



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** The Parish Council regrets to report that George Jones has resigned his post as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council would like to thank George for all his hard work and input over the last three years. The process to fill this vacancy is under way and, unless an election is requested by Parishioners, the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If you would like to find out more about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk, or speak to any of your current Parish Councillors who would be happy to discuss what they get up to as a Parish Councillor!

**WILD FLOWER SURVEYOR WANTED:** If you are a budding botanist, or perhaps an ageing botanist, your help would be appreciated in identifying the wild flowers now growing in the community woodland at White Street. The area was seeded a few years ago and a range of flowers are now appearing which we would like to list. This is a voluntary role but recognition of the surveyor's contribution could be made in any subsequent records. If you think you could help, please contact the Parish Clerk or Phil Stone on 491689.

**THANK YOU TO MICHÈLE OLIE AND ALISON KYLE:** The Parish Council would like to express sincere thanks to Michèle Olie and Alison Kyle for the hard work they have put in over many years organising the North Curry May Fairs. It is always a fun and successful event, whatever the weather(!) and without those willing to take on the task of organising it, it could not happen.

**ROAD HAZARDS!** Inconsiderate parking continues to be an issue in the village, particularly in front of Sycamore Row, in White Street near the Stoke Road junction and near The Pavement/Greenway corner. Where off road parking is provided, please make use of it; where on road parking is unavoidable, please park considerately and do not cause a hazard for other road users. Remember the Highway Code; **parking should not be opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, near a school entrance or on a bend.**

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

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting 8:00 pm

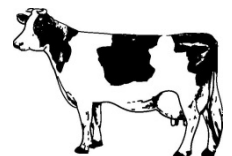
**CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

## North Curry Playing Fields Annual General Meeting Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at 8:30pm in the Pavilion

### Mid-Summer Music Madness

Keep the afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> June free in your diaries and come along and enjoy the longest day of the year with sun, live bands and music, together with BBQ and Bar. Warm up for Glasto or, for the majority who did not get tickets, enjoy ours the weekend before without the hassle...

It will also be the formal and grand opening of play facilities, play net and zip wire. Entry is free and will start late afternoon and will go on till the beer, music and BBQ runs out. More details of bands and timetable are on the Pavilion Facebook page.



On June 18<sup>th</sup>, retired farmer Peter Tinney from Wedmore will look back on his life on a Somerset farm. He promises that his reflections of his childhood, including hand milking cows for the first 9 years after leaving school, will be a "fun" look at growing up in Somerset. We can expect a wonderfully absorbing evening.

Date for the diary: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. A Summer Coffee Morning from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Old Malthouse, Stoke Road, courtesy of Sue and Don Bethune. Cakes, plant sale, raffle and entertainment by the Fiddling Folk.

Please note later than usual starting time.

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 welcoming you.



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. **Scandal** was chosen when the Profumo affair resurfaced in the news with the announcement of the Lloyd Webber musical on Stephen Ward. Sadly the musical didn't run for long and it will be interesting to see if this film stands the test of time. Starring John Hurt, Joanne Whalley and Ian McKellen it certainly has a starry cast. Don't forget that if you are not a member yet you can come and enjoy the evening for a mere £5

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

# Auction of Promises

7:30pm 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall

Everyone is invited to come and have a drink and join the fun – there will be promises to suit every pocket!

Auctioneer, Paul Ashton, from GTH has kindly offer to auction the splendid prizes donated by local businesses and villagers in aid of the toilet refurbishment. They include:

- ❖ A load of manure
- ❖ A voucher for John Leach pottery
- ❖ A meal for two at the Bird in Hand
- ❖ Baby sitting
- ❖ Day ticket for two to Hestercombe Gardens
- ❖ A visit to Dartington Crystal factory

A complete list will be put into the Post Office window and sealed bids will be accepted up to noon on 13<sup>th</sup> June for those who cannot make the evening event. Please put your name and address on the envelope and make out your cheque to North Curry Village Hall and deliver to Manchester House, Queen Square.



**Sweet Coppin Ladies Dance Team**

will be dancing in

**The Square, North Curry**

on **Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

at **8:00pm**

and

**The Rising Sun, Knapp**

at **9:00pm**

We are collecting for

**The Friends of Musgrove Park**

**Hospital, Taunton**

If it is wet come & meet us in The

Rising Sun

## Easy Breeze across the levels

### Free Ladies Cycle Rides

Enjoy the long summer evenings, with a gentle bike ride over the levels, use the time to get fitter and enjoy the company of other ladies. You don't have to wear Lycra but helmets are essential.

To book a place on a ride either call Amanda on 07966713328 or go to [www.goskyride.com](http://www.goskyride.com) and search for a ride.

Rides are planned for Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> July. Rides will start at 6:00pm from Queens Square and last 1 - 1.5 hours.

Looking forward to riding with you.

## May Fair Glass Stall

Helen Kittermaster is delighted to report that a massive £278 was raised by the Glass Sale at the May Fair towards Village Hall toilet refurbishment and she would like to thank everyone – buyers and sellers – for their support.

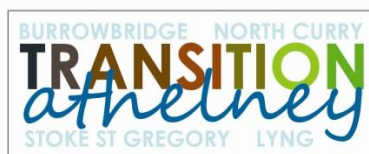
### No such thing as a free lunch?

Have you been affected by the floods? Have you ever considered there may be a link between extreme weather and climate change?

Transition Athelney is pleased to be co-operating with the Climate Outreach and Information Network (COIN) in a workshop for people who have been affected by the flooding of the Somerset Levels and are concerned about this link. The workshop aims to provide a "safe space" for people to share their understanding, views and worries about how climate change does, or might, affect them.

This is a one-off opportunity; COIN are experts in this field. They will be bringing material from people affected by flooding in Wales, for comparative purposes. The workshop is free and a light lunch will be provided. It will take place from 12 noon - 3pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, at the Genesis Centre, Somerset College, Taunton.

Places are limited; please be sure to contact Adrian Tait on 01823 490270 or [adrian\\_tait@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian_tait@btinternet.com) if you plan to come.



towards a greener community

There will be a **'Blooming Great Tea Party'** in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 2:30 to 5:00pm at Sunnyside, The Fosse, North Curry TA3 6LL. Contact Roslin Greenwood 01823 490891 or [greeny33@sky.com](mailto:greeny33@sky.com)

## The Summer Exhibition at the Coffee Shop

Entries are invited for this year's SUMMER EXHIBITION on the subject "Anything Goes", that is, any subject that inspires you.

Please get painting, sculpting, photographing, potting, weaving or sewing for a chance to win one of three prizes: £50, £50 and £25. The exhibition is open to everyone, amateur or professional, over the age of 16. Entry forms with further details are available in The Coffee Shop now.

Please deliver your artwork with entry form to Duncan Varley at Trevarrick House, opposite The Coffee Shop, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July between 10 and 11am.

The exhibition runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August.



## North Curry Amateur Gardener's Club

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June the Annual Plant Sale will be held at the Pavilion from 10am to 12 noon. Cakes will also be on sale.

The outing to Mottisfont will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Departure time by coach is 8:15am from Stoke St Gregory and 8:30am from North Curry. Cost for National Trust members is £15 and non-members is £23. For further details contact Mrs Margaret Tomkins on 490506.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July a trip has been arranged to visit a National Garden Society garden at Little Yarford Farmhouse at Kingston St Mary. Cost is £7.50 each to include entry and afternoon tea; visitors to provide their own transport. For booking details contact Mrs Mary Earley on 490769.

An evening outing has been arranged to visit the Walled Garden at Cannington. The coach will depart from Stoke St Gregory at 4:15pm and North Curry at 4:30pm and the cost is £21 each inclusive of coach, entrance fee and a carvery supper. Please contact Mrs Mary Earley on 490769 to make a booking.



The children have really been enjoying our topic, 'Animals around the World' where they've been having fun learning all about animals in their different habitats. The highlight of the topic, so far, has been our trip to Exmoor Zoo, which the children enjoyed immensely; especially the animal handling experience! We are hoping to visit an aquarium for our next adventure to learn about animals in the sea; more about that in our next instalment!

All of the staff, committee and children would like to say an extremely big **THANK YOU** to all those local businesses who so generously donated prizes towards our Grand May Raffle – the number and selection of prizes contributed was exceptional. We'd also like to thank all those who sold tickets on our behalf as well as all those who purchased tickets – the support we received from our local community was amazing and very much appreciated. The raffle raised in excess of £900, which is wonderful and will go towards developing our outside area, as well as replacing some of our toys, which have become a little tired. Our Cream Tea stall was also a great success, so thank you to all those who came along to support us by enjoying a delicious cream tea, despite the blustery weather!

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.

### June Services in the Methodist Church

- 1<sup>st</sup> Revd. Robin Hutt
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Praise in the village garden – Revd. Deborah Kirk **5pm**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Revd. Stephen Mares (Holy Communion)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapel Anniversary – Revd. Stephen Bywater **3pm**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mr Frank Pile

All services commence at 11am except those highlighted.

**North Curry Village Hall**  
 Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
 phone 490201  
 To hire the hall contact  
 Michele Carter 490102  
[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)



**10<sup>th</sup> May 2014**  
**Queen Square**  
**2:00 – 4:30pm**

Everyone always talks about the 'wash out' May Fayre when thunder and lightning caused the abandonment of the Fayre, just before the start, which was before my time. However, I don't think we'll forget this one in a hurry either! Several rain showers and strong gusts of wind played havoc with the gazebos and we had a few Mary Poppins moments with people hanging onto gazebos to stop them taking off! Despite this many stalls only seemed to be £20-£30 down on their takings from last year, which considering the weather, is a very positive achievement! The Football club had a record breaking result as did the Little Acorns with their raffle helped no doubt by the beautiful Mulberry handbag. I think many thanks should go to the visitors who showed true grit, donned their waterproofs and came despite the weather! So far over £4,300 has been raised by the various charity stalls which is very impressive.

Punch and Judy held two shows in Queen Square Garden and was enjoyed by young and older, twice. The Church bell tower had a good number of visitors and almost two barrels of North Curry beer were drunk. The horse and cart rides were also as popular as ever and busy all afternoon. Many thanks to those who helped collect money from the horse rides, the car park and those who did traffic control. Thanks also to the hard working crew who shifted 72 tables & 145 chairs as well as helping put up various gazebos and then taking it all down!

This is the last May Fayre that Alison and I will be organizing. Mel Quinn has stepped forward to take on the Chairmanship and I am sure she and her new committee will bring in some new ideas and be very successful.

### The Produce Market

**Saturday 7th June**  
**9:30 – 11:30 in the Village Hall**

A couple of new stalls this month one of which first came in May – we welcomed Babourette's home-made vinaigrette, perfect for the salad season. Come early if you don't want your favourite items to sell out and then join your friends for a coffee and maybe a bacon roll after shopping.

*See you there!*

## Holiday Bible Club

To be run by  
**North Curry Independent Baptist Church**  
 on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
 to **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
 at the **Pavilion, Greenway, North Curry**  
 from **10am - 12 noon each day**

All children aged 7-11 years are welcome to attend. There will be games, stories, craft, quizzes and light refreshments. If interested, please book a place for your child by contacting:

**Sylvia Foxwell on 01823 283940 or Mairi Wandless on 01823 490104**  
 We look forward to seeing you.

### Advance Notice:

**Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**  
**in North Curry Parish Church**

### Wind and Wave Concert in aid of Somerset Community Flood Relief Fund

In response to last winter's flooding, The Somerset Organists' and Choirmasters' Association asked Organists to offer recitals and concerts to raise money for the Somerset county Flood Relief fund that helps those affected by the flooding.

**Stephen Bell**, a noted organist living just outside Martock, has kindly offered to give a recital here in our Parish Church on **Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**. He will be joined by the Jubilee Singers and some others from the village. There will be a bar available and it will be a great opportunity for everyone to hear our organ played by a master.

It is easy to think that the flooding problems are over, but as you know if you have driven through Moorland or others places so severely damaged by the water, help will be needed for some time to come.

North Curry, for the most part, got off lightly, but some who did have damage have been grateful to receive a grant from the Somerset County Flood Relief Fund. Please book this date and come and support others who were not so fortunate and are still in need.

**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>



## Royal British Legion

Despite the inclement weather, it did not deter people from attending the May Fair, and as a result, we made £279.

Our thanks go to all the generous people who donated the raffle prizes – we cannot thank you enough.

The next meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

## Tuesday Club Summer Outing

There are two places left in this year's outing. On 14<sup>th</sup> August, a 33 seater coach will transport us from the PO to Bishops Lydeard where we will take the 11:05 stopping steam train to Minehead. There we will sit on the sea wall eating our fish and chips before swimming or paddling - prize for the first one in - before the coach takes us to Exmoor to enjoy a cream tea. The cost is a subsidised £10. If you're over 60 and need a break, please contact the Hon Treasurer, Joanne Preston on 491093.

## The Village Show

The Village Show will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, in the Village Hall.

There is a wide range of classes covering flowers, fruit and vegetables, flower arranging, cookery, art and photography; also handicrafts, wine, honey and a large section for junior entrants.

Why not have the fun of entering, or even challenge a friend. Schedules are available from the Post Office and committee members.

## White Street 200 Club Draw

The first 200 Club Draw was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and the lucky winners are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Graham Watts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	Bob Perry
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	Dave Franks

The next draw will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. There are still a few numbers available for purchase.

Please contact either Michele Olie 490276 [michele@monksleigh.com](mailto:michele@monksleigh.com) or Maria Perry 491095 [merperry@btinternet.com](mailto:merperry@btinternet.com)

Numbers cost £12 each for the year and all profits go to support the sports ground at White Street.

## 5 Village Community Dance Project with Tone Dance

Tone Dance are a group of people age over 50 who share a love of dance and benefit greatly in terms of their health and wellbeing by attending a regular class. We meet every Thursday at North Curry Village Hall 10:15am to midday for a wonderful dance class led by Sue Way, qualified and experienced dance teacher and artist, followed by coffee together; new members always welcome. Tone Dance also have an outreach program and have fund raised to take dance to other rural villages, offering FREE workshops for the over 50's at village halls in Creech St Michael, Curry Rivel, Stoke St Mary, North Petherton and West Monkton throughout May and June.

In July Tone Dance will be hosting a **Lift your Spirits Dance Bash** that aims to unite people from rural villages at one big fun event - we would love to see you there!

Save the date - it's going to be Great!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm to 11pm  
Refreshments & Bar**

**Lots of different dance styles, featuring STEP in TIME dance leader Martyn Knight & Cabaret slots from Tone Dance & guests**

**at North Curry Village Hall**

**Tickets £10 available from North Curry & Stoke St Gregory Village shops or Contact Joanne on 01823 491083**

**For more information on the workshops, how to join Tone dance please visit [danceandtheatresomerset.net/tone-dance-company](http://danceandtheatresomerset.net/tone-dance-company) or call Joanne 01823 491083**



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

If you would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge. Non-members will pay £3 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



## North Curry W.I.

Over the last month there have been many highlights which our members have been fortunate enough to have been a part of. These include four local road shows, which were truly inspirational and an antiques supper evening, which was both educational and fun. Our thanks go to the WI members who organised this event in Horton Village Hall and gave us such a warm welcome.

Congratulations go to our Skittles team who won the group event and have also made it through to the County semi-finals. Maybe they will follow in the footsteps of our Kurling team?

### Dates for your Diary:

**4<sup>th</sup> June: GARDEN MEETING.** Please note this will start at 2:00pm and will be held at the Cricket Ground, White Street.

**10<sup>th</sup> June: SWISHING EVENING.** Coxley Village Hall 6:30pm

**19<sup>th</sup> June: LUNCH WITH SYLVANA CHANDLER** (Ex High Sheriff of Somerset). Raleigh's Cross Inn

**21<sup>st</sup> June 10 – 12: COFFEE MORNING,** Fosse End (home of Sheila Billingham). An opportunity to buy good quality, pre-owned clothes. There will also be cakes on sale.

**2<sup>nd</sup> July: OUR SUMMER OUTING.** We will be leaving the village at 9:30 ,arriving in Lynmouth in time for coffee, leaving for Brompton Regis at 2:45 ,where the BR WI are providing us with afternoon tea. PLEASE NOTE, the outing is open to non-members and the cost is £5 members, £15 non-members.

**9<sup>th</sup> July: BEE VISIT,** Spaxton

**23<sup>rd</sup> July: COUNTY QUIZ,** Rose and Crown, West Lyng

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept: FASHION SHOW,** Oake Manor Golf Club

More details about most of the above can be found in the May edition of the County News. If you would like to attend any of these events then please contact Audrey West (490345) ASAP as many of them have closing dates. Thank you.

As always donations for the Food Bank are most welcome. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Murder Mystery

From the feedback we have had this was a great success and succeeded in raising over £470. Many thanks to all the hosts who took a table and provided the starters and puddings and thank you to all who supported the event. We hope to have another one when we have the energy to run it!