



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

### NORTH CURRY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Please see the enclosed Newsletter insert which gives an update on development issues in the Parish. Dates for further action are unclear at this stage but keep an eye on forthcoming Newsletters for confirmation of when comments to the Secretary of State are needed.

### ARRIVAL OF SUPERFAST BROADBAND!!

According to the latest Connecting Devon & Somerset briefing, the North Curry exchange has been "fibre enabled" with the first cabinets now live and service available in parts of North Curry. This means that "many premises" in North Curry should be able to connect to "superfast" fibre broadband infrastructure. To find out whether fibre broadband is available for your property you will need to contact an internet service provider (ISP) e.g. BT / Plusnet etc. to check. (If available, your ISP may charge you a connection fee and additional monthly charge to make use of the fibre broadband.)

### NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM (NFF) – "Blue Pages"

The NFF Blue Pages is an independent directory of flood protection products and services that are available to help you protect your home or business against flooding. A hard copy of the Blue Pages is available for viewing at the Parish Office, it is also accessible online at [www.bluepages.org.uk](http://www.bluepages.org.uk). The products and services listed are not endorsed but may help you make an informed decision on flood protection. Please note, however, that where there is a risk of flooding to a depth of more than 0.9m, keeping water out can sometimes do more harm than good due to the pressure of water causing structural damage.

### FLOOD SUPPORT AND INFORMATION MEETINGS:

These meetings will now be taking place on alternate Wednesdays from 6pm – 8pm in North Petherton Bowling Club, Petherton Park, TA6 6PR. The next meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

**DeafPLUS visit:** The deafPLUS advisory van will be in Queen Square on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August between 12:30pm and 2:30pm.

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

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 <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



The Gents toilets are refurbished and well worth checking out! With the £1,000 raised from the Auction of Promises we are hoping the Ladies won't be far behind. Our next fundraiser is the

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Don't forget to look out for that special picture while you are on your travels this summer. This was spotted in Glasgow recently!



Details of how to enter in September's Newsletter.



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August the final film of the season will be shown. **Secrets in their Eyes** Esposito spent his working life as a criminal court employee. Recently retired, he decides to write a novel based on an unsolved crime from the 70's which has obsessed him. As a result this cold case is brought back to boiling point.

**Next year's film programme** has now been finalised and copies will be available so you can sign up for another year's films! The cost for the year is £25 for 12 films, a bargain!

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)

## The Produce Market

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
9.30-11.30 in the Village Hall

It's the first Saturday of the month and that means the Produce Market will be in full swing in the hall! The many stalls feature local produce and our bacon butties are bigger and better! Have you tried them yet? We also have both filter and instant coffee; tea and squash so come and meet your friends, make some new ones and browse the stalls. On offer is 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, cards and flowers. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas.

*See you there!*



*towards a greener community*

The renewable energy fair at the Williams Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September is starting to look very exciting. As well as a line-up of interesting expert speakers (one of whom we mentioned here last month), there will be a variety of renewable systems on display and some impressive stories to tell about developments in our area and in the South West region. Fun and refreshments will also be provided.

This is the future – it has to be! One of the underlying and very hopeful messages of the whole event is that we no longer have to be just passive consumers of energy that is generated on a massive scale. People and communities across the globe are starting to take control of their own power needs. This benefits their own pockets and security, as well as helping to protect the beautiful world that we so easily take for granted.

The fair will run from 1:15 – 5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Do come in time to browse before the talks, which begin at 2pm. Nothing like this has ever happened in our area. Do make sure the date is in your diary! We look forward to seeing you there.

For any enquiries please contact Adrian Tait on 01823 490270 or [adrian\\_tait@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian_tait@btinternet.com)



## NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

We would like to express thanks for all the stories sent to Alan Billingham regarding the First World War. The joint NCS and Archives exhibition to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war may have closed, but we hope it has jogged memories of how families of local people fared in the conflict. The Archives will be pleased to receive further details and memorabilia from you to photocopy for their records. See Betty Koppa in the loft above the community coffee shop most days.

The Society does not meet in August, but we continue with the war theme on 17<sup>th</sup> September, when Russell McGuirk will be talking about the Light Car Patrols of 1916 to 1919.

The Society's AGM is on 15<sup>th</sup> October, when Julian Comrie will be taking us on one of his legendary travels with a camera.



## The Royal British legion.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

There will be no meeting in August.

## Thank You for Your Generosity

North Curry has once again come up trumps. Despite several other important events going on, more than 100 came to the Parish Church to hear Stephen Bell give a recital on our organ and enjoy the singing of the three North Curry choirs. The result is that we were able to send £714.00 to the Somerset County Flood Relief Fund. Thank You.

## North Curry Village Show

The North Curry Village Show is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Get a schedule now from the Post Office and there will surely be some class you can enter. It is helpful if you can name the variety of vegetables you are entering. There are lots of children's classes and they are fun to prepare during the school holidays. Maybe a posy in a jam jar, some peppermint creams, or this year's special class of a scarecrow with a WW1 theme. Please be a part of a happy village event and enter! '

### North Curry Village Choir

We will be starting the new session of rehearsals on

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm**

in the

**North Curry Village Hall**

Our Christmas concert will be on

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

and will include

**Vaughan Williams  
Ceremony of Carols**

**As well as other Christmas  
music and carols for all**

We welcome both new and current members. Do come along and enjoy the singing.

Contact: Keith Gibbs 01823 490191

### White Street 200 Club Draw

White Street 200 Club winners for May were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Helen Kittermaster
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	Anne Pike
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	John Body

White Street 200 Club winners for June were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Jake Odey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	Gillian Akerman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	Malcolm Drakeford

There are a few numbers left, you've got to be in it to win it!!

£12 per number for the year all profits to White Street sports ground.

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## North Curry Primary School

What a busy but enjoyable few weeks we have had at North Curry Primary School. The Year Six children completed their SATs in early May and really impressed me with their determination and effort. The Year Five and Six children went on a three day residential to Kilve. They had a great time taking part in a number of different activities. It made me feel extremely proud to hear the staff at Kilve speak so well about the children. Back in April the School Basketball Team won the County Championship and the Netball Team came third, an amazing achievement. Our 4 and 5 year olds have recently celebrated the seventh birthday of Katie the Post Office cat. They had a lovely afternoon in the Village Square which ended with the children singing Happy Birthday to Katie.

The School has a new website which can be found at [www.northcurryschool.co.uk](http://www.northcurryschool.co.uk). Please log on and have a look at what we are doing at the school. Julian Comrie has had a great influence on the website by taking many photographs throughout the school.

The end of year is rapidly getting nearer. We have had an extremely busy time with our School Fete on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jul, the junior children staged the Summer Production, 'Cinderella Rockerfella!' and Sports Day was a great success, the weather was hot and sunny and the children all joined in and behaved beautifully.

The school year has flown and there have been so many memorable moments! Here's to many more in the new next school year!

### North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

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



### Annie's Ride

Did you know that the bells of St Mary Magdalene in Taunton are in serious need of restoration? Increasingly difficult to ring, as much as £300,000 is needed to recast and rehang them, and fundraising is in hand...

How does North Curry come into this?

One of our valiant band of ringers, Annie Suddaby (from beyond the village but a regular member of the team) has excellent equestrian skills too. So she's going to undertake a sponsored 130 mile ride to the 50 church towers encircling St Mary's that form the Taunton Branch of the Bath & Wells Ringers. Bells will welcome her at all of them: and one of these of course is North Curry.

This odyssey will take her most of August, with her arrival here scheduled for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, around midday. Why not be at the church then to witness this special event? The bells will be ringing!

The ride starts in Taunton on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August when Annie will ride through Taunton to St Mary's for a blessing and send-off. Accompanied by Oscar the collie, and her sister-in-law Jo on a bike (whose challenge is to learn to ring during the trek!), completion is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> August when Annie will ride back into Taunton for a Civic Reception at St Mary's at 2:30pm. Everyone who has supported the fundraising campaign will be welcome.

The itinerary is in the capable hands of Pearl Jeanes, well-known local ringer, particularly so here in North Curry where she takes an active role in the weekly practices.

How can you help? Please sponsor Annie and follow her journey on [www.appealforabell.com](http://www.appealforabell.com). Donation is easy!

St Mary's bells represent a significant part of our local heritage, and the thought of them being heard more regularly again will mean a lot to many of us, residents of North Curry or Taunton alike. Thank you! And thank you Annie!

### 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 07966 713328 or go to [www.goskyride.com](http://www.goskyride.com) and search for a ride.

Rides are planned for Tuesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 August starting at 6:15pm and Saturday 16 August starting at 10:00am

All starting from Queen Square, North Curry and last approximately 1.5 hours. Looking forward to riding with you.

### COFFEE MORNING

**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 **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August** 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.

#### 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>

# ***HEAVY HORSES WORKING***



**SUNDAY**

11am –5pm

**17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Lillesdon Court, NORTH CURRY,  
Somerset, TA3 6BU**

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***WESTERN COUNTIES  
HEAVY HORSE SOCIETY***

***Adults £5***

***Children free***

**Contact:- 01404-851028**