and correction to mobile phone number.

West Country Embroiderers Exhibition

Rosemoor RHS Gardens at
Great Torrington, Devon

'Seasons in Stitch'

14-29th April, 2012

North Curry Embroiderers have booked a coach leaving North Curry Post Office at 9am on Friday 27th April.

If you would like to join us, please contact Tracey BARTLETT 490675 or Julie WOOLFENDEN 491222.

Coach tickets £10.50 (Members of RHS or WCE will be admitted free on production of their membership ticket).



Royal British Legion

We had a very enjoyable branch supper on 13th February. Though attendance was down it was a very pleasant evening with good food and enjoyable company.

The Easter Bingo will be held on 14th April; so make a note of the date. So it's 'Doors Open' 6:30 and 'Eyes Down' 7:00pm. Members and friends, as usual, are asked to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle. So come along and have a very enjoyable evening!

The next meeting of the branch will be on Tuesday 10th April at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com

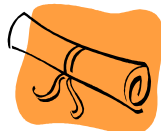
Soup and Pud Update

What a splendid lunch we all had. There was a choice of three different soups and a total of 30 pints was enthusiastically eaten. Puddings which had all been generously donated were varied and very scrummy and plentiful. Luckily any thoughts of calories were soon forgotten!

The sun shone bright and sunny and over sixty diners all enjoyed the very social and enjoyable lunch. So much so there were requests for it to become a regular event.

My special thanks go to the soup and pudding makers and to all other helpers. Also thanks to two very gallant gentlemen, Alan Billingham and John Attwood, who rolled up their sleeves and finished the washing up for us. The total amount raised towards the sound system in church amounted to £450 a wonderful result.

Thank you all. Kate Roberts



NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES

Come and See the Latest

Show on the Stairs

The Archives celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with photographs and memorabilia of past Royal Events, national and local, including a commemorative Queen Victoria Wedding bowl 10th February 1840 and the Diamond Jubilee Special Edition of the Daily Mail of 1897.

Additions will be welcome – your photographs copied while you wait.



Saturday 12th May 2012

2:00 – 4:30pm

Queen Square

Monday 16th April 8:00pm in the Bird there will be a stall holders meeting to book your table and receive the stall holders schedule and receipts.

North Curry Village Choir

Spring Concert

Our spring concert this year will be held

on

Saturday 12th May at 7:30pm

in

North Curry Parish Church

Included in the programme will be:

Coronation Anthems – Handel

I was glad – Parry

Te Deum – Stanford

We very much hope that you can join us!

Tickets will be available at the
Post Office nearer the time.



North Curry Luncheon Club

We begin by wishing everyone a very happy Easter.

Lunch Club for the over 60's meet this month on the 10th & 24th April in the village hall 12 noon for 12:30pm.

New members and/or helpers are always welcome ring Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216.

We are now planning for our Summer Outing on 17th July; spare seats are often available at very modest rates always including a cream tea on the way home, so make a note of the date. More details will follow next month.

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 or email pavilion@northcurry.com or call Andy on 490046

NORTH CURRY DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



We hope all parishioners will be able to attend and participate in the extended weekend of celebrations to mark this special Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Committee set up by the Parish Council to co-ordinate events in North Curry between Friday 1st June and Monday 4th June has now put in place the timetable below.

More information and detailed notes about timings, tickets and administration will be published next month in the May Newsletter.

Friday 1st June

Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson will present commemorative Jubilee Mugs to the children of North Curry School and Little Acorns Pre-School at 2:00pm at the school.

Saturday 2nd June

Parishioners are invited to assemble in Queen Square at 12 noon in order for Philip Hickman to take a Group Photograph of the community to mark the Jubilee.

A lunchtime barbecue is available at The Bird in Hand from 12:15.

An evening Concert with Supper will take place in the Village Hall from 7:30pm featuring the 'North Curry Shandy Band' and other local acts of song and comedy together with community singing. Tickets at £12.50 available from NC Post Office and Stores from 1st May. After purchasing tickets group seating can be reserved by phoning 01823 491518.

Sunday 3rd June

A short act of worship will take place in front of Queen Square Garden at 10:00am in order to bless the Jubilee Memorial Gateway. A special Peal of Bells will precede an Ecumenical Service in the Parish Church at 10:30am.

The Communal 'Big Lunch' Barbecue and Picnic takes place on the Greenway Playing Field between the Village Hall and the Pavilion from 12 noon until 6:00pm. Bring your own food and drink and enjoy listening to Des Bacon and his Jazz Band. For the adventurous organised fun and games will be available. The Parish Council will provide several barbecues and charcoal for your use, but you are welcome to bring your own if you wish together with your tables and chairs. A Cash Bar will be open for alcoholic beverages and Cream Teas served by the Women's Institute will also be available as the afternoon progresses. Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant will be shown on television in the Pavilion.

A Jubilee Tea Party arranged by FONCS for all pre-school and primary age children of the Parish will take place in the Village Hall at 3:15pm with a competition for the best homemade 'Crown' for the children attending.

Monday 4th June

A Jubilee Bonfire will be lit after sunset at Higher Lillesdon Farm as part of the nation-wide chain of beacons.

Special Commemorative Mugs designed by Eleanor Greeves are on sale at the Post Office Stores at £7.00 each.

A Photographic Record of events will be made during the weekend by Julian Comrie.

Overall Jubilee Events Co-ordinator – Mary Stewart-Wilson 01823 490111