



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

FLOODING – PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR DITCHES: If you have a ditch within or bordering your property, you are responsible for maintaining and clearing it. This is particularly important these days, when heavy rain causes local flooding and the ditch may form a vital link in clearing street or land runoff. The responsibility is 50:50 with your neighbour if the ditch borders another property. This is a legal ruling, under the Land drainage Act 1976 and enforced by the Environment Agency.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH FLOOD WATER: This will not only reduce the risk of damage to your own car, but prevents the wake/bow wave causing unnecessary damage to adjacent property and spraying people and other motorists.

LOCAL FLOOD AWARENESS: Don't forget there is a flood awareness help sheet on the North Curry website (www.northcurry.com) that gives useful links and advice relating to flood prevention. It is also available from the Parish Clerk and is on the Parish noticeboard.

WINTER DE-ICING: There are still a few 20kg bags of de-icing material available. These are for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow or ice. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you need one.

ROAD SAFETY: The Parish Council is aware of concerns across the Parish regarding road safety and has formed a sub-committee to look at all practical ways that road safety locally could be improved. If you have particular concerns that you would like to be addressed, or ideas how safety could be improved, bearing in mind the limited Highways resources, they can be passed to the sub-committee via the Parish Clerk.

VILLAGE AGENT: Audrey Mansfield is the new Village Agent for the area. She can be contacted by email at amansfieldva@somersetcc.org.uk or on tel. no. 07870 577925.

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

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

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



THE REEVES FEAST RETURNS!

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

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY
in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Tickets are £15 and are on sale
now at the Post Office

The Reeves Feast

The origins of the feast are lost in antiquity but may date back to Saxon times. The Reeve, or Sherriff, was a royal official responsible for keeping the peace throughout the shire on behalf of the King and the Lords of the Manor.

The earliest documentary evidence dates from 1314 and details, under the king's writ, arrangements for the feast in North Curry. How appropriate then that exactly 700 years later we should be reviving the custom! The Reeve raised a levy on local landowners, which allowed him to distribute food and beer to tenants at Christmastime. The food was distributed by two Dealers, or Dolers, with portions for the tenants and the poor of the parish.

At the feast two large candles were lit and the company could eat and drink until the candles burnt out! Beef, pork bread, beer and mince pies with an effigy of King John on top were the main foods served. Two prominent tenants were named Jack of Knapp and Jack of Slough who took part in the ceremonies, leading the customs, rituals and toasts.

The last full Feast was held in 1865 and it was then converted to a regulated charity which still exists but is now administered by the Parish Council. In recent times the Feast was revived in 1986, 1993, 1995 and 2002.

We hope to see you at this year's Feast, in your Mediaeval outfits ready to join in with good spirit! Tickets are available from the Post Office and we have a limited number.

Liz Gibbs (with thanks to Angela Dix)

Tone Dance

LIFT YOUR SPIRITS – DANCE BASH

The ever popular Dance Bash at
North Curry Village Hall

Put in your diary 22nd February 2014

Dance leader Martyn Knight

Cabaret Spot Tone Dance

Refreshments and bar

All styles of music – the usual great night, great atmosphere and just £12 for tickets; available from North Curry Post Office, Stoke St Gregory Village Shop or Joanne on 01823 491083



The talk about West Somerset Railway that was to have been given by Ian Coleby in January will now be heard on Wednesday 19th February. See more information on this topic in the January Magazine and Pink Sheet.

We are grateful to Julian Comrie for giving his previously postponed talk last month about Pleasures and Treasures in North Curry and beyond.

On 19th March, David Akerman will transport us to the Horn of Africa with a talk on the history, church and people of Ethiopia.

Our meetings are held in North Curry Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month (except August, when we venture out of doors). Membership costs £5 for the year and includes admission to talks, a coffee or tea, and a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker afterwards. There is a pleasant, sociable atmosphere; 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 Produce Market

Saturday 1st February
9:30 - 11:30 in the Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who supported us at the January market despite the floods and rain! We were particularly pleased that our stall holders from 'over the water' – Ann and Carol – made the round trip via Thornfalcon to bring their fresh local produce to the market. We can't promise the waters will have receded by February but I hope we can count on your support this month.

See you there!

Advance notice:

HMS Pinafore

Somerset Opera will be performing again in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12nd March. Full details will follow in the next newsletter. This year they will be presenting *HMS Pinafore* by Gilbert & Sullivan and funds raised will go towards the hall toilet upgrade fund.

The hall executive would like to thank all who had stalls or came and supported the Christmas Coffee Morning and made it such a success.



Two 'French' films this month!

Winter Warmers

Saturday 8th February we will be showing the musical *Les Miserables*; a feast for the eyes and ears!

Doors open at 2:00pm, film starts at 2:30pm. Please note new times.

There will be an interval when tea and cake will be served. Admission is £2.00 for members and £5.00 for visitors and non-members.

The next regular film on Wednesday 26th is *Intouchables* – an irreverent, uplifting comedy about friendship, trust and human possibility, *Intouchables* has broken box office records in its native France and across Europe.

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 www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



North Curry W.I.

2014 began with an interesting and informative talk from the Reverend Peter Taylor on his childhood on Guernsey during the German occupation. Members found tales of his exploits amusing but some rather scary.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th February and will be the W.I. annual birthday party with entertainment from the Avalonian Free State Choir along with tea and birthday cake.

On 27th February North Curry are sending two teams to Ashcott to defend their championship title in Kurling, which was won last year.

Our skittle team are already practicing and a programme of games is already planned for 2014 along with an interesting and informative programme of speakers and events.

If you are interested in joining the W.I. you would be made most welcome as a guest so why not come along and see what we do? We are not all jam and Jerusalem! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in North Curry Village Hall at 2 pm

North Curry Village Choir

The choir meets every

Thursday evening
at 8:00pm
in the

North Curry Village Hall

Our next concert is on 10th May when
we will be performing
Gloria – Vivaldi
Stabat Mater – Pergolesi



New members are always welcome –
do come along.

Contact: Keith Gibbs 01823 490191

New! White Street 200 Club

We are launching a 200 club to support the fundraising activities to run White Street sports and recreation ground.

The cost per number is £12 a year and the three winning numbers will be drawn on the 30th of each month. Prizes: 1st - £25, 2nd - 15 and 3rd - £5.

You don't have to be an active member of either the Cricket or Football clubs to participate, everyone is welcome to join! The first draw will be held on the 30th April 2014.

Registration forms are available from Maria Perry merperry@btinternet.com

491095 or

Michele Olie michele@monksleigh.com

490276

It costs us around £5,000 to run the site.



10th May 2014

Queen Square

2:00 – 4:30pm

There will be a meeting for stall holders on Tues 4th March at 8pm in The Bird in Hand. You can book and pay for your stall and get a receipt.

Michele Olie 490276



Calling all girls between 5 and 6!

Rainbows are starting in North Curry.

We will meet every Tuesday starting 4th February and have lots of fun activities planned.

Come and be part of Girlguiding!

To find out more, please call Gill Slocombe on 07968 302148 or email gill@fossehouse.co.uk or k8tywilliamson@btinternet.com www.girlguiding.org.uk

Village Show

Tired of being shut in while the rain lashes down? Then come to the Marmalade Sale on 15th February between 2:30 – 4:30 in the Pavilion

We will have a variety of marmalades and chutneys and an excellent raffle. There will be teas and an opportunity to chat with friends. We hope to see you there.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

On 6th February, the Speaker will be Ms Angie Blackwell who will lecture on "The Great Crane Project"

Members please note that the Social Evening will be held on 15th March.

Visitors are always welcome.



North Curry Mummers

The Mummers have been performing in North Curry since 1990 and this coming year will be their Silver Jubilee.

They would like to extend their profound thanks for the support they have received from the village, come rain come shine.

Their 2013 performances netted a profit of £150 which, this year, will be going to St Margaret's Hospice.

They would like to ask for your help, however: over the years they have seen many cameras photographing & filming their antics - and yet have relatively few images, especially videos, in the archive. If you have some material that you are willing to share they would be very grateful to receive it!

Please send images to David Lawrence at studio@davidlawrencedesign.co.uk or contact him on 01823 490007. (Multiple images can be sent using www.wetransfer.com).

Art in the Coffee Shop

Elaine Thorneycroft will be exhibiting her work from 11th February to 23rd March. A musician and an artist, Elaine has worked as a print-maker, but she is currently working mainly in watercolour. Her subjects include landscapes, seascapes and the natural world. She has exhibited widely in Somerset and this is her first exhibition at The Coffee Shop.

The Archives Exhibition continues until 9th February.

Jewellery

The Coffee Shop Art and Design Committee would like to invite a new member to the team to take over the role of jewellery organiser. Our small committee shares the task of keeping the walls, shelves and jewellery cabinet stocked. We meet about every 6 weeks in The Coffee Shop to change exhibitions and stock take. Sue Hewlett, responsible for the jewellery for the last couple of years, would be pleased to give anyone interested more details on the role: Telephone 01823 490980.



The children are thoroughly enjoying our new topic, 'People Who Help Us', where we have been finding out all about people who work within the emergency services. We have lots of exciting activities planned based on this theme and are really looking forward to having some visitors from the emergency services come to Little Acorns to talk to us about their work. As well as this, we have also been having lots of adventures during our weekly Forest School trips to the Willows and Wetlands Centre at Stoke St Gregory.

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 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 are very welcome to come
and join in the fun!

Tickets now available from Anna
Baverstock, leave message at school
office, or via focsball2014@yahoo.co.uk
Order forms are available from North
Curry Post Office.

Notes from North Curry and Curland Methodist Church

Preachers for February 2014

- 2nd Rev. Robin Hutt
9th Rev. Deborah Kirk
(Holy Communion)
16th Mrs Margaret Wood
23rd Mr Adrian Prior Sankey
(Home Mission Sunday)

Due to changes in the administration
department, the plan for March is not
yet available.

Please note though that the Woman's
World Day of Prayer is to be at the
Methodist Chapel on Friday 7th March
2014 at 3pm and is to be led by the
Reverend Deborah Kirk.



Save the Children

The results of the various events held
during 2013 are as follows:-

May Fayre	129.20
Christmas card sale	833.44
V.H. Coffee morning	315.45
Donation from Coffee Shop via volunteers	170.00
Miscellaneous donations	50.00
TOTAL	1498.09

That is a great result and very grateful
thanks go out from the Fund to all the
people who helped to make it happen
and so to help children both in the UK
and around the world.

Unfortunately, due to age related
physical and mental decline, I do not
feel able to carry on with organising the
first three events in the future. I am
sure the many kind friends who have
helped me in the past will breathe a
sigh of relief! They are too many to
name individually, but my grateful
thanks go to them all.

In 1967, a resident of North Curry, Elsie
Ward, formed a choir to sing in aid of
Save the Children and a committee was
drawn up to organise fund raising. Since
that time, the people of North Curry and
around have been enormously generous
to the Fund and many thousands of
pounds have been raised. It would be a
great shame if this valuable addition
should stop altogether, so I am making
this appeal...

Is there any person, or group of people
who think they might like to continue
what is now a link with the Taunton
Branch of SCF and organise some fund
raising events?

Do please get in touch with me on
490918. I would be so pleased to meet
you. Many thanks; and here's hoping!

Helen Kittermaster.



Royal British Legion

Our thanks go to all who attended or
helped with the Christmas Bingo – we
raised £218 which will probably be
donated to Dunkirk House.

The Annual Branch Legion Supper will
be held on 10th February at 7:30pm for
8 o'clock at the Bird in Hand; so do
come along for an enjoyable evening
with pleasant company.

There will not be a meeting this month
so the next meeting of the Branch will
be on 10th March, at the Bird in Hand,
starting at 7:30pm.

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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