



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A final reminder that this year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the interval. This is your opportunity to hear what has been going on and to make your voice heard on a number of issues, so do come along!

CORONATION DAY PEEL OF BELLS: In recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, a peel of bells will be rung at 9:30am on Sunday 2nd June; the flag will also be flying in Queen Square Garden.

QUEEN SQUARE GARDEN: The grass has now been laid in Queen Square Garden and, if the weather is kind, it is hoped that it will be planted up and growing strongly in time for the May Fayre. Grateful thanks are sent to all those who have generously contributed their time and hard work in rejuvenating the gardens.

COAST TO COAST CYCLE CHALLENGE IN NORTH CURRY: On Sunday 19th May, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) will be holding their Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge. Starting at 11am in Watchet, the route will bring up to 550 cyclists through North Curry. The cyclists will come up Thirteen Bends, through Knapp, over Borough Post, down Oxen Lane and south down Greenway. Please take care when driving in this area on that day. DSAA send their apologies for any disruption caused. If you would like to help support the DSAA, volunteers to help marshal the event in the neighbourhood are sought, contact Tina Viksna on 01823 669604 or tina.viksna@dsairambulance.org.uk for details.

Parish Council diary for May

Wed 1 st	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30pm
Wed 8 th	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Committee	8:00pm

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



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 22nd May. **Midnight in Paris** sees Woody Allen back to form with a delightful fantasy set in the present day and 1920's Paris.

We can offer a half year membership at £10 to anyone who would like to join for the last four films.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website

www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



It's YOUR Village Hall!

Virtually all of you will have had reason to use the Village Hall at some time or another. As a venue it's great and works very well, and it's very well managed. However, owing to circumstances beyond their control our group of five managers is soon to become a group of three and the Hall literally cannot be run by so few. We URGENTLY need somebody to take on the post of Treasurer and the Booking Secretary's post and, because it would be so much better, we really need to have at least another four people to join us as well. These are important jobs, taking a little time each week along with a monthly meeting, and it is very rewarding. If you value the amenity of having a Village Hall and have some spare time please consider joining us... and then do it! The alternative does not bear thinking about! Please contact the Secretary, Joan Gubbin on 490201 or the Chair, Liz Gibbs on 490191 as soon as you can; thank you!

The Produce Market

Saturday 4th May
9:30 – 11:30 in the Village Hall

Those who came to the market last month will have spotted that we are now selling Traidcraft fair trade products again. We have started with a selection of items with reasonably long sell by dates in the hope that we can sell them all before they run out! In addition we have copies of the Traidcraft catalogue and will be happy to order items from the craft, homewares and clothing ranges for you.

Meet the producer

Mike Hutchings sold plants outside the family newsagent in North Curry for decades. When the shop closed, Mike continued selling plants from his pickup with regular appearances in the centre of the village and, in recent years, at our monthly produce market at the hall. Currently he has a colourful range of bedding plants for the spring and summer and later in the year he will have vegetables. It is always worth checking out his stock – we just need some better weather to get out in the garden and planting!

See you there!

PARISH CHURCH



Rogation Sunday is on 5th May and after the dreadful time our farmers have had in the last year everyone is welcome to our Rogation Service at 10am when the vicar and Ralph Roberts will conduct a service with our hopes for a better season to come in mind.

On Sunday 19th at 5pm we will be holding our regular Pentecost service of Praise in Queen Square garden. Joining us will be members of the Methodist church and the Rev'd Deborah Kirk. All are welcome.

The SHANDY BAND

North Curry's Village Orchestra
FAREWELL CONCERT



Saturday 1st June 2013

North Curry Village Hall

at 7:30pm

This concert is a celebration of Daniel Fairfax's 10 years with the Orchestra, as he soon departs for Argentina.

With Six performances under Daniel's belt, including last year's Jubilee Concert, we have invited back:

Adriano Marletta Tenor

who comes from Switzerland, although his family is Italian. He is based in London as a singer-songwriter and performer. But mainly, he is a good friend of Daniels.

Tickets will be available from the Post Office and general stores.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY



Wednesday 15th May at 8:00pm

Bees and Bee Keeping



Regulars at the monthly produce market in North Curry village hall will have seen Simon Jones from Creech St. Michael who sells his Somerset honey at a stall there. A bee keeper for 26 years, Simon has over 50 colonies in the surrounding area, including Wrantage, Fivehead and his own garden at Creech – and can produce a ton of honey in a good year from the orchards and fields in this area.

He will talk about the history of bee keeping and the vital role of bees as pollinators. After last summer's downpours and the current unseasonably cold spring he will tell us how he and his bees are battling with the elements to ensure there is still honey on North Curry's breakfast and tea tables.

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.

STOP PRESS: North Curry Society and the Archives will both have stalls at the May Fayre on the 11th May - please drop by and see us. Sue Bethune (Tel 490179) would be grateful for any good bric-a-brac for the Society's stall.



North Curry W.I.

This year's AGM, on Wednesday 1st May, will be preceded by a brief talk from Pam Walker on her work with the Taunton Food Bank. Donations of tinned food would very much be appreciated. As usual the meeting will commence at 2:00pm and the competition is 'Bloom of the Month'.

Electric Guitar for Absolute Beginners

New 6 week course

starts Saturday 18th May 2013
11:15 to 12:15

North Curry Village Hall

All ages welcome
No experience needed

More info and booking

www.kevintoller.com

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Tel 01823 490109



North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Not quite the successes that we would hope for this time. At the Kingscliffe Tournament our Triples team recorded a win, a draw and a loss, so were not able to proceed to the Quarter final stage.

Our match against Trull looked like a walkover and at the end of the first half North Curry was leading by a massive 37 shots to 9. However, in the second half Trull staged a fighting comeback but North Curry eventually triumphed by 55 shots to 46.

Against Burrowbridge we were unable to produce our usual standard of play and were narrowly beaten by 52 shots to 56.

Our annual Lunch was well attended and some 32 players, wives and friends enjoyed a delicious Carvery at Taunton Vale Golf Club. Many thanks to the organisers.

The Somerset Short Mat Bowling Association is holding its Spring Tournament at Blackbrook over the weekends of 13/14 and 27/28 of April and the Club is entering both the Pairs and Triples Competitions, hoping to reproduce the form which enabled us to win the Autumn Pairs Competition.

Further matches have been arranged against Fivehead Away [15th April], Oake at Home [26th April] and Rockwell Green Home [10th May]

The club is always keen to welcome anybody interested in joining us and details are available on the Village Hall Noticeboard or web site

www.northcurryvillagehall.org.uk

Return of the Lashings International XI

Lashings International Cricket Team will be returning to North Curry on Friday 19th July. They last visited in 2011 when the weather was kind to us and we had a tremendous day watching the locals of North Curry take on the likes of Graham Hick, Phillip De Freitas and Henry Alonga.

The event this year will follow the same format that worked so well last time, all are welcome to bring picnics and to watch the game from the boundary and to enjoy the licensed bar, Ice Cream Van and BBQ.

There is also the chance to enjoy a 3 course waitress served lunch, followed by afternoon tea, all in the comfort of a marquee at your own table.

Please keep the date free and book your table early as, at the last Lashings game, tables sold out long before the actual match.

More details will be published nearer the event but if you want to know more, please ring James Midgley on 01823 491278

Art in the Coffee Shop

Julia Davies' exhibition continues until 5th May after which watercolourist Roe Sargent returns with her second exhibition at The Coffee Shop, 7th May to 16th June.

Entry forms for the annual Summer Exhibition, commencing 30th July, are now available in The Coffee Shop. Entries are invited (age 16 and over) on the subject 'Portraits', in any medium, e.g. paintings, drawings, prints, photographs etc. Three prizes: £50, £25 and £25.

May Fayre Bells...



It's often the custom to open the church tower to visitors during the May Fayre – a good opportunity to see how the bells are rung – and to enjoy one of the best views over the levels from the church roof.

Unfortunately however it's not possible this year – sorry to disappoint those who might have come along.

However... don't despair – if you're interested in having a look for yourself on another occasion – there are other opportunities. If you want to "learn the ropes", we can even teach you to ring! There are regular practices on Monday evenings and to find out more about attending one of these just call Paul Scott on 490679. Why not "ring the changes" and see if it's for you?



Sweet Coppin Ladies Dance Team

will be dancing with

Taunton Deane Morris Men

on

Monday 17th June

at

8:00pm - The Square, North Curry
and

9:00pm - The Rising Sun Inn, Knapp

We are collecting for **The Beacon Centre** Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

If it is wet come & meet us in The Rising Sun.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

On Thursday 2nd May Jenny Short will be coming to speak on "Perfect Partners" – for the garden!

The next trip will be to the famous Heligan Gardens in Cornwall on Thursday 16th May. Cost £23 members, £25 non-members. The coach will leave Stoke St. Gregory (outside the Royal Oak) at **8:15am** and North Curry (bus stop by the Post Office) at **8:30am**.

Contact Margaret Tomkins on 490506

The Plant Sale & Coffee morning will be at the Pavilion on Saturday 1st June 10:30-12:30 – the timing is a little different because of the Produce Market on the same day.

AGM notice from North Curry Sport Ltd

Come and find out more about White Street Sports Field

Anyone interested in finding out more about White Street Sports Field is warmly invited to come along to the Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, 10th June at the pavilion.

White Street is home to three cricket teams, two men's football teams and an under 8's team. Also, there is a flourishing woodland and wildlife area and all the grounds are well maintained.

All activities on this 12-acre site are run by volunteers - from the sports teams and youth coaching to grounds maintenance and serving refreshments at matches.

It costs about £5,000 a year to run the facilities. To date the Parish Council has kindly made an annual discretionary grant of £500 towards grass cutting. The remainder of the costs are met through fund raising activities, sponsorship and contributions from the Football and Cricket Clubs.

If you would like to get more involved with North Curry Sport Ltd, which runs White Street, do come along to the AGM.

For further information or nominations for the committee, please contact Chairman Anne Pike on 490170; whitestreet@northcurry.com



Royal British Legion

The May Fayre is being held on the 11th of May starting at 2pm, where we shall be holding our usual Grand Raffle, so members are asked once again to donate prizes to ensure the success of this event.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the Bird in Hand on 13th May, starting at 7:30pm.



**RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED ASSOCIATION**
INCORPORATING DRIVING

Riding for the Disabled

The coffee morning held at the end of March, raised £523 for the Conquest Centre.

A big thank you to all who supported and helped to make it such a success.



Saturday 11th May 2013
Church Road and Queen Square
2:00pm – 4:30pm

For your enjoyment there will be:

- ° **Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden** °
- ° **Cheese and wine under the copper beech tree** °
- ° **Horse and cart rides** °
- ° **Plants, cakes, jams and pickles** °
- ° **Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden** °
- ° **Coconut shy** ° **Refreshing May Fayre Punch** ° **children's entertainments** °

There will be many interesting charity and non-charity stalls. Come prepared to carry home cakes, jams, plants and many other delectable items, and happy memories.

Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1

Please follow the signs to this car park. We would really like to encourage you to park here as it is important to keep the main roads through the village clear for the fire brigade, ambulances and large farm traffic. All parking proceeds go to provide entertainments at the Fayre. There is a safe pedestrian route from Manor Field along the Fosse to the Fayre.

We would like to thank our sponsor: The Bird in Hand Pub



The summer term is now underway and we are hoping that the weather will pick up soon, to allow us to fulfil our wide range of planned activities, many of which are outdoor based! We continue with Forest School on alternate Fridays which the children really enjoy, learning in a fun-filled environment, come rain or shine!

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all the local businesses for their kind donations of prizes for our Easter raffle - ticket sales raised over £180, which will be put towards new play resources.

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

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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