



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

JUBILEE MUGS: The extra jubilee mugs have arrived and are ready for collection. If you have mugs on order, drop in to the Parish Office to pick them up. There should be a few left over so if you thought you'd missed your chance, don't worry, it's not too late and they are still at the bargain price of £3.

PARISH PLAN: Many thanks to everyone who responded to last month's Parish Plan leaflet, there was a great response, which strengthens the case that can be put to Taunton Deane Borough Council. It is hoped that the response to the enclosed (hopefully final) Parish Plan leaflet presenting options, will be as good, if not even better!

THANKS TO THE DISTRIBUTORS: The Parish Council is most grateful to all the Newsletter distributors for delivering the various leaflets with the "Pink Sheet". It enables the whole Parish to be involved in any consultations and their assistance is very much appreciated.

JUBILEE FUNDS: Fundraising for the Jubilee events was so successful that it has resulted in a surplus of monies. The Parish Council is considering a number of small projects that the funds could cover, these would be for the benefit of the Parish, and will also be a lasting memorial of the Jubilee.

NORTH CURRY PARKING - AGAIN!!! Inconsiderate parking continues to cause hazards in the village, increasing the risk of accidents. Particular problems are parking in the bus stop area, along the Pavement and on the corner of the Pavement and Greenway. PLEASE be considerate of other road users when parking and ensure road width and visibility are maintained. The village PCSOs have been asked to pay particularly attention to poor parking in these areas.

Parish Council diary for September

Wed 12 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 26 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Sunday 23rd September at 10:00am

Come and join our joyful praise as we celebrate our Harvest Festival with a Family Communion Service suitable for all ages. This year we are pleased to have the Bishop of Taunton to take our service

The church will be decorated with flowers and produce beforehand and children and adults are welcome to bring their offerings on the day.

The collection will be donated to WaterAid.

VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 29th September

7:00pm for 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration of the gathering in of the Harvest. Bring your friends and your family for an excellent meal and pleasant company. Tickets available from the Post Office £6.00 for Adults, £3.00 for children under 12.

Don't leave it too late!



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Dr. Robert Dunning will present *Writing Somerset's History*.

Dr. Dunning needs no introduction. He is a very well-known historian, author and raconteur who between 1974 and 2006 produced seven out of the ten volumes of *Somerset Victoria County History*. In his spare time he has produced other books such as *Some Somerset Country Houses*, *Christianity in Somerset* and *Arthur - The King in the West*.

Also at this meeting, "Shops and trades of North Curry", the new book by David Patten, will be launched. Having talked to over 75 local people about their recollections, David has put together a fascinating record of some of the personalities, their trades and places of work from North Curry. Proceeds will go to the North Curry Archive.

What more can we say? Come along and be enthralled.

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



North Curry Luncheon Club

On Tuesday 17th July Members, Helpers and friends enjoyed a super outing to Minehead on the steam train and then onto Exford for a delicious cream tea.

We had fantastic weather, the first sunny day for a long time, and during our cream tea the members presented all the helpers with pot plants and a bottle of wine; this was such a lovely gesture and really appreciated. I have indicated that should no other outing be forthcoming next year I may put one together so watch this space.

The North Curry Luncheon Club is now wound up with residue monies as agreed by all going to Age Concern, not a huge amount but gratefully received.

Thank you everyone.

On the good news front it appears that a New Lunch Club with a different format is being put together so we are happy to pass on our pots, pans, utensils, table cloths, tea towels, aprons etc. to help them and I have assured them that I am always available should they have any queries. We wish them all the success we have enjoyed the last 26 years.



The second season of the North Curry Film Society begins on 26th September in the Village Hall with a showing of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* – directed by Tomas Alfredson and starring Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, and Tom Hardy. Films will start this year at the earlier time of 7:30pm to allow for a discussion afterwards. Society membership for the year (12 films) remains at £20 which is very good value at under £2 per film. You can join or renew your membership on 26th September before the film or pick up the year's programme from the rack just inside the Coffee Shop door which includes an application form. At each film, members will be admitted from 7:00pm when the bar opens but in a change from last year tickets will be sold to non-members on the door from 7:15pm at a cost of £5.



North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

We are delighted to announce that at the Somerset Short Mat Bowls Association Autumn Tournament held at Blackbrook, our Pairs team of Trevor Gridley and Ian Cogger were the winners after 71 ends of Bowls. Congratulations to the pair.

If you feel you would like to play Bowls the club meet on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays and you will be welcome at any one of the meetings. Equipment will be provided and tuition is free.



Come and find out more about running the playing field

Anyone interested in getting involved with running the Playing Field and Pavilion is warmly invited to come along to the Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on Friday, 14th September at the pavilion.

We are looking for new people to join the small team which runs these well used facilities. The playing field has an attractive and recently redecorated pavilion, playground equipment for young children, an all-weather MUGA, football and cricket nets and a large car park.

These facilities are available for all to enjoy and host several thriving local groups including Little Acorns Pre-school; they also make a great venue for celebrations, children's parties and meetings.

North Curry Pavilion & Playing Field is a charity with responsibility for running the facilities to promote sports and leisure activities in the local community.

And, 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

For pavilion bookings: 07721 454593

www.northcurry.com
pavilion@northcurry.com



Art in the Coffee Shop



Summer Exhibition Prize winners: 1st Prize Ed Bradbury, 2nd Prize Sue Lawrence, represented in her absence by Coffee Shop Chairman Vince Jeffrey, and Art and Design Prize, Vic Imrie.

Our Photography Summer Exhibition, the theme for which is Sport, is on show from 28th August to 7th October. Don't forget to visit and cast your vote for your favourite photograph.



Royal British Legion

The presentation on 11th July, by Mike Fleming on The Falklands War, raised £170 for the Poppy Appeal. It was a most interesting and enjoyable evening and our thanks go to Mike Fleming and also to the Ladies for providing such a spread of refreshments.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 10th September at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

North Curry Independent Baptist Church

Sunday 30th September

All are warmly invited to our

**Harvest Festival Service
at 11:00am**

to be held at
the church on Windmill Hill



North Curry W.I.

August was to be our garden party, but due to the disappointing summer the decision was made to move it to the pavilion. This proved to be a very wise move, although a good time was still enjoyed by all and at least the cream tea survived.

The next meeting will be on **5th September** and our speaker will be Jayne Stone, the Zumba instructor. Please come suitably attired, sweat bands and lycra optional.

Gerry has very kindly offered to hold a coffee morning and plant sale at her home on Wednesday **12th September**, 10:00 -12:00, in aid of group funds. This will be a good opportunity to stock up on perennials so do come along.

The Wells Cathedral Carol concert is to be held on **12th December**. If you would like to go and have not already put your name down, then please see Di at the next meeting.

For those going to Cothelstone Manor on **30th November** do please remember to bring £15 to the September meeting.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

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

A good attendance much enjoyed the final outing of the year, an evening trip to the 'Field of Dreams' garden at Barcroft Hall, South Petherton, followed by supper at the 'Old Barn Owl', Westport.

After the summer break we shall be meeting again on Thursday **6th September** when Mr Philip Gamble will be speaking on "Herbaceous Borders".

Members are reminded to bring along for judging the Pelargonium plants grown from the plugs handed out at the April meeting.

North Curry Village Choir

Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert will begin on

Thursday 6th September

8 pm in the

North Curry Village Hall

The concert will be held on
Thursday 6th December

and will include:

Part 1 of Handel's Messiah and a selection of carols

We are always pleased to welcome new members so if you would like to join us please come along and sing!



Following the summer break, Little Acorns are delighted to welcome a number of new children to the setting, along with many regular faces. We have an exciting autumn term planned, including our regular forest school, using the purpose built outdoor classroom at the Willows and Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory.

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.

Family Bike Ride

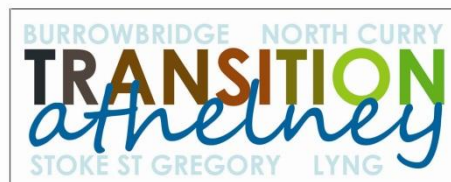
Don't forget, we're planning a **Family Bike Ride & Picnic** on **Sunday 9th September** setting off from the square at noon to visit the Westonzoyland Pumping Station (Museum of Steam Power and Land Drainage on the Somerset Levels) – **free entry**. This will be roughly seven miles each way.

Surplus Apples?

The season of mellow fruitfulness is just about upon us so if you have a **surfeit of apples** then you'll be interested in our "Fruits of Athelney" scheme to turn surplus fruit into juice. We will be hiring all the necessary juicing, bottling and pasteurising equipment for a time to enable anyone to do this. The date for this is yet to be fixed (at time of writing) so 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 Rising Sun, 8pm on Tuesday, **18th September**. 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



towards a greener community

Arrival of Village Agent - Val Hunt

I am writing to introduce myself .My name is Valerie Hunt, (please call me Val). I have been appointed as the Village Agent for a small cluster of villages, comprising North Curry, Stoke St Gregory, Othery, Burrowbridge, Lyng and Durston. I am employed by the Community Council for Somerset, who have been supporting rural Somerset for 86 year. This is a pilot project funded by the Big Lottery, Bernard Herridge Charity and Total Somerset with the aim of providing information about and access into services; of which housing, home safety, health and welfare are examples. I provide information to you, so that you know where help is available and who can provide that specialist advice and/or any practical help you may need. If you want me to I can also refer you to those agencies to get the ball rolling. I will then keep checking with you to make sure that they do make contact.

I only work part time and will check for messages, phone or email, on Monday morning. My contact details are below.

I am looking forward to working in my cluster, and getting to know and help you. I can and will visit you at home if you need me to and will have photo ID, I've also had a CRB check.

My contact details are mobile telephone 07970 935756; email vhuntva@somersetccc.org.uk.

Lunch Club Revived

Following the demise of Tina Stodgell's lunch club a new group has been formed known as the Tuesday Club. It will also meet every fortnight starting on 11th September. A willing band of a dozen volunteers will provide fresh cooked food in a welcoming environment in the Village Hall. They hope it will appeal to our Very Senior Citizens who may not find it easy to get out and meet old friends now; transport can be arranged if necessary. Please book your membership now, places are limited. (£3 annual subscription with Joanne Preston 491083) or the organiser, Dave Patten 490782. The two course meal plus drinks is £4.

Advance Notices:

You are invited to a talk on Mercy Ships at North Curry Church on 20th October at 12 noon. Mercy Ships provide free surgery and medical care and in partnership with local communities work to improve healthcare and offer training and advice, materials and hands-on assistance. The fleet has served in more than 150 ports in developing nations around the world, bringing lasting change and transforming lives. Please come and find out more about this programme, which delivers transformational health care at no charge to the world's forgotten poor.



Save the Children

Grand Christmas Card Sale

Sat 20th and Sun 21st October

Make a note in your diary...

More details next month

EVERYONE WELCOME

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

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

or email pavilion@northcurry.com

or call Andy on 490046