



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 7th May in the Village Hall. In addition to the presentation of the Chairman's Report and Annual Accounts we look forward to a short presentation by the school and the Environment Agency have also been invited to give a presentation on flooding and the way forward (details to be confirmed).

SOMERSET LEVELS RELIEF FUND: It's not too late to give donations to the Somerset Levels Relief Fund. This fund aims to raise £2-3million for the long term management of the Levels. Money from the fund will go towards match funding money that is coming from National Government. Leaflets giving further details are available in the Coffee Shop, Post Office, Wrantage Mill and Parish Office or at www.bathandwest.com. Donations can be made via the website, on tel. no. 01749 822200 or by sending a cheque to Somerset Levels Relief Fund, c/o The Royal Bath & West of England Society, The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 6QN. Donations to the Somerset Farmers Fund can also be made via the website above.

HELP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING? Grants are still available from the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) for businesses and homes that were affected by the flooding. The SCF aim to provide essential support not covered by other funds. Full details and application forms are available on the www.somersetcf.org.uk website or, if you don't have internet access, speak to the Parish Clerk. A rebate on Council Tax is also available for premises that are/were unoccupied due to flooding.

COAST TO COAST CYCLE CHALLENGE - 18TH MAY Volunteers to help marshal this Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance fund raiser as it passes through the area are sought. If you could spare some time on that day please contact Tina Viksna on 01823 669604 or email tina.viksna@dsairambulance.org.uk.

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

Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

Village Hall Annual General Meeting



This is an invitation to you, a resident of North Curry, to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 8th April at 7:30pm in the Meeting room of the hall. Pictures of the Reeves Feast will be on show!

Help wanted - it's no joke!

The Chair, Liz Gibbs is standing down after four years on the committee, three of which she took over the position of Chairman. We are looking for volunteers to replace two vacancies on the committee - Chairman, Vice Chairman. If you feel you could help a dedicated committee in running this valuable village asset please contact the Secretary, Joan Gubbin, on 490201 or come to the AGM. Without a Chairman to complete the committee it will not be possible to keep the hall functioning. Please consider helping us.



at Stocksley Grange

Saturday 26th April in North Curry Village Hall

Three course dinner with first drink free for £15

You are invited to book a table for eight for dinner with Sir Brian and Lady Sylvia Burrows. Invitations cost £15 a head apart from the host who comes free. The host will provide a starter and pudding for their table. Contact Joan on 490201 for full details and invitations for the evening.

Invitations are also extended to anyone who would like to join a table for the evening. Contact Joan on 490201 to book a seat(s) on a table.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Profits will go to renovate the toilets at Stocksley Grange (aka the Village Hall).

Find out more about running the parish sports facilities

Anyone interested in finding out more about North Curry Sport Ltd is warmly invited to come along to the Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, 28th April at the sports club pavilion at White Street.

The 12-acre site is home to North Curry cricket and football and there is a flourishing woodland and wildlife area.

All activities are run by volunteers – from the sports teams and youth coaching to grounds maintenance, conservation and fundraising.

For further information or nominations for the committee, please contact Chairman Anne Pike on 490170; whitestreet@northcurry.com



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 23rd April. **Tell No One** is a gripping thriller with a widower haunted by emails from his wife who may still be alive despite being murdered eight years earlier. Starring Kristin Scott Thomas this classy plot holds the attention as it twists and turns.

The film will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm. Non-members will be admitted from 7:30pm at an admission fee of £5.

Don't forget you can purchase a half year membership for £10 if anyone would like to join for the last five films.

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

The Produce Market

**Saturday 5th April
9:30 - 11:30 in the Village Hall**

There's a real buzz at this popular monthly market and all the usual stalls selling bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat, cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables will be there again in April. If you ordered Real Easter Eggs don't forget to pick them up.

See you there!

The North Curry Community Coffee Shop Annual General Meeting



The 8th North Curry Community Coffee shop AGM will be held at

**The Playing Fields Pavilion,
Greenway, North Curry
7:30 pm Friday 25th April**

There are five forthcoming vacancies including Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Each member will receive an invitation, members of the community wishing to become a member or a committee member are welcome to join us at the AGM or be nominated via a nomination form available from the coffee shop.

Each committee member will hold responsibilities to ensure the continued smooth running of the coffee shop to further our donations to the community, currently exceeding £70,000.

Only members are eligible to vote at the AGM but please come along and join our friendly team and be a part of a respected and established successful community venture.

Light refreshments will be served.



North Curry W.I.

The next few weeks are extremely busy with no less than four road shows and an antiques supper at Horton, not to mention the Golf Taster day, skittles matches and our usual meeting. It's a wonder we ever get a chance to make jam!

A reminder that our speaker for the meeting on 4th April will now be Deanne de Burgh who will tell us all about the history of chocolate and chocolate favours. There will be Easter related chocolate gifts available to purchase from her at the end of the meeting and the competition is "Three Easter Biscuits".

Once again any donations for the Food Bank will be much appreciated.



Somerset Waterways

On 16th April Dr. Peter Stanier, an industrial archaeology expert, will be giving North Curry Society an insight into the landscape and history of some of Somerset's canals and navigable rivers, reviewing the surviving evidence from these waterways.

Pat Hase returns in May to tell us about Victorian pleasures and pastimes in her popular series on family and local history topics.

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 and a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee. There is a pleasant, sociable atmosphere; visitors are very welcome to attend, on payment of a small entrance charge (which does include the coffee).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Lest we forget

The Parish Church is hosting an exhibition on 28th July to mark 100 years since the outbreak of WW1. The exhibition is the joint venture of the Society and Archives and will concentrate on our area and those who live here.

Alan Billingham, Society Chairman and an Archives Trustee, is assembling a collection of memories. If your relations were involved in the war, whether on active service or at home, please email Alan a short paragraph (say 100 words) describing what happened to them, no matter where they were living at the time. This will provide a local dimension to the global information and events that will be saturating the media.

The exhibition is a commemoration, not a celebration. We want to emphasise the horror and anguish of the war and remind people of what did happen, lest we and our children forget.

Please respond to alsheb224@btinternet.com

A Gather of Glass

The Village Hall will have a table selling items made of glass at the May Fair. If anyone has some pieces they would be happy to donate to sell in aid of the toilet upgrade please contact Helen Kittermaster on 490918 to arrange collection.

Service dates for North Curry/ Curland Methodist Church

March

2nd Mrs G Allinson 6:30 Song of Praise
9th Rev'd S Mares
16th Mrs J Sleep
23rd Rev'd D Kirk (Holy Communion)
30th Mr D Day

April

6th Mr K Bird
13th Mrs M Wood (Palm Sunday)
20th Rev'd A Cox (Easter Day)
27th Mr R Jones

May

4th Rev'd R Hutt
11th Rev'd D Kirk (Holy Communion)
18th Mr D Clithero
25th Mrs T Ella



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd April in North Curry Pavilion at 7:45pm for 8:00pm. The speaker will be Mr Paul Newman, who will lecture on 'Garden Ponds for Wildlife'.

A visit to the Eden Project has been arranged for Wednesday 9th April. Departure time for the coach is 8:15am from Stoke St Gregory and 8:30am from North Curry. Concessions are priced at £25.25, whilst full price is £29.25 each. If you haven't already reserved a seat and are interested in the visit, would you please contact Mrs Margaret Tomkins on 490506 as soon as possible. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

Friday 9th of May sees us visiting the RHS Malvern Spring Show – the cost will be £33 each. For details contact Margaret Tomkins on 490506.

North Curry Village Choir

Our next concert will be on

10th May at 7:30pm
– the day of the May Fair

Come along to the Parish Church to hear some wonderful music

Vivaldi (1678-1441) - Gloria
Durante (1684-1755) - Magnificat
Pergolesi (1710-1736) - Stabat Mater

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.

The choir will be accompanied by the organ and a string ensemble.

It should be a memorable evening.



10th May 2014
Queen Square
2:00 – 4:30pm

There will be a last opportunity for stall holders to book their stalls on Wednesday 23rd April at 8pm in The Bird in Hand. The current May Fayre Committee will be retiring after this year's Fayre. At least two people will need to form a new committee if this lovely village tradition is to continue. An ideal way to 'learn the ropes' would be to come along and join in with the team for this year. An enjoyable, varied and interesting experience and always a really good laugh.

Michele Olie, Chair 490276 and Alison Kyle, Treasurer 491105

Village Show

The Village Show Committee thanks everyone who came and supported the recent Marmalade Sale; also a big thank you to those who donated marmalade and chutney. All the profits from this sale go to staging the Village Show, which will be held on 16th August. We will also be at the May Fayre, with plants, chutney and schedules for the Show – we look forward to seeing you there

Tuesday Lunch Club

At its 4th March meeting, the Tuesday Club donated the door takings amounting to £135 to the FLAG Distress Fund. This was appropriate as the talk that day, by Dave Patten, was on the Great Flood of 1929 where the bank burst at Athelney rendering over 100 locals homeless and progress down Curload could only be made by boat. It was interesting that two of the members present - Ethel Rowe and Joyce Stagg - could remember being carried in boats 85 years ago. The cause then was blamed on poor bank maintenance and the call went up for a new canal to be made from Langport to the sea. So nothing has changed here then.

An Evening with Penguins

Saturday 5th April at 7:30pm
North Curry Village Hall

Alongside Table Mountain, the African Penguins of Boulders Beach are one of the sights of South Africa's Cape Town.

Join photographer and North Curry resident Ethne Conlin for a viewing of the film **CITY SLICKERS** (50 minutes), introduced by a short talk by Ethne on her volunteer work monitoring penguins on Robben Island and Dassen Islands.

Tickets £5 (no concessions) on the door. Children under 12 free.



Royal British Legion

Make a date of 10th May as it will be the May Fayre!

As usual we shall be running the GRAND RAFFLE – so members are requested to donate prizes for the event.

Members of the committee had a very pleasant trip to Dunkirk House last week to present the Manager with a cheque for £200. We were made very welcome and our gift was much appreciated. The rest home is being doubled in size and we were given the grand tour and were very impressed with what has been built.

The next meeting will be on 14th April at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

Fundraising concert

The highly acclaimed **TAUNTON DEANE MALE VOICE CHOIR** will be singing in North Curry Parish Church on **Saturday 12th April** to raise funds for the church.

The choir sings just about everything: Welsh hymn tunes as you'd expect; rousing, inspirational and emotional music from every genre; opera choruses, stage musicals, popular ballads, traditional and folk songs, songs from other countries... something for everyone.

The guest soloist, **Danielle Stacey-Evans** from Milverton, is studying music at Richard Huish College and also plays the flute and cello. She recently achieved a distinction in Grade 8 singing and intends to study music, particularly singing, at university. Danielle has performed to great acclaim several times with the West Somerset Singers and enjoys exploring and performing a wide variety of music from folk to classical.

Ticket £8 (includes light refreshments) from the Post Office, or on the door. The concert starts 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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