



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Flooding: The Parish Council extends their sincere sympathies to all those in the Parish affected by the recent floods. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like your details added to a list for dissemination of information about available assistance for flood affected properties. Local churches also offer a listening ear to all, see the local notice boards for contact details.

Sandbags: Whilst it is hoped that there won't be a repetition of the November flooding, for future reference, sandbags are available from Taunton Deane (TDBC), tel. no. 351411. The general rule is for six per doorway.

Village Newsletter: We would like to thank the producers and distributors of the Village Newsletter for their hard work during the past year, and particularly for the assistance they gave delivering a large number of leaflets for the Parish Council. Their help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Christmas Tree: Our thanks also go to Alison and Noel Prosser of North Curry Post Office and Stores for supplying and erecting the Xmas tree in Queen Square again this year, ensuring the Christmas spirit was enjoyed by all.

Church Road Lime Trees: In view of responses to the Lime Tree questionnaire, the Parish Council took the decision to follow the majority view and carry out crown raising of the trees in early spring.

££££ Somerset Community Oil Scheme - update:

Don't forget the potential to save money when ordering oil via the Somerset Community Oil Scheme. They report average savings of 4.74 pence per litre. Membership costs £20 for the year, with orders being placed once a month (except December), and a minimum order of 500l. For more details go to www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil or contact the Parish Office.

Dog Waste Bins: The Parish Council have agreed to install three dog waste bins in the village. Subject to agreement from Highways, they will be sited in Church Road, near the side entrance to Church, in White Street and in Greenway near the school. It is hoped dog walkers will make full use of them and the village will be a cleaner place to walk as a result.

Parish Council diary for January

Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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



North Curry Society are most fortunate to have Stephen Moss as our speaker on 16th January. A vice-president of the Somerset Wildlife Trust and one of Britain's leading nature writers, broadcasters and television producers, Stephen has travelled to all seven(!) of the world's continents in search of wildlife. During a broadcasting career spanning 30 years (mostly at the world-renowned BBC Natural History Unit) he has produced many award-winning series, including *Springwatch*, *Big Cat Diary*, *Birding with Bill Oddie*, *The Nature of Britain*, and *Birds Britannia*. He writes a monthly column on bird-watching for The Guardian, and has written more than 20 books on wildlife, including his latest volume *Wild Hares and Humming Birds*, published this August in paperback.

In this book Stephen celebrates month by month the sights and sounds of wild flowers and trees, insects birds and animals as he walks and cycles round his village on the Avalon Marshes: the rooks and roe deer; sparrows and snowdrops; buzzards, badgers and butterflies; and the brown hares and hummingbird hawk-moths which give the book its title. As the English landscape and wildlife faces change, Stephen discusses the plants and animals that will adapt and thrive, and those that may struggle to survive.

The Society meets in the Village Hall at 8pm on the third Wednesday of each month (except August and December). Membership 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). Our annual programme seeks to explore the local history, natural history and environment of this enchanted place. At our February meeting Celia Fitzhugh will be taking a longer look at the North Curry Archives, which are fast becoming a treasure house of village memories.

The Produce Market

Saturday 5th January
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

Come and meet friends, have a coffee and browse the stalls at the monthly market. Remember, all our produce is local! The raffle winners in December were Denise Walker, Ken Tate and Don Bethune.

See you there!



Two light-hearted films to get you through January!

Winter Warmers

The next Saturday afternoon film will be **A Bunch of Amateurs** – a hilarious comedy starring Burt Reynolds, Derek Jacobi and Imelda Staunton!

Doors open 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm on Saturday 12th January. Tickets £2 for Society members, £5 for non-members.

The next regular film on Wednesday 23rd is another comedy; **We have a Pope** – the story of a cardinal who panics when he is elected to papal office. 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 northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



North Curry W.I.

A reminder that the meeting in January will be held on 9th and all meetings in future will be from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Our speaker will be Martin Ellis, a games maker at the recent Olympics and the competition is "Bloom of the Month". Subscriptions will be collected; all cheques to be made payable to North Curry WI please. If you have any queries, then please contact Audrey (01823 490345).

Our jumble sale is to be held at the Pavilion on Saturday 25th January, 10:00 – 12:00. However, help will be required the evening before and also in the morning, before the sale.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

New!

Beginners Guitar Class

New guitar for Christmas?
An old guitar you never learned to play?

Learn to play and strum chords to some favourite songs

6 week course

Starting Saturday 12th January 2013
10:00 to 11:00am

North Curry Village Hall

Any guitar, any age, just for beginners

For more info:

www.kevintoller.com

email kevin@kevintoller.com

Tel: 01823 490109



Barn Dancing Club

Please note that our next session will be on **Wednesday 9th January at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

It's still economic 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 February we will be back to the normal first Wednesday, the 6th.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



The children have returned to Pre-school, following the Christmas break, full of excitement and festive tales! We have a number of winter themed activities planned over the coming weeks, as well as our regular Forest School trips to the Willows and Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory where children are experiencing the winter wonderland!

If you would like your child to attend in the coming years, please call 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.

North Curry Village Choir

The choir will start its spring rehearsal schedule on

Thursday 10th January 2013

(We meet every Thursday evening from 8:00pm to 9:30pm in the North Curry Village Hall)

This spring we will be performing:

Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah

New members are always welcome – do come along.

Concert date: 20th April



NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES

Invite you to Come and See

The Annual Archive Exhibition in the Coffee Shop

NORTH CURRY PAST & PRESENT,
PEOPLE AND PLACES

Opening 7th January 2013

and

The Show on the Stairs

'WHAT IT COST BETWEEN 1880 – 1960'

Invoices from North Curry businesses

FISH & CHIP QUIZ NIGHT

January 26 2013

Starting 7.30 pm

at

**North Curry CofE Primary
School**

**Tickets £8.00 each, including Fish & Chip
Supper**

Please register your interest by emailing

Friends Of North Curry School at

foncs@hotmail.co.uk

or through North Curry Village Post Office

North Curry Village Orchestra (The Shandy Band)

We meet every other Sunday in North Curry Village Hall from 11:00am to 12:30pm starting from 6th January.

We always welcome new players on any instrument – we suggest that you should have reached at least Grade 3 or the equivalent. We play a variety of music from classical to musicals.

Our next concert will be on 1st June.

Do come and join us!

For more details ring: 490191



North Curry Short Mat Bowls

Not the ideal finish to 2012 that we would have wished for. Our match against Curry Mallett resulted in mixed teams due to two of our players failing to make it through the Floods! However an enjoyable evening was had by those who made it.

These floods and sickness resulted in the last match of the year, against Kingscliffe, being cancelled.

At the Creech St Michael Triples Tournament our club was represented by two of our latest recruits, one of whom is still at school. Whilst the result was not as good as the players would have liked, they put in a strong performance, enjoyed their day and gained valuable experience.

The Bowling Club is now in its 25th year and it is great to know that three of the founding members, Mervyn and Trevor Gridley and Les Derham, are still playing. Congratulations to all three.

On Sunday 27th January the club is holding its annual Pairs Competition at the Village Hall between 10am and 5pm.

If any readers would like to gain an insight into the intricacies of the game, they are more than welcome to spend a little time watching during the Competition and maybe "having a go" after the final has been played.

Would you like to see your home in a new light?

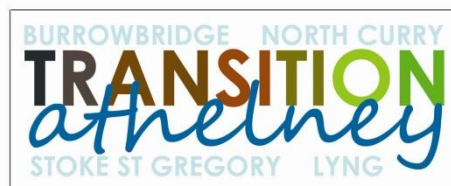
As you'll know from previous articles I've been promoting free energy surveys of houses in the area during which advice on money and energy saving measures would be given. We now have available an **Infra-red camera** which we use to take **thermal images** of buildings showing where heat is being lost so highlighting areas where improvements could be made. It can even be used to check on the effectiveness of injected cavity wall insulation.

You might have seen a selection of such images in the Post Office window when we had a display earlier this year.

To book a survey including thermal imaging ring Keith Parsons on 321667 or email him via [dessa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dess@hotmail.co.uk); you can also use the contact details below.

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

INVITATION

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE CHOIR is looking for new members. We are a small, friendly, mixed choir, meeting on Thursdays at 8:00pm in North Curry Village Hall. Members come not only from North Curry but from surrounding villages and districts. Next term we plan to perform Parts II and III of Handel's *Messiah*. Term starts on Thursday, 10th January and the concert takes place on Saturday, 20th April in the Parish Church. If you have some experience of choral singing and would be interested in joining us please contact Brian Daniels (Conductor) on 01460 72664 or Celia Young (Secretary) on 01823 490593 or come along to the first practice. There are no voice tests and it is not necessary to be an expert sight reader, just able to follow the notes and fit in with the rest of the Choir. All voices welcome.

Advent Fair

The wind blew, the floodwaters rose and the rain didn't stop all day, but none of this deterred the wonderful people of North Curry, and some from farther afield, turning out for the Advent Fair on the 24th November.

On the Friday before several people phoned to ask if we were going to cancel the event. How pleased we are that we decided not to because all the stall holders arrived prompt at 8:30am to put up their stalls. The church cake stall was laden with cakes; the bric-a-brac covered two tables and was a hive of activity and the bottle stall raised more money than ever before. Ralph had a lovely time with lots of ladies asking if they could hug him in order to judge his weight to win a bottle of champagne. Well done to Tina Stogell who guessed his exact weight.

Lots of children with brightly painted faces added to the happy atmosphere thanks to the FONCS face painter. The kitchen staff were kept busy serving coffee and mince pies and we nearly ran out of mulled wine! All in all it was a great morning so thank you all for your tremendous support in helping us raise an amazing £870 for the parish church.

Ralph and Kate Roberts

Dancing School News

We have had a busy term with modern and tap exams being held in December. Classes are held at North Curry Village Hall.

Congratulations to Harriett and Georgia for their success in performing in Weston-Super-Mare's half term production of Annie.

Congratulations to Hannah Johnson for successfully auditioning for English Youth Ballet production next year.

Places are still available for all classes - ages 3 years. For any information please call Ann-Marie 07595 173649

See you all next term.

Ann-Marie Crampton Dance at North Curry

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

THE NORTH CURRY VILLAGE SHOW

Formerly the North Curry
Flower and Horticultural Show

MARMALADE SALE - 9th FEBRUARY

We are back – but with a new name to reflect the broader spectrum of exhibits that are in the show. Somehow the 'The North Curry Flower and Horticultural Show' doesn't cover all the other classes that are available to enter. Art, Floral Art, Photography, Handicrafts, Baking, Preserves and Jams, Liquor and Honey – and all the various children's classes. We do hope you will think about taking part in 2013.

As a fund raiser we will be having our Marmalade sale on Saturday 9th February from 10 – 12 at the Playing Fields Pavilion. We will be selling marmalade, jams, chutneys and cakes. If you would like to contribute any produce we would be very grateful but we hope you will certainly come along to buy.

If anyone has any trophies from 2011 show we would be pleased to have them returned to us. Phone: Sherry Keith-Welsh 01823 490900 or any other committee member e.g. Margaret Tomkins 490506, Helen Comrie 490358, Mary Earley 490769.

Race Night at North Curry Village Hall

Saturday 2nd March from
7:30pm, first race at 8:00pm

Back by request; come along for three hours of thrilling entertainment as horses and riders take to the race track. We have seven races lined up – and the final race offers something unexpected!

Bar all night. Adult: £3 Children: £1, with adult. Put the date in your diaries now, more details will be published soon!

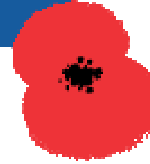


North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

The Christmas meeting in December was much enjoyed. The speaker Mr Gordon Cottis gave many ideas about "Plants for Winter Gardens" both large and small.

There being no meeting in January, the next will be on Thursday 7th February.



Royal British Legion

The amount collected for the Poppy Appeal in 2012 was £2682.58p – a magnificent sum. Our thanks go to all who contributed, especially the door to door collectors.

We will be holding the Annual Supper at the Bird in Hand on 11th February at 7:30 for 8 o'clock. So why not come along and enjoy a pleasant evening?

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Monday 14th January 2013 at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm. There will not be a meeting in February.

**We would like to wish all our readers
a very Happy New Year.**

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



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