



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY: As Parishioners have not requested an election to fill the vacant Councillor post, it will be filled by co-option at the August Parish Council meeting. Do you have a bit of spare time and fancy becoming more involved in what's going on in the Parish? If so, why not put yourself forward to be the new Councillor? To be considered for the Councillor vacancy just forward your details, together with your reasons for applying, to the Parish Office by 31st July.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT: For those Parishioners who are wondering what the latest news is on the plans for new housing in the village, there will be a special planning newsletter in the August pink sheet. This will set out the current state of play, the timetable for decisions by the key Taunton Deane committees and what you can do to help the Parish Council try to restrict the number of new houses proposed for the village. At the present time there is little we can do to influence the process.

PREPARING FOR A POWER CUT OR EMERGENCY: Western Power have provided the Parish Council with an example "power cut pack" showing what it considers should be kept handy in case of a power cut, this includes; an analogue telephone (digital cordless phones won't work without power), a torch with batteries, a powerbank for charging essential items like mobile phones), a rechargeable radio, a foil blanket and a reusable hand warmer. All the items are readily available on the high street and you may want to consider preparing your own pack. If you would like to take a look at the sample pack please call in to the Parish Office. It is also recommended to use a surge protector plug on sensitive electrical equipment (e.g. computers) and to make sure any work on your computer is backed up regularly. Also, make sure any medical equipment you have at home has a battery back-up and, if you have a mains operated stair lift, check if there is a manual release handle that can be used to return the stair lift safely to ground level if it stops working.

Don't forget there is also a Flood Awareness sheet on the North Curry website (go to the Parish Council tab and then click on "Flood Warden") which gives flood advice and details of relevant emergency contacts.

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

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

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

The Produce Market

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

A slight dip in takings this month but the atmosphere was good and certainly the kitchen did well as they ran out of bacon for the butties! A note has been made to increase quantity for the July market! Many thanks to Di and Lorraine for standing in for Kate while she is away. Our stallholders hope to see lots of you this coming month.

See you there!



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated (both money and cakes/raffle prizes), set up the Methodist Chapel, made and served refreshments, hung the bunting, delivered envelopes and came to the event. This year we raised the truly marvellous sum of

£727!

We were blessed with fine weather and privileged to be able to use the Chapel garden for this joint occasion hosted by the parish church and the Methodist chapel.

A wonderful result!



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 23rd July. **Shadow Dancer** is a film set in Northern Ireland during the Troubles and focuses on the dilemma of a young mother who has to choose between her brothers, both hard-line IRA members, or her young son. Don't forget that if you are not a member you can still 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



ANNUAL PARISH FOOTPATH WALK Wednesday 16th July 2014

Join members of the North Curry Society on their annual walk along some of the lovely footpaths through the parish. The floods have receded and the Levels are looking glorious again. Whether you are a visitor, new to the village or Society, already a member, or a well behaved dog, we look forward to welcoming you! Start point is the Village Hall car park at 7pm. Stout footwear essential; anyone joining the walk does so entirely at their own risk.

Saturday 5th July – **Coffee Morning** from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Old Malthouse, Stoke Road, courtesy of Sue and Don Bethune. Cakes, plant sale and raffle, and entertainment by Fiddlin' Folk.

28th July to 5th August – **Lest We Forget** exhibition in the Church, marking the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. Opens 5pm Monday 28th July; thereafter 9:30am to 6:30pm daily.

Tone Dance

Tone Dance are 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!

**Saturday 5th 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, includes tasty snacks, 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 www.danceandtheatre.comersnet.net/tone-dance-company or call Joanne 01823 491083

Plan of Services in the Methodist Church

July

6th Mrs Gillian Flick
13th Mrs Glenys Allinson
20th Mr Rodney Jones
27th Revd. Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)

August

3rd Mr Ken Pile
10th Mr Edward Hosken
17th Mr David Clitheroe
24th Mrs Jenny Sleep
31st Revd. Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)
All services commence at 11am except those highlighted.

Transition Athelney

One of the world's top scientists in the field of solar power will be speaking at Transition Athelney's renewable energy fair this autumn.

Prof. Keith Barnham has just published a book *The Burning Answer*, in which he makes some compelling points about recent breakthroughs and the future potential of solar. For anyone who understands that our future largely hinges on weaning ourselves off fossil fuels, but is concerned about the alternatives, this talk is a must. Barnham demonstrates that we have the means to hand for a sustainable future, but when it comes to policy and implementation, he offers some thought-provoking comparisons between this country and elsewhere. And he explains why we don't have to cover all our fields with solar farms!

So do put the date in your diary now – Saturday 27th September. The renewable energy fair will include many other attractions, which will be announced in due course.



towards a greener community

North Curry C of E School
**SUMMER
FAYRE**
*Friday, 4th July 2014
6 - 8 pm*

*Hog Roast, Bar & BBQ, Raffle
prize draw bouncy castle, stalls
and games... and lots more!*

*Come and support your local school.
All welcome!*

White Street Sports Ground Sunday 13th July 2014

Would like to present a day of two halves!

Following a wedding on Saturday 12th we have been kindly allowed the use of the Marquee on the Sunday and so....

First Half – 3pm until 4:30pm traditional cream teas served in a beautiful marquee. China gently clinking, scones piled high with cream and jam. £2.50 per cream tea.

Second Half – 7pm until 11pm Live coverage of the football world cup final! The bar will be open and snacks will be available. Sports bar atmosphere, ear plugs might be needed!

While there will be no charge to attend the football an idea of numbers would make catering and sorting seating a lot easier. Could you ring/email numbers in your party? Michele Olie 490276 or michele@monksleigh.com

Holiday Bible Club

To be run by
North Curry Independent Baptist Church
from
Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd August
at
The Pavilion, Greenway, North Curry
from
10:00am - 12:00 noon each day

All children aged 7-11 years are welcome to attend. There will be games, stories, craft, quizzes and light refreshments.

Please book a place for your child by contacting: **Sylvia Foxwell on 01823 283940 or Mairi Wandless on 01823 490104.**

A reminder for your diary:

**5th July at 7:30pm in the
Parish Church**

STEPHEN BELL

Will be giving an organ recital including
music by **Bach and Lefebvre-Waly**

with additions from

**The Jubilee Choir, The Village Choir
and The Church Choir** whose
contributions will range from Vivaldi, via
Spirituals, to modern day pieces.

A bar will be available, with free nibbles

No tickets required, come and enjoy an
evening of music; just give a donation
at the end to the Somerset Community
flood Relief Fund.



North Curry Football Club

During the close season we have had
some exciting developments at NCFC
with the launch of a new team in the
Taunton Saturday League Division 5.
We are looking for local players aged
between 16 and 45 who would like to
play football within the village. Both the
Saturday and Sunday teams are
always looking for additional players so
if you are interested then please come
along to one of the training sessions on
Monday evenings starting at 7:00pm
from Monday 7th July 2014. The
training sessions will be held at White
Streets Sports Ground.

If anyone is interested or if you have
any queries then please contact the
following: Richard Perry Team Manager
Sunday 07786579410; Pete Attwood
Team Manager Saturday 07590443370

For any future updates these can be
found on the North Curry Football Club
Facebook page.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102

hallbookings@northcurry.com

Big Bash

The annual "Big Bash" at White Street
Sports Ground will be taking place this
year on Sunday 24th August (bank
holiday weekend). This event has
become a real part of North Curry life
over the past five years and not only
does it raise very important funds to
keep the fabulous facility we have at
White Street going but it also provides
a great night for all ages to get together
and let their hair down. There will be
the usual marquee, hog roast and bar
and live music will again be provided by
"Soul Solution" after the fantastic
reaction we have had to them for the
last two years.

Tickets remain £15, to include the Hog
Roast, if bought in advance. There will
be a limited number of tickets on the
door but these will be priced at £20 so
make sure you get your tickets early.
Tickets available from The Post Office,
Midge 491278 or Rich Perry 490089.

NORTH CURRY SOCIETY and North Curry Archives

LEST WE FORGET

An exhibition in the Parish Church to
commemorate the outbreak of the First
World War in 1914 – how North Curry
residents were affected

Opening 5pm Monday 28th July
by Brig. Geoffrey Durrant
thereafter 9:30am to 6:30pm daily
until 5th August



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

An evening outing has been arranged
to visit the Walled Garden at
Cannington on Tuesday 5th August. The
coach will leave Stoke St Gregory at
4:15pm and The Pavement at North
Curry at 4:30pm. The cost is £21 which
includes entrance fee, coach fare,
gratuities and a carvery supper at The
Malt Shovel, Cannington (with
vegetarian option)

Please contact Mary Earley on 490769
for further details.

The next meeting at North Curry
Pavilion will take place on Thursday 4th
September.



The children had an exciting start to the
2nd half of their Summer Term with a
trip to the Williams Hall at Stoke St
Gregory to watch a dance and theatre
performance especially designed for
Early Years children.

We've also been having a great time
learning all about the different
creatures that we find living beneath
the sea. Our topic 'Animals Under the
Sea' will be culminating in an exciting
adventure to SeaQuarium at Weston-
Super-Mare, where the children will be
having an interactive discovery
session, holding and examining some
of the creatures living in, on and around
our coastline. We're also looking
forward to a picnic on the beach;
fingers crossed for a sunny day!

The children have been having a
wonderful time in our outside areas
playing with some new equipment that
we have purchased using some of the
money raised through our May raffle.
We are also continuing to enjoy our
escapades to the Willows and
Wetlands Centre for our weekly Forest
School sessions.

As our year at Little Acorns draws to a
close, we will be having a summer
party to celebrate the children's
successes and to say goodbye to our
leavers. 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.

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>



Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 14th July at The Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

Members are especially requested to attend as there are some important decisions to make.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:

The Parochial Church Council realise that not everyone is able to walk to church and hope you find a place to park reasonably close. However, do remember to leave space for the Vicar: there are four parishes in the benefice to get round and not just at service times. Also be aware of other people living nearby; please don't block their drives or park on soft verges (which are still recovering from the winter) and leave room for emergency vehicles to get through.

Your consideration is appreciated.



AUCTION OF PROMISES UPDATE!

Following our financially successful Auction a few items remain available and as they are in some cases valuable and in each case desirable the Village Hall Committee feel that it would be a good idea to open these lots to bidding by sealed bids!

1. Four Premier admission tickets to Exeter Racecourse for any race during the 2014 season excluding 04.11.14.
2. Drafting of Lasting Power of Attorney for property and financial affairs for two people (offered as one lot). Normal charges for a married/cohabiting couple is £500-£600+VAT. The successful bidder would however still have to pay the Court of Protection registration fees. Kindly donated by Clark Willmott of Taunton.
3. Various items of country clothing by Wayne's Wear Ltd.
4. Four hours of babysitting by a qualified nanny.
5. Two adults & two children admission tickets to Hestercombe Gardens.
6. Two hours physics lessons (to be claimed at any time in the school year)
7. One basket of ironing.
8. 16 oz. of cream spun wool for knitting.
9. Four hours of babysitting by retired teacher.

Sealed bids to Denise Walker at Manchester House in the Square by Friday 18th July please!

All the money raised will go towards making the Ladies Cloakroom at the Village Hall as lovely as the Gents'... visit it and see!