



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY: A new year, a new challenge! If you would you like to have a chance to do something positive for the Parish why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor? As a result of the resignation of David Patten, who we would like to thank for his input and work, a vacancy now exists for a new Parish Councillor. If you would like to be considered for this role, please forward your details, together with your reasons for applying, to the Parish Office before 31st January 2014. The Parish Clerk, or any of your current Parish Councillors, would be happy to discuss becoming a Councillor with prospective applicants.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER: We would like to thank the producers and distributors of the Village Newsletter for their hard work during the past year. The newsletter is appreciated by all, and without the time and dedication of the many volunteers, a village lifeline would be lost.

BE SEEN! With the long dark winter nights upon us, walking on the Parish's unlit roads requires even more care than usual. Please could all motorists be extra vigilant and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists and please could all pedestrians and cyclists help to protect themselves by ensuring they wear fluorescent clothing and/or use torches.

EXCESS MUD AND SLURRY ON THE ROAD: If you witness tractors spilling their load and causing a hazard, please note the date, time and tractor's number plate and report it to the police, transporting an unsafe load is illegal. If you come across a road that is hazardous due to mud, slurry, a pothole etc., it can be reported on the Somerset County Council website – somerset.gov.uk or call 0845 345 9155.

ON ROAD PARKING: When on road parking is unavoidable, please could parishioners ensure they do so with consideration for pedestrians and other road users.

Parish Council diary for January - Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 8 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

An Unhealthy Plumbing Obsession!

The Village Hall Fundraising Group continues to suffer a mild obsession with toilet replacement!

- Thanks to all those who made the Quiz Night such a great evening! We raised about £600 which was fantastic! Due to demand there will be another one sometime next year!
- Thank you to those who have let us know that they once worked for Clark's Shoes as that places us in a better position to apply for a grant from them. If there is anyone else who was once an employee please let us know!
- We applied to the Coffee Shop for a donation and they have very generously given us £1000 towards the project. A big thank you to the Management Committee and all of the Volunteers who made it possible!
- On the same topic if anybody would simply be prepared to donate a contribution to the Cloakroom Refurbishment Fund that would of course be absolutely wonderful! To add to the value we can claim Gift Aid if we have a name and address of any donor. Thank you!

Liz Gibbs 490191 lizgibbs@btinternet.com



SATURDAY 25th JANUARY

Forget the cold! Come to the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7:30pm

for a fascinating talk by Jan Diamond on the years she spent living a very unusual early married life in Cairo.

Tickets £6 (to include Egyptian snacks) from the PO or on the door.

Bar available



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 8th January at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. Note that this is the **second Wednesday** of the month; we'll be back to the first Wednesday from February.

Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed. Your first visit will be free of charge; thereafter non-members pay £3 per session.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



North Curry W.I.

We would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 8th January, starting at the usual time of 2:00pm. New members are always welcome and we would love to see you. Our speaker is Peter Taylor on "Guernsey in War and Peace". The competition is a slice of Christmas cake.

Don't forget our jumble sale on Saturday 18th January in the village hall and if you have any jumble that needs dropping off, or collecting, then please contact Di Keyzar, tel 490363.

A reminder that subs of £34.70 are due in January and, as usual, all donations for the Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.



You are invited to come and see THE ARCHIVE SHOW IN THE COFFEE SHOP

"Familiar Places"

Selected pictures from Rod Fitzhugh's Collection

Opening Tuesday 7th January 2014



Two very different films will be shown this January!

Winter Warmers

The next Saturday afternoon film will be **The Remains of the Day** – a thought provoking film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.

Doors open 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm on Saturday 11th January: Tickets £2 for Society members, £5 for non-members.

The next regular film on Wednesday 22nd is an unusual film about what happens when two people with challenging problems meet. **Silver Linings Playbook** – was nominated for an Oscar and stars Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence and Robert de Niro. 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 northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

Parish Records

During her research into the history of North Curry, Angela Dix has transcribed the North Curry Parish Registers from 1539 to the early 20th Century and the North Curry Census Returns from 1841 to 1901.

For those interested in researching the history of their families or their houses or those who are just curious, these records, with over 37,000 entries, are now available on-line by going to <http://www.dixuk.com> and clicking on "Records".



North Curry C of E Primary School Spring Ball

29th March 7:30pm

at Somerset
County Cricket
Club

Tickets £37.50 / £75 a pair

Live music, Cabaret, 3 course meal

All very welcome to come and join in the fun!

Further Info from Anna Baverstock leave message at school office or via fncsball2014@yahoo.co.uk

North Curry Village Choir

The choir will start its spring rehearsal schedule on

Thursday 16th January 2014

(we meet every Thursday evening at 8:00pm in the North Curry Village Hall)

In May we hope to be performing music by Rossini and Vivaldi.



New members are always welcome – do come along.

North Curry Village Show

Please remember the Grand Marmalade Sale, which will be held on Saturday 15th February from 2:30 to 4:30 in the Pavilion. Marmalades, jam and chutney will be for sale. All are welcome.

If you are buying vegetable and flower seeds for the Village Show, please remember to make a note of the variety. The judges do like to see a note describing exactly what they are judging.

Good growing and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Hayley & Friends

North Curry Parish Church

Saturday 8th February 2014

Music from Liz Hayley's Jazz Trio, Jubilee Singers, Fiddlin' Folk and The Ukelele Orchestra of North Curry

Tickets £10 from the Post Office, elizabeth@fizzylizzy.plus.com or 490229 and on the door – Children free



All aboard for 8pm special!



On Wednesday 15th January, Ian Coleby of Creech St Michael will kick off another year of fascinating talks with a "virtual" trip along the West Somerset Railway.

Ian has been a volunteer on the line for 30 years and is now a trustee, the curator and a signaller.

It is the longest standard gauge heritage railway in the UK, with services normally operating over the 20 miles between Bishops Lydeard and Minehead, through some of our most beautiful countryside.

The railway operates a variety of locomotives and is a popular setting for films and television programmes, including BBC TV's Casualty, which is returning to film another sequence in the spring.

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to seeing you.



The children are returning to Pre-school, following the Christmas break, full of excitement and festive tales! We have a number of winter themed activities planned over the coming weeks, as well as our regular Forest School trips to the Willows and Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory where children are experiencing the winter wonderland!

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.



The Reeves Feast Returns!

This ancient Feast is to be revived complete with the meal and traditional customs!

Keep your diary free on

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY

in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Tickets will be £15 and will include the meal and the first drink

On sale in mid-January from the Post Office

The Produce Market

Saturday 4th January

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

After the excess (possibly) of Christmas it might be time to top up on some fresh vegetables, meat and bread all from local producers. We hope you will come and meet friends, recall festivities past and support our loyal producers.

See you there!

A Note for Your 2014 Diary!

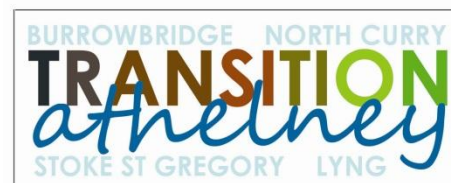
Calling everyone who was sorry to see their apples or pears rotting on the ground this autumn...

Leaving surplus fruit for the wildlife is fine, but if you would have liked to utilise more of it do make a note to contact Brian Jeanes to get on the list for our apple (or pear) pressing days next year. Do please give us as much notice as possible – the more this project grows, the greater our need to be organised ahead of time.

The **apple pressing days** are a **Fruits of Athelney** venture, part of Transition Athelney's efforts to promote local self-reliance and have fun in the process. It is closely linked to our **Food Yards** project, aimed at reducing food miles by selling local food in the local shops. There is of course a serious backdrop to all this – a looming global food crisis and a consumption of fossil fuels in this and other sectors, which simply cannot go on for much longer.

One or two people who attended Stephan Harrison's climate science update in November said they found the picture depressing. It's hard to imagine how *anyone* who is willing to look at the data could feel relaxed about it. But Transition Athelney is not seeking to depress anyone; our twin principles are eco-realism and being positive. In the coming year, we will continue to highlight the challenges facing us, also the many ways in which we can be part of the effort to find solutions. That is what Transition is about.

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



towards a greener community



North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Our last match of 2013 brought probably our best result of the year. Our opponents were Kingscliffe, who are acknowledged as one of the best teams in the area and we expected a tough match. However, without exception, all our nine players produced some of their best bowling of the season and we won the match 64 shots to 47.

We have a match on Sunday 12th January at the village hall against Staplegrove and then on Sunday 26th January the first of our internal singles competitions. On that day we will be playing from 10am until at least 3pm, so why not come along for a short while to see us in action? Admission is free and we will no doubt be able to "rustle up" a cup of tea and a cake or two!

Yoga in North Curry

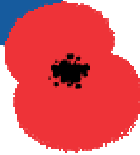
Due to over-subscription of the Monday yoga class in the village, a NEW CLASS for 2014 starts on Thursdays from 9th January, 7:00 – 8:30pm; held at The Pavilion, Greenway. You are welcome to come and try a class – your first class is free.

Hatha Yoga - classes include general limbering, stretching and strengthening sequences, yoga posture work (asana), balancing and co-ordination, breathing exercises and deep relaxation. You are encouraged to work at your own level within a mixed ability class.

Contact Beccy Swaine 01823 490825 www.creativari.com for further details. Classes usually run in 6 week blocks, avoiding Gardening Club dates at the Pavilion.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201
To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102
hallbookings@northcurry.com



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The result of the Poppy Day Appeal amounted to £1,898.42 - which is a very satisfactory result and our thanks go to all who contributed and all those who helped with the distribution.

The Annual Supper will be held on 10th February at 7:30pm for 8:00 at the Bird in Hand. It promises to be an enjoyable evening. The next meeting of the Branch will be on 13th January at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

Some thank you's:

Church Advent Fair

What an amazing Advent Fair we had on 30th November. Thank you to all of you who manned the stalls, made and gave so generously and came and supported us because together we raised an all-time record of £1002.70p.

Shoe Box Appeal

In 2013 we sent 58 shoe boxes, filled with presents, to be sent abroad to less fortunate children. My thanks to parents and children from North Curry Primary School, members of our Church and villagers who worked together to achieve such a splendid total.

Ralph Roberts

Cuppa and Cupcake

Barbara Drakeford was pleased to donate £95.00 to the D.E.C. for the Philippine hurricane relief. Thank you!

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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