



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council



PARISH PLAN – The results of the Parish Plan consultation are in, with 197 forms returned plus a number of letters making comments on the proposals. The results show strong Parish support for the first four options, White St. corner, Canterbury Drive and the two Nine Acre Lane sites. These sites each received support from between 68 to 73% of respondents. Overlands was the next most popular site with the support of 27% of respondents, followed by Knapp Lane and Windmill Hill with 22%, and lastly the Greenway sites with between 15 to 19% support. Very few respondents were opposed to any of the proposed sites put forward for protection of open space, with only 13% of respondents voting against the protection of Manor field and 7% voting against the protection of the land behind the health centre. 4% or less of respondents voted against protecting the other suggested sites.

The Parish Council will now lobby Taunton Deane for it to adopt the first four options above in the Local Plan allocation, and also to identify the proposed protected open spaces in the Plan. Thank you for your input.



LIME TREES – Thank you for returning your Church Road Lime Tree questionnaires, the results will now be collated and the way forward discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

UNWELCOME DOORSTEP COLD CALLERS? - The Parish Council is considering if there is a need to implement "Cold Calling zones" using signage at village entrances to deter doorstep cold callers. To assess whether cold calling is a problem in the Parish it would be helpful if you could notify the Parish Clerk if this is an issue for you (contact details below).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 11th November. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to kindly ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am until 11:30am on that day.

DeafPLUS: This mobile advisory service will be in Queen Square on Friday 30th November between 1:30pm and 3:00pm.

Parish Council diary for November

Wed 14 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 28 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

The Produce Market

Saturday 3rd November
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

There was a fabulous turnout for the market re-launch – thank you all for coming along. The raffle winner was Sue Oldfield. This month we have some Christmassy items, something for vegetarians and fair trade coffee as well as our stalls new and old selling local produce. Come and browse, meet friends, have a drink and a teacake or a late breakfast bacon buttie.

See you there!

Feeling gloomy at the thought of November with dark nights and rotten weather?

Then you need a good social occasion to cheer you up.

You can find just that at this year's

Brand New Style Advent Fair

in **The Village Hall**

on **Saturday 24th November**

10:00am – 12 noon

Join your friends with us for a mince pie and mulled wine or coffee to keep out the cold, whilst for the children there will be Hot Chocolate, Lemonade or Squash.

Keep the children amused with the Bran Tub, a Treasure Hunt & other games and attractions.

For the Grown Ups we have a collection of stalls to help you find that special present for a friend or for the family, featuring local craftspeople, including jewellery, watercolours, Indian cushions, hand-painted boxes, bags, nail art & others.

Or there is a chance to win a beauty therapy session with Holly in her new salon at Knapp.

You will even be able to buy Charity Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper that you are sure to need from the Phoenix people.

As well as this, there will be the usual Home Made Cake Stall, the Raffles, the Bric-a-Brac, the Bottle Stall etc.



Playing field moves further into the digital age!

The playing field has launched a new website to make it easier for visitors to find out about the facilities and pavilion availability. www.ncpavilion.co.uk

The new website includes a live calendar enabling people to make a booking straight from the website; the majority of bookings are now from the website.

The site also provides details of forthcoming events and a live social media feed from our new Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion

The old Facebook page will be turned off shortly – please like us on our new and improved page!

Our web presence is all part of our major rebranding exercise to ensure everyone knows what the playing field has to offer. We are hugely fortunate to be sponsored by talented design agency Teapot Creative of Hambridge, who produced our new logo and artwork. Our gratitude goes especially to Lizzie Ginbey, Director of Teapot Creative, who very kindly undertook the design work.

www.teapotcreative.co.uk

We have installed new signage at both entrances of the playing field along with two notice boards to display events' notices and booking information. We are extremely grateful to the Coffee Shop for covering the cost.

To keep in touch and make a pavilion booking:

www.ncpavilion.co.uk

www.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion
pavilion@northcurry.com

07721 454593



Art in the Coffee Shop

The results of the Photography Summer Exhibition are 1st prize Paul Wells, 2nd prize Lucy Mears, Art & Design Committee prize Pete Mossman. Thank you to all who entered and all who voted - there were 98 votes cast.

Portia Westhead's exhibition continues until 18th November after which, from 20th November, The Coffee Shop will be bedecked with the Christmas Show offering plenty of gift ideas.



North Curry W.I.

Darren Jenkins, from Avon Owls, gave a very informative lecture at the October meeting, dismissing many of the facts we thought we knew. He brought with him some very well behaved owls. Avon Owls is a not for profit organisation, run entirely by volunteers. They regularly give talks to brownies and cub packs, care homes and retirement homes to name but a few. If you would like to learn more about the work they do and their future projects then please follow them on twitter @Avon_owls, or www.facebook.com/avonowls.

On 7th November the speaker will be Mark Girdler, who will tell us a little of the work he does with a school in India and of the stones which he brings back and cuts and polishes to use in pendants and the like. Some of these will be available for sale at the meeting. All profits go towards helping the school. The competition is 'a precious stone'.

A reminder of the Cardiff trip; 14th November. This is open to anyone who would like to go. The coach will be leaving the village at 9:30 and will be leaving Cardiff at 4:30. The cost is ten pounds. If you are interested, please contact Di Keyzar, tel.490363.

Advance notice that the January meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th, not 2nd January.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported this event, held at Brian & Janet Wilkinson's home. It was a very pleasant morning and a total of £410 was raised: A magnificent effort.

Benches at White Street

Now that the facility at White Street is becoming more and more established, our thoughts are turning to the very welcome increase in the number of people visiting the ground to watch the sporting activities, exercise or simply to enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside. To this end we are discussing ideas for seating options and one of these is to put in a number of wooden benches around the site. If you would be interested in donating a bench with the option of a name or message engraved on a plaque on the bench please ring James Midgley on 491278 for a chat.

North Curry Dancing School News

Term started with excitement of all the work we have to do this year. Modern and Tap exams are planned for December and coaching classes for these began in earnest.

Well done to Harriett and Georgia for successfully auditioning for their dancing parts in their Half-Term Production of Annie at Weston Playhouse. They also performed in Summer Holiday at Weston in the summer holidays.

Festival classes have begun and with many new students becoming involved, we are hoping for more successes this term.

If you are interested in joining the school, Ballet, Tap and Modern Classes are held at North Curry Hall and Fivehead. Please contact Ann-Marie on 07595 173649 for more information or alternatively email ann-marieatdnc@hotmail.com. We look forward to your calls.

Ann-Marie Crampton Dance at North Curry

You can also find us on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dance-at-North-Curry/137920376262289>



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

There was a good attendance at the AGM in October. The committee was re-elected under the chairmanship of Mary Ginger. Plans for next year included visits to Exbury Gardens, Hants in April, Heligan Gardens, Cornwall in May, Hidcote Gardens, Glos in June and a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on 1st June. The venue for evening outing in August will be announced later. The Social Evening and celebration of the club's 30th anniversary will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th March. Subscriptions (£10) are due at the November meeting.

The speaker for the meeting on Thursday 1st November will be Mr Charles Dowding and his subject will be "Organic Gardens".



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 7th November at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the third 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.



The Society will meet again on **Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 8:00pm** in the Village Hall when Brian Wright will present *Somerset Dragons*.

Brian lectures on Folklore at Strode College and to various groups and has written a number of books on the subject – the latest of which is “Brigid, Goddess, Druidess and Saint”.

The evening promises to be fascinating! Come along and find out.

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

Kindly note there will be no meeting in December but do come along to our stall for a chat at the Christmas Coffee Morning on 8th December.

PARISH CHURCH



Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

All those kind people who are filling shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children all over the world please deliver them to: Ralph Roberts, Tudor Cottage, Greenway or telephone 490933 if you need yours collected. Or why not bring them to the Parish Church on Sunday 9th November at 10am where they will be blessed during the service before delivery to a collection point.

Stay and join us for coffee and biscuits
Remembrance Service 11th November at 10:40am at the War Memorial

An Advent Course will be held at 7pm in the Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road starting on 27th November and continuing on the following four Tuesdays. All are welcome, telephone the Vicar on 490255 if you are coming.

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 2nd December details in next month's Newsletter. Put it in your diary!



WINTER WARMERS

In addition to our monthly film shows in the Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month, we are starting a series of films on a **Saturday afternoon, with tea and cake**. The first film will be

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

and will be screened at the Village Hall on **Saturday 10th November**. Doors open at **2:30 pm**. Entry (for Members) £2, non-members on the door £5 to include tea and cake.

The second Winter Warmer will be

“The Artist”

and will be shown on **Saturday 1st December**.

The next film in our Wednesday evening programme will be

Mao's Last Dancer

and will be screened on **Wednesday 28th November at 7:30 pm**. Doors open 7 pm.

Tickets on the door available from 7:15pm, cost £5.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



Within the setting, we are currently looking at “Being Healthy” with the children. As part of this project, we have had a yoga teacher come into the pre-school to teach the children yoga and a local dentist has visited, talking to the children about teeth in a fun yet educational way! We have also changed the way we organise our mid-morning snack to promote this as a social time; staff sit with the children and support them cutting up the fruit and sharing this out which has proved a great success with children eating more and trying different foods.

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

Armistice Day is on Sunday 11th November this year and the usual service of Remembrance will take place. The Church service will start at 9:30am, followed by the Service at the War Memorial at 10:45am.

Also, a reminder to make a note of 15th December for the Legion Xmas Bingo. Don't miss out!

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 12th November at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

Graham Harvey Talk

Farming in Transition – a talk by Graham Harvey, Council member of the Soil Association, agricultural journalist and former advisor to “The Archers”.

Graham has become well known for his critique of modern intensive agriculture, arguing that it is unhealthy for our land, our livestock, the climate and ourselves. In this talk, he will outline these thoughts and suggest how farming could better meet the nutritional needs of a growing population and a sustainable global ecosystem. This will set the scene for a discussion of what we, as growers and consumers, can do to help change things.

This will take place in **Stoke St Gregory Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday, 20th November** and will follow our **AGM which will start at 7:30.**

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rose & Crown in Lyng on Tuesday 6th November 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



towards a greener community

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201
To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718
hallbookings@northcurry.com

Contact Details for Current Groups Using the Village Hall

Art Club

Mrs C Anderson 01460 63083

North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Match Secretary Mr Ian Cogger
01823 490475

Chairman Mr Mervyn Gridley 01823 490797

Bridge Club

Mr Terry Finn 01823 490155

Ladies Badminton

Mrs Gillian Quinn 01823 490718

Barn Dance Club

Mr Brian Jeanes 01823 490823

North Curry Brownies

Mrs Carolyn Lear 01823 480206

North Curry Choir

Mrs Jo Ash 01460 281606

Mrs Celia Young 01823 490593

Mr Brian Daniels 01460 72664. -
Musical Director

Dance Fitness

Mrs June Billington 01823 428324

Dance School

Mrs Ann-Marie Crampton 07595 173649

Embroidery Group

Mrs Nova Cousins 01823 480824

Fiddlin' Folk

Mrs Anna Bushell 01823 490269

North Curry Film Society

Mr John Attwood 01823 490648

North Curry Society

Mr Alan Popham 01823 490264

North Curry Orchestra

Mrs Liz Cheeseman 01823 490553

Mr Terry Sidley 01823 490962

Parents & Toddlers

Mrs Christina Buckerfield 01823 490204

Produce Market

Ms Joan Gubbin 01823 490201

Tone Dance

Joanne Preston 01823 491083

Tuesday Club

Joanne Preston 01823 491083

David Patten 490782

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President – Mrs Di Keysar 01823 490363

Secretary – Mrs Audrey West 01823 490345

Treasurer – Mrs Mary Early 01823 490769

Zumba

Miss Katrina Owen 07912651597

A Spring Date to Save:

Saturday 23rd March 2013

Friends of North Curry School

Dinner Dance and Charity Auction

Somerset County Cricket Club

All proceeds go to North Curry Primary School

Prices and details to follow

Celebrate spring in style!

Another advance date for your diaries:

Christmas in the Square

Sunday 16th December 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Full details in the December newsletter

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MARK THE DATE

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North Curry CofE Primary School

Christmas Fayre 2012

Friday 14th December
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Organised by FONCS (Friends of North Curry School)

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