



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:** Would you like to do something positive for the Parish and have a chance to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your Community? Ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor?

As a result of the resignation of Alan Dare from the Parish Council, a vacancy exists for a new Parish Councillor. Anyone wishing to be considered is asked to forward their name, together with brief details of their reasons for applying, to the Parish Office before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The Parish Clerk, or any of your current Parish Councillors, would be happy to discuss any aspect of becoming a Councillor with prospective applicants.

The Parish Council would like to send their thanks to Alan for all his hard work and input during his time as a Parish Councillor.

**£££ FUNDING AVAILABLE:** As a condition of the development of the White Hart Inn site, Taunton Deane Borough Council has funding available for use for children's play and outdoor recreation in public areas within the Parish. The money is available for capital projects only, e.g. playing equipment or goalposts, rather than more temporary items such as balls, team strips etc. If there are any Clubs or organisations who think they have a suitable project and would like to apply for some of this funding please contact the Parish Council.

**COFFEE SHOP THANKS:** The Parish Council would like to express their grateful thanks to the Coffee Shop Committee and volunteers for the two generous donations towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator case and the re-planting of the garden in Queen Square. The donations are very much appreciated and the money will be put to good use.

**PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN NORTH CURRY:** Please remember, when parking on the street, to do so in a safe place and with consideration for all other road users and pedestrians. Think before you park!

### Parish Council diary for February

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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



Two contrasting films this month!

### Winter Warmers

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February by popular request David Lean's **Dr. Zhivago** starring Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Rod Steiger et al.

Doors open at 1:30pm, film starts at 2pm. Please note new times.

There will be an interval when tea and cake will be served. Admission is £2.00 for members £5.00 visitors/non-members.

The next regular film on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> is **Sex Drugs and Rock and Roll** – the story of Ian Drury and starring Andy Serkis. Expect fast cutting, animation, harsh reality and extreme stylisation in this celebration of this musician and actor.

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](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

## The North Curry Village Show

Formerly The North Curry Flower and Horticultural Show

### MARMALADE SALE – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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: 01823 490900 Sherry Keith-Welsh or any other committee member. e.g. Margaret Tomkins 490506, Helen Comrie 490358, Mary Earley 490769.

## The Produce Market

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

Hellebores do well in Somerset and on her plant table Carol will be bringing some for sale at the February market, don't miss them.

We will welcome back Ann with her organic lamb as well as our usual stallholders selling bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat, cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables. And everything is local!

Our raffle winner in January was Mavis Staple.

*See you there!*



## North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

There is very little to report this month with Christmas and the New Year curtailing activity, apart from a few practice sessions.

However the Club Singles competition takes place at the Village Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 5pm, so why not come along at some point during the day to see the Club's top players competing for the title of Singles Champion. We can promise you some lively entertainment.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

The first meeting of 2013 will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February when the speaker will be Sue Applegate and her subject "From Plant to Plate". Visitors welcome and to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea after the meeting.

A reminder to make sure names are on the list for the Social Evening & the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall, 7:00 for 7:30pm. Members free, visitors £10. If you missed the list, please ring Mary Swatton on 491210. BYO glasses and drink please.

Make a date for



Somerset Opera sing  
Gilbert and Sullivan

on

23<sup>rd</sup> March

7:30pm

in the Village Hall



# NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

Our meeting in the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February will peep behind the door of 'the Loft' above the Coffee Shop to see what is new in North Curry Archives. Celia Fitzhugh will be talking about and showing photographs of items, events, collections and visitors enhancing this treasure-trove during the last year or so. Based on the Koppa collection, the Archives are becoming known world-wide. Celia's undoubted enthusiasm for the work being carried out will dispel any ideas of village history being a dry and dusty subject!

In preparation, visitors to the Coffee Shop can catch the *People and Places* Show on the Stairs, or purchase a copy of David Patten's book on local **Shops and Trades**.

In March, Chris Sidaway of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society will be taking a robust and irreverent look at worthies (and not-so-worthies) who have influenced the county's history.



**Race Night at North Curry  
Village Hall – back by popular  
demand**

**On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Doors open 7:30pm, first race 8pm**



Come along for a fantastic evening which packs in all the fun and excitement of day at the races. The evening is professionally compered and the races are shown on a big screen. Continuing the success of last year open to families and we will start the first race sharp at 8:00pm.

There will be a tote and an opportunity to own a horse.

Prizes for Best Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hats and Best Dressed Table; see Facebook for this year's rules ☺

Bar, plus soft drinks and light snacks served all evening.

Tables to seat 4, 6 or 8; larger groups upon request.

Tickets:

Adults £3 in advance (£5 on the door)

Children £1 in advance (£2 on the door)

Available from the Post Office from mid-January, on Facebook or from organisers Andy 490046 and Paul 491667 or [pavilion@nothcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@nothcurry.com)



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

If you 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.



## Save the Children

The results of money raised in various ways during 2012 are as follows:-

May Fayre	164.70
North Curry Coffee Shop donations [nominated by 3 volunteers for their work in 2012]	435.00
Sale of Christmas cards etc.	865.41
Village Hall Christmas coffee morning	134.09
Total	<u>1,914.20</u>

The above amounts have been paid directly into the bank account of Save the Children Taunton Branch.

The total has made a significant contribution to the support given by the local people in the Taunton area.

The money is used to care for children both here at home and overseas. Very grateful thanks are due to all of you in the North Curry area who have, in many ways, supported this worthwhile charity in 2012

Thank you so much

Helen Kittermaster (North Curry contact, Taunton Branch)

## Betty Koppa

Mrs Betty Koppa would like to thank everyone for their very kind messages, cards, flowers and letters congratulating her on the award of the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year Honours for "Services to the Community and North Curry". There were so many that Betty hopes that everybody will understand that it will take her a long time to thank people individually and accept this as a token of her appreciation.

## Help needed

The village hall committee is looking for one or two people to join the executive committee to run the hall. At present we have four but it would spread the load if we could have some more help. We meet on the first Tuesday evening each month and meetings rarely last longer than 1½ hours! The hall is a well-used and vital part of our community. Any help would be gratefully received.

Please contact the chairman, Liz Gibbs 490191 or secretary, Joan Gubbin 490201, if you want to know more about what we do.

## An answer to flooding?

As you might have heard, planning permission has been granted for a solar farm in Knapp where up to 1.5MW of electricity can be produced. In the grand scheme of things this will only make a comparatively small difference to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions but if we are serious about combating climate change we need to take personal responsibility, reducing our fossil fuel usage in our homes and lifestyles. In the long term this is probably the best way to fight flooding issues.

Why not take up our offer of a free home energy survey, including thermal images from an Infra-red camera which indicates 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.

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 Bird in Hand on Monday, 11th February 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



## Royal British Legion

The Xmas bingo, despite the weather, attracted a good crowd and we raised £212. Our thanks go to all those who donated raffle prizes and helped make the evening a success.

The Annual supper is on 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm for 8:00 - so why not come along for a good meal and a very pleasant evening.

There will be no meeting in February so the next meeting of the Branch is on 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013**  
**2:00-4:30pm**  
**Queen Square.**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 8pm in The Bird in Hand** there will be a stall holders meeting to book your table and receive the stall holders schedule and receipts.

Michele Olie 490276



## North Curry W.I.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2:00pm start. This will be our 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, so do come along and join in the fun. Once again the competition is "Bloom of the Month".

As a continuation of our birthday celebrations, there will be a meal in the Bird in Hand on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 12:30 for 1:00pm. More details at the meeting.

Please remember to bring along your membership fees if you did not manage to do so at the January meeting.



February brings with it some very special dates – Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday – and the children will be doing a number of themed activities around these. The children are also enjoying regular Forest School trips to the Willows and Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory, experiencing the winter wonderland!

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

## **North Curry Village Hall**

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Jenny Quinn 490718

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto: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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)

or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

or call 07721 454593



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