



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY: Would you like to have a chance to do something positive for the Parish? Feel like a new challenge? Ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? As a result of the resignation of Ray Chisnall following a move away from the Parish, 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 31st October 2013. The Parish Clerk, or any of your current Parish Councillors, would be happy to discuss becoming a Councillor with prospective applicants.

SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSE FOR SALE – MORRIS WAY: At the time of going to print Falcon Rural Housing were offering for sale a 59% share of a two bedroom house in Morris Way at a price of £95,000. The house is offered to parishioners before going on the open market. If you are interested please contact Falcon Rural Housing on tel. no. 667343.

PLANNING: You may wish to be aware that, at the time of going to press, it seems likely that the Windmill Hill planning application will be considered by TDBC Planning Committee on Wednesday 16th October. Also, the Parish Council have been made aware that a planning application for the solar panel installation at Helland Meads has been submitted to Taunton Deane Borough Council. Details of the application will be on the TDBC website should you wish to comment.

NC Action Group's website, ncurryactiongroup.org.uk, gives updates on the major applications currently under consideration.

LOOKING AFTER OUR VILLAGE: LITTER - An increase in litter in the village has been noticed, particularly in the White Street/Stoke Road area. Please look after our beautiful village and remember to take your litter home or use the bins provided.

FLY-TIPPING: Spotted waste being dumped in your village? If you see it happening, please contact the Police on 0845 456 7000. If the fly-tipping has already taken place, incidents can be reported to Taunton Deane Borough Council on tel. no. 356356.

OIL SCHEME: As winter approaches don't forget the Community Council for Somerset oil scheme for joint buying power. For further information call 01823 331222 or go to the website www.somersetcc.org.uk.

Parish Council diary for October – All Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 9th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 30th Planning Committee 8:00 pm

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

Plumb Crazy!

It cannot have escaped the notice of anybody using the cloakrooms at the Village Hall that they are past their best; not surprising after over 30 years! The Village Hall Committee has formed a Fundraising Group to raise money to refurbish the toilets. There are several grant applications in but we are going to need more, even if we get a grant, as the total bill is a whopping £13K! We have organised eighteen months' worth of fundraising events at the Village Hall which are varied and interesting and which we hope will appeal to everyone - here are the details of the first four! Please support us, every penny is necessary!

Saturday 12th October 10am-3pm

Vintage and Handmade Fair. A first for North Curry, very trendy and very attractive. £1 entrance fee, children free. Coffees, teas and light lunches available.

Saturday 26th October 7:30pm

The Rivertones Chorus. Local and very good barbershop chorus - a lively and entertaining evening promised! Tickets £8 on the door. Bar available.

And for your diary:

Saturday 9th November at 7:30pm

My life in Cairo by Janet Palmer. Janet spent four action packed years living in Cairo in the 80's and has photos and stories to illustrate them! Bar and snacks available.

Saturday 23rd November at 7:30pm

Quiz Night with pie and pint supper.



Our next film, **Barbara** is on 23rd October. Set in the former East Germany, it offers a glimpse into the restricted lives and dilemmas which confronted the people who lived there. Barbara, a young doctor, finds herself confused about work, love and life in this fascinating film.

Films start at 7:30pm and members will be admitted from 7:00pm when the bar opens. Non-members are admitted from 7:15pm and tickets cost £5.

Naked Ladies

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to cancel Naked Ladies on 5th October... Our apologies to all those who were looking forward to it.



*It's been a year since
RELAUNCHING
The Produce Market*

In that time we have experimented with new ideas and been joined by some new producers. We would like to thank all who have supported us and hope you will continue to do so. This year the raffle has raised £691 and the kitchen profits have been £523 and North Curry Church is very grateful for this useful contribution to funds.

*Don't forget the next
market*

*Saturday 2nd
November from
9:30am*



**North Curry
Community Coffee Shop**



Did you know that since the North Curry Community Coffee Shop opened six years ago its volunteers have donated over **£60,000** to local and national charities?

And they have done this by simply serving quality teas, coffees, soft drinks, homemade cakes and freshly made light lunches to our wonderful customers from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Sunday.

In those six years donations have been made to the village primary school, local churches, the playing fields, village hall, Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the cricket club and we have contributed to the installation of the village defibrillator and many, many other local good causes and groups. You can see a list in the Coffee Shop.

We also sell locally made jewellery, pottery, art and gifts and have a superb selection of cards for those special messages, *right on your doorstep*, so with the busiest shopping time of the year just around the corner don't get stuck in traffic, visit us instead!

And if you can make a pot of tea and you wish to support your favourite good cause, you can easily become a volunteer and each time you boil the kettle at the Coffee Shop you will be making a donation to your chosen local or national charity, *it's a piece of cake!*

Ring 490560 to find out how you can join us.

DeeDee's

VINTAGE

AND HANDMADE AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL 10am-3pm

Genuine Vintage/Retro
Accessories

Home-wares, Clothes
and Textiles

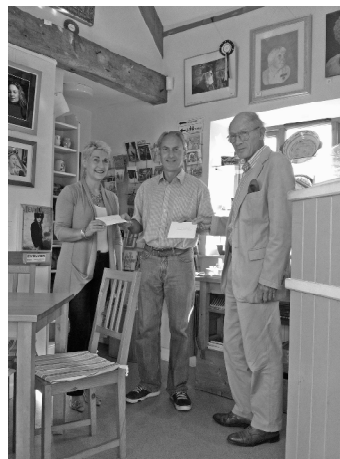
Along with beautiful
handmade gifts and treats

Vintage themed tea room



Any enquiries please contact:
dmhornbook@googlemail.com

Art in the Coffee Shop



Coffee Shop Chairman Vince Jeffery presenting 1st Prize to Kim Varley and Art & Design Prize to Julian Comrie.

The Summer Exhibition attracted an unprecedented 402 votes. All entries received a good share of the vote, but the clear winner with a £50 prize was 'Duncan' by Kim Varley. Coming second with a £25 prize was 'Cupboard Love' by Harriet Heywood. The Art and Design Committee prize and £50 was awarded to Julian Comrie for 'Ioannis'.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their entries, which provided a colourful and interesting display. Thanks also to all those who voted. We hope that next year yet more people will be inspired to enter with the very broad subject of 'Anything Goes'. Sue Lawrence's exhibition 'After the Flood' continues until 20th October.

The North Curry Society Annual General Meeting has been postponed due to the TDBC planning meeting for Windmill Hill being fixed on the same evening.

A new date will be announced as soon as possible. The meeting will take the following pattern.



The AGM will be followed at 8:00pm by "Travels with a Camera" by the ever popular and talented Julian Comrie in which he will review photographs and photography from around the world. He says it will show how the advent of photography has increased our appreciation of distant lands and cultures. It promises to be a fascinating journey which you can make without leaving the village!

Our meetings are held at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month (except August). Membership is excellent value at just £5 for the year, which becomes due at the AGM and includes admission to talks, a coffee or tea and a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker afterwards. Visitors are very welcome to attend, on payment of a small entrance charge (which does include coffee). Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.



The children have all settled back into pre-school following the summer break. The theme this term is "on the farm". Amongst other things, we will be looking at farm animals, old farm horse drawn carts and traditional cattle, culminating in a trip to visit a local organic farm.

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.



Restored Painting in the Church

Thanks to very generous donations, the old oil painting, which some of you might remember propped up at the back of the church, has been cleaned and restored. The picture shows King David playing a harp, flanked by angels and may have hung from a musicians gallery. The Vicar and members of the Parochial Church Council would be delighted if you could join them in the church on **Saturday 28th September at 12 noon** to see the restored picture before it is hung in its proper place in the church. There will be refreshments on offer and you will be able to learn something about the painting, the former West Gallery and the music and musicians that the painting was supposed to encourage.

You are cordially invited to a Concert of
Music for an October Evening
In North Curry Parish Church
Saturday 12th October at 7:30pm

Come and enjoy a convivial evening of music for voice and piano to banish the autumn blues given by

Gillian Reed – soprano
and Martin Newman – Piano.

Both Gill and Martin studied at Trinity College of Music, but first met here in Somerset. Since meeting they have enjoyed making music together just for fun and given the occasional concert.

We are very lucky that they have chosen our village for one of those rare occasions, where they will present a medley of English and French songs, including a first performance of "improvisation" written by Martin Newman.

There will be an interval during which a glass of wine will be served.

There will be no charge for entry, but we hope you will donate something to the church funds, part of which will go specifically to the church music fund.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

At the recent AGM Sue Cable was elected as Chairman, Graham Cable as Treasurer and Mary Parker as Secretary. Committee Members remain the same and are Margaret Tomkins, Mary Early, Heather Williams and Patti Withams. Mary Ginger is now President and a presentation was given to her to express the grateful thanks of all the members.

The Speaker next month will be Mr Don Everitt whose talk will be "Autumn - the Forgotten Season"

"I would like to thank all friends and members of the Gardening Club for their kindness in presenting me with a delightful leaving card and beautiful Dartington Glass flower vase at the end of my terms as Chairman for the past seventeen years, it is very much appreciated." Mary Ginger

North Curry Playing Field and Pavilion

Our AGM: We are glad to report that we have a full complement on the committee with all people standing again and a new Treasurer, Rachel Bellamy. Full report is on our website www.ncpavilion.co.uk

New developments at the playing field: After a very enthusiastic meeting with the school, we have decided that the first two items will be a Sky Net and a Zip wire. We have had offers from a number of Dads to help with installation as this will save us a considerable amount of money and allow us to invest that money in further improvements. The down side of this is that we have had to reapply to Taunton Dean as we are now not spending the funds we had applied for in the same way, we hope that approval will be granted soon so we can make a start. If you can help in any way, we would be very keen to hear from you; either by email pavilion@northcurry.com or give Andy a ring 490046 or 07771 748 518

Pavilion interior walls: Three cracks have appeared on the internal walls. These have been checked by a builder and are not dangerous but we are obviously monitoring them to see if they are getting worse and are taking his advice.

How DO we feed 9 billion people?

By 2050 the world population is likely to be **9 billion**; all these people will need feeding and some say Genetically Modified food can provide one of the answers. Others say it's simply a corporate bonanza for the likes of Monsanto and there are tried and tested methods, which have the potential to do what's necessary without resorting to such technology.

Come and join us on 29th October at 8:00pm in North Curry Village Hall for a debate on the pros and cons of Genetically Modified crops, chaired by **Professor John Bryant**, cell biologist and bioethicist of Exeter University. We also have **Mick Fuller**, Professor of Plant Physiology from the University of Plymouth, and **Oliver Dowding**, organic farmer, who between them will ensure a lively and informative debate on the subject. You may have met Oliver at a Garden Club meeting several months ago.

Some will say that there is "good GM" and "bad GM", depending on what's involved and the perceived potential for harming the environment.

Whatever your stance there will be something for you to get your teeth into, together with an opportunity to have your say. It should prove to be very informative and lively.

Also, on 26th October and 2nd November we are arranging apple juicing days in Stoke St Gregory village hall when we'll have all the equipment to turn your surplus apples into juice. (Last year we produced over 60 gallons of juice from several apple varieties from dessert to cider.) Do get in touch if you think you'll have apples to process and would like to join in.

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



North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Not our most successful month of 2013.

At the Blackbrook Pairs tournament Ian and Trevor managed to win two of their first three matches but lost the third, after a very close game against Middlezoy, who won all three of their preliminary matches and therefore we did not qualify to proceed to the knockout stage.

Langport at their Home venue proved too strong for us and won by 55 shots to 46. We had a very exciting evening at Curry Mallett and proved worthy winners by 58 shots to 51.

Bradford on Tone were our opponents at the beginning of September and, on their home ground, again proved too good winning the matches by 39 to 33.

The Autumn County Tournament at Blackbrook saw our Triples team winning one match, but unfortunately, losing two. However the group in which we played was very strong and at least seven of the nine opponents were County players. We gave them a good run for their money, played well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Can't ask much more and the experience will stand us in good stead for the future.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next monthly session will be on **Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £20 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge. Non-members will pay £3 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 W.I.

At our September meeting we celebrated the 90th birthdays of Audrey West and Joyce Hembrow. Each of them was presented with a small gift and of course, we couldn't let the occasion pass without a birthday cake. Many congratulations to them both.



The meeting on 2nd October starts at 2:00pm as usual and will be all about traditional English potpourri. Do try and remember your entry for the "Bloom of the Month" competition and of course all donations for the Food Bank will be greatly appreciated. We will also give details of the mid monthly afternoon teas, which we are going to start up again.

A reminder that the Wells Cathedral Carol Concert is on Wednesday, 11th December and we will be hiring a coach again, as we did last year. Don't worry if you haven't signed up yet, just make sure you see a committee member at the next meeting.

The jumble sale in January was so successful that it has been decided to hold another one next January, date to be confirmed. However, due to its success we will be holding it at the Village Hall in order to give us much more space. So, please, if you are having a clear out over the Christmas period and think you may have some suitable items for inclusion in the sale, either take them around to Di Keyzar or contact a member of the committee if you would like the items collected.



towards a greener community

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102
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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