



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: The Parish Council are pleased to report that Wrantage resident Lorraine (Lou) Baker has been co-opted onto the Parish Council, her input will be most welcome.

FREE COMPOST FOR YOUR GARDEN!

In the corner of the White Street sports field there is a large pond into which the field drains run. The pond has a deep layer of leaf litter and silt. We want to increase the capacity of the pond to improve it for wildlife and reduce flooding in Stoke Road. The pond will be gradually excavated by volunteers and the compost material put into bags at the top of the steps in Stoke Road for collection by Parishioners. Please help yourself to bags and the supply will be topped up. While there will be no charge we hope you will want to make a small donation to sports field funds or by joining the 200 Club (registration forms are available from Maria Perry 491095 merperry@btinternet.com or Michele Olie 490276 michele@monksleigh.com).

HEALTH AND WELL BEING GRANTS

David Fothergill, our local County Councillor, has funding available for community project ideas that will help improve the health and wellbeing of people in the Parish. Grants are usually in the region of £250 and should ideally be match funded. If you have a capital project e.g. new equipment, new kit etc. that could do with a funding boost contact Cllr. Fothergill on 07765 256256 or 01823 443740, or email djafothergill@somerset.gov.uk and see if you could access a grant. Please note the closing date for receipt of applications is 30th November!

HELP PREVENT SURFACE WATER FLOODING - KEEP DRAINS CLEAR! If you have a drain near your house please could you keep an eye on the drain cover and clear any leaves or debris from the surface of it. This should help surface water drain more quickly and reduce surface water flooding in the Parish.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 9th November. It will be an especially poignant one, being 100 years after the First World War began, so put the date in your diary.

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

Wed 8 th	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

Vacancies in the Tuesday Lunch Club

For a variety of reasons some vacancies have arisen since the start of our third year. It couldn't have been the summer outing to Minehead on the train followed by a huge Horner cream tea, for that was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by our thirty members and helpers.

Entry requirements are few: over 60 - some of us are over 95 - perhaps don't see many people - and can find just £4 for what some say is the best cooked food in the village. We meet every fortnight in the Village Hall, next meetings 30th Sept, 14th October etc.

Please ring either the organiser Dave Patten 490782 or treasurer Joanne Preston 491083.

*It's been another year
for
The Produce Market*

This year the raffle has raised £654.40 and the kitchen profits have been £595.55 and North Curry Church is very grateful for this useful contribution to funds.

*Don't forget the next
market
Saturday 4th October
from 9:30am
See you there!*



Our next film, *Svengali* is on 22nd October. Dixie is a postman from South Wales, and a music fanatic. All his life he's dreamed of discovering a great band and then one day, on YouTube, he finds them. Putting their demo on a cassette tape, Dixie heads out onto the streets of London and embarks on a roller coaster ride through the most 'infamous' industry of them all.

Films start at 7:30pm and members will be admitted from 7:00pm when the bar opens. Non-members are admitted from 7:15pm and tickets cost £5.



The North Curry Society Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at **7:30pm** on Wednesday 15th October. The highlight of 2014 has been the Society's successful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and 2015 already promises a series of fascinating talks.



The AGM will be followed at **8:00pm** by "Travels with a Camera" In this illustrated talk, Julian Comrie will give an overview of the way pictorial illustrations, both before and after the invention of photography, have affected mankind's appreciation and understanding of the world, particularly of distant lands and cultures.

Meetings are held at 8pm in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month (except August). Annual membership is just £5, which becomes due at the AGM, and includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors pay a small entrance charge. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, you will be very welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

As promised last month in the magazine, here are the details for the collection of the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Information Leaflets with Boy/Girl stickers and suggestions for gifts are available from the School, the Church or the Post Office.

Boxes need to be in North Curry Primary School, on Friday 14th November, or they can be brought to the 10am service in the Parish Church on Sunday 16th November.

Alternative collection points are:

Tim Spotswood, Manor Lodge, Manor Drive, North Curry 490142

Ralph Roberts, Tudor Cottage, Greenway, North Curry 490933.



Save the Children

You are invited to a

Grand Early Christmas Card Sale

(previously Helen's Early Christmas Card Sale!)

on

Saturday 18th October 2014

in the Meeting Room
at North Curry Village Hall
from 10:00am until 4:00pm

and on

Sunday 19th October

at 19 Portmans

Christmas cards, wrapping paper, tags,
and greeting cards also jams and
chutneys will be available

Please come along and see us - we
would love still to see you all

As many residents of North Curry will be aware, Helen Kittermaster, in addition to all the volunteer work she does for North Curry organisations has, for many years worked tirelessly to support the work of **Save the Children** here in your village. Many thousands of pounds have been raised and very many children – all across the world as well as in the UK – will have had the opportunity of a healthier, happier and more hopeful future because of your generous support for her endeavours. **Save the Children** would like to express their appreciation of Helen's commitment to helping children where their young lives have been subjected to so many deprivations, and to thank her – very much indeed – for all that work. Many children's lives will have been saved! Over the years I have met a great number of you at Helen's Sales and I do hope that you will continue to come and visit us at this new Early Christmas Card Sale and maintain your link with us. We look forward very much to seeing you!

Carole Smith, Hon. Co-ordinator, Taunton and District Branch of **Save the Children**

FLAMINGOS!

Friday 17th October at 7:30pm

North Curry Village Hall

Short talk by Ethne Conlin about the Flamingos who live on the desolate soda lakes of the Rift Valley, Kenya & Tanzania, followed by the stunning film

CRIMSON WING

Admission £6.00

Children under 12 free



North Curry W.I.

Our new programme of events began with Graham Divers of the Charity Commission giving us an interesting and informative insight into the work, history and various responsibilities of the Charity Commission. This was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Our October speaker is Dr Stead-Dexter who will explain about toxins in our world and in particular in our cosmetics and everyday household cleaners etc. Members are invited to bring their favourite items for her to advise on.

THE MILITARY WIVES CHOIR from Yeovilton will be performing, supported by Sherborne Town band, on Friday 10th October at Westlands, Yeovil. The original choir was made famous through BBC TV programme with Gareth Malone. Non-members are very welcome to join us and it is hoped to organise a coach. Contact Kate Roberts 490933 for details.

A day trip by coach to Salisbury on Tuesday 11th November is being planned. This trip is open to the village and if you are interested in joining us contact Kate Roberts 490933 for details.

We continue to collect food for the Taunton food bank each month and any donations are welcome via any W.I. member.



BARN DANCING CLUB

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 1st October at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the second one of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs £20 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but 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! No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

Big Bash 2014

A huge thank you to all who came to "The Big Bash" on the Sunday of the bank holiday weekend. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon started with a football match between two junior teams from North Curry F.C. which was very well attended and was followed by a very competitive game between the youth of the newly formed Saturday team against the experience of the established Sunday team.

In the evening music was again provided by local nine piece band "Soul Solution" and the only difficulty was trying to get onto the packed dance floor. We had two delicious pigs, reared in North Curry as well as a fabulous vegetarian option, delicious salads and no one went hungry!

It looks as though we will have made a profit of approximately £2,500 which is terrific and goes some way towards the £5,000 a year it costs us to run the White Street Sports Ground. To try to get to the magic £5,000 we are running a 200 club and if you would like details please contact Midge on 491278.

Huge thanks must also go to all those who put in hours of work to make this great village event possible, it just would not happen if it were not for the hard work, goodwill and enthusiasm of all those who were involved, thank you all so much.

However one slightly negative situation has arisen over the last couple of years. Someone, for some unknown reason, has decided that it is a good idea to remove the posters displayed around the village promoting "The Big Bash" in the week leading up to the event. This is obviously not good for ticket sales and, apart from anything else, time and money has been spent on producing and displaying these posters. If whoever it was has a good reason for doing this I would be delighted to hear from them on the above phone number to discuss it. If not please leave them alone next year... Thanks.

So to end on a positive, thank you all once again for your support for White Street Sports Ltd, we would not be able to exist if it were not for your financial support and the huge goodwill we get from the village and surrounding areas.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

The Annual General Meeting will take place at North Curry Pavilion on Thursday 2nd October at 7:15pm and will be followed by a talk given by Rosemary Fitzgerald entitled "The Meeting of Wild and Garden Plants"; Annual subscriptions will be due.

Come and join us to gather tips and ideas for your garden. Coffee and tea is served after the meeting.

Visitors and new members are always welcome



After a super summer holiday, and with batteries recharged, we have all settled back into life at Little Acorns. We are really excited to welcome some new faces too! Our theme for this half-term is 'All About Me', where we're enjoying finding out all about each other and our families. We are also looking forward to resuming our weekly Forest School sessions at the Willows and Wetlands Centre, Stoke St Gregory very soon! At the end of term, we are hoping to visit Fyne Court to enjoy a nature walk and have a go at pond-dipping!

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.



North Curry Parish Church
2nd Monday of every month
2pm – 3pm

Come and join us for fun 'make and do' activities, Bible stories, music, songs and light refreshments.

All pre-primary children, parents and carers very warmly welcomed!

Please pop along to see us!



North Curry Toddler Group
North Curry Village Hall
Mondays
8:45am – 11:30am

We would like to thank the North Curry Community Coffee Shop for their extremely kind donation, which has enabled us to purchase a much needed shed to store our larger toys. **THANK YOU!**

TOY DONATIONS

We are also on the lookout for any toys that you may have cluttering up gardens, garages or lofts. We would especially love to have ride-on toys for our older children, or small slides etc. Please do get in touch if you can help. Christina 490204.

If you are new to the village or haven't yet had the opportunity to pop over to our group with your little one(s) please do come over and see us.

We look forward to meeting you!



First Prize Margaret Jeanes for her Coronation embroidery; Second Prize Darren Honeywill for his painting 'Stop for a Photograph'; Art & Design Committee prize Lynn Freston for her pastel 'Tulip Time'.



Darren Honeywill was unable to attend the presentation and was represented by Art & Design Committee member Duncan Varley. The prize winners' cheques were presented by Management Committee member David Holcombe.

Thank you to all who entered for what made a very pleasing show for the duration of the exhibition.



Royal British Legion

The Archive exhibition, organised by the North Curry Society, was very successful and well worth a visit. We would like to thank all those who made a contribution to the Royal British Legion, raising a total of £180, which has been passed to the Poppy Fund.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 13th October at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

Saturday 25th October
at 7:30pm in
North Curry Parish Church

At the Fall of the Leaf

An evening of Cheerful
Music for Autumn with
The Two Ms

Martin and Muriel Mudie

Humorous Songs and Easy
Listening Organ Music

Light Refreshments

Retiring Collection in aid of Organ
Restoration

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102

hallbookings@northcurry.com

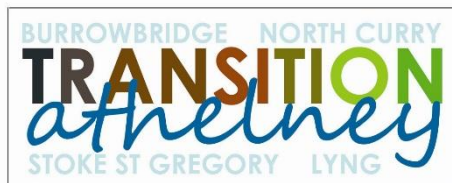
Who likes Apple Juice?

This is another reminder of our apple juicing days in Stoke St Gregory village hall when we'll have all the equipment to turn your surplus apples into juice – ideal for drinking yourselves or as locally-grown and locally-processed Christmas presents. These days will be 18th October and 8th November.

Whilst this year's crop appears to be poor this is still a valuable opportunity to make the most of what you do have; do get in touch if you think you'll have apples to process and would like to join in.

Also, if you happen to have an unwanted surplus please let me know and, if they are suitable, we could purchase them for pressing and subsequently selling through the Post Office and Coffee Shop.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email ta@bkjeanes.co.uk



towards a greener community

White Street 200 Club

August: White Street 200 Club winners

1 st	£25	Jo Jenkins
2 nd	£15	Rachel Hyland
3 rd	£10	Matt Bulbeck

September: White Street 200 Club winners

1 st	£25	Cecilia Young
2 nd	£15	Shaun Bresnahan
3 rd	£10	Sarah Franks

Still a few numbers left!
Got to be in it to win it!

North Curry Primary School

What a pleasing start to the new term. It was lovely to see the children on Tuesday and hearing about their holidays. It sounds like they were very busy and that they all had a smashing break.

Over the holidays the school playground has been developed. It has been resurfaced and we now have a new quiet area that the children love. It can also be used as an outdoor classroom.

Shark Class have already been on a trip to @Bristol and had a great day.

Miss Colling (our Foundation Stage Teacher) has visited all the pre-schools and homes of our new children and we are really looking forward to the new Minnow children starting.

We are always looking for people in the community to come in and support the school in a variety of ways such as listening to readers. If you are interested in this, please contact the school.

Here's to a fantastic school year!

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 31st October 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.

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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