



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**PARISH PLAN:** Thank you once again for the enthusiastic response to the Parish Plan leaflets, this time in response to leaflet 3. The results will be analysed and any accompanying comments will be noted and, where possible, taken on board. The results will then be taken to Taunton Deane Borough Council in an effort to influence the scope of the Local Plan. Please note that at this stage it is only an effort to influence the areas TDBC include in the Local Plan as being open for planning applications, it does not necessarily mean that houses will be built in those places. You will be kept informed of the outcome.

**CHURCH RD. LIME TREES:** Please see the enclosed leaflet concerning options for the lime trees in Church Road - let the Parish Council have your views.

**VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR:** A portable, automated defibrillator is to be installed in the village for use in the case of cardiac arrest, whilst awaiting medical assistance. This is an important new village facility and if you would like to hear more and learn from St John Ambulance how to use it, come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, from 2:45 – 3:45. Our thanks go to David Fothergill, County Councillor, for his help in facilitating this initiative.

**COFFEE SHOP GRANTS:** The Parish Council would like to send their grateful thanks to the Coffee Shop volunteers for their generous donation towards the replanting of Queen Square garden. Planning of the work has begun and we look forward to seeing a revitalised garden next year.

**PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** Please note that North Curry Parish telephone numbers can begin with either 490, 491, 480 or 481. Please ensure the correct numbers are used as some parishioners are being disturbed by repeated wrong numbers.

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** St John Ambulance are able to provide first aid training courses in the community at a cost of approx. £25 per person. Anyone wanting to book a course should contact Jen Forsyth on 01278 726763 or [jen.forsyth@somerset.sja.org.uk](mailto:jen.forsyth@somerset.sja.org.uk).

**OIL SCHEME:** As the weather turns cold and the heating is switched on, don't forget the Community Council for Somerset oil scheme. Over the last year they report a saving of 8.6% on the total cost of oil, an average of 4.81p per litre for members. For further information call 01823 331222 or go to the website [www.somersetccc.org.uk](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk).

### Parish Council diary for October

Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

We are  
**RELAUNCHING**  
*The Produce Market*

If you haven't been to the monthly Produce Market in the village hall for a while why not come along on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October and check out the stalls. As well as old favourites there will be some new products from local producers.

*Don't forget the date*  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
*from 9:30am*  
*See you there!*



The second film of the season is *The Well Diggers Daughter*. If you enjoyed *Manon des Sources*, that wonderful film set in Provence, then this is a film from the same author, Marcel Pagnol. Charm is its keynote. The film starts at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm for members and at 7:15pm for anyone wishing to buy a ticket for £5.

**Advance date for your diary:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

**Race Night in North Curry Village Hall**

Organised by the North Curry Playing Fields Charity

## PARISH CHURCH



### Mercy Ships – 20<sup>th</sup> October

There will be a talk on the work of Mercy Ships at North Curry Church on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 wonderful programme which delivers transformational health care at no charge to the world's forgotten poor.

### Gift Day – 1<sup>st</sup> October

A reminder that this year's appeal is for money to repair the paths through the churchyard which are used by so many residents as well as visitors. The village has always been magnificent in responding to appeals in the past, for which we are very grateful. We know times are difficult but if you feel able to contribute, please put your donation in the church post box at the kissing gate into the churchyard.

### How Tai Chi in later life is good for the heart: Elderly who perform exercises lower blood pressure

Practicing the ancient martial art of tai chi can boost elderly people's hearts, a study has found. Older subjects who regularly performed the traditional Chinese mind-body exercise now enjoyed worldwide were less likely to suffer high blood pressure and were physically stronger.

Researchers said a work-out which can achieve both good heart function and muscle power 'would be a preferred mode of training' for this group. Additional analysis showed that the Tai Chi subjects had greater average muscle strength especially knee muscle strength than their healthy counterparts.

Age UK Somerset run sessions on a Tuesday at North Curry Health Centre as part of their fit as a fiddle activities, for further details please contact Di Ramsay 0845 643 4702 or email [dianne.ramsay@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:dianne.ramsay@ageuksomerset.org.uk)



## North Curry W.I.

At the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September, Jayne Stone gave an interesting talk on healthy living. This was followed by a taster session of Zumba. Half our members exercised in a sedentary fashion, whilst the other half had fun trying to keep up with the rather more energetic Jayne. Denise Walker gave a vote of thanks.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** We will be hosting the group quiz evening, in the village hall, starting at 7pm. The cost of the evening is £5, to include a cooked supper. If you are interested in attending, then please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Day trip to Cardiff, cost £10.00. This outing is open to WI members and friends. Contact Di Keyzar (490363), or Jenny (490463), if you are interested.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** A reminder of the Cothelstone Manor historical tour and Christmas tea. Cost £15, please contact Kate Roberts.

The next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the village hall, starting at usual at 2:15. The speaker will be the 'Owl Man'.

Visitors are always welcome. Just turn up!



Within the pre-school, the children have been working on a number of autumnal projects, which has brought lots of fun and laughter! Our notice board, displaying the work of the children, looks particularly beautiful at the moment.

We would also like to thank one of the volunteer workers at the North Curry Coffee Shop for kindly nominating Little Acorns as their chosen charity in receiving a donation of £75.

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.



## Art in the Coffee Shop

An exhibition of a selection of Portia Westhead's work will be displayed in The Coffee Shop from 9<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> November. Portia, who started painting when she was fifty, paints predominantly flowers in exquisite detail and colour. She was accepted by the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and has exhibited with the Society of Botanical Artists as well as at private exhibitions.



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm in the village hall. This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £15 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge. Non-members will pay £2.50 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

## Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

Christmas cards are in the shops and it's that time of year again when thoughts turn to Christmas and gifts.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project and brings joy to underprivileged children in some of the toughest parts of the world. Last year 1.2million shoeboxes were sent from UK and North Curry contributed an amazing 117 boxes to this worthy cause. The parish church is co-ordinating the collection of boxes again so if you would like to take part leaflets will be available from church, or telephone Ralph Roberts North Curry 490933 or Tim Spotswood 490142 for details.



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 for our Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm (note earlier time) in the Village Hall. Annual subscriptions (£5) will be due and payment will no doubt produce a smile from our jovial Treasurer! New members will be very welcome. The programme for the forthcoming twelve months will be available to members.

The short AGM will be followed by the regular meeting at 8:00pm - visitors are always welcome for a nominal fee of £1 (which includes coffee!).

At the meeting our retiring chairman, Philip Hickman, will present *North Curry Photo project 1977-2012* – an on-going photographic history of the houses of North Curry since 1977.

Philip needs no introduction. As a retired family doctor and a keen photographer, he is well known in the village and was the driving force behind the photo project in 1977.

So come along and perhaps see how your house looked 35 years ago and see how the village has changed in this time. It is fascinating.

Members and non-members are all welcome.



Come to our family friendly Barn Dance to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7:30pm. Live music, ploughman's supper and Bar. Tickets are £8 a heat but children under 12 come free.

It should be a good evening so come and join the fun. Tickets are available from Post Office or a member of the committee.

**North Curry Village Hall**  
 Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
 phone 490201  
 To hire the hall contact  
 Jenny Quinn 490718  
[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)

 **Save the Children**  
**Helen's Early Christmas Card Sale**  
 on  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012**  
 10:00am to 7:00pm  
 at 24 Portmans (off Greenway), North Curry  
 Cards and Wrapping Paper  
 Regret NO orders can be taken  
 What you see is what you get!  
 Everyone is welcome



**North Curry Amateur Gardeners**

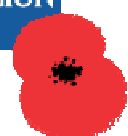
First Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8 pm

**The AGM will be at 7:15 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012.**

Do come and hear a review of the year and plans for next year. This will be followed by a talk on "Gardens of Kyoto" by Mr David Burgess.

Congratulations to Helen Comrie on winning the prize for the best pelargonium grown from a plug plant.

All welcome to stay for a coffee/tea, biscuits and chat at the end of the meeting.



**Royal British Legion**

Subs are due next month so please make an effort to come to the October meeting.

The next meeting of the branch is on 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

**Our Energy Future**

For anyone concerned about where and how our energy is supplied in the future then our event, "Our Energy Future", in The Genesis Centre, Taunton, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm-8pm is for you. The day is designed to help us steer our way through the conflicts, controversies and myths around how to keep the lights on, without it costing the earth. There are two sessions, the afternoon focussing on future scenarios, also sustainable energy projects in our area, the evening session a debate with three expert speakers, followed by discussion.

The cost is only £5 for each session, or £8 for both (an absolute bargain!). To obtain full details, e-mail Adrian at [adrian\\_tait@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian_tait@btinternet.com), telephone 01823 490270 or text 07906 750925.

**Apples into juice**

The season of mellow fruitfulness is 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 the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 Rose & Crown in Stoke St Gregory on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. 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)



*towards a greener community*

**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