



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL



CLOSURE OF VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

This is an invitation to you, a resident of North Curry parish, to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 7th April at 7:30pm in the hall.

At the meeting, unless people have come forward to take on the positions of Chairman and Secretary, the current committee will be unable to carry on and the hall will close and be handed back to the Parish Council.

For further information or to volunteer to run the hall contact Liz Gibbs 490191 or Joan Gubbin 490201

The Produce Market

Saturday 7th March

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

All the regular stalls selling bread, cakes, eggs, honey, meat, cheese, chutney, jam and vegetables will be at the market in March. The Fair trade stall has some new items and the cafetieres and cake in the kitchen are proving to be popular along with the bacon butties. We hope you will come and support us as usual.

See you there!

North Curry Parish Council

TDBC SITE ALLOCATION CONSULTATION:

There is still time to submit comments to this important consultation as the deadline has been extended to 19th March. Go to: http://consultidf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/sadmpp/d_sadmpp/draft_sadmpp_consultation. The Parish Council's response can be viewed on the North Curry website, hard copies are available in the Parish Office.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!! Would you like to become more involved in what happens in the Parish? Now is your chance as the election of a new Parish Council will take place in May. If you would like to put your name forward, nomination papers will be available from **2nd March**, closing date for nominations is **9th April**. If you would like to find out more about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor please go to the Parish Council page of the North Curry website where there are links to three publications that may help or contact the Parish Clerk or one of your Parish Councillors.

SLOW BROADBAND? North Curry exchange is within the superfast broadband programme, however, apparently "decisions on which cabinets get upgraded off the exchange will depend on the outcome of pending detailed surveying. Estimate date range for surveys April 2015 - Sept 2015". Meanwhile register interest in improved broadband speeds at: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>.

COFFEE SHOP THANKS: We would like to thank Coffee Shop volunteers for their generous donation of £40 towards the upkeep of Queen Square garden.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This is advance notice that the APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wed. 6th May in the Village Hall. Any community organisation wishing to participate should contact the Parish Clerk by 1st April.

MOBILE LIBRARY: The mobile library service could be withdrawn if a stop is unused for 3 consecutive visits or has less than 3 regular users. Make the most of this valuable service which stops one Tuesday a month in Queens Square (12:40-1:15) and Barton Way (1:20-1:40) and one Friday a month on Stoke Road (10:10-10:25). Timetables of visits are available on the SCC website, Parish noticeboard or from the mobile library.

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

Wed 11th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 25th Planning Meeting 8:00 pm

CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 25th. **The World's Fastest Indian** stars Anthony Hopkins but do not come expecting cowboys and Indians! This is based on a true story of a man with a passion for motorcycles and his dream of becoming the fastest on land riding his beloved bike – a 600cc Indian. An engaging comedy drama and you don't need to share his passion for bikes!

If you haven't joined yet we will be offering half price membership for the rest of the season – a bargain!

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

Where can you meet

Rapturous Lovesick Maidens
Poets
Colonels, Majors and Dukes
Dragoon Guards
and a Dairy Maid?

At Somerset Opera's performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's

PATIENCE

to be held on Friday 20th March
in the Village Hall

Tickets £10
available from North Curry Post Office
or telephone 490201

Licensed Bar

Put the date in your diary NOW!

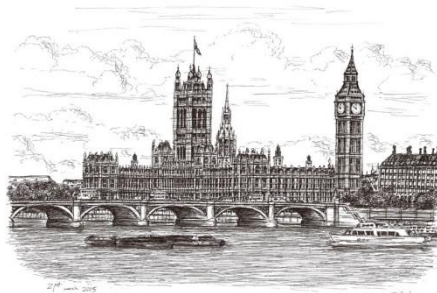


Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 9th March, in the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



Order! Order!



On Wednesday 18th March, two insiders take us behind the scenes at Westminster and Whitehall. George Jones, for 21 years the Political Editor of the Daily Telegraph and his wife Teresa, a former Ministry of Defence senior civil servant who also worked in Downing Street for Margaret Thatcher and later for the Chief Whip, will reveal some of the things that really went on in the corridors of power from the Press Lobby's off the record briefings, to the Falklands War. And was Humphrey the No 10 cat really to blame for killing the robins in the Downing Street garden?

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to welcoming you.

North Curry Village Choir

Our next concert will be on
9th May at 7:30pm

Come along to the Parish Church to hear some wonderful music

Schubert Mass in C
a selection of other shorter pieces of choral music

and **Kol Nidrei – a beautiful piece for solo cello played by Sara Lovell with organ accompaniment**

We always welcome new singers – it is not too late to come along to the Village Hall where we meet at **8:00pm every Thursday evening** (in school term time)

Further details please ring:

Keith Gibbs on 490191



North Curry W.I.

This year the National Federation of Woman Institute celebrates their 100th birthday. Their very first meeting was held in Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch in North Wales in 1915, and although North Curry can't claim to be quite that old some of our members can remember their mother's being at the inaugural meeting in the village 87 years ago.

Our 87th birthday tea lived up to the usual high standard expected from the W.I. with a tempting array of party food and a birthday cake complete with candles.

Entertainment was supplied by two classical trained musicians, Claire and Adelaide on flute and piano keyboard who took us on an entertaining tour around the British Isles in the form of a musical quiz.

Our guest speaker in March will be Dr Sue Jennings who will talk about her life in the jungle while bring up two children and carrying out medical research.

We meet in the village hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



Dragonflies Dance:

New Adult Tap and Adult Ballet classes running at North Curry Village Hall 3 Wednesdays a month. Tap 1:15-2:00pm and Ballet 2:00-2:45pm suitable for complete beginners. Free taster classes on the 18th March 12:15-1:00pm tap taster; 1:00-1:45pm ballet taster. All welcome; get your dancing shoes on! Contact the school for more information 07826 772525 dragonfliesdance@outlook.com

All go for North Curry Community Energy!



towards a greener community

North Curry Community Energy

The NCCE team and Transition Athelney are pleased to announce that those responsible for all four of the public buildings earmarked for solar pv installations have given their

provisional approval as has the Parish Council, which owns three of them. We are now therefore able to announce publicly that the buildings in question are the Village Hall, the Greenway pavilion, the White Street cricket pavilion and the village school.

Specialist contractors have been approached to tender for the work and the whole project is being developed under the guidance of Brendon Energy, an experienced renewable energy co-operative based in Wiveliscombe. It is anticipated that the pv arrays will be installed this Summer. All the buildings have South-facing roof pitches. A mutually beneficial connection between the village hall and the school is proposed so that the latter can import additional electricity during the day (when the hall is used relatively little) at a cheaper rate than from the grid, but at a higher rate than the hall receives from exporting to the grid.

North Curry will thereby be taking a step in the direction of local self-reliance as well as playing a significant part in reducing our carbon footprint and the inefficiency of long-distance energy transmission. There are financial benefits too. The scheme will be financed by public subscription, with an anticipated 5% return to subscribers. In addition, because the project qualifies under the government's Enterprise Investment Scheme, all £500+ subscribers who pay tax will be entitled to a one-off rebate of 30%, so a tax-payer who invests, say, £1000 will receive a £300 one-off benefit, in addition to their annual income. Surplus income from the Feed-In Tariff (FIT), after paying overheads such as insurance and interest to subscribers, will be available as a community fund, for the users of the various buildings, in proportion to their metered output.

The prospectus will, however, state that this does not constitute financial advice, that subscribers are encouraged to obtain independent advice and that such investments are illiquid (they cannot be withdrawn in a hurry). The subscription offer will be part of a wider offering being drawn up by Brendon Energy. In the event of over-subscription, investors from North Curry will have priority in the NCCE offer. It is anticipated that the cost of NCCE's installations will be in the region of £35,000.

PUBLIC MEETING

If you want to hear more and/or are interested in subscription, you are cordially invited to a public meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March at the White Street cricket pavilion (access via Morris Way). A representative of Brendon Energy will be on hand, along with the organisers of NCCE.

White Street 200 Club January Draw

And the first winners of 2015 White Street 200 Club were:

1 st	£25	Matthew Jewell
2 nd	£15	Mary Applegate
3 rd	£10	Chloe Rowlinson

Unbelievably it is nearly a full year since we set up this scheme! Those who have set up a direct debit with us, your subscription should automatically roll over for a further year. Should you not wish this to happen please contact one of us and also your bank. Those who paid by cheque will need to send another cheque to remain in the draw. You've got to be in it to win it as they say!

Maria merperry@btinternet or 491095
Michele michele@monksleigh.com or 490276

STOKE ST GREGORY TENNIS CLUB incorporating NORTH CURRY



Members and non-members are invited to the Tennis Club Open Day.

This event signals the beginning of the 2015 season and all those interested are welcome to come and visit the club, play a bit of tennis, ask questions and find out about us. All abilities are welcome, including beginners – juniors as well as adults.

Refreshments will be provided and racquets are available, if required.

The courts are at the Playing Fields in Willey Road, Stoke.

If wet, on the next day, Sunday 29th March.

For further information, please ring Kathryn Davidson on 490575 or Nigel Cheeseman on 490553.



NORTH CURRY PARISH CHURCH



MOTHERING SUNDAY 15th MARCH

Do come to our special Family Service at 10am in the Church.

Raid your gardens beforehand for flowers and greenery and bring to the back of the church for 9:30am Friday 13th March.

Note the change of date!

If possible stay to make up the posies. All welcome.

Good company and coffee promised.



While I am overseas at the moment I have left the wonderful May Fair committee in charge of the next stall holders meeting which will be at **7:30pm on Monday 16th March in The Bird in Hand**. That leaves only two months before the big day so please get there to book your stalls!

For any other queries please use the same phone number 491397 and Jen Quinn will be able to answer your questions.

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's May Fair. Mel Quinn

Methodist Preachers for March 2015 at North Curry/Curland

1 st	Mr Rodney Jones
8 th	Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)
15 th	Mr K Bird
22 nd	Rev'd Stephen Mares
29 th	Mr D Day.

St Peter and St Paul Parish Church
North Curry

INVITE YOU TO OUR

SOUP AND PUD

ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

BETWEEN 12 NOON – 2 PM

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL
GREENWAY

HOMEMADE SOUP AND
SCRUMPTIOUS PUDDINGS

£5.00

PROCEEDS TOWARDS
NEW HEATING SYSTEM



The children are thoroughly enjoying our new topic, 'Where I live', where we have been finding all about the type of house they live in and comparing it to others houses, both amongst their peers and from around the world. We are also learning who lives with me and what parents/carers occupations are. We have made junk models of our own houses too! In conjunction with this we are planning a trip to Somerset Museum in Taunton. As well as this we have been having lots of adventures at forest school, at the Willows and Wetlands centre, and getting very muddy and wet even in the British winter time!

If you would like your child to attend in the coming months or 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 Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102

hallbookings@northcurry.com

Race Night at North Curry Village Hall

back by popular demand

On Saturday, 18th April

Doors open 7:30pm, first race 8pm

Come along for a fantastic evening which packs in all the fun and excitement of day at the races. The evening is professionally compered and the races are shown on a big screen. Continuing the success of years open to families and we will start the first race sharp at 8:00. This year we are dividing the income between the North Curry Playing Fields charity and supporting Jan Ashcroft's Moon Walk for breast cancer care.

WHY I'M WALKING THE WALK

Everyone knows someone who is affected by Breast Cancer. If I can make even the slightest difference to help wipe out this terrible disease which has affected



so many families and friends then it will be worth every step and although I realise it will be difficult, I will endeavour, on behalf of all who sponsor me to enjoy the scenery at the same time.

There will be a raffle, a tote and an opportunity to own a horse.

Tickets are now on sale at Post Office or via Jan Ashcoft, Paul Gratton or Andy Moll. Please let us know your table booking sizes, Tables to seat 4, 6 or 8; larger groups upon request.

Four best dressed categories this year and here are the rules for the judging of

1. Best Gents Hat
2. Best Ladies Hat
3. Best Dressed Table as in clothes and hats
4. Best Dressed Table as in decorated table

Note that the judges will decided sometime before the 4th race and to be in with a chance of winning hats need to be ON, re 3 last year most hats were off when we chose...

Bar, plus soft drinks and light snacks served all evening.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5th March when David Usher will be presenting "The Answer lies in the Soil"

Soil is the fundamental element in successful gardening and hopefully David's talk will help us to get the best out of ours whatever our growing conditions. David is an experienced horticulturist and very much "hands on".

Meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:45pm for 8:00pm.

New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come and join this friendly group and get hints and tips for your garden.

Stay for coffee and a chat.

Our annual Social Evening and dinner takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March at 7:00 for 7:30pm. This event is free to Club members and £12.00 to guests. If you have not yet booked your place phone Sue Cable on 491658

Somerset Choices

Do you run a local care and support service, sell care products or organise a support group in the Parish? If so you may be interested in Somerset Choices. Led by Somerset County Council, it is a website that will allow people to search for care services, products, support groups and events in their local area. If you are interested there is an information event on 19th March - see the notice on the Parish noticeboard.



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 07551 759 190

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