



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

FLOODING: Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, spring will be sprung and the flooding situation will be improving. Our thoughts are with all those who have been adversely affected by the flooding and money may still be available from the Emergency Flood Relief and Recovery Fund – contact the Parish Clerk for details or go to www.somersetcf.org.uk and follow the “flood appeal” link.

Updates on the flooding situation, guidance on what to do in the case of your property being at risk of flooding and useful contact details can be accessed online at www.somersetnewsroom.com, on the Environment Agency website and also on the North Curry website www.northcurry.com. For those without access to the internet please contact the Parish Clerk.

BAD WEATHER – A FEW REMINDERS: In view of the extreme weather experienced recently please remember to; take particular care when driving on country roads where you may come across unexpected flooding or landslips; to drive slowly through flood water; if you see a vehicle being driven too fast/inconsiderately through flood water, police advice is to take the registration number and report it to our PCSO Lynsey Gamblin (07789 753820). Also, if you notice any issues with the road, such as potholes, landslides, mud etc. remember they can be reported on the Somerset County Council website – www.somerset.gov.uk or call **0845 345 9155**.

BLOCKED DRAINS - During windy weather or flooding, please ensure any recycling put out for collection is secure and cannot blow away or get swept into nearby drains.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS – Thank you to all those who responded to recent requests for new Parish Councillors. The Parish Council is pleased to report that it again has a full complement of 13 members following the recent co-options of Graham Cable and David Akerman.

PLANNING – Are you concerned about the effect the new National Planning Policy Framework is having on rural communities? Welford-on-Avon Parish Council have lodged an e-petition urging the Government to make three amendments to improve the Framework. If you would like to support this petition the link is: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/59376>.

PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR MARCH - 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



- **What happened when the Queen of Sheba met King Solomon?**
- **Where is the Ark of the Covenant?**
- **What did the poet Rimbaud do in the 4th holiest city of Islam?**

If you want some answers to these questions, then come to an illustrated talk by David Akerman on 19th March about a fairly recent trip to Ethiopia visiting some of the ancient sites and ways of life of a country that is rapidly coming into the 21st century.

Next month, on 16th April Dr. Peter Stanier will be giving us an insight into the landscape and industrial archaeology of some of Somerset's canals and navigable rivers.

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.

LEST WE FORGET

You are probably aware that the Society is planning to hold an exhibition in the Church on 28th July 2014 to commemorate the outbreak of WW1 in 1914. We know that the media will be saturated with information and events on a global scale leading up to this event and we would like therefore to concentrate on our local area and present population.

If your grandparents, father, or mother, were actively involved in the war, could I ask you to e-mail me a short paragraph (say 100 words) describing what happened to them, no matter where they were living at the time. We would like to display a collection of such paragraphs by residents at the exhibition and I am sure these would be of great interest.

We want to emphasise the horror and anguish of the Great War and remind people of what did happen lest we and our children forget.

Please help us by responding to alsheb224@btinternet.com



Two more this month!

Winter Warmers

Saturday 8th March – **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen** Doors open at 2:30pm, film starts at 3:00pm.

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

The next regular film on Wednesday 26th March is **No** – a South American film dramatising the referendum that the Chilean President General Pinochet called and its surprising outcome: A simple, direct, heartfelt and involving film.

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

A View to the Future

In response to the inundation of our farms, villages and roads - attention is focusing on immediate relief and short term measures to alleviate flooding. Consultations are taking place regarding measures to avoid a repeat. These measures may include dredging, slowing the upstream and midstream run off into our rivers and the reduction of soil erosion from fields, which causes rivers to silt up.

Transition Athelney are firmly of the view that man-made climate change is contributing to the extreme weather and so are committed to highlighting positive responses to the situation.

So we are planning a Public Meeting, in the coming months, to outline some 'Green Energy' Initiatives developing in the South West, which will contribute to the creation of a more manageable future.

Details of this meeting will be published nearer the time .Contact: Brian on 490623 or email ta@bkjeanes.co.uk



towards a greener community



Barn Dancing Club

Apologies to all for having to cancel February's gathering owing to floods - we hope for better weather in **March** when our session will be on **Wednesday 5th at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

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.



Calling all girls between 5 and 6 (or very nearly 5!)

Rainbows have started in North Curry.

We meet every Tuesday and have lots of fun trying new things, playing games and being with friends.

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



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March when Lady Skelmersdale will lecture on "Where does your Garden Grow".

The Social Evening will take place in the Village Hall on 15th March - 7:00 for 7:30pm. The event is free to all members but the cost to visitors is £15. Visitors are always welcome.



North Curry W.I.

North Curry W.I. next meeting is on Wednesday 5th March. The subject is flower arranging and the guest speaker will be from Eden Flowers of Taunton. Each month we collect items for the Taunton Food Bank so if you would like to donate suitable foods/toiletries these can be brought to the hall or given to any W.I. member. We meet every first Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 2 pm.

We have a very interesting programme for this year and new members are always welcome.

Mothering Sunday Posy Making

Saturday 29th March

If you have flowers and greenery to spare, please bring them to North Curry Church before 9:30am on Saturday 29th March.

If you have no flowers or greenery, but time to spare, you are also very welcome to come and help make up posies for Sunday's service – we need your help! Good company and good coffee promised! Children welcome.



Save the Children

I have recently obtained figures which show that over the past decade (2003-2013 inc.) the people of North Curry, its satellites and some ex-pats and friends in general have contributed a massive £20,963.80 to the Save the Children Fund.

Wow!! What a fantastic result!

On behalf of the Fund, I would like to say congratulations and very many thanks to all of you, who have helped to achieve this figure, especially by spending your money.

I still am hoping that someone will volunteer to follow me as the North Curry contact for the Save the Children Fund.

Helen Kittermaster [490918]

Book Now for



Somerset Opera sing
Gilbert and Sullivan

on

12th March

7:30pm

in North Curry Village Hall

Tickets £10 from
North Curry Post Office
or ring 490201

Profits go to the upgrade
of the hall toilets



The children are still really enjoying our topic 'People Who Help Us' and had a great time when the fire-engine recently came to visit. We've also had a visit from St. Giles Kennels, who kindly came in to talk to us about animals and to teach us how to approach dogs safely. With Mothering Sunday just around the corner, the children are also busy making some special little trinkets!

Despite the soggy weather, our intrepid explorers have still donned their waterproofs and winter-woollies and headed over to the Willows and Wetlands Centre at Stoke St. Gregory to enjoy lots of exciting outdoor activities.

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.

Cathedral of the Moors 2014 concert season continues

Following last year's "cathedral of the moors" concert season that was brought to a glorious climax with North Curry Village Choir's Christmas Concert, and the splendid farewell concert by Liz Hayley & Friends last month, your Parish Church continues its musical offering with the highly regarded Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir on the evening of the churchyard clean-up day, Saturday 12th April. Then on Saturday 10th May our Village Choir return with Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* and Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a fitting conclusion to May Fayre. More details elsewhere and later but make a note in your diary of these opportunities to relax and enjoy inspiring music after busy days out of doors.

Conquest Centre for Disabled Riding

Coffee morning
Bring and Buy
Raffle

On Saturday 5th April

At Oamaru, The Fosse North Curry
10am til 12 noon



North Curry School

I feel extremely proud and privileged to be the head teacher of North Curry C. of E. Primary School and I am very excited and looking forward to working with the children, staff, parents, church and community.

It has been a very busy but enjoyable start. The children have really impressed me with their effort, attitude and behaviour around the school. It is a pleasure to speak to the children and hear them talk so enthusiastically about their education. It is equally pleasing to hear words such as please and thank you used regularly throughout the school and to see much kindness shown throughout each day.

I have really appreciated the welcome I have received by the staff, the parents and members of the community.

I have already met 'Katie' the village cat and been in to the Coffee Shop for a cup of tea!

My priority as head teacher is the welfare and education of each individual child. I believe that, in order for them to achieve their fullest potential, they need to first and foremost be happy to come to school and feel safe and secure here. Secondly, they need to receive excellent teaching and be given a variety of experiences and learning opportunities to enable them achieve. Finally, they need us all to work well together and I look forward to building good working relationships with everyone.

Mark Braund

North Curry Archives

The Trustees would like to thank the Coffee Shop helpers who nominated the Archives for their donations. We appreciate your kind gesture and confirm that this money will be wisely spent. Please note our new email address is ncarchives@northcurryarchives.co.uk The Archives' aim is to provide a service to people with a connection to North Curry, past and present. If you have any photos, postcards or literature that would be of interest, do visit us, we would love to see you.

White Street 200 Club getting ready to launch!

In the next few weeks North Curry Sport Ltd will be delivering White Street 200 Club forms to those who've expressed an interest so far.

The response so far has been very encouraging but there are still plenty of numbers left - please let us know if you'd like to get involved!

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 take place on 30th April.

Registration forms are available from Maria Perry merperry@btinternet.com 491095 or Michele Olie michele@monksleigh.com 490276

The 200 club will support the running of the White Street sports and recreation ground.



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 fncsball2014@yahoo.co.uk Order forms are available from North Curry Post Office.



North Curry short mat bowls club

Our match at the village hall against Staplegrove resulted in a draw whilst the home match against Trull was, regrettably, lost by 43 shots to 56.



The Club Singles Tournament was, as usual, extremely well organised by our Chairman, Mervyn Gridley and well supported by members. Singles champion was Les Derham with Trevor Gridley runner up. For the ladies Julia Davies and Lindsey Musgrave could not be separated and will play a deciding match at a later date in order to award the Ladies Cup.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102

hallbookings@northcurry.com

Royal British Legion

The Annual supper was well attended and we had a very enjoyable evening, with excellent food and good company.

The next meeting will be on March 10th at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

Want to try something new and feel healthier?

The Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) is one of 49 organisations across England funded by Sport England. Part of SASP's role is to support increases in sports participation across the adult community in Somerset which we aim to do in a number of different ways:

Volunteer Led Local Activity

Due to the travel distances between our beautiful towns and villages in Somerset SASP is keen to support local people within their villages to start and sustain sporting activity on their own doorstep for their family, friends and neighbours. This support can take many different forms from the loan of equipment, basic promotional material, help with funding applications, sometimes we are able to offer financial support towards sporting qualifications. Examples of projects we have supported include; Back to Netball sessions where bibs and balls are loaned and a start-up coach is found for 6 weeks, boccia, bowls, table tennis equipment loan and start up deliverers for older people, school gates/evening beginner running groups where financial support has been offered to qualify someone as a Run Leader, promotion and loan of equipment of things like fun Rush Hockey (hockey with a bigger ball negating the need for shin pads and gum shields).

Solutions differ in different areas and for different groups of people. We are always keen to ensure everyone gets a chance to participate so activities aimed at those who are older or who have mobility issues are also a key focus.

Signposting to local activity

We also offer support with Community Games/open days to help introduce some of the sporting activities and gather thoughts from the community about what everyone would like to do on a more regular basis. We also provide a one stop shop of activities right across Somerset through www.zingsomerset.co.uk.

What to do next if you are interested

Please contact Jane Knowles on 01823 653990 or email jknowles@sasp.co.uk if you would like to register interest in providing or promoting activity in your area.

North Curry Village Choir

Our next concert will be on
10th May – the day of the May Fair

Come along to the Parish Church at
7:30pm to hear some wonderful
music by

Vivaldi (1678-1741), Durante (1684-
1755) and Pergolesi (1710-1736)

One of our soloists will be
Lorna Anderson.

Lorna has sung with the
Glyndebourne Touring Opera, the
English Consort, the Sixteen, the
King's Consort, the Halle Orchestra,
the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, the
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the
BBC Symphony Orchestra, as well as
making a number of recordings.

It should be a memorable evening.

More details next month

The Produce Market

Saturday 1st March

9:30 – 11:30am in the Village Hall

We have managed to keep the market going despite the floods and thanks are due to our producers who have battled through whatever the weather! We hope all the usual stalls selling bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat, cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables will be there in March as well as some Easter specials.

We will be taking orders for Traidcraft's Real Easter Egg – details will be available on the stall.



See you there!

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



<http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>