



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: The Parish Council is pleased to report that it again has a full complement of 13 members following the co-option of Michèle Carter on to the Parish Council. It was encouraging to have more than one applicant and thanks are sent to all those who showed interest, it bodes well for the future.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A reminder that this year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall. In addition to presenting the Chairman's Report and Annual Accounts it is hoped to receive Parishioner views on, amongst other things, future development in North Curry, the Remembrance Day service and Queen Square Garden.

SCC HIGHWAYS TO MEET RESIDENTS - 3rd APRIL: There will be an opportunity for residents to meet representatives of the Somerset Highways Department to discuss highway maintenance issues within the Parish, primarily those relating to flooding of the highway. The Highways Service Manager, Kali Martin, will be available in the village centre, near the Post Office, on Wednesday 3rd April, between 11:00am and 1:00pm. If you have concerns, do come along.

GREENSHUTTERS NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTRE: With Spring hopefully arriving, you will be seeing new plants appearing in Queen Square Garden. These plants have very kindly been donated by Greenshutters Nursery and Garden Centre at Fivehead; grateful thanks are sent to them.

BRADLEY HARRIS: The Parish Council sends it's thanks to Bradley Harris for his work on the new bus seat, his time once again being generously freely given.

JUBILEE MUGS: There are still a few pre-ordered Jubilee commemorative mugs that haven't been collected. If anyone requested one but hasn't collected it yet, if you would still like one, pop into the Parish Office and pick them up. For those who didn't get around to pre-ordering mugs and feel they have missed this once in a lifetime opportunity, it is not too late to buy one of the last few!

Parish Council diary for April

Wed 10 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 24 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget the AGM which will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 7:30pm in the meeting room of the hall.

New Chairs

The village hall has recently bought 48 padded chairs to use at events where comfortable seating is required for long periods such as concerts, stage performances and films. They are not ideal for use with the Gopak tables particularly when food is served. Fifty of the original lightweight padded green chairs are available for use with the tables, or for shorter events. Additional lightweight chairs are stored in the shed. Please inform the Booking Secretary in advance if access to the shed is needed.

It is essential that the chairs and tables are correctly stored in the store room. Your cooperation will be appreciated by the groups using the hall after you.



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 24th April. **Defiance** is inspired by a true WW2 story of three Jewish brothers who escape from the Nazis and vow to seek revenge. It stars Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell in roles very different to Bond and Billy Elliot!

The film will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm. Non-members will be admitted from 7:30pm at an admission fee of £5.

We are now halfway through the year's programme and can offer a half year membership at £10 to anyone who would like to join for the last five films.

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



North Curry W.I.

The meeting on Wednesday 3rd April will be an open meeting, so we would like to invite you all, yes all, men too, to join us!

Our speaker will be Ian Coleby from West Somerset Railway; so do please come along. As usual it is a 2:00 start.

The Produce Market

Saturday 6th April

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

There's a real buzz at the monthly market these days and all the usual stalls selling bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat, cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables will be there again in April.

Meet the producer

Pitney Organic Farm have been bringing their pork, beef, sausages and bacon to the market since it began. Glebe farm is a 100 acre mixed livestock and arable farm which has been farmed by the Walrond family for over 200 years with three generations involved on the farm today. Conversion to full organic status was completed in March 2001 and they are licensed growers and processors with the Soil Association. The farm shop sells other local produce and they bring local cheeses and butter to the market each month.

See you there!



If of good character and in good health, you could have joined one of the self-help Friendly Societies that sprang up in West Country villages as early as the 17th century. If not and you fell on hard times, you might have been thrown to the mercy of the workhouse (as described by Pat Hase last year) or left to beg for food and shelter.

Phillip Hoyland from Burnham-On-Sea has made a study of these Friendly Societies and their regalia, which are the subject of his talk to the North Curry Society on 17th April: **Benefits, Brass & 'The Girttest, Grandest Day'**.

Our meetings are held at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 for the year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

North Curry Embroiderers

Bi-annual Exhibition

will be held during the May Fayre
at
St. Peter & St Paul Church, North Curry
2pm
Admission free

North Curry Toddler Group

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

We are a relaxed and friendly group of mums, dads and carers who meet weekly with our under 5s.

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

North Curry Village Hall

Mondays

8:45am – 11:30am

(School term-time)

9:30am – 12:00pm

(School holidays)

North Curry Village Show

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the fund-raising Marmalade sale. We have raised in excess of £350 and hope that we will raise more at the May Fayre when we will be selling more preserves and plants. We shall also have the Village Show schedules on sale. The date of the Show is Saturday 10th August 2013 so we hope you will put that in your diary and get sewing, painting or planting in preparation for the big day.

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



North Curry Community
Coffee Shop AGM



The North Curry Community Coffee Shop AGM will be held at the Playing fields Pavilion, North Curry at 7:30 pm Thursday 11th April 2013

The invitation is open to volunteers and members who are eligible to vote.

Non-members may also wish to join us for the meeting or become a volunteer at the coffee shop.

The current committee are willing to stand for re-election.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.



We are delighted to welcome back Judy Dawson-Cable as our new Leader of the Pre-school. Judy previously worked at Little Acorns before becoming a Qualified Teacher specialising in Early Years education. Judy already has strong links with Reception/Key Stage 1 at North Curry School and collaborative activities to allow children to feel comfortable in the school environment are being undertaken, including a shared story-time where Little Acorns and Reception children enjoyed each other's company!

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.



**Tuesday 16th April in the
Bird in Hand**

There will be a stall holders meeting [for those who couldn't make the February meeting] to book your table, receive the Stallholders Schedule and receipts.

Shepherd's Pie Lunch
at
**Highcroft House, Knapp Lane,
North Curry**
(the home of Joh and Alan Popham)

**Sunday 21st APRIL
12:30 for 1pm**

Speaker: David FOTHERGILL
County Councillor for North Curry

**Tickets:- £12 each to include a
glass of wine**

David Back 413430 or
Heather Richards 491518

**North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory and
Burrowbridge Conservatives**

Stoke St. Gregory Meals

**NOW ALSO DELIVERING
IN NORTH CURRY**

We deliver *homemade, freshly-cooked*, two course midday meals, cooked in the village in the cooks' own kitchens and delivered to you.

The meals currently cost £3.20 each and are delivered on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays.

Our customers range from those who are elderly and appreciate the support of a hot meal delivered by friendly local people, to those who are recovering after an operation.

If you feel Stoke St Gregory Meals could be of help to you, a neighbour, friend or relative in Stoke St Gregory or **NORTH CURRY**, please phone:

Carole Joll 490077 or

Fran Tecks 491258 or

Pat Hembrow 490492

If you are interested in volunteering to become a cook or driver, why not give us a call.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

On Thursday 4th April Mr Adrian Hutchinson will be coming to speak on "Wild Flowers & Dolomites".

The first outing of the year will be on Thursday 25th April to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire; the Rothschild Collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, rare trees and shrubs. The coach will leave Stoke St Gregory (outside Royal Oak) at **7:45am** and North Curry (bus stop by Post Office) at **8:00am**. Cost: members £26, non-members £28. Refreshments will be available at Mr Eddy's Restaurant and Tennis Court Open Air Tea Gardens. A picnic area is also available. Stout footwear is recommended.

Contact Mary Ginger on 490527.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Royal British Legion

Just a reminder that the May Fayre will be held on the 17th May and the Branch will be running our usual Grand Raffle - so we would be grateful for the donation of raffle prizes to ensure success.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 3rd April 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.

North Curry Twinning Association



Our friends from the Seven Villages of the Vexin are coming to North Curry in May. They plan to arrive on the evening of Thursday 9th May and will stay until Sunday morning. The NCTA will arrange a day's outing on the Friday and we usually get together in groups in the evenings to eat and help each other speak *franglais*, with a social evening on Saturday.

Over the past 22 years we have had lots of fun and formed many friendships. Past and new members will be warmly welcomed and anyone wishing to be involved in any way should contact Gillian Akerman tel 01823 490234.



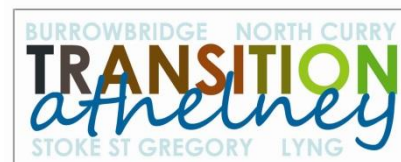
The Joys of Spring

'Tis the season of mellow hopefulness as warm weather arrives and all gardeners think about what to grow this year so now's the time to sow a few extra seeds and plant a few more plants ready to supply the Post Office with fresh local produce under the Food Yards label. This can benefit everyone from the grower to the consumer as we all gain access to locally grown, fresh fruit and vegetables. It's good for the environment as well, as the "Food Miles" couldn't get much smaller than this!

'Our Green Deal in Somerset', run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is still running and there are still a number of free home assessments available to be claimed, each worth around £100. If you would like to know more on the Green Deal in general, or this campaign specifically, then contact me - see below.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rose and Crown in Lyng, Monday 8th April 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 Short Mat Bowls Club

Once again, an exciting and closely contested Club Singles Competition in February, highlighted by some strong performances.

As a repeat of the Pairs Competition, no player was able to secure wins in all matches played. Five competitors secured three wins out of four, resulting in a count back to shots for and against. The eventual winner was Julia Davies by two shots. Julia also won the Memorial Cup donated annually for the best performance by a lady member in the Club Singles Competition. Runner up was John Hockett following on from his success in the earlier Pairs Competition.

Our match at Oake, one of the strongest teams in the area, resulted in a rather disastrous defeat by 66 shots to 34. Only one of the six matches was won by North Curry. Least said, soonest mended!



Julia receiving her singles trophy from Mervyn Gridley, club Secretary



Julia receiving the Memorial Cup from Ian Cogger

John receiving the runner up trophy

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We now look forward to our next two matches at home, versus Trull on 22nd March and Burrowbridge on 5th April.

Our Annual Club Lunch is again arranged at Taunton Vale Golf Club on Tuesday 9th April.

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