



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** Don't forget, this year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Don't miss out on presentations from the school and Environment Agency.

**T. DEANE REPORT OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION – Site Allocations & Development Management Plan (Sadmp):** This document is available for viewing at [consultidf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/sadmp/report\\_of\\_consultation/sadmpreport](http://consultidf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/sadmp/report_of_consultation/sadmpreport). Pages 115 - 123 & 143 - 144 refer specifically to North Curry. It is not a consultation document and TDBC is not obliged to respond to further correspondence on its 'Initial Response' to issues raised until the next stage of Plan preparation. The next stage of Plan preparation is the Draft Plan stage, currently proposed for summer 2014. The Parish Council will be writing to TDBC to express their concerns about the number of houses now being allocated to North Curry, Parishioners are free to submit their own comments as they see fit.

**ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS:** Please pass any road safety concerns you have (and suggested solutions) to the Parish Clerk who will forward them on to the Road Safety Sub-Committee to consider.

**FLOOD GRANTS:** If your property/business has been affected by flooding, grants of up to £5,000 are now available for flood resilience or resistance measures, to help reduce the risk of flooding of your property in future. Contact J. Harcombe on 01823 356559 or email [j.harcombe@tauntondeane.gov.uk](mailto:j.harcombe@tauntondeane.gov.uk) for more details. Taunton Deane have also agreed to give Council Tax relief to those who stayed in flooded homes and will consider on a case by case basis relief for those who were cut off by the floods.

**THEFTS FROM OUTBUILDINGS:** There have been a number of thefts from outbuildings in the area recently. Don't forget to keep your outbuildings secured and mark your property with a postcode or name.

**RECYCLING/REFUSE:** Collections following the May Bank Holidays will be one day later than your normal collection. Please also note that The Priorswood Recycling Centre now opens 7 days a week 8am-4pm.

**COAST TO COAST CYCLE CHALLENGE IN NORTH CURRY:** On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance will be holding their Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge. Starting at 11am in Watchet, the route will bring up to 550 cyclists through North Curry. They will come up 13 Bends, through Knapp, over Borough Post, down Oxen Lane and south down Greenway. Please take care when driving in this area on that day.

**PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR MAY:** Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

## North Curry Village Hall

Thank you to all who have supported our various fundraising events over the last year. We now have given the go-ahead to do the work on the Gents toilet and hope it won't be long before we will be able to complete it. We are still fundraising for the Ladies so look



out for forthcoming events – the auction of promises on 14<sup>th</sup> June which has some wonderful prizes. More details in the next newsletter.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Did you know that it is World Toilet Day on 19<sup>th</sup> November? To celebrate we are having a photographic competition in aid of the Ladies toilets so keep a look out through the summer for quirky, unusual, humorous or beautiful toilets.

Details on how to enter to follow.

A loo with a view anyone?



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. **Black Book** is set in the Netherlands in World War 2. Essentially a thriller which will keep you guessing right to the end!

We can offer a half year membership at £10 to anyone who would like to join for the last four films.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website [northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

## The Produce Market

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
9:30-11:30am in the Village Hall

The sun shone and we had a very busy market last month, do come and join us in May when we will have bedding plants from Mike Hutchings and some more unusual plants hand reared by Carol Smith. There will also be lots of good things from local producers - stalls include organic local pork and lamb, cheese, bread, cakes, pasties, eggs, vegetables and honey, plenty of jams and chutneys to tempt you and some excellent crafts and cards. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas and a stall for the local hospice. It's all things 'local'!

See you there!



## North Curry W.I.

The AGM and Resolutions will be held at the meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 start. This will be followed by a quiz and tea. No competition this month, but Food Bank donations will be gratefully received.

A reminder that the "Flower Power" day is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am until 3:15pm, Broadway Village Hall.



### Victorian pleasures and pastimes

Local historian Pat Hase returns to North Curry on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (8pm in the Village Hall) to tell us about Victorian pleasures and pastimes in her popular series of talks on family and local history topics. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

### May Fayre

The combined North Curry Society and North Curry Archives stall at the May Fayre will be displaying some of the Society's photographs held in the archive room above the coffee shop. Publications chronicling the history and natural environment of the parish will also be on sale. As an innovation, this year we will be selling **second hand jewellery** (not bric-a-brac) and would be very grateful for donations, which can be delivered to Sue Bethune (tel 490179) beforehand.

Our annual coffee morning is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the garden of The Old Malthouse, Stoke Road by courtesy of Don and Sue Bethune.

### Lest we forget

Please let Alan Billinghamurst [alsheb224@btinternet.com](mailto:alsheb224@btinternet.com) have any First World War reminiscences that have been passed down by relatives or friends, to be displayed at the exhibition we are holding in the Parish Church to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war.

## Glass Gathering

The village hall stall welcomes donations of glass items for its stall at the May Fair. Please contact Helen Kittermaster to arrange delivery or collection on 490 918. Profits to go to the renovation of the toilets in the hall. Many thanks.

## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

The next meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May when Mr Stephen Griffith will lecture on "Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens". Meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:45 for 8:00pm. Visitors are always welcome.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May a visit is planned to Malvern Spring Show and the cost is £33 per person. There are still seats available for this trip and the cost includes the coach fare and the admission charge to the show. For further details, please contact Mrs Margaret Tomkins on 490506.

An evening visit will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August to Cannington College followed by supper at a nearby hostelry. The coach will leave at 4:30pm and return around 9:30pm to 10:00pm. For more details contact Mrs Mary Earley on 490769



The children all had a wonderful time at our Easter party, enjoying lots of Easter themed activities. A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and also to parents and carers for their delicious contributions towards our splendid party tea.

We are also continuing to have lots of exciting adventures on our weekly visits to the Willows and Wetlands Centre at Stoke St Gregory, even more so now that we can enjoy our packed lunches alfresco!

Our new topic is 'Families and Food' where we are collecting photographs of our families to make a display and we will also be making some scrumptious treats to take home.

This year Little Acorns, along with North Curry Primary School, will be running the Cream Tea stall at the May Fayre. We do hope that you will be able to come along and support us!

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.

## NCCL Volunteer Wanted

North Curry Community Ltd. (NCCL) is the Company which manages the Town Farm Stable building and is Landlord to the Parish Office, Coffee Shop and Angela's. The small management team seeks an additional member to undertake administrative tasks such as taking minutes of the occasional Directors' meetings, dealing with general correspondence and book-keeping. This is an important, although not unduly onerous, community task. Anyone interested should speak to Richard Lander (01823 491694) or Brian Dix (01823 490665)

### North Curry Village Choir presents

### An evening of Baroque Music

Vivaldi (1678-1441) - Gloria

Durante (1684-1755) - Magnificat

Pergolesi (1710-1736) - Stabat Mater

Lorna Anderson – Soprano

Amy Blythe - Alto

Miles Quick – Organ

Scott Morrison – Musical director

String ensemble

**10<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm**

### North Curry Parish Church

Tickets (£10 – under 21 £5) available from the Post Office members of the choir or at the door

Refreshments available. It should be a memorable evening.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

**North Curry Independent Baptist Church** warmly invites anyone who would like a bit of company and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee on the **last Friday of every month** starting **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014** to come to the chapel up the hill **from 10:30am to 12 noon**.

If transport is a problem for you please contact: Sylvia Foxwell on 01823 283940 or Mairi Wandless on 01823 490104.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Adult Beginners Ukulele Class

Learn to play and strum chords to some favourite songs 6 week course starting Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2:00 to 3:00pm North Curry Village Hall

Booking essential

For more info:

[www.kevintoller.com](http://www.kevintoller.com)

email [kevin@kevintoller.com](mailto:kevin@kevintoller.com)

Tel: 01823 490109

## Bells at the May Fayre

Never visited the church tower? Or maybe you have and would like to see it again?

Now here's your chance on 10<sup>th</sup> May ...

The tower will be open to visitors for the duration of the May Fayre and some of the ringers will be on hand to show you round – for a modest fee...

For health & safety reasons we can't let visitors loose on a bell – bear in mind ringing is a skill which takes some time to learn – but we'll be glad to show you the ropes and give you an idea of how it's done. You can admire North Curry's best view as well.

If after that you've not been totally put off and would like to learn: that can be arranged!

Contact: Paul Scott 490679



## Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our session will be a week **later** this month on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

### North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)

## Jubilee Singers Workshop

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 the Jubilee Singers are holding a singing workshop in North Curry Village Hall – 2:30pm to 5:00pm. The workshop will be led by our conductor Elaine Thorneycroft-Gibb and will include vocal coaching and the chance to learn some new songs. Our repertoire is varied – from John Rutter to John Denver. Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary and you do not need to be able to read music. All music will be provided. Cost £7.00. If you can pre-register this would be helpful to give us an idea of numbers but if you want to just turn up on the day you are most welcome.

We meet regularly on a Monday and so if you cannot attend this workshop but are interested in joining this friendly group please contact us for further details.

For more information contact:

Gill on 01823 490812 or Fran on 01823 491473

Email: [ncjubileesingers@gmail.com](mailto:ncjubileesingers@gmail.com)

## One of Your “Five-a-Day”?

As usual, we are planning to have our “Smoothie Cycle” at the May Fair again this year. Do come along and either have a go at producing a pedal-powered fresh fruit smoothie or, perhaps, simply enjoy watching others working hard. Whichever you do you can consider for a few moments just how much energy goes in to making these drinks and is used in all the other convenience gadgets we take for granted every day in our homes.

On the subject of energy, everyone should now be aware how much we depend on fossil fuels for our lifestyles and also just how fragile is the dependable supply of these fuels especially from Eastern Europe. Indeed we need to try to be more self-sufficient and clearly renewables can play a huge role in this.

To highlight some of the initiatives which are developing in the South West to provide “green” energy for homes, industry and transport we are planning a public meeting in September. We will have demonstrations and speakers on a range of topics including solar power, biomethane and even tidal lagoons.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email [ta@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:ta@bkjeanes.co.uk)



towards a greener community

## New developments at the playing field

We reported in September that we had planned to install a zip wire and a play net with 106 monies and a grant we had been successful in getting, together with some of the fundraising monies the committee has raised.

We have had offers of help from a number of Dad's to help install part of the equipment where there is no machinery required and it is primarily labouring with spades, however more help would be appreciated. If you can help in any way we would be very keen to hear from you, [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com) or give Andy a ring 490046 or 07771 748 518

Come and have a chat about how you could help at the AGM or the May Fayre where we will be manning the BBQ and Pimm's stall beside the Beer Tent.

We hope that the works will be completed mid-May.

In addition we are hoping at the same time to deliver two further developments. First a Basket swing, funded by kind donations from the Coffee Shop and again we need help in keeping the costs down by having help to install the safety surface around the swing.

Finally we have been awarded £3,400 from the Outdoor Activity 106 money from the White Hart development which we are using to put artificial play surfaces in front of the two football goals, which are also to be relocated due to the play net and the proximity of Greenway for stray shots.

### AGM Time

That time of year and we, like other organisations, have our AGM fast approaching; we are looking for a new treasure so if you are comfortable with Excel and would like to help keep us on a financial even keel please give Andy a ring to discuss what is actually required, about 30 minutes a week and then our monthly meetings.

### 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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk) or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com) or call 07721 454593



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

## Riding for the Disabled Conquest Centre

A wonderful sum of £450 was raised at the Coffee Morning on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

A big thank you to all who came and the helpers and those who gave donations. Diana Highley

## Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Methodist Chapel Gardens  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
10-12noon

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



## The Royal British Legion

The big event this month is the May Fayre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – so come along and join in the fun.

The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

## Children's Hospice SW and St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who helped and especially to all who came and supported it.

£355 was the total raised.  
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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014**  
Church Road and Queen Square

**2:00pm – 4:30pm**

For your enjoyment there will be:

- Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden ◦
- Cheese and wine under the copper beech tree ◦
- Horse and cart rides ◦
- Plants, cakes, jams and pickles ◦
- Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden ◦
- Coconut shy ◦ Refreshing May Fayre Punch ◦ Children's entertainments ◦

There will be many interesting charity and non-charity stalls. Come prepared to carry home cakes, jams, plants, and many other delectable items and happy memories.

**Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1.00**

Please follow the signs to this car park. We would really like to encourage you to park here as it is important to keep the main roads through the village clear for the fire brigade, ambulances and large farm traffic. All parking proceeds go to provide entertainments at the Fayre. There is a safe pedestrian route from Manor Field along the Fosse to the Fayre.

We would like to thank our sponsor: The Bird in Hand Pub