



# 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

**LOCAL PLAN DELAYED:** Further to the August development update, the publication of the draft Local Plan has been delayed. The plan is still awaiting passage through Taunton Deane's Committee process and is unlikely to be published before mid-December at the earliest. Updates will be given in future newsletters so keep an eye out for more news in the coming months.

**ROAD SAFETY RESULTS:** See page 3.

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING:** Although the defibrillator is designed for use without previous training as it gives verbal instructions, following requests for familiarisation sessions, Cllr. Fothergill has funded refresher sessions on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2:30 – 3:45 in the Village Hall. If you would like to learn how the defibrillator operates in real life do come along to this drop in session.

**PARKING PLEA:** Parking continues to be a major hazard towards the Windmill Hill/Greenway junction. To prevent a serious accident occurring, please do NOT park near that junction or along The Pavement from Town Farm to the junction. The Parish Council have had reports of many near misses as motorists are unable to see what is coming from the opposite direction as they overtake parked cars.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square gathering at 10:40am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to kindly ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am until 11:30am on that day.

**BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES:** From 17<sup>th</sup> November the 51 North Curry bus will terminate at Castle Way and not continue on to Musgrove Park Hospital. Regular bus connections to the Hospital are available from Castle Way or the Bus Station, with no additional charge for passengers with a 51 bus ticket. There will also be one less return journey to Taunton in the middle of the day and the last bus into Taunton will now be at 4:56pm. A revised timetable is posted on the Parish Noticeboard.

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

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting 8:00 pm

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



Showing on 26<sup>th</sup> November, **Departures** is a fascinating Japanese film about a musician who finds himself out of work. Answering an advertisement from a company called Departures, which he thinks is a travel agency, introduces him to a completely unknown world.

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.

### Winter Warmer

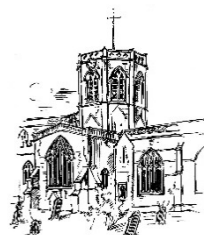
On 8<sup>th</sup> November **M Hulot's Holiday** a classic French film which will delight those who have never seen it and make everyone laugh to blow the winter chill away! The film will start at 3pm with doors opening at 2:30. Tickets £5 and there will, of course, be tea and cake in the interval!

## The Produce Market

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

This month we have some Christmassy items, including Fairtrade Advent calendars, as well as our usual stalls selling local produce. Come and browse, meet friends, have a drink and a biscuit or a late breakfast bacon buttie.

*See you there!*



## NORTH CURRY PARISH CHURCH

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### AUTUMN BAZAAR

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10am – noon in the Village Hall  
Come along to a fun filled morning. Lots of stalls including, raffles, chocolate tombola, jewellery, homemade sweets, bric-a-brac, cards, toys, and bottle stall, wooden gifts and mirrors and lots more.

Join your friends for tea, coffee, hot chocolate, toasted tea cakes, homemade cakes and, if it's not too early, a hot mince pie.

## HELP WANTED - AUTUMN BAZAAR

Plans are underway for this event. If you would like to contribute items to the various stalls they would be most welcome. Please contact the stall holder below:-

Raffle	Janet Dare	490747
Bric-a-brac	Ralph Roberts	490933
Toys	Denise Walker	491231
Choc Tombola	Judith Hincks	490166/ Sue Bethune 490166
Bottle Stall	Tony & Sally Brooker	490422
Cakes	Jenny Satchwell	490463

**Wanted:** It would be nice to have a stall selling Christmas decorations: If you would like to organise and run this please contact Kate 490933.

## Christmas Coffee Morning

This popular event will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to hire a table, please contact the Chairman, Liz Gibbs 490191 or Booking Secretary Michèle Carter 490102 stating if you require a large or small table.



The parish has only three pubs now, in North Curry, Knapp and Wrantage; longstanding residents will remember many more. At the North Curry Society meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November, Bob Musgrave will be recounting the long tradition and detailed symbolism behind inn signs. Bob was born in Burrowbridge and is related to the Tottles of North Curry: basket maker Bert and Betty, who used to play the church organ here. Bob is the South West regional representative of The Inn Sign Society (founded 1990), which "provides a national forum for persons interested in the variety of inn signs and researching the origin of pub names".

The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month in North Curry Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

## North Curry Village Choir

We are moving back to the Village Hall for our Christmas concert this year

It will be held on

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
at 7:30pm**

and will include

**A Ceremony of Carols**  
R. Vaughan Williams

**A Light in the Stable**  
Alan Bullard

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

**There will also be refreshments**

**Please reserve the date**

If you would like to join the choir please  
contact: Keith Gibbs 01823 490191



## North Curry W.I.

The October meeting began by observing a minute silence in memory of Celia Birch a W.I. member and former committee member who sadly passed away during October.

Dr Karen Stead-Dexter gave an interesting talk on toxins contained in our everyday cleaning material and cosmetics. Members who brought along some of their favourite items had the ingredients listed on the packaging analysed by Karen. This proved to be both informative and scary!

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, 16 members went to a most enjoyable concert given by the Yeovilton Military Wives at the Westland Leisure Centre, Yeovil. This was supported by the Sherborne Silver Band who concluded the evening with a selection of last night of the prom music amid much waving of flags and singing. The evening finished with the resounding singing of Jerusalem.

Our guest speaking on 5<sup>th</sup> November is Michael Malaghan, an author and journalist who will be speaking about his four careers in writing.

## Adult Ballet Classes:

Dragonflies Dance at North Curry are now offering Adult Ballet classes, 8:30-9:30pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome including complete beginners. £5 per class. Contact Libby for more information:

[dragonfliesdance@outlook.com](mailto:dragonfliesdance@outlook.com)  
[www.dragonfliesdance.co.uk](http://www.dragonfliesdance.co.uk)



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. This will be the third 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.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November and is a talk on "The World of Alpines" by Mr David Manners. Meetings are held in North Curry Pavilion at 7:45pm for 8:00pm.

Come and join this friendly group and get hints and tips for your garden. Stay for coffee and a chat.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

## Road Safety Results

Many thanks to all of you who kindly completed the road safety questionnaire and gave your views. The results have been collated and the favoured options submitted to our County Councillor, Cllr. Fothergill, in time for SCC's autumn funding round, in the hope that some of the schemes will receive full funding for 2015. Maps showing the locations of these proposals can be viewed at the Parish Office and the results will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard.

Out of a total of 146 questionnaires returned, the top Six Proposals supported by Parishioners were:

1. Install an 80 metre section of roadside pavement, near Cricket Cotts/Greenway to complete footway.
2. Install a new 30 metre section of roadside pavement on Stoke Road between Manor Lane and White Street.
3. Construct two carriageway narrowing 'pinch points' along Stoke Road.
4. Construct a 'pinch point' on Windmill Hill opposite footpath entrance to Portmans.
5. Install an off-road layby for School Buses near Village Hall along Greenway.
6. Install three 'Village Gateways' (as used in Somerton) to clearly define the start of the village.

## Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale

In aid of Médecins Sans Frontières  
at  
Greenway House, 25 Greenway  
on  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
10:30 to 12:30

Please come and support this charity, which provides medical help in some of the world's most dangerous places. Among many other areas, they are currently working in Syria, and helping with the fight against Ebola in West Africa.

Put the date in your diary now: we look forward to seeing you.

### North Curry Village Hall

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

## THE 111<sup>th</sup> NORTH CURRY



After 11 years of fabulous organising by Michelle Olie and Alison Kyle, I have been handed the mantle of chairman of the May Fair committee. Along with Debbie Curtis, Victoria Day and Jen Quinn, I hope we can deliver another great day. We've gone for a new emblem, as we are a new committee, and have to thank Milly Forbes-Day for designing this one for us. I'd also like to thank Angela Dix who has provided details of the history of the fair, we know that next year's will be the 111<sup>th</sup> to be held in the form we know it today. We would also be interested in any photographs people may have of past May Fairs, to see how things have changed over the years. If you do have any you'd like to share, please email them to me at [quinnmel@hotmail.com](mailto:quinnmel@hotmail.com).

The first stall holders meeting will be held in the Bird in Hand on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm. I hope to see many familiar faces there!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Melanie Quinn Tel: 491397

## North Curry Primary School

What a busy and eventful start to the new school year. Our new children in Minnow Class are now in full time and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm. We were inspected by Ofsted between Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We were absolutely delighted with the findings of the Ofsted Inspector. The school was graded outstanding in all areas. The inspector was extremely impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children. He was also impressed with the strength of teaching throughout the school. I am so proud of the whole school community in receiving this accolade and appreciate the fantastic support we receive from parents, the church and wider community. I would also like to express my thanks to the previous head teacher, Sarah Loader, who put in place so many super initiatives during her time at the school. Since the inspection, the momentum has continued and we hope to build on this success.

## AGM, FWAG, Juice and Renewable Energy

This year's AGM is to be at 7:45 on 28<sup>th</sup> November in North Curry Village Hall. Once we've done the official business this will be followed at 8:30 by a talk by Ben Thorne from the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group; he'll be speaking about the challenging task of reconciling agricultural and ecological perspectives with regard to the Somerset Levels, against a backdrop of climate instability.

### Juicing

A final reminder of our second apple juicing day 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. This will be 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please get in touch to book your slot.

### Renewable Energy

Following our very successful Renewable Energy Fair on 27<sup>th</sup> September we're now discussing practical options with various interested parties in North Curry and neighbouring villages.

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



*towards a greener community*



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 07551 759 190



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

## The Bluebirds Present *The Christmas Mysteries*

Church of St Peter and St Paul  
North Curry

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Ticket prices £10 adults, £5 under 12

Tickets available on the door or online at

[www.thechristmasmysteries.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.thechristmasmysteries.ticketsource.co.uk)

The Christmas Mysteries is a family show with classical singing, a live band and live animals. It's a modern adaptation of the mystery plays based on the nativity. Expect a headstrong Mary, mad-cap shepherds, a bit of sheep-theft and plenty of lively humour. Come and meet the real live donkey and join in the story!



## Royal British Legion

9<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday, and following the church service, which starts at 9:30am, there will be the service at the War Memorial in Queen Square. Make sure you are there as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.



## Family disco and party to see in the New Year at the Village Hall



31<sup>st</sup> December  
7:30 for 8:00  
till 1:00



No need for baby sitters, no need for taxis, disco, possibly live music, quiet room for those that can't make it till midnight to sleep in. Tickets £7 per adult £3 per child, available from the Post Office. Local ales, wine and bar snacks, possibly cheese boards if the demand is there.

So start Christmas, at Christmas in the Square, we'll be there, and finish in style, as fancy dress is optional...

On 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00pm

## Our Biennial Village Advent Carol Service

will be held in the

## Parish Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

November may seem gloomy as the weather worsens and the nights draw in but remember that

## Christmas is Coming and the Goose is Getting Fat

That must mean it is time for us to come together for an evening of music, readings and songs to celebrate the season of Advent, where we look forward to Christmas and the joy it brings.

This year we are delighted that the Jubilee Singers will be joining us. As usual the Church choir will be there to lead the singing too and there will be readings and songs for you to listen to and ponder on, as well as plenty of songs for you to sing.

Do come and join us and bring your friends - of course there will be time afterwards for a drink and a slice of Advent Cake to share with them.

## Christmas in the Square

*Continuing the tradition of the village getting together just before Christmas, the 11<sup>th</sup> year!*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 – 6:00pm**

*Festive fun for all ages*

*Christmas Tree in the Square, with switching on of the lights by Belinda Stewart Wilson (Polly McKenzie of The Inbetweeners)*



*Music by The Big Noise back by popular request  
Carols by North Curry Jubilee Singers*

*Children's Games*

*Burgers, Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls*

*Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,*

*'Rhum au Chocolat'*

*and Raffle*

*Father Christmas,  
....if we are all very good*



*Any proceeds divided between the Pavilion  
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chosen charities.*