



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Don't forget, this year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Don't miss out on reports from the school and local groups, as well as the Parish Council.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY

PARISH COUNCILLORS: The Parish Council would like to thank all the retiring Parish Councillors who have willingly given up their free time for many years, their input has been invaluable. Thanks also go to those Councillors who are staying on for more! Following the election there will still be 3 vacant seats for Parish Councillors, if you are interested in filling one of these seats please contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

NO. 51 BUS – SATURDAY SERVICE:

You'll be pleased to hear that there has been a reprieve for the Saturday no. 51 bus service for the current financial year, grateful thanks go to Cllr. Fothergill for his sustained lobbying on our behalf. **PLEASE USE THIS SERVICE when you can, it's a case of use it or lose it.**

ALLOTMENT AVAILABILITY: A spare allotment has become available, please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in taking it on.

POLICE CONTACTS: Don't forget that in a non-emergency the Police can be contacted by calling tel. no. 101, this leaves the 999 lines free for emergency calls.

COAST TO COAST CYCLE CHALLENGE IN NORTH CURRY: On Sunday 17th May the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance will be holding their Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge. Starting at 11am in Watchet, the route will bring 500+ cyclists through North Curry. They usually come up 13 Bends, through Knapp, over Borough Post, down Oxen Lane and south down Greenway. Please take care when driving in this area on that day.

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

Wed 6 th	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 13 th	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

The Produce Market

**Saturday 2nd May
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

We had a busy market last month; do come and join us in May when we will have bedding plants from Mike Hutchings and lots of good things from local producers. Stalls include organic local pork and lamb, cheese, bread, cakes, pasties, eggs, vegetables and honey. Plenty of jams and chutneys to tempt you and some excellent crafts and cards. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas and a stall for the local hospice. It's all things 'local'!

See you there!



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 27th May. **The Sessions** is a sensitive film about a man in an iron lung who is helped by the guidance of his priest and therapists to make his dream of losing his virginity a reality. The story is based on the diaries of journalist and poet Mark O'Brien.

We can offer a half year membership at £10 to anyone who would like to join for the last four films.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

Tuesday Lunch Club

Pork Normandy

Or should that be Porc Normandie? Followed by rhubarb crumble - picked fresh that morning - and turned into a delicious crumble and real custard. That's just one of the Tuesday Lunch Club meals served recently. With a theoretical number on the books of 28, we now have room for a few more. We meet every fortnight, catch up on village gossip, sort the world out, enjoy learning from some of our sprightly 90 + year olds, and be entertained by everything from Albatrosses from the Pacific to How the Bells Hang, not forgetting the village's very own Ukelele Orchestra. Our summer outing in September - a cruise on the Waverley paddle steamer - looks like being fully booked already, but we welcome new faces to dine with us. If you are over 60 and would enjoy a nice social atmosphere, please contact the organiser Dave Patten on 490782.

christian aid **Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

9th May 10:30am in the Methodist Church Garden. All are welcome at our coffee morning to be held at the start of Christian Aid Week. Do come and enjoy meeting friends and, if you have a donation to make, please bring your envelope with you.

There will be a raffle and bring and buy.



North Curry W.I.

As part of the W.I. Centenary celebrations a garden party is being held at Buckingham Palace on 2nd June. This will be hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. Three members of North Curry W.I. have been invited to attend and will join other members from the whole county to join this national tea party.

Our own annual tea party will be on the following day, 3rd June.

The skittle team has enjoyed a splendid season and is looking for more members who would like to join the team. Interested members should contact Brenda Cogger.

W.I. supports Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and plan to take part in their Walk the World to raise funds to support women in worldwide communities. Our walk will be on Wednesday 13th May starting from the home of Di Keyzer at 2:00pm and returning there for tea and cake. All donations for tea will be sent to ACWW. ALL village walkers and their dogs are welcome.

Our next meeting on 6th May will be the A.G.M. starting at 2:00pm.



An excellent Coffee Morning was held at the home of Diana Highley on Saturday 11th April. The excellent sum of £504.60 was raised, divided between Canine Partners and Guide Dogs.

A big thank you to all who came.



A Somerset Seaside Holiday from Times Past



The days are lengthening and thoughts are turning to holidays. The world is now our oyster but 178 years ago visiting the English seaside was pretty adventurous. In June 1836, a year before Queen Victoria came to the throne, a young family travelled to Bristol and Weston-super-Mare for a holiday. The father kept a diary and many of the places he saw and described can still be visited today, though not on a donkey!

On **Wednesday 20th May** at the North Curry Society, Pat Hase will take us through the highlights of the family's excursion.

Pat is past chair of both the Weston University of the Third Age and the Weston-super-Mare and District Family History Society.

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.



Royal British Legion

The May Fair is on Saturday 16th and as usual we will be taking part. Once again we ask members to donate prizes for our Grand raffle – bottles of wine are always popular!

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 11th May at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm.



Summer Celebration

in

MUSIC and SONG

Featuring

Soprano Sasha Herriman

Jubilee Singers

North Curry Ukelele Orchestra

Fiddlin' Folk

Guitarras

Pianist Rachel Robinson

Jazzical Swing

Canapés, Cakes and Cash Bar!

**North Curry Village Hall
Saturday 13th June, 7:30pm
Tickets £7.50**

from

Post Office, Gillian 490234
gillianakerman@tauntonbroadband.co.uk
or
Fran 491473 franhemmings@hotmail.com

**WOMEN WALK THE WORLD
Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)**

Connects & supports women & communities worldwide



Village Walk

**Meet at 2pm
at 1, Longs Field**

**A circular walk of about 4 miles
returning for tea**

on Wednesday 13th May

**Donations for tea and cake to ACWW
All welcome, gentlemen and dogs too**

For further details phone John 01460 281983

North Curry Village Choir With Good Spirit

9th May at 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

To include

**Mass in G – Schubert
Kol Nidrei – Bruch**

**Solos, spirituals
and English Folk songs**

**Choir, String quartet, Cello,
Piano and organ**

Tickets £8 will be available from
members of the choir, North Curry
Post Office or at the door

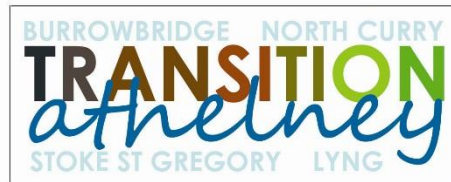
Solar Energy and Pedal Power

We are pleased to be able to report that the project to install pv solar panels on some public buildings in the village is making headway; the share offer to finance the scheme carried out by Brendon Energy has been successful and sufficient funds are now available to carry out the work.

We're now awaiting final confirmation from the management committees of those buildings that wish to go ahead.

The May Fair is on 16th May at which we'll have our usual pedal-powered smoothie machine; do come along, get some exercise and make a smoothie completely free of any input from fossil fuels. (Maybe next year we'll have a solar-powered machine.....)

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



North Curry Community Coffee Shop Summer Art Exhibition

25th August - 4th October

The theme for this year's Summer Exhibition is "A Season". Entrants over 16 are invited to create an original piece of artwork that captures an interpretation of a season. Three prizes will be awarded: 1st and 2nd by popular vote and the Art and Design Committee prize.

Delivery of artwork to Trevarrick House (opposite the coffee shop) 10-11am Saturday 22nd August. Entry forms will be available in The Coffee Shop from the beginning of August.



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our session will be a week **later** this month on **Wednesday 13th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com

The logo for North Curry Pavilion & Playing Field features a blue silhouette of a pavilion with a gabled roof and a central entrance. Below the pavilion, there is an illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) walking towards the building. To the right of the family, there is a small illustration of a child playing on a field. The text 'NORTH CURRY PAVILION' is at the top, and '& PLAYING FIELD' is at the bottom.

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>