



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**EXPLORE SOMERSET'S HIDDEN GEMS:** A new Somerset routes website has been set up that allows you to search for heritage sites in Somerset and access a "tube map" of suggested routes between the sites. From museums to historic railways, castles, gardens, stately homes and archaeological sites, find out about Somerset's hidden gems, choose a line and explore at your leisure, go to <http://somerse routes.co.uk>.

**DONATION OF HAY FOR FLOODED FARMS:** Grateful thanks are sent to Guy Senior of Chippenham who kindly donated 40 round bales of hay for distribution to farmers affected by the floods. A small sub-committee, including representatives from the affected Parish Councils, met to allocate the hay to those farmers who had applied for it.

**KEEP THE ROADS CLEAR:** With large tractors passing through the village at this time of year, please could drivers park cars on just one side of the road, particularly along the Pavement, to ensure traffic is able to flow freely.

**DANGEROUS DRIVING??** Anyone witnessing incidents of dangerous driving in the village, whether it be tractors, delivery lorries or other vehicles, should report the matter to PCSO Lynsey Gamblin on 07789 753820. Try to include the time of the incident, and the number plate and any other details of the vehicle involved.

**CLASHING VILLAGE EVENTS:** It is a busy time of year and village events will inevitably sometimes clash. To ensure such clashes are kept to a minimum and therefore attendance at each event is maximised, please could event organisers check the village diary in the Post Office to ensure, wherever possible, events are not held at the same time. Clashes with the monthly Church Produce Market should also be avoided if possible.

### OLYMPIC WINDOW DISPLAY:

Look out for the Olympic window display in the Post Office – Olympic torches, photos and more!

### Parish Council diary for July

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)

### Parish Office closure:

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.



## North Curry Luncheon Club

It is a very different era we live in now than the 26 years ago when we formed The North Curry Luncheon Club.

At that time we had our maximum membership of forty, plus a waiting list. We provided a great deal of transport, there were very few car owners and drivers then, the majority of members being widows, with a few husbands and wives and a couple of widowers. They all looked forward to a game of bingo after lunch (this has dwindled out) and for many it was their only time out to mix with friends etc.

Now we have The Coffee Shop in the village, more and more men and women are independent and car drivers, with our membership dropping to just 20, and with many of our helpers 'retiring', some having been with us for over 20 years, I have decided to fold the Luncheon Club.

We have been a great team and I cannot thank all the volunteers enough and although I am not naming them all I would like to say a special thank-you to Pat(Curtis) who firstly as my right hand and latterly as one of our cooks has been with me since the very first Lunch and also Joyce(Gore) and wish her a speedy recovery.

A wonderful surprise and thank you all so very much for the wonderful flowers presented to me at our last lunch and I wish everyone well. Tina



## Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Plants, produce, and a tasty bacon buttie if you missed breakfast!

The winner of the last raffle was Judith Hincks.

Contact Joan Gubbin 490201 or Kate Roberts 490933



## Thank you for supporting the playing field!

Our last couple of events held to raise money for North Curry Playing Field have been a great success thanks to all those people who came along to support them and those who have lent a hand.

As a result we are able to maintain and repair the play equipment and the pavilion; we hope youngsters especially enjoy using the new football nets and refurbished cricket net this summer.

If you would like to get more involved in the running of the playing field, please come along to the Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September at the pavilion. We are looking for new people to join the small team and help us to provide high quality accommodation and ensure there is a great space where children (and adults!) can let off steam and have fun.

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)



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

First Thursday of the month at the **Pavilion** 7:45 for 8:00 pm.

The visit to Highclere Castle in July was enjoyed but slightly marred by the weather. It was a very popular venue with lots of visitors present, many trying to visualise where certain Downton Abbey scenes had been filmed. There was also an interesting Egyptology Exhibition about the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Carnarvon and Howard Carter.

Just one outing left this year, evening outing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. First meeting after the summer break will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.



## VILLAGE AGENTS

Providing people in your community in Somerset easier access to information and services

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| Home Safety         | Advocacy                   |
| Social Care         | Employment                 |
| Health Issues       | Leisure                    |
| Pensions & Benefits | Lifelong Learning & Skills |
| Housing             | Volunteering               |
| Transport           |                            |

Would you benefit from easier access to information and services offering help and support?

Do you live in Stoke St. Gregory, Lyng, Burrowbridge, North Curry, Othery or Durston?



## Your Village Agent is Valerie Hunt

Contact me and see how I can help on: 07970 935756 or email: [vhuntva@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:vhuntva@somersetcc.org.uk)

## Celebrity Football and Big Bash

Not long to go now! Make sure you have bought your tickets to the Celebrity Football Match and to the Annual Big Bash that will follow it on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets are going fast but they are still available. There will be a chance to see the local stars of the future before the main event with juniors from North Curry F.C. showing off their skills. There will also be a Licensed Bar, Barbeque, Ice Cream Van and many more attractions on show.

Tickets to the football are £3 for adults and £1 for under 16's, tickets for the BIG BASH are £15. Please call Midge on 491278 or Rich on 490089 to buy your tickets, they are also on sale in the Post Office.



## North Curry W.I.

Despite the Summer Break members have still been extremely busy.

At the beginning of June we were serving cream teas as part of the village Jubilee celebrations, lunches at the Royal Bath and West Show and then at the end of June it was our summer outing, when several members and their guests travelled to Weston-Super-Mare. Whilst the weather was not brilliant it was certainly one of the better days so far, so we were very fortunate. If you are in Weston before 9<sup>th</sup> September do try and see the sand sculptures. They are well worth a visit and the creators are on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Members please note the meeting on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** will now be held at the playing fields pavilion, Greenway. Also the speaker for the **September** meeting will now be Jayne Stone, the Zumba instructor.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month and start at 2:15. Newcomers are always welcome.



## Art in the Coffee Shop

### The Coffee Shop Summer Exhibition Results

257 votes were cast with each entry receiving plenty of votes. The clear winner is Ed Bradbury with 'The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II' for which he is awarded First Prize and £50. Second Prize and £25 is awarded to Sue Lawrence for 'King Edward (after Goya)'. The Art and Design Committee have awarded their prize for artistic merit and £25 to Vic Imrie for 'Child of Destiny'.

Thanks to everyone who entered and to all of you who voted. We've all enjoyed this very colourful exhibition.

The Photography Category of the Summer Exhibition with the theme of Sport runs from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pick up your entry forms from The Coffee Shop.

Clare Newman's animal paintings and drawings are the exhibition from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August.



These are exciting times for North Curry Football Club as we develop football at White St. With these expansions there are new opportunities for people to get involved. The Saturday team are looking for volunteers to help with cooking the after match food for home games (mostly involving cooking something and chips!).

They also require a willing volunteer to be Club Linesman for home and away fixtures (small fee paid).

If you think you may be able to help or are keen to get involved with the Club in anyway please contact Rich Perry 490089 or 07786 579 410 for more details.



Little Acorns has bid farewell to 14 children who are starting at North Curry Primary School in September. We recently held a leavers party, presenting each child with a folder charting their time at the pre-school and the children also enjoyed an exciting trip to Exmoor Zoo.

We are now almost fully booked for the next academic year so 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.

Also, we are in need of lunch cover and new bank staff. We would love to hear from anyone who could help. Please ring or pop in to find out more about what is involved and the rate of pay.



## Royal British Legion

There will not be a meeting of the branch this month, so the next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



## On Yer Bikes!

A forward date for your diaries; we're planning a **Family Bike Ride & Picnic** on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** setting off from the square at noon to visit the Westonzoiland Pumping Station (Museum of Steam Power and Land Drainage on the Somerset Levels). This will be roughly seven miles each way.

There's no guarantee of fine weather but we hope to have left the monsoon far behind us and be having an Indian Summer by then.

Don't forget to let us know if you have any spare fruit or vegetables that could be sold in the village shop through "Food Yards". We are also initiating a "Fruits Of Athelney" scheme to help those with surplus apples and pears to turn them into juice. We will be hiring all the necessary juicing, bottling and pasteurising equipment for a time to enable anyone to do this. Do get in touch if you're interested and wish to take advantage of the occasion.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Bird in Hand, 8pm on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. 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)

## Night Stop!

This is a service which the YMCA run for young people (16 – 24 years) finding, in an emergency, a home offering evening meal, bed and breakfast for up to three nights while something more permanent is arranged.

It is entirely staffed by volunteers and contributions from the public. August is an especially busy month when exam results come out.

All youngsters who seek help are provided with a sponge bag containing essential toiletries to take with them to their host family. If you have any such items – shower gel, toothbrush, flannel, etc. – that you could donate, would you hand them in, either at the Post Office (many thanks to Alison) or in the Church. There will be a box provided. All items will be gratefully received.

If you would like more information about the scheme, or volunteering as a driver or host, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463



## Barn Dancing Club

Barn Dancing in August will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the usual time of **7:30 in the Village Hall**. If you haven't already tried the barn dancing club, this month would be a good time to come along as a guest, as a first visit is free and if you enjoy it you can sign up as a member when our new year starts on 5<sup>th</sup> September. If you're still not sure, subsequent sessions are only £2.50 for non-members - wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise and friendship with refreshments included.

Absolutely no experience is necessary as we have a very proficient and patient caller who helps us to learn the dances while having enormous fun. Singles, couples or groups are always welcome.

For further details phone Brian and Kathryn on 490623.



Please note there is no meeting in August.

Our next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> September when we will be entertained by Dr. Robert Dunning.

Watch this space!

### CHANGE OF VENUE

### Village Choir Coffee Morning

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10 am – 12 noon**

This will now be held in the GREENWAY PAVILION and not at Manor End as previously stated.

Please come and support us and help to keep choral singing alive in North Curry.



## Dancing School News

We have had a very full year. The pupils all performed in the successful school show 'Hans Christian Andersen' which was put on at Kings College on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. This term will see some of the seniors take their Grade 7 ballet and modern and tap exams are being planned for next term.

There are now spaces in September for anyone wishing to do either ballet, tap or modern dance and classes start from the age of 3yrs. For more details please contact Ann-Marie on 07595 173649 or

[ann-marie@danceatnorthcurry.com](mailto:ann-marie@danceatnorthcurry.com)

Congratulations to Georgia Dare and Harriett Clements for successfully auditioning as dancers in the Weston-Super-Mare professional production of Summer Holiday.

## LUNCH CLUB

After 26 years of running the Lunch Club Tina Stodgell has hung up her apron. A small group is willing to carry it on but we need more volunteer cooks, helpers and indeed "members" or eaters. It has met every fortnight in the village hall with the aim of providing both a good meal and a social atmosphere for the Senior Citizens to meet and chat "do you remember?"

All offers please to David Patten 490782

### 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