



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

### PARISH PLAN – GET YOUR COMMENTS IN!!

Many thanks to all who have sent in their thoughts on future development in the Parish. For those who haven't done so yet there is still time as the closing date for receipt of comments has been extended to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. As many views as possible are needed as the more responses received, the stronger the Parish input will be.

**JUBILEE THANKS:** The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the Jubilee celebrations such a success, the hard work and input many gave is much appreciated and it was good to see so many Parishioners enjoying the events.

**JUBILEE MUGS:** Due to high demand a further order of Jubilee mugs has been made. If you want a memento of the Jubilee, mugs can still be obtained on a first come first served basis from the Parish Clerk for only £3 (office hours shown below).

**VILLAGE HALL CLUBS:** The list of groups using the Village Hall detailed in the Welcome Booklet is not all encompassing; don't forget that the following are also available in the Hall: Barn Dancing Club, Tone Dance, Keep Fit, Fiddlin' Folk, Zumba and the monthly Produce Market. This is a great facility, make the most of it. (Contacts are available from the Parish Office or via the Village Hall.)

### FLOODING IN CURRY MOOR:

We are all used to seeing a vast area of flood water across Curry and Haymoor during the winter and the land normally soon recovers when the grass grows in the spring. The recent flooding in May however is a very different story with the grass crop destroyed and farmers left with no summer pasture and no feed for their cattle for next winter. Some farmers could have to sell stock and face considerable losses.

Jeremy Browne MP has met with farmers and is pressing DEFRA to help them through this difficult period, only fair when use of Curry Moor for flood relief saves hundreds of houses in Taunton from being inundated.

This event has added momentum to the campaign to create a relief channel to convey some of the flood water away from Curry moor to Fordgate, north of the A361, where it can be pumped much more effectively into the Parrett. That's what we need - Curry moor has been likened to a bath with the taps running but no plug hole or overflow pipe!

### OLD Queen Square Garden gate:

The old metal gate from the entrance to Queen Square Garden is looking for a new home, it measures 102cm square, plus one hinge arm of 5.5cm. It can be viewed in the Parish Office, and will be sold to the highest bidder, bids to be received by the Parish Clerk by 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Parish Council diary for July

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

### Parish Council Office opening hours:

Monday 12noon – 3:00pm  
Tuesday 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm



**By using the clothing bank you can support some of the poorest people in the world**

Planet Aid have recently installed a community recycling bank for textiles in the village hall car park. Please place any unwanted clothes or shoes in sealed bags into the bank. It will be regularly emptied. In 2011 Planet Aid supported:

- vocational training in Namibia training young people to start their own businesses
- farmers clubs in Guinea Bissau training small scale farmers in sustainable farming methods
- micro finance programmes for farmers in India
- DAPP UK – our charity partner, supports Academy for working children in India

Planet Aid is a non-profit organisation and is the British member of the International Humana People to People Movement which implements more than 328 projects in 42 countries. All profits from our collections are donated to development work in India or Africa.

For more information go to the website [www.planetaid-uk.org](http://www.planetaid-uk.org), email [alan@planetaid.uk.org](mailto:alan@planetaid.uk.org) or telephone 01884 266823.



## Come to a big summer party at the playing field!

On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July we're holding our annual summer party where there'll be a leisurely afternoon of fun on the playing field before the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship Final is screened live in the pavilion.

Come along for Pimm's and a Pint – FREE entry! The family fun starts at 3pm and goes on through the evening. Highlights include a BBQ and bar and a chance to have a friendly game of rounders, football and volleyball.

The party follows hot on the heels of the Big Lunch at the playing field which was held to celebrate HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All the committee would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who helped set up, run and pack away a really wonderful event.

If you'd like to keep up to date with what's happening at the playing field, please join our new Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion](http://www.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion)

For pavilion bookings:  
[www.northcurry.com](http://www.northcurry.com)  
[pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)  
07721 454593



Never mind the weather, we confidentially predict that the evening of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July will be beautiful - it dare not be anything else because it is the ANNUAL FOOTPATH WALK led by the indomitable Betty Koppa. Floods, storms, heat waves, will all be taken in her stride as she once again leads the way across our lovely countryside.

Meet at the Village Hall at 7:00pm suitably dressed for the occasion. Members, visitors, and dogs all welcome.

Kindly note there is no meeting in August.

### SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget the Coffee Morning on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at The Old Malt House, 3, Stoke Road, North Curry by kind permission of Sue & Don Bethune.

Come and enjoy excellent coffee plus entertainment by The Fiddlin' Folk from 10am to 12 noon. High quality stalls and raffle all available.



## Celebrity Football Match/Big Bash

Don't forget that Gethin Jones and his team of celebrities will be returning to North Curry on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, he will be hoping to gain revenge for the narrow defeat, on penalties, his team suffered on their last visit! The match will be followed by the annual Hog Roast featuring the 10 piece band "Soul Solution" who went down so well last year. We hope that Gethin and his friends will stay on as they did last time to strut their stuff. Tickets for both events will be going on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> July: Call Midge 01823 491278 to reserve tickets. There was a huge demand for tickets for this event 2 years ago so call soon to avoid disappointment.



*towards a greener community*

As I write more rain is forecast for as far as the Met Office can see. What weather! Or is it climate? If it is climate then it's certainly changing!

It's not too late to try to do a little to slow it down by adopting a lower fossil fuel lifestyle. We can all insulate more (there's still an offer open for free loft and wall treatment; ring me or 0800 0822234) or live a more "local" life by buying local produce – look for the "Foodyards" products in the Post office.

Maybe it's not to everyone's taste but a British holiday can be very rewarding even in a damp climate and would definitely have a lower impact than flying abroad; indeed wherever we take our holidays most of us can travel less and use public transport more or, perhaps, cycle or walk.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rose and Crown in Lyng, 8pm on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. If you want to talk about these or any other matters we will be pleased to see you there.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email [ta@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:ta@bkjeanes.co.uk)



## Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 Brian and Kathryn on 490623.



A Personal Presentation of the Falklands War by Mike Fleming

In aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

**North Curry Village Hall**

**Wednesday 11th July**

**7.30 - 9.00PM**

**Donations on the door**

**Refreshments available**



## Art in the Coffee Shop

Clare Newman is our exhibiting artist from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Clare is primarily an animal artist originally from North Yorkshire and now based in Somerset. Clare produces individualistic paintings in ink and bleach as well as a range of drawings and paintings in other more traditional media. Her work reflects her interest in the structure of the animal and her background as a trained Biologist.

Summer Exhibition mark two, Photography.

We invite photographic entries on the theme 'OSport', to coincide with this summer of the Olympics. The exhibition will run from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> October, open to everyone aged 16 and over. Entry forms with details for delivery of artwork, deadline 25<sup>th</sup> August, are available in The Coffee Shop. All artwork needs to be framed.

There will be 3 prizes: £50, £25 and £25.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – outing to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey fame) - coach leaving Stoke St Gregory (outside Royal Oak) 8:15am, North Curry pavement 8:30am.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – evening outing to "Field of Dreams", Barcroft Hall, South Petherton, including supper - coach leaving North Curry pavement 4:30pm.

Enjoy the summer  
Come to the

## Village Choir Coffee Morning

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

at

Manor End, North Curry

## SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
10:00-12:00

at

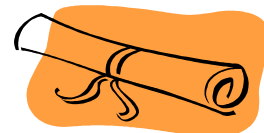
GRANGE COTTAGE  
10 STOKE ROAD

in aid of

*St. Margaret's*  
HOSPICE

Cake and Produce Stall  
Book Stall  
Raffle

Donations of cakes or produce  
would be gratefully received by  
Sheila Brown  
before or on the day



## NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES

### *The Show on the Stairs*

now features

"Floods Floods and more Floods"

A series of Photographs, Articles and Press Cuttings from the Archives memory bank



## North Curry Luncheon Club

Our celebration lunch for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was a great success and enjoyed by all. We have just one lunch in July, on 3<sup>rd</sup> and then on 17<sup>th</sup> we have our outing to Minehead on the steam train, then by coach across Exmoor to Exford to enjoy a cream tea.

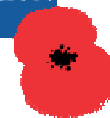
There are still a few seats left for non-members £20 inclusive, ring Tina on 490629



Contrary to rumours, we are delighted to let you know that Little Acorns is going from strength to strength. Despite sending 14 children to school in September, we are now almost fully booked for the next academic year.

We will be having a stall at the North Curry Primary School Summer Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July so look out for us.

If you would like your child to attend in the coming years, please contact Angela on 01823 491615 or pop in for a chat. We cater for children from 2 years until school age and work closely with the Primary School, offering wrap around care for the Preschool children from the age of 3.

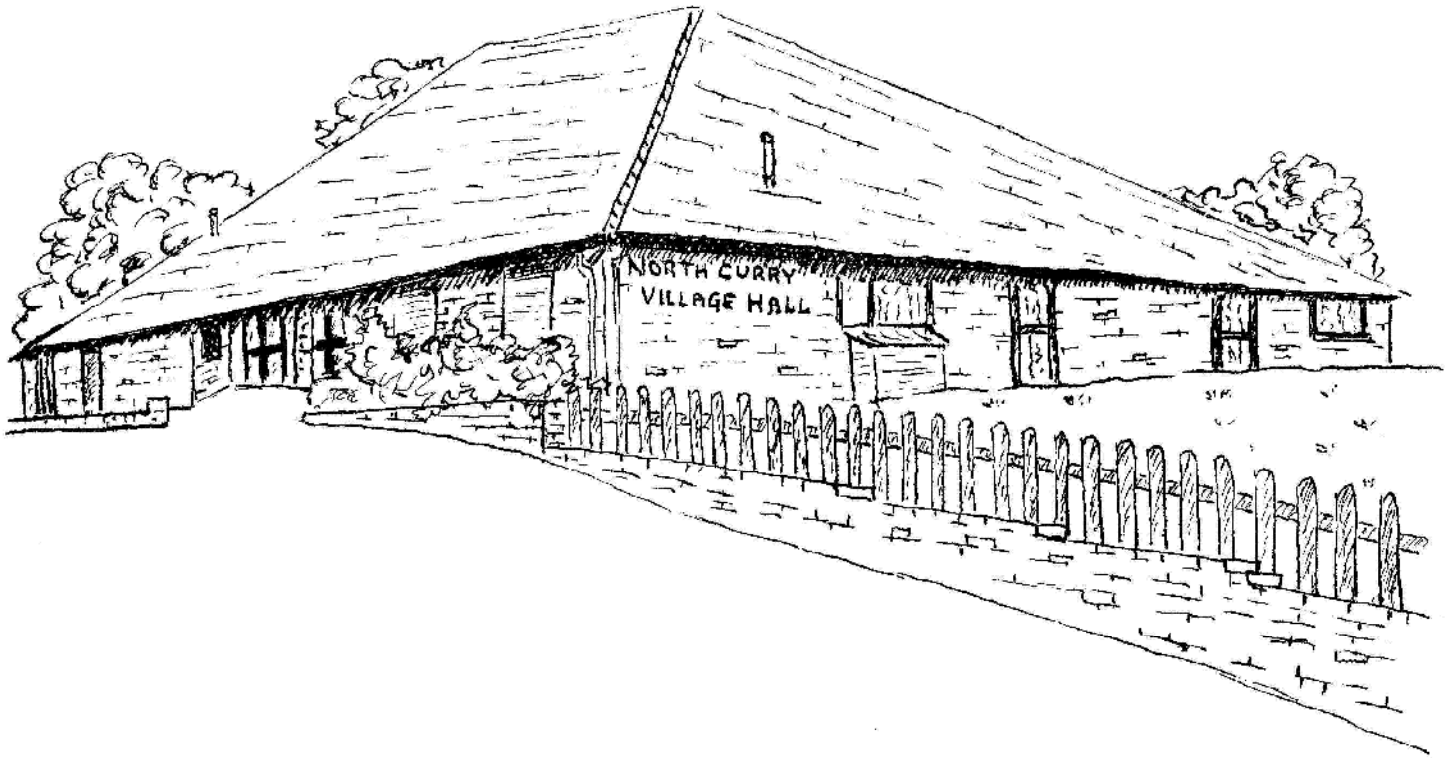


## Royal British Legion

The May Fair was a great success and we must congratulate the organisers for their outstanding performance. The crowds kept on coming and they certainly enjoyed themselves.

Our raffle stall made a profit of £215 and at the June meeting it was decided that a contribution of £200 should go to Dunkirk Memorial House. It is our intention to make this donation annually, as we feel that it is essential that we support local Legion activities. They make all visitors welcome, and if you do have an hour to spare, you will find a visit most rewarding.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 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](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)

### 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