

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting: This year's APM took place on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall; there was an excellent turnout of more than 70 members of the public, school representatives and Councillors.

The Chairman gave her report, which included thanks for all those who had put time and effort into making the Jubilee celebrations so successful. The Parochial Charities accounts were presented by the Revd. Staple and Mrs Loader gave a brief talk on the progress of the Primary school, which was followed by a very interesting report by students of their project on weather with the Met. Office. Following refreshments, the meeting closed with a Q&A session.

Jubilee Photo Album: Mr Comrie has kindly provided the Parish with a photo album recording the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the Parish. The album is kept in the Parish Office and can be viewed there during opening times (or at other times by arrangement).

Solar Panels Proposed For Helland: Parishioners may wish to be aware that a planning application is being prepared for the installation of approx. 6 acres of PV solar panels at Helland Meads. A draft plan of the proposal is available on the Parish website or in the Parish Office; together with contact details for the developer should you have any queries or concerns.

Dog Waste Bins: Three dog waste bins have been installed in the village, one in Greenway, near Portmans, one in White St. on the corner of the drove near Overlands and one in Church Rd. near the Church side entrance. Could all dog owners please ensure they clean up any dog waste and use the bins if they are unable to take the waste home.

Dangerous Driving?? A reminder that anyone witnessing incidents of dangerous driving in the village, whether it be tractors, delivery lorries or other vehicles, should report the matter to PCSO Lynsey Gamblin on 07789753820, or lynsey.gamblin@avonandsomerset.police.uk. Try to include the date and time of the incident, the number plate and any other details of the vehicle involved.

Time to Cut Back Hedges: Please could all owners of hedges abutting the highway ensure they are cut back regularly. Overgrown hedges reduce road width and visibility, especially for people crossing the road or vehicles turning.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator should soon be fitted to the wall of the Post Office, if it is not there already. It has clear instructions for use in the case of cardiac arrest whilst awaiting medical assistance. Thanks go to Noel and Alison Prosser for allowing it to be installed on the Post Office wall and to Paul Turner for undertaking the installation free of charge. Thanks also go to James Mogg for housing the defibrillator in the Bird in Hand up to this point.

Parish Council diary for June: All Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 12 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 26 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

The Produce Market

Saturday 1st June

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

There will be lots of good things from local producers standing by for your custom as usual, so do come along and see what is on offer. Stalls include organic local pork and lamb, cheese, bread, cakes, pasties, eggs, vegetables and honey. Plenty of jams and chutneys to tempt you and some excellent crafts, cards and flowers. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas.

See you there!



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 26th June.

The Angel's Share is an entertaining film by Ken Loach which starts from a background of despair and becomes a heist comedy with a bracingly optimistic ending. Set in Scotland among some unemployed youths the language is at times strong but you will be hoping the quartet's plans succeed. Don't forget that if you are not a member yet, you can come and enjoy the evening for a mere £5

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



NORTH CURRY BROWNIES

Calling all girls between 7 and 10 years old, come and join the relaunched 1st North Curry Brownies.

We meet on Mondays 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Village Hall during term time and have lots of fun adventures planned with our brand new leadership team.

To find out more about the Brownies, please contact Kate Williamson (Snowy) on 690471 k8tywilliamson@btinternet.com or come along to a trial meeting.

For more information about Girlguiding, call 0800 169 5901 or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk



Wednesday 19th June at 8:00pm
Tracing my Family History



Family History

DAVID HAWKINGS, creator of the television series "Find Your Family" and author of five books on genealogy will explain how to go about tracing your ancestors at the North Curry Society on 19th June. He has been researching his own family history for nearly 50 years – and will set out how to look through church records of baptisms, marriages and burials, census returns, court records and old wills. But be prepared for potential black sheep. David found five criminals among his ancestors – and one parish constable.

Our meetings are held monthly 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Society's annual coffee morning will be hosted by Sue and Don Bethune at the Old Malthouse, 3 Stoke Road, on Saturday 13th July. Sue would welcome contributions of plants, cakes and bric-a-brac.

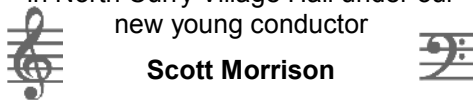
On the evening of Wednesday 17th July Betty Koppa will lead the annual summer walk from the Village Hall.

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE CHOIR

Are you interested in joining a 'new' local choir?

We start rehearsals again on **Thursday 5th September at 8:00 pm**

in North Curry Village Hall under our new young conductor



Scott Morrison

an ex choral scholar from Guildford cathedral.

We are now looking for new singers and also some ideas of the music that you would like to sing in the future!

Our Christmas Concert is on 12th December 2013

Please contact Keith Gibbs (01823 490191) for more details.



“CHASING ICE”

SATURDAY 6TH JULY at 8 pm

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL

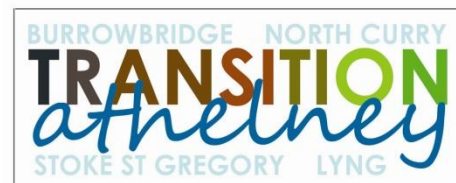
Climate change is now generally accepted as a fact. However, as we hear news of CO₂ in the atmosphere reaching the record symbolic level of 400ppm people are still arguing over whether or not humanity is responsible for this and whether or not it is the primary cause of climate change.

The majority of scientists agree that we are to blame, yet a large number of the population prefers to hang on the words of the minority who say otherwise. (I wonder what proportion of us would follow the minority of scientists who still deny that tobacco and smoking cause cancer!)

This film shows one man's view, literally, of some of those effects. In the making of the film he has travelled from Alaska to Greenland to use time-lapse photography enabling us to share his view of melting ice. Breath-taking thought-provoking photography – a film for everyone!

Donations at the door; film followed by refreshments and time for discussion.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email ta@bkjeanes.co.uk



towards a greener community



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 5th June 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 Short Mat Bowls Club

On 22nd September the Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with a Fun party and it is hoped that all members will attend to participate in the celebration.

The club started in 1988 when twelve people paid £10 each to get the Bowls rolling with the promise of more to follow. At that time the club was formed to ensure a regular income for the Village Hall. Since then the club has enjoyed matches and competitive tournaments here in the Village Hall and away at places such as Torquay, Minehead, Blackbrook, Wells, Bridgwater and Jersey, to name but a few.

We still have three active members who were part of the inauguration and of course hope they will continue to be active for many years to come. Bowls is a game that can be enjoyed by boys, girls, men and women of all ages, nine to ninety! Our Chairman and founder member, Mervyn Gridley has one small regret and that is that there are not more locals playing. So come on North Curry, where are you! We do rely on members from as far afield as Somerton and Glastonbury. Current membership stands at 32, but new members are always welcome.

Results for April were a little disappointing overall. At Fivehead, North Curry won by 43 shots to 28. The games at home against Oake were all keenly contested but the final result was a win for Oake 48 to 45.

In the Blackbrook County Tournaments North Curry Pair won one match but came second in two others. Similarly in the Triples competition we won one game but were defeated in the other two. On neither occasion were the teams able to progress beyond the initial groupings. We hope for better results in the Autumn Tournaments

May matches include Rockwell Green at home and Corfe away.

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 that 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 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

No meetings in June, July or August.

Saturday 1st June 10:30am -12:30 at the Pavilion, Greenway:

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 27th June visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens, Glos – one of England's great "Arts & Crafts" gardens. Cost members £23, non-members £25. Coach to leave Stoke St. Gregory at 8:15am (outside Royal Oak), North Curry at 8:30am (bus stop by Post Office). Journey 2½ hours with comfort stop, return journey leaving 4pm. Contact: Mary Ginger 490527.

Evening outing Tuesday 6th August. Contact Mary Earley 490769



SAMARITANS: One Man's Vision LEADS TO 60 Years of Listening"

2013 marks the 60th anniversary of **SAMARITANS**, the service that provides emotional support, day or night, to those who are distressed, despairing or suicidal. One man, Chad Varah, took the first call on 2nd November 1953 with one phone, in one room, in London. 60 years later the organisation has grown to over 200 branches throughout the UK and Ireland. The **SAMARITANS** vision is that fewer people die by suicide.

Samaritans of Taunton & Somerset provides emotional support face to face, by phone, email and text. In 2012 we took around 21,000 telephone calls, answered 1,600 emails and 2,200 text messages. Currently there are around 85 listening and 10 support volunteers. Ideally, we would like at least 100 listening volunteers – so if you feel that volunteering for the Samaritans could be something for you please don't hesitate to call us on 01823 289456. Alternatively call in at 16 Wood Street, Taunton anytime between 9am and 9pm. The branch costs more than £32,000 a year to run and we have to find all this money ourselves, here in Somerset – we are not funded centrally or by government! So, if this type of volunteering is not for you but you think our work is important, please help support us with a donation so we can continue to provide valuable support to our large community.

A quick way to contribute is to text **TAU16 £2 / £5 / £10 to 70070** (e.g. TAU16 £5). Alternatively, donations can be sent to us at 16 Wood St, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1UN.



This term, the children have been learning all about Dinosaurs and we are arranging a trip for the children to Lyme Regis. They will be visiting Dinosaurland Fossil Museum and going fossil hunting on the beach which we know they will very much enjoy – let's hope we have a sunny day! This trip will bring to life all the dinosaurs we have been looking at and the children can come face-to-face with a 'real' dinosaur!

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.



Royal British Legion

In spite of the weather, the May Fayre proved once again to be a resounding success; congratulations to the organisers. Thanks also to the businesses and individuals who contributed prizes to our Grand Raffle and helped us make £254 which will go to the Poppy Appeal.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Monday 10th June at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201
To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718
hallbookings@northcurry.com



Dance at North Curry

The Dancing School term has started in earnest with preparation for the children's ballet exams scheduled at the end of term. They are working hard in all classes so that they can perform their very best and achieve their goals.

The school's successes continue with Georgia Dare successfully auditioning for the Weston-Super-Mare Playhouse production of 'Grease' with rehearsals starting Monday 5th Aug. If anyone would like to see her and Harriett Clements who is also performing, tickets are £12 for adults (concessions £10.50) with Saturday performance £14 (concessions £12) and are available from the Playhouse box office soon.

Other news - some of the school's first ever students have now reached the end of their time with me. These students, such as Laura Hamilton attended my first class back in 2001 but will now be leaving us to go on to University. We all wish her and the others the very best in their future and hope they stay in touch.

If anyone would like to join the school, places are available for children from 3yrs - please contact Ann-Marie on 07595 173649 or e-mail ann-marieatdnc@hotmail.co.uk.



North Curry W.I.

As I sit writing this the weather is absolutely glorious, so what better time to remind you of our garden party on 5th June. It will be held at the Sports Ground, White Street, starting at 2:00pm. There will be a chance to try your hand at croquet, or just while away the time chatting to friends whilst enjoying a cream tea, in the sunshine... hopefully!

Our skittles team has had a fantastic season, winning the group contest and making it through to County semi-finals. Unfortunately, they were knocked out at that stage, but a tremendous effort never the less. Well done to all concerned.

On Saturday 29th June, there will be "More Than Just a Coffee Morning" at Fosse End (the Billingham's), 10:00am – 12 noon. There will be a bring and buy stall, cake stall, raffle, coffee and a plant sale to name but a few of the things on offer, so do come along and join us.

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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