



# 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

The Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**TDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:** Please look at page 3 to find out the latest regarding Taunton Deane's plans for North Curry and how to comment.

**OXEN LANE:** The Parish Council will be discussing the Oxen Lane planning application 24/14/0054 at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January prior to submission of their comments on 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you have views you would like the Parish Council to take on board let them know! If you haven't submitted your own comments to TDBC yet you still can (but do so ASAP) as, provided a decision has not been made and it has not gone to TDBC Planning Committee, the comments should still be taken into consideration.

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!** A new year, a new challenge! If you would you like to have a chance to do something positive for the Parish why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor? The election of a new Parish Council will take place in May this year so this is your chance to get involved. If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor the Parish Clerk or any of your current Parish Councillors would be happy to discuss what's involved with prospective applicants or come along and join us at meetings to see what goes on.

**THANK YOU:** The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the many willing volunteers who help make the Parish of North Curry such a great place to live. They include, to name but a few, the producers and distributors of the Village Newsletter, the Committees running Greenway Playing Field, White St. Sports Field, the Coffee Shop, Town Farm Stable, the Village Hall, the North Curry webmaster and many, many others!

**BARKING DOGS, NOISE NUISANCE:** Does your dog bark when left alone outside? Please could dog owners be considerate of neighbours when leaving dogs alone outside for a length of time. Incessant barking can be a major noise nuisance for the area and can also be a sign of stress in the dog.

**CHRISTMAS TREE:** Our thanks also go to Alison and Noel in the Post Office for supplying and erecting the Queen Square Xmas tree and lights again this year, it is appreciated by us all.

**PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR JANUARY** - Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting 8:00 pm

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

## Quiz Night

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

7:30pm North Curry Village Hall

Tickets available from the Post Office: £8 which includes a simple supper. Licensed bar.

Why not get together a team of 6 - or just come along and join a team on the night.

In aid of the refurbishment of the Ladies Toilets.

## Volunteers Wanted

Both the Hall Committee chairman, Liz Gibbs, and the secretary, Joan Gubbin, are standing down at the April AGM. Having done five and ten years respectively it is now time for someone new to come forward and help run this very successful village amenity. Please ring either Liz on 490191 or Joan on 490201 to find out more about the work involved.

Remember, it is YOUR village hall and it needs YOU!



**Two contrasting films will be shown this January!**  
**Winter Warmers**

The next Saturday afternoon film will be **Cinema Paradiso** – a delightful film of a young boy's memories of his childhood spent in a picture palace in Italy.

Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets £5 for members and non-members and there will be the usual interval with tea and cake.

**The Lunchbox - Ritesh Batra** - The next regular film on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> is a romantic comedy set in modern India and the world of Mumbai's dabbawallas who deliver home cooked lunch boxes to office workers. Middle class housewife Ila is trying to add some spice to her marriage through her cooking. She prepares a special lunchbox to be delivered to her husband at work, but, unbeknownst to her, it is mistakenly delivered to another office worker, Saajan, a lonely man on the verge of retirement.

Doors open at 7pm with non-members admitted from 7:15pm at an admission fee of £5.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

After the excess (possibly) of Christmas it might be time to top up on some fresh vegetables, meat and bread - all from local producers. We hope you will come and meet friends, recall festivities past and support our loyal producers.

*See you there!*



## North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 the Club's Singles Competition took place in the Village Hall between 10am and 5 pm

Eighteen members participated and there were a number of hotly contested matches. Three bowlers managed to win all of their matches and, after a count back of shots for and against, Ted Collins was declared the Club Champion with Lindsey Musgrave as Runner up. Cups were presented by the Club Chairman, Mervyn Gridley; the Ladies Cup going to Lindsey Musgrave.

The Club has enjoyed a moderately successful year in 2014, playing nineteen matches, winning nine and drawing one.

During the year we have been delighted to welcome three new members who have settled very quickly and who are thoroughly enjoying not only Matches but also Tuesday and Sunday practice sessions.

Bowls is a game that anyone can join in at any age, so if YOU would like to "HAVE A GO", the Club meets on Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4:30pm and on Sundays 3:00 to 5:00pm. You can be assured of a warm welcome and your first "Taster Sessions" will be FREE.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

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

## Beginners Ukulele and Guitar Classes

New Guitar or Uke for Christmas?  
Old Guitar or Uke gathering dust?  
Just want to treat yourself?

Learn to play Ukulele and Guitar.  
Two new 6 week classes starting  
January 2015

### Guitar for Beginners

starting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
8pm to 9pm  
North Curry Pavilion

### Ukulele for Beginners

starting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
8pm to 9pm  
North Curry Pavilion

Small group size, so  
booking essential

To book, or for more info:  
contact Kevin

[www.kevintoller.com](http://www.kevintoller.com)

email [kevin@kevintoller.com](mailto:kevin@kevintoller.com)

Tel: 01823 490109



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm** in  
the village hall.

Do come along and get rid of some of those extra Christmas pounds. If you don't lose them dancing then you will be laughing! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed. Your first visit will be free of charge; thereafter non-members pay £3 per session, reductions for members.

For further details phone Brian or  
Kathryn on 490623

### New police telephone numbers

PS 2631 - Huw Jenkins  
07889 657890

PC 1146 - Maria Jennings  
07889 658000

PCSO 8784 - Lynsey Gamblin  
07889 655212

PCSO 9981 - Steve Chapman  
07889 655196

These telephone numbers are only used when the officer is on duty. If it is an emergency and you need an immediate response, please telephone 999

If you wish to report a crime or for any non-emergency calls please telephone 101

Please do not report crimes on officers' mobile phones.

## Parish Council Mailing List Reminder

Don't forget that if you would like your email address to be placed on the confidential PC mailing list please send an e-mail to [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com) with MAILING LIST as the subject and giving your name, e-mail and postal address. (We need your postal address to validate that you are a parishioner.)



## Royal British Legion

The total amount collected this year for the Poppy Appeal was £2,434.69 – a wonderful result.

We take this opportunity to wish all members and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and also to thank you for your help and support for the Royal British Legion. The next meeting of the branch will be on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

**NORTH CURRY PAVILION**

**& 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 07551 759 190

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

## Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan

Taunton Deane Borough Council have now approved their draft plan, which is expected to be published on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, when there will be a six week period (closing 19<sup>th</sup> February) during which representations can be made direct to TDBC.

When published, the complete draft document will be available on the TDBC consultation portal: <http://consultldf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal> A printed copy will be available at the Parish Office for you to read if you don't have access to the internet. After 8<sup>th</sup> January you can make representations on-line via this link or by writing to the Borough Council at The Deane House.

Representations can deal with any aspect of the plan and need not be focused on Knapp Lane, the only remaining site for development (the other site proposed at Overlands has already been granted permission at appeal). The plan also proposes detailed policies to be applied when dealing with applications for planning permission. Whilst you may not be directly affected by these proposals we would suggest that you do look at the plan and make representations as this will affect the shape of the village in the future.

Once the consultation period is over, all representations will be submitted together with the draft plan to the Government's Planning Inspectorate so that a decision can be made as to the plan's suitability, which may involve a public hearing. As all representations will be sent to the Planning Inspector it is important that sufficient detail is given on the location within North Curry. You need to respond to the TDBC consultation in writing within the published timescale or your representation will not be accepted and you will not be able to appear at any future hearing (should you wish to).

Your comments may not change the draft plan before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate but it will register your view that the plan in its present form is not dealing with North Curry's needs and will prompt investigation by the inspectorate. The tests that will be applied to check whether the plan is sound are set out in Government guidelines. The Borough Council's evidence of how these tests have been met will be provided alongside the draft plan. If, having examined the plan and representations on it, the Inspector finds it is unsound, the plan may be rejected or sent back for modification before it can be adopted by the Council as planning policy.

The Parish Council will be making representations, their two main concerns being that if the Knapp Lane site stays in the Local Plan there will be at least 60 new houses built in North Curry rather than the 40 which the Deane originally proposed (39 houses already approved at Overlands and White Street). This site has a very narrow road leading to it with no scope to create safe pedestrian access. The second concern is that the developers of the Windmill Hill site for over 50 houses could resubmit an application and try to persuade the Inspector to also include those in the plan; this site is very prominent with limited opportunity to create safe pedestrian access into the village and would increase the risk of flooding downhill.

You may or may not wish to support the Parish Council's views, but if you need further information you can contact Councillor Phil Stone on 491689 or email [phil.stone7@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.stone7@btinternet.com)