



# 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

**TDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:** Due to County Council issues with the new transport infrastructure necessary to serve Taunton Deane (TD) development, the publication date for the TD Local Plan has been delayed. Watch this space and the website for news on writing letters of objection to the Secretary of State about the proposals for North Curry and any subsequent Local Plan Inquiry.

**THEFTS FROM OUTBUILDINGS:** With the long dark evenings has come a spate of thefts from outbuildings. Please make sure all sheds are locked and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

**LIBRARY CONSULTATION:** SCC are consulting on the future of library services, particularly the mobile library. You can access the consultation online at [somerset.gov.uk/libraryconsultation](http://somerset.gov.uk/libraryconsultation), at your local library or mobile library or by calling 0845 345 9177.

**BUS WITHDRAWAL:** Views are being sought on the possible withdrawal of the 51 North Curry bus on Saturdays. Have your say by completing the survey at [somerset.gov.uk/bussurvey](http://somerset.gov.uk/bussurvey) or request a hard copy by calling 0845 345 9155.

**WRANTAGE FOOTBRIDGE:** Walkers will be pleased to hear that the footbridge from the drove to the footpath at the western side of Wrantage has now been replaced and the path is accessible again.

**WINTER DE-ICING:** There are a limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material available for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow or ice. If interested call the Parish Clerk.

**VILLAGE DRAINAGE AND FLOODING AT STOKE ROAD CORNER:** With grant funding from Somerset County Council and the co-operation of landowners, the Parish Council has seen to the replacement of a collapsing major culvert in Broad Lane together with the staged dredging of drainage ditches in Stoke Road and Broad Lane. This is the route the majority of the village's surface water follows. The aim is to restore the flow of water to regular flow rather than the backing up that we have seen in recent years which then causes flooding of roads and, in severe conditions, flooding of houses. Some further works are being planned. For further info, ideas or questions contact Phil Stone 491689 or [phil.stone7@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.stone7@btinternet.com)

### PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:30 pm

No Planning Meeting in December

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

## Christmas Coffee Morning

This popular event will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be plenty of stalls and activities and, of course, festive and warming mulled wine and mince pies. We will be entertained by the combined ukulele orchestras of North Curry to start the festive season. 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.

We will also have the display of photographs of unusual toilets to kick off the next phase of our refurbishment plans. If you have a picture to display please contact the Secretary on 490 201 for details of how to enter it. Who know, you might win a prize!

Plans are in hand for some fun evenings in the New Year – a quiz in January, table top sale in February and Somerset Opera perform HMS Pinafore in March – and that's just for starters. Details in the next newsletter.



On 10<sup>th</sup> December we are showing **Secrets and Lies**, a classic Mike Leigh film which won praise all round when it first came out. Humorous, touching and thought provoking in equal measure, this tale of a mother's discovery of a daughter she had given away and the conflicts this raises within her family is well worth seeing and seeing again, too.

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.

No **Winter Warmer** this month but we will be back on 10<sup>th</sup> January with **Cinema Paradiso**.

To keep up to date with the film programme and watch trailers of all forthcoming films go to our website [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk).

## The Produce Market

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

Come and stock up for Christmas – cards, gifts, food treats, and special drinks as well as the staple items of meat, bread, vegetables and preserves – all locally produced. We hope you will support our regular stallholders and enjoy a coffee with friends.

*See you there!*

## The North Curry Village Show, 2015

After another successful show in 2014, the committee urgently needs some new members to take up the challenge of keeping the show going. Several of the present members have been on the committee for many years and although we are happy to do the 2015 show, we feel it is time for new members to come forward now and learn the ropes, produce some new ideas and carry the show forward the following year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sherry Keith-Welsh, phone 490900, e-mail [sherry@k-welsh.com](mailto:sherry@k-welsh.com)

Our fund-raising Marmalade Sale will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 10 am to 12 noon in the Pavilion. We are also holding a Flower Arranging demonstration on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, also in the Pavilion (for which there will be a charge – probably about £5). Come and gain some ideas and maybe create an entry for the Village Show in July. There will also be the usual Plant Stall at the May Fair.

The Village Show is a great tradition, and a lot of fun, and we hope you will support it by joining the committee, buying marmalade, and entering next year's show.



### North Curry W.I.

October was a busy month for the W.I. Our guest speaker Michael Malaghan gave a humorous and lively talk on his life as both a journalist and author.

Michael Portillo was our guest speaker at the Somerset A.G.M. held in Westlands Leisure Centre, Yeovil. He entertained a maximum crowd of members with witty and amusing tales of life in politics as well as his various train journeys.

Salisbury was the choice this year for a shopping trip and although the weather was wet and miserable we enjoyed a successful day shopping.

Dates for diary:

**3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Christmas flower decorations and party.

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** the annual carol service in Wells Cathedral. Coach will leave the village centre at 9:30am.

**19<sup>th</sup> December:** Group carol service in the Baptist Church, Stoke St Gregory at 3 pm.

**21<sup>st</sup> January** annual winter lunch in the Bird in Hand, North Curry at 12:30pm.

*North Curry, Stoke St. Gregory  
& Burrowbridge Conservatives*

### SHEPHERD'S PIE LUNCH

**Highcroft House, Knapp Lane,  
NORTH CURRY, TA3 6AU**

*(by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Alan  
POPHAM)*

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**

**12:30 for 1pm  
£15 each**

Tel: Heather RICHARDS 01823-491518  
or Di TILLEY 01823-698229



Blow away those winter blues with a blast from the past. At the North Curry Society's annual social evening in the Village Hall at 8 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Jonathan Weeks from East Lambrook will give a witty and tuneful(!) presentation of all the major woodwind instruments of the Middle Ages. He will bring along lots of examples, including shawms, bladder pipes and horn pipes that he has collected over the years - and will play them all. Jonathan's musical and entertainment skills are well known in the South West. He has already given two highly entertaining presentations to the Society - and another is in prospect. There will be wine and seasonal refreshments, free for members. Visitors and non-members are most welcome for a modest fee of £1.



### North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our last meeting before Christmas is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm and is a talk by Barbara Cliff on "My Willow Year". Barbara is a garden and willow artist who works with locally sourced willow and materials and her creations follow the seasons, from living willow creations in the spring to Christmas decorations at the end of the year.

Our meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion.

Join us from 7:30pm for mince pies and mulled wine before the meeting to celebrate the festive season.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

There is no meeting in January.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



### Royal British Legion

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December is Xmas Bingo Day so make sure you are there! The doors open at 7 o'clock and it's eyes down at 7:30. Members are once again requested to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle. Do help make the evening a success – and also make a valuable donation to the Poppy Appeal.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

### Carols in the Square

**6:00pm: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Come and start the Christmas week by singing traditional carols in Queen Square Gardens. Join the throng – all ages welcome. Wrap up warm, we meet whatever the weather.

Bring a torch or lantern and enthusiasm!

We will provide the carol sheet.



### Christmas Arts & Crafts at North Curry Community Coffee Shop

Are you still looking for that unique gift? Then come to the Coffee Shop where we have an exciting new range of affordably priced, locally made gifts for all the family. Painted wooden boxes for children, cute owl doorstops, shimmering silver willow trees, stunning glass baubles, pottery, cushions, bags, jewellery and the list goes on. We also have a range of beautiful Christmas cards including North Curry scenes and hand sewn ones with felt and beads. Credit card payments are accepted. Merry Christmas and we hope to see you soon.

## White Street 200 Club

White Street 200 Club draw for October

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Brian Dix
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	John Body
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	James Midgley

There are still a few numbers left! Got to be in it to win it! A number could be a nice Xmas surprise for a loved one! (A present which could keep giving!! A bargain at £12!! And we will gift wrap it for you!) Contact Maria 491095 or Michele 490276



## Parish Church Gift day 2014

The Rural Dean, Chris Keys, the Vicar and the whole of the PCC would like to thank everyone who has so far given most generously to our Gift Day appeal. At the time of writing we have received many donations from across the Parish and are very confident we will have raised enough to repair the walls in the churchyard and maintain the bells that were the main focus for this year's appeal. We are really grateful and pleased that the church means so much to the village whether or not you join us for services and events that run throughout the year.

## We need your help!

North Curry Church of St Peter and St Paul are working with North Curry Primary School to update the children's area at the back of the church.

Do you have any vintage child-sized furniture that you would like to donate to us? We need wooden children's chairs (and tables). They need to be in good condition structurally but we can paint them.

Please check your attics and cellars as we would really appreciate some furniture! Please drop off your chairs at the church, but if no-one is about, please leave your name and number in case they are not what we are looking for.

Many thanks

## North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert

North Curry Village Hall

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

Vaughan Williams Christmas Fantasia

Alan Bullard A Light in the Stable

as well as other Christmas music  
and carols for all

Scott Morrison Conductor

Sasha Herriman Soprano

John Broad Baritone

Rachel Robinson Piano

Refreshments and mulled wine

Tickets: £8 will be available from  
members of the choir and North Curry  
Post Office



## North Curry Primary School

It certainly has been a busy few months at the school including a trip to @Bristol, Cadbury's World and in December two classes will be visiting Highclere Castle.

The school enjoys working in partnership with other schools and has teamed up with Lyngford Park, Hatch Beauchamp, Stoke St Gregory and Trull to provide an evening for parents on the new Maths Curriculum and ideas on how parents can support their children at home. The evening will be at Lyngford Park Primary School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

We like to get involved in the local community including the Somerset Art Works 'Great Crane Project'. Our children's work will form part of the celebrations of the project on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

I was really impressed with the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Representatives of our school laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the village after the community church service. The whole school observed a two minute silence at 11am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. I was incredibly proud of the respect shown by all pupils.

We are looking forward to the build up to Christmas and for the first time will be filming our Christmas Production.

## North Curry Independent Baptist Church

Invite you to join us in our  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL  
SERVICE**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014  
at 6:30pm

Speaker: Bryn Jones

The service will be followed by light refreshments with mince pies, etc. which you are warmly invited to share with us.

There will also be a short morning service on

**CHRISTMAS DAY at 10:30am**

and we welcome everyone wishing to join us.



The Coffee Morning at Greenway House in aid of Medecins sans Frontieres raised a wonderful total of £671. Grateful thanks to everyone who supported this cause by running the raffle, selling produce, making coffee and washing up the cups, and of course all those who contributed items for sale. Also a huge thank you to those who gave very generous donations which helped us raise this magnificent sum. Thank you, North Curry!



## THE MUMMERS

1.00 pm

The Square

NORTH CURRY

BOXING DAY

26th DECEMBER

# North Curry Methodist Church

Dates to remember:

The Advent Taize service will now be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm as a circuit service. (Please note change of date)

North Curry/Curland Methodists are hosting a Family Christmas Activity Afternoon on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:30 – 5:00pm. There will be activities for everyone culminating in a brief Christingle Service using the Christingles made during the session.

The Carol service is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3:00pm. Tea and mince pies will follow.

Preachers for Dec/Jan/Feb

## December

7 Mr David Day

14 Mrs Theresa Ella

21 Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Carol Service 3pm + tea & mince pies)

28 Rev'd Stephen Mares (Holy Communion)

## January

4 Mr Ken Bird

11 Mr David Clitheroe

18 Mrs Jenny Sleep

25 Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Annual Covenant Service)

## February

1 Mrs Gillian Flick 11am 6:30  
Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Circuit service)

8 Rev'd Deborah Kirk

15 Mrs Margaret Wood

22 Rev'd Chris Brown

## March

1 Mr Rodney Jones



## Annual Football Match

### 'THE DAN BODDY MEMORIAL CUP'

**NORTH CURRY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**NORTH CURRY CRICKET CLUB**

### BOXING DAY

**KICK OFF 10:45AM**

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE  
WHITE STREET SPORTS GROUND.

BAR, BACON ROLLS, TEA AND  
COFFEE AVAILABLE.



We have been looking into the natural world around us this term; the children have been enjoying trips to forest school and, closer to home, by watching rabbits grazing on the playing fields. They have been collecting leaves, walking out and about, exploring footpaths and making use of the new fire pit in the playing fields! We had an interesting trip to the National trusts Fyne Court in the Quantocks.

We are now counting the days to Christmas and busy preparing ourselves for all festivities. Little Acorns is proud to have received an excellence in continued professional development by Somerset county council.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.

### Little Acorns Christmas Fayre

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 6-8pm**, Little Acorns will be holding a Christmas Fayre at North Curry Primary School, by kind permission of Mr Braund. There will be lots of craft stalls, lucky dip, bottle stall, raffle, food and of course Father Christmas! If you would like a stall for £5 please contact Miche, Deputy Leader on 01823 491615 or via email [littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk)



Friends of North Curry School

## Christmas Raffle

**£2.50 a book  
(5 tickets)**

**Lots of  
tremendous  
prizes including  
Spa day for two  
at the**



**Tickets are available to buy from:**

❖ **School Office**

❖ **Village Shop**

❖ **FONCS team**

Live draw at the

**Christmas Cracker Event on**

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

Registered Charity No. 1039906

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

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



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



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