



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Taunton Deane Planning Consultation: On the afternoon of January 31st Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) organised an exhibition in the Village Hall, which was intended to inform North Curry Parishioners about TDBC's Site Allocations and Development Management consultation. The Parish Council has since received a number of complaints about the poor publicity for this event, given its importance.

The Parish Council would like to clarify that this event was organised by TDBC as part of their Local Plan Process. (This exercise is completely independent of the Parish Plan consultation carried out by the Parish Council.) Whilst the Parish Council were informed in October 2012 that TDBC planned to hold a consultation event at some future point, and indeed had offered to assist TDBC with this, this offer was not taken up. The first knowledge of the exhibition (and the consultation it referred to) was two weeks before it took place, too late to put in the Pink Sheet or provide thorough publicity. The publicity posters forwarded to the PC were displayed around the Parish but there was little opportunity for more publicity, although it is regretted that due to an oversight an item was not placed on the Parish website.

Since the exhibition TDBC have been asked why they had not asked the PC to assist more and were informed that as the PC was a consultee itself, it would not have been appropriate for the Parish to be more involved. In these circumstances it is unfortunate that TDBC didn't choose to advertise the event more fully themselves or notify the Parish Council in time to enable them to do so effectively.

The closing date for comments on Taunton Deane's consultation is 7th March and parishioners are encouraged to send in their views, please see the back page for further details.

Obtaining Flood Insurance in High Risk Areas: A DEFRA booklet giving guidance on obtaining flood insurance in high risk areas is available for viewing at the Parish Office, or can be sent by email on request.

Church Road Lime Trees: Parishioners may wish to be aware that tree surgeons will be undertaking work to raise the crowns of the Church Road lime trees towards the end of March. The crowns will also be trimmed and thinned as appropriate, whilst maintaining the essential shape and character of the trees.

Parish Council diary for March

Wed 13 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Annual General Meeting

This is an invitation to you, a resident of North Curry, to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 23rd April at 7:30pm in the meeting room of the hall. There are one or two places for people on the committee and we would welcome anyone who felt they could join us to run the hall. Without a dedicated committee it would not be possible to keep the hall functioning as such a vital part of our community. Please consider helping us.

Meeting room floor

Thanks to the generosity of the Coffee Shop management & volunteers and a grant from Lloyds TSB, we have been able to replace the carpet with a wood effect floor covering. We hope this will be far more practical when the room is used for refreshments in conjunction with the main hall.



Two more this month!

Winter Warmers

Saturday 16th March – film yet to be announced – check the website below nearer the time.

Doors open at 2:30pm, film starts at 3:00pm.

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

The next regular film on Wednesday 27th March is '**Romantics Anonymous**' – This French film is an old-fashioned love story which is bound to leave you with a warm glow

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

New Class:

Rock Guitar for Beginners

6 week course starting Saturday 9th March 2013

11:15 to 12:15

North Curry Village Hall

All ages welcome

More info and booking www.kevintoller.com

email: kevin@kevintoller.com

Tel 01823 490209

Is the Green Deal the Real Deal?

I'm sure quite a few of you have heard of the government's new initiative called the Green Deal whereby householders are able to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes. This is open to most people, including those in private rented homes and social housing as well as owner-occupiers. We have organised a presentation on the subject in **Stoke St Gregory Williams Hall at 7:30 on 1st March** to explain how it works.

This is linked to a campaign being run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy called 'Our Green Deal in Somerset'; through this drive there are a number of free home assessments available to be claimed, each worth around £100. If you're reading this after 1st March and missed our meeting yet would like to know more on the Green Deal in general or this campaign specifically then contact me – see below.

In the meantime the 'Warm Streets' grant scheme has been relaunched enabling those aged over 60 or on certain benefits to have **loft and cavity wall insulation installed for free**. This closes at the end of March! Phone 0800 082 2234 to apply.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rose and Crown in Stoke on Tuesday, 12th March 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



**North Curry
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Many thanks to all those who donated items to our jumble sale, helped with the preparations or who just came along to support us on the day. A great time was had by all and over £200 was raised on the day: A splendid effort.

In February we celebrated our 85th Birthday with an "old fashioned birthday party". Traditional games were played, some of the minutes from the inaugural meeting were read out and our birthday cake was cut by Joyce Stagg and Ethel Rowe, whose mothers were both at that meeting on 23rd February 1928!

Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 2:00 pm, in the Village Hall. Keith Gibbs will talk on "A Month in Mongolia", and the competition will be bloom of the month.

Cross, Sword and Fire

A concert of choral gems from 17th century England

Saturday 16th March at 7:30 pm

Pre-concert talk at 7pm

The Collegium Singers return to the Church of St Peter & Paul, North Curry, with a programme of vocal works from the time of the English Civil War. Entitled *Cross, Sword and Fire*, it explores music by English composers working at home and abroad during one of the most turbulent periods in English history, one which affected every corner of the realm, including the Taunton area, where several notable battles took place. Ranging from ethereal sacred motets of Peter Philips to tavern songs by Matthew Locke, the repertory will also feature rarely-heard items, including Henry Lawes' passionate Elegie in remembrance of his brother William, a leading court composer who was killed during the Siege of Chester in 1645.

Tickets are available from North Curry Post Office, Taunton Tourist Information Centre or online at www.collegiumsingers.org



In the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 20th March, Chris Sidaway will be taking a robust and irreverent look at *The Worthy and not so Worthy of Somerset* who have influenced the county's history from the Normans to the early 18th century. Robber Barons, naughty nuns, law-makers and law breakers, merchants, mavericks, madams and corrupt aristocrats demonstrate the characters who have added colour to our heritage! Chris is a member of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society, the only organisation of its kind covering the entire historic county of Somerset.

Then on 17th April, Phillip Hoyland from Burnham-On-Sea will be telling us about West Country Friendly Societies and their regalia: **Benefits, Brass & 'The Girtest, Grandest Day'**.

Entrance fee is £1 or £5 for the year. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you to our meetings.

Lift Your Spirits Spring Dance Bash by Tone Dance

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL

16th March 2013 – 7:30-11:00pm

Tickets £10.00 to include supper

Dance Leader Martin Knight to guide those steps

Cabaret Spot

Ballroom, salsa, jive, free style... great music.

Refreshments and Bar

If you have been before you will know what a great night it is. If you haven't, don't miss it this time.

Tickets: Post Office North Curry
Post office Stoke St Gregory
or tel: Joanne on 01823 491083

*Book early to make sure you get tickets
Tone dance look forward to seeing you*

Riding For the Disabled

Coffee Morning

Bring and Buy Raffle

on

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

at

**'OAMARU'
The Fosse
North Curry
10-12 noon**

We welcome your support



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 6th March 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.

Book Now for



**Somerset Opera sing
Gilbert and Sullivan**

on

23rd March

7:30pm
in the Village Hall

Tickets £10 from the Post Office
or ring 490201

Any profits to go towards updating
facilities in the hall



**North Curry Amateur
Gardeners**

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

Members very much enjoyed the
informative illustrated talk by Sue
Applegate in February. She gave a lot
of information about how vegetables,
fruit and salads are grown and
harvested, often taking only 6 hours
from being harvested to arriving on the
supermarket shelves.

On Thursday 7th March, Mr John
Addison will be coming to speak about
"Pruning Trees & Shrubs".

The **Party & 30th Anniversary** will be
in the **Village Hall** on Saturday 9th
March, 7 for 7:30 pm. Please bring your
drinks and glasses. Make sure your
name is on the list so that the
committee knows for how many to
cater.

**North Curry
Village Hall**

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com

 **Art in the Coffee Shop** 

Summer Exhibition 30th July: your
opportunity to explore your creative
talents and win a cash prize. Entries
invited (age 16 and over) on the subject
'Portraits', in any medium, e.g. paintings,
drawings, prints, photographs etc.

Until 24th March, Lynne Thomas is
exhibiting her atmospheric photos of
the Somerset Levels. Other gift ideas
grace the shelves of The Coffee Shop,
with the added convenience of a card
machine for payments.



The children are starting to prepare for
Easter by making a number of presents
for their parents. We are also
organising an Easter Party for them
towards the end of term with an Easter
Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Competition
and of course chocolate eggs! The
children are also enjoying regular
Forest School trips to the Willows and
Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory,
having lots of fun in muddy puddles!

If you would like your child to attend in
the coming years, please call us 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 Choir
Spring Concert**

Our spring concert this year will be
held on
Saturday 20th April at 7:30pm
in
North Curry Parish Church

We will be performing Parts 2 and 3
of the

Messiah by Handel

We very much hope that you can
join us!

Tickets priced **£7.50** (including a
glass of wine) will be available at the
Post Office



Royal British Legion

The Annual Supper was well attended
and a very pleasant evening was
enjoyed, with good food and good
company.

The next meeting of the Branch will be
on Monday 11th March at the Bird in
Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

The Produce Market

Saturday 2nd March

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

Sadly, Carole was not well enough to
attend with her Hellebores last market:
Apologies to anyone who came
especially for these. Levels lamb was
also missing due to Ann's accident, we
hope she will be better and back soon.
However, all the usual stalls selling
bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat,
cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables
will be there in March as well as some
Easter specials.

Meet the producer

Quantock Muesli is a small family
business nestled in the Quantock Hills.
They source the best ingredients in
small quantities and the muesli is hand
mixed, using sunflower and pumpkin
seeds toasted to give extra
crunchiness. The jumbo oats and
raisins give it an extra luxury taste.
The luxury muesli was awarded a silver
medal by Taste of the West in 2012. In
addition Justine produces Just
Desserts whose frozen puddings are
ready to take from the freezer, straight
into a warm oven. Simply heat & serve!

See you there!

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 Short Mat Bowls Club

The Club Pairs Competition took place towards the end of January and, as always, thanks to the efforts of our Chairman Mervyn, the day went without a hitch.



The competitive spirit and standard of play from all players was such that no Pair was able to secure wins in all its matches: In fact, only two Pairs achieved in excess of a 60% success rate. A very enjoyable day and only after reference back to total shots for and against were Terry Bugden and John Hockett eventually declared Pairs Champions with Marlene Gibbs and Trevor Gridley as runners up.

Our match against Curry Rivel on 31st January was keenly contested and on the final end of the last match to finish, North Curry won by one shot.

Wash away those winter blues with a great night out
FONCS PRESENT THE SPRING BALL
(in aid of North Curry Primary School)

on

Saturday 23rd March 2013

from 7:15 till 1am

at

The Somerset County Cricket Ground

Tickets now on sale at £35.00 each
(Price includes 3 course meal and disco)

Transport to and from the venue from North Curry can be provided at low cost as well!

To purchase your tickets or for any other enquiries please contact Jan on 01823 490307, Eley on 490888 or North Curry School Office on 490423

Hope to see you there with your dancing shoes on!

Future Development In North Curry TDBC Consultation

Write to TDBC to express your views. Comments can be sent:

By email to talking-tomorrows@tauntondeane.gov.uk

By post to Talking Tomorrows Taunton Deane, Planning Policy Unit, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE.

By website www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/siteallocations

By phone on 01823 356388

The Parish Council also strongly recommend your comments are copied to Mr T Burton at the TDBC address above, t.burton@tauntondeane.gov.uk

The TDBC consultation document "Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan – Issues and Options" is available online at the website address above. It is also now available for viewing in the Parish Office. (A copy of their Site Allocation plan is enclosed for guidance.)

MAKE YOUR OWN CONCERNS KNOWN ABOUT THE PROPOSALS IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

Concerned about the possibility of big development sites in North Curry? Want to send in comments supporting the Parish consensus as detailed in the Parish Plan submitted by the Parish Council following extensive consultation? Don't know where to start? If you wish, the following sample letter can be used as a guide for your own letter –

Dear Sir

Consultation on the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan - North Curry

In response to the above consultation I am writing to add my comment to the proposals for future housing development in the village up to the year 2028.

Firstly I feel that there should be land allocated for a total of no more than 30 houses over the "Local Plan" period. The village cannot sensibly accommodate more houses than this for the following reasons. The road access to the village is poor with narrow roads from all directions. The flooding problems are obvious and these are not limited to the low lying moors on either side of the ridge, houses are also flooded in the village itself. The village facilities, particularly the school cannot accommodate more residents without major investment, which is unlikely to be forthcoming.

The Parish Council have very recently conducted a thorough consultation exercise regarding future development in the Parish, putting forward a range of options, which were selected by local residents. All Parishioners were invited to vote on the suggested proposals, which the Parish Council put forward at the final stage of this process. The result was that Parishioners voted overwhelmingly in support of the proposal for four small sites able to accommodate the 30 houses, the number which local residents thought was appropriate.




One of the main reasons why there should be a number of smaller sites, not one large one, is that this will tend to ensure that development happens over the whole "Local Plan" period and the new residents can be integrated into the village more successfully. This is particularly important for the school, which already has several temporary classroom units with temporary planning consents.

I trust the consensus view of Parishioners, as submitted by the Parish Council in the Parish Plan, will be taken on board.

North Curry village Site Allocation plan

Prepared by Taunton Deane

Taunton Deane Housing Site Allocations Assessment

-  Sites proposed for development
-  Existing village development line
-  Conservation Area

