



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council



LIME TREES – The results of the lime tree questionnaire were as follows:

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| 1) Routine maintenance only | 6 |
| 2) Pollarding | 29 |
| 3) Crown raising | 50 |
| 4) Gradual removal/replacement | 21 |
| 5) Remove/replace all trees | 18 |

Other proposals for a combination approach were put forward and these, together with the above results will be discussed at the December Parish Council meeting.

FREE PLANTS!! – Queen Square Garden (QSG) is having a “Jubilee” makeover and, in preparation for this, the beds will be cleared of many plants. If you would like to give a good home to any of the plants being removed, bring your spades and forks along to QSG on Sunday 16th December between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., find out what plants are available and dig them up! Also, if you have any spare paving slabs similar to those already in QSG that are surplus to requirements, the Parish Council would be very grateful for any donations.

Chairman’s award for service to the community – The Parish Council would like to congratulate Cllr. Phil Stone, who was awarded the Somerset County Council Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community. This was given in recognition of his contributions to the local community above and beyond what would be expected, both in his work for the Parish Council, and also his tireless work maintaining footpaths in the Parish.

Winter De-icing – There will again be a limited no. of 20kg bags of de-icing material available for individuals to collect. These are for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow/ice. Please contact the Parish Clerk if interested.

Refuse collections over the Christmas period – Christmas week waste collections will be two days later than usual (i.e. if usual collection day is a Wednesday, collection will be on Friday 28th December). Waste collections in the New Year week will take place one day later than usual (i.e. Wednesday collections will be picked up on Thursday 3rd January). In both weeks, any collections on the Monday will remain unchanged. Garden waste collections are suspended from Monday 24th December, resuming from 7th January.

Parish Council diary for December

Wed 12th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

No Planning Meeting in December

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21st December until Thursday 3rd January.

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



Christmas Coffee Morning



The annual Christmas Coffee Morning will take place in the village hall on **Saturday 8th December**

10am – 12 noon

Gifts ❖ Christmas Decorations ❖ Cakes ❖ Cards ❖ Raffles and

Mulled Wine ❖ Mince Pies ❖ Coffee and a special performance by the Jubilee Singers!

Get into the Christmas spirit, meet friends and finish (or start?) your Christmas shopping.



Winter Warmers

Lots of people enjoyed our first showing with tea and cake on a Saturday afternoon despite it being a sunny day. The next film will be **The Artist** - the Oscar winning silent film starring Uggly the dog! Doors open 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm on Saturday 1st December. Tickets £2 for Society members, £5 for non-members.

The next regular film on Wednesday 19th is **Albert Nobbs** – the story of a shy Dublin hotel waiter who hides an astonishing secret. Doors open at 7pm with non-members admitted from 7:15pm at an admission fee of £5.

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

Also, the winner of the Produce Raffle is Di Callaghan.

The Produce Market

Saturday 1st December
9:30 – 11:30 in the Village Hall

A new local producer selling dog treats and some vegetarian specials were new at the November market. December promises more of the same plus some super special Christmas items – come and support our regular stallholders and enjoy a coffee with friends

See you there!

North Curry CofE
Primary School

Christmas Fayre 2012

Friday 14th December
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening full of festive cheer. Come and meet Santa in his grotto, enjoy some tasty treats and find that extra little pressie or two. There's something for everyone!

All Welcome
Free Entry

North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

The AGM took place at the Village Hall on 23rd October.

The Chairman and Match Secretary reported an exciting and successful year in which we played 18 matches, winning 13, and of the five losses two were lost by only one and two shots respectively.

The Club played in 8 Tournaments, winning the Somerset Autumn Pairs competition held at Blackbrook and the South West Hospice Tournament at Bradford on Tone for the third year running

The Club Singles champion took part in the Champion of Champions Tournament held at Comeytrowe and fought through to the Final, where he was narrowly defeated.

This month matches have been played against Rockwell Green and Staplegrove. Rockwell Green match was played at the Village Hall and resulted in a win for North Curry by 66 shots to 40. The match at Staplegrove was a disaster and your village team were well beaten 40 to 64.

Members also took part in a South West Hospice Tournament at Bradford on Tone, winning two matches and losing two. By one shot the team missed out on proceeding to the semi-final.

Anyone interested in taking up the sport can ring Mervyn Gridley, 490797 or Ian Cogger, 490475 for further details.

PARISH CHURCH



Village Advent Carol Service

Start December with a jolly good sing on Sunday 2nd December at 4:00pm in the Parish Church. There will be readings to make you laugh and readings to make you think as well as a chance for you to sing and enjoy the traditional music that goes with the lead up to Christmas. Stollen is, of course, a must as a traditional Advent cake and with some liquid refreshment we aim to satisfy the stomach as well as the head.

Christmas Services

The popular Crib Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 5pm with Midnight Mass at 11:30pm. On Christmas Day there will be a Communion service at 10:00am. We welcome everyone to these services.

The Village Carol Service

Sunday 30th December at 4:00pm in the Parish Church

December 30th is the sixth of the 12 Days of Christmas that we sing about in the well-known carol. It was the day when six geese a laying were delivered to the girl by her would be husband. We won't offer you six geese, but we will give you the Traditional Nine Lessons and mostly traditional Carols followed by a drink and a biscuit.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

So far 75 boxes full of presents to delight children who have nothing have been collected by the village. Thank you to all who contributed to this super total.

North Curry Village Choir Christmas concert 2012

This will take place in the
North Curry Village Hall
Thursday 6th December
at 7:30pm

Messiah (Part 1) - Handel
Carols for choir and audience
Buffet supper

Tickets available from the Post Office
and at the door - price £8.50

North Curry Toddler Group

A warm welcome awaits you at our North Curry Toddler Group.

We are a relaxed and friendly group of mums, dads and carers who meet weekly with our under-fives.

Healthy snacks are provided to give tired-out tots a mid-morning energy boost, while grown-ups can enjoy a reviving cuppa!

Please come along and join us – we look forward to meeting you.

North Curry Village Hall
Mondays (inc. holidays)
8:45am – 11:15am

Contact Christina 490204
or 07815 848572

TOY DONATIONS PLEASE!!

We are also hoping to expand our toy collection and would be delighted to receive second-hand toys that might be cluttering up your loft! In particular, we would love to have: **dressing-up clothes; pop-up tents; ride-on toys; items for our farm corner; items for our home corner; small cars etc.**

If you are able to help, please contact Christina. Thank you!



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday December 5th at 7:30pm** in the village hall. Being December we'll have a Christmas theme, bringing a plate of food plus silly hats.

This will be the fourth of our new year and there's still opportunity to sign up for a year's membership for £15. 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.

Please note that in January we will be gathering on the second Wednesday, the 9th.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

The Tuesday Club Update

The Tuesday Club has got off to a flying start with now sometimes 27 diners sitting down to enjoy an excellent meal. Already our three cooks - Heather Richards, Gillian Akerman and Marcella Baxter have cooked everything from fish and prawn pie and Mr Pyne's ham to roast pork and all the trimmings. Runner beans and carrots from the allotment have been particularly enjoyed. **But we have room for a few more.** We welcome Senior Citizens every fortnight at a modest cost of just £4 plus an annual £3 membership fee to help with insurance. Please apply to the organiser Dave Patten on 490782. Lifts can be arranged for those who need it.



The North Curry Society will have a stall at the Christmas coffee morning in the Village Hall on 8th December, with local history books, souvenir tea towels, DVDs and other items.

There is no actual meeting in December, but we are very fortunate to have Stephen Moss as our speaker on Wednesday 16th January. Stephen is a vice president of the Somerset Wildlife Trust, the county's largest independent conservation organisation. He lives in a village on the Levels and is a naturalist, writer and broadcaster based at the BBC Natural History Unit. The talk will draw on his latest book *'Wild Hares and Humming Birds: the Natural History of an English Village'* published this August in paperback.

Membership of the Society costs £5 for the year and includes a coffee or tea, and a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker after the talk. Non-members are very welcome to attend, on payment of a nominal entrance charge of £1 (which does include coffee).



With the festive season almost upon us, the children are becoming very excited! We have had lots of fun and laughter making personalised presents for their parents. A Christmas Party, with lots of nice food and games, has been arranged on Wednesday 19th December where a very special person will be dropping in!

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.

Who's afraid of the big bad BILL?

We are all facing substantially rising fuel bills this winter – often hidden behind small increases in monthly direct debits – though many people are missing out on opportunities to do something about reducing their usage.

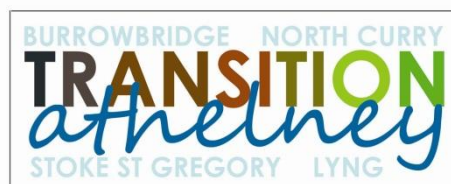
There are still 100% grants available to install insulation and other measures in many homes across the region; ring the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 0822234 to apply.

Our juicing day in November went very well indeed, producing over 60 gallons of tasty apple juice from locally grown Blenheim Orange, Newton Wonder and various other dessert, cooker and cider varieties. Some was taken for wine-making, some for cider, some for drinking fresh but most was pasteurised for later use.

We hope to run a repeat next year, possibly on two or three occasions to cover more apple varieties' ripening times.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The King Alfred in Burrowbridge on Tuesday, 15th January 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



THE MUMMERS
BOXING DAY
26th DECEMBER

12.00 noon
The Village Green
CURRY RIVEL
1.00 pm
The Square
NORTH CURRY



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

The speaker on Thursday 6th December will be Mr Gordon Cottis and his subject "Plants for Winter Gardens".

This will be the Christmas meeting and members are invited to come a little earlier, 7:30 pm, to enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles.

As there will be no meeting in January, please sign the list for the Spring Party and the Club's 30th Anniversary to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th March 7:00 for 7:30 pm.

Happy Christmas and a good New Year to everyone.



Royal British Legion

Just a reminder for everybody again that 15th December is the Legion Xmas Bingo. Doors open 6:30pm and it's "Eyes Down" at 7:00pm. Members are requested once again to donate prizes to make the Grand Raffle a success. So do come along and enjoy a pleasant and possibly a profitable evening.

The next meeting of the branch will be on 10th December at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm

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.ncpavilion.co.uk or email pavilion@northcurry.com or call 07721 454593



<http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>

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

Request for mince pies for Christmas in the Square.

If you are making mince pies and can make an extra half dozen please donate to 'Christmas in the Square' and bring to the shop before 16th December. All donations add towards fundraising.

Also, if you have any spare sparkly, twinkly bits such as tinsel to help decorate Santa's transport could you please leave at the shop, thanks.



**North Curry
W.I.**

At the commencement of the meeting, members stood for one minute's silent reflection to remember committee member, Paddy Cullum, who had been a stalwart member of the Institute for many years and who had died the previous day. Paddy will be greatly missed.

Our Guest Speaker this month, Mark Girdler, gave us a most interesting talk about Rogus Rocks. He told of how he visits India on a regular basis to obtain these stones and once they have been shaped and polished, he makes items of jewellery; he brought along a beautiful display of pendants and bracelets that he has made. A large proportion of the money raised from the sale of these, he donates to a school in India.

Our Guest Speaker on Wednesday 5th December will be Nigel Ford and we look forward to a "Magical Afternoon" on this occasion.

Saturday 8th December will see many of us in the kitchen at the Village Hall, where we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies and the following Wednesday, 12th December, 24 members will travel to Wells for the Annual Somerset County W.I. Carol Service in Wells Cathedral.

North Curry W.I., being the host Institute for the Taunton Vale Group this year, arranged a Group Quiz Evening on Wednesday 10th October in the Village Hall. Ten teams took part and Curry Rivel W.I. were the winners of the Shield this time.

The Annual Group Carol Service will be held in the North Curry Parish Church on Friday 14th December at 2:30 p.m.

As usual, come rain or snow, our members will don warm clothing and carry torches to join with other villagers at 6:00 p.m. on Monday 17th December for Carols in the Garden.



Save the Children

The results of the early Christmas Card Sale held on October 20th – 21st are as follows:

Sale of Christmas Cards etc.	678.41
Sale of Preserves	100.50
Donations	86.50
Total	865.41

This is a truly magnificent result – the most we have ever made – and money so desperately needed to support children everywhere.

I wanted to say a personal sincere thank you to all the army of friends who helped me set up the event – moved furniture, fetched tables, printed invitation reminders, delivered these all around the village, sold cards etc. on the days and helped clear it all up afterwards. Thank you too, to all of you who came and spent your money at the sale – in your hands was the final result.

Thank you North Curry. Helen Kittermaster

Christmas in the Square

Continuing the tradition of the village getting together just before Christmas

Sunday 16th December 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Festive fun for all ages

Christmas Tree in the Square, with switching on of the Lights



*Music by **The Big Noise** back by popular request
& **Surrender the Bartender***

*Carols by **North Curry Jubilee Singers**
Children's Games*

*Burgers, Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,
'Rhum au Chocolat'
and Raffle*

*Father Christmas,
if we are all very good*



Any proceeds divided between, Pavilion and the Post Office chosen charity; The Conquest Centre (Riding for the Disabled) and towards new lights for our Christmas Tree in The Square

www.ncpavilion.co.uk