



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS: The Parish Council is pleased to report that, having co-opted three new Parish Councillors at the June meeting, it now has a full quota. We would like to welcome Jeanne Leader, Adrian Tait and Lis Turney.

TRACTOR ISSUES: It's a busy time of year for farmers resulting in increased tractor movements in the Parish. Whilst we all appreciate the need to work quickly to make the most of any good weather, all drivers, particularly drivers of large farm vehicles, must drive with care and consideration. If you witness dangerous or inconsiderate driving please take a note of the date and time of the incident, the number plate where available (or failing this any details about the tractor) and report it to the Police. Please also copy any reports to the Parish Office so that a more accurate picture of tractor safety issues can be built up.

DEAFPLUS VISIT: The DeafPLUS advisory van will be in Queen Square on Thursday 30th July from 10:30am to 12:30pm. If you have hearing problems you are welcome to drop in.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Please note that, with effect from 1st August, there will be a change of opening time for the Parish Office. The new times will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1pm – 4pm and Thursdays 10am – 1pm. Should you need to visit the Parish Office outside these hours please contact the Clerk by email or phone and she will be happy to open the office at a mutually convenient time. Please also note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 20th July to Monday 3rd August inclusive, but emails, letters and phone will be checked regularly.

BROADBAND SPEED SURVEY REMINDER: It's not too late to submit your broadband speed details, the more input we can get the better. Just undertake a broadband speed survey and pass the result to the Parish Clerk, together with your name, address, broadband provider and whether you make use of fibre optic broadband (if available). Many websites offer free speed checks, just search on Broadband speed check.

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

Wed 8 th	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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

North Curry Village Hall Toilet Fund

SAFARI SUPPER!
SATURDAY 11th JULY
from 7pm



Don't delay! Deadline for booking places is 5th July

Price: £25 for three courses including wine

Application forms from Post Office

For more information: ring Liz Gibbs on 490191

A Gather of Glass

Helen Kittermaster reports:

The 'Glass' fund-raising event which lasted from May 2014 to April this year raised a very satisfactory total of £770.25 towards the 'loos' refurbishment project. About 45 people from the village were involved, either by donating glassware or by helping to sell it at Fairs and other events in the area. The customers came from far and wide and some glass has travelled as far as Australia and Canada!

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the magnificent effort!



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 22nd July. **Captain Philips** is based on the true story of the hijacking of a US container ship in 2009 by Somali pirates. This thriller is a complex portrait of the effects of globalisation and focuses on the relationship between the captain, played by Tom Hanks, and the pirate captain, a mesmerising performance by Barkhad Abdi. Don't miss it!

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

The Produce Market

Saturday 4th July
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

Come and have a coffee, meet friends and browse the stalls featuring lots of good things from local producers. On offer is 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, cards and flowers. We also have fair-trade products, which help local producers overseas.

See you there!



Many thanks to all who supported the recent collection in Christian Aid week. The coffee morning held in the Methodist Chapel garden together with the envelopes delivered to every house in the village raised £859.20! This is over £130 more than last year and will go to support the Disasters Emergency Committee's work in Nepal. Christian Aid is a founder member of the DEC. Thank you to all who generously donated.



North Curry Short Mat Bowling Club

We formed our club on Thursday 22nd September 1988 (27 years ago). We did this because the hall committee at that time were afraid that they did not have enough coming in for the upkeep of the hall and wanted a regular income; regular dancers and regular bowls brought in the money they wanted.

Over the years we have played in games at home and away and still do; and have a fair share of wins. A large number of cups and trophies are held by members. Some of our members are, at the moment, playing in a Hospice Tournament.

Our members come from towns and villages in the area; bowls is a game that can be enjoyed by anyone young or old. Three of our members have been with the club since it started. Thirty-two of us have just enjoyed our annual lunch at the Langport Arms Hotel.

If you would like to join us, we are always pleased to have new members; just come along to the hall on Sundays at 3:00pm or Tuesdays at 2:30pm (bring a pair of flat bottom slippers with you). Contact: Mervyn Gridley 490797.

With Good Spirit

North Curry Village Choir's spring concert was held in North Curry Parish Church on Saturday evening 9th May. Aply led by our Director of Music, Miles Quick, the concert proved to be a great success and was very well supported with over a hundred people in the audience.

In the first half we performed the Mass in G by Schubert with soloists Sasha Herriman and Tim Donaldson. In between movements Stephen Bell played Bach's "Great" Prelude in G major BWV 541 on the organ and Sara Lovell, accompanied by our pianist Rachel Robinson, played Max Bruch's haunting cello piece Kol Nidrei.

During the interval drinks were available and after that the mood changed. We continued with the English Folk songs 'Now is the month of Maying' and 'Linden Lea'. Sasha then gave animated renderings of the theme song from Cabaret and 'I Know Why and So Do You' and Tim sang 'The Captain's Song' with music by the mother of one of the choir members. Sara and Rachel then performed 'The Entertainer' in an arrangement for cello and piano.

The choir completed the evening with a selection of Afro-American Spirituals, 'Swing low sweet chariot', 'Steal away', 'Moon River' and 'Deep River' ending with the spirited 'Rock-a my soul in the bosom of Abraham'.

Everyone went away happy and the mood was summed up by two comments from members of the audience. 'I came because I felt I ought to and went away so glad that I had'. 'The choir looked as though they were enjoying themselves'

MusicSpace charity

The choir are very pleased to support MusicSpace which provides music therapy for around 400 children, young people and adults each week across the South West. We would like to thank all those who kindly gave a contribution at the concert.

North Curry Village Choir

The North Curry Village Choir rehearses in the North Curry Village Hall on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm from September to May. We give two concerts a year, one in December and the other in late April or May.

Our singers are drawn from villages around North Curry as well as Taunton and we always welcome new additions to the choir.

Rehearsals start again at 8:00 pm on Thursday 10th September in the North Curry Village Hall and our next concert will be on Thursday 10th December.

For further details about the choir please contact: Helen Griffiths (Secretary) 01823 491298



Annual Parish Footpath Walk 15th July 2015

and

Coffee Morning 18th July 2015

On Wednesday 15th July join members of the North Curry Society on their annual walk along some of the lovely footpaths through the parish. The Levels are looking glorious again and are even more special in the evening light. Whether you are a visitor, new to the village or Society, already a member, or a well behaved dog, we look forward to welcoming you! Start point is the Village Hall car park at 7:00pm.

Note: We have to tell you that anyone joining the walk does so entirely at their own risk.

On Saturday 18th July we are holding a coffee morning from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Old Malthouse, Stoke Road, courtesy of Sue and Don Bethune. Stalls include cakes, plants and jewellery and there will be a raffle and entertainment by Fiddling Folk. Sue would be very grateful for any donations for the stalls. Everyone welcome.

The North Curry Village Show

A reminder that it is time to get your schedules either from The Post Office, or a member of the committee. Why not do a flower arrangement; there is a special section for novices. When you fill in your entry form, please make a note on it if any item will be particularly large (this applies to all sections).

We need help: many members of the committee have served for at least ten years and intend to retire, so we urgently need new blood. The only really busy period is at the time of the show itself, and it is so worthwhile to be involved. Please, please come forward and volunteer to keep this excellent village tradition alive; or this may be the last Village Show in North Curry for some time.

North Curry Independent Baptist Church

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of a new Pastor - Mike Scott from Cornwall.

Mike and his wife, Tracey, have been settling in to the manse bungalow beside the chapel on Windmill Hill since the end of May.

We invite you to join us at

An Induction Service on Saturday 18th July 2015 at 3:00pm Speaker: Bill Dyer

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

This will also be a good opportunity for you to meet Mike and Tracey to welcome them to North Curry.



Why not share in the success of the award winning coffee shop?

All the volunteers at the coffee shop, past and present, are celebrating two great achievements this summer. After just nine years, we have reached the great milestone of raising over £100,000 for charities and local good causes nominated by the volunteers. This amazing achievement reflects a vast amount of coffee, tea and homemade cakes but equally the vision, hard work and commitment from many volunteers working in the shop or behind the scenes cooking, shopping, managing, as well as organising the displays of arts and crafts and books for sale.

And last month we were delighted to hear we had won the Taunton Deane local community organisation award in recognition of sustaining such a successful venture entirely run by volunteers.

But we always need more volunteers. You do not have to commit to a particular day or number of hours (though if you do, that's great). Why not pick up a leaflet, ask a volunteer in the coffee shop or call Janet Bennett on 01823 490057 who will be happy to tell you what's involved.



North Curry W.I.

June was an exciting month for North Curry W.I. as celebrations continue for the national institution's centenary year. Two of our members, Kate Roberts and Lorraine Bryan-Brown, joined by thousands of W.I. ladies, attended the Buckingham Palace Garden Party hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. A special invitation had been sent to each W.I. in the country for representatives to attend from every branch.

The following day we held our own celebratory garden party at the home of member, Maureen Leach. The sun shone for us and we were delighted that some non-members were there to make the afternoon a happy, social affair.

The Federation's Annual meeting took place at the Royal Albert Hall on June 4th with the Queen in attendance. Several of our members were able to watch a live video link of the whole day which had been set up by Horton W.I. in their village hall.



As the first May Fair holding the reins, we would like to thank everyone for their support and advice over the past year, especially Michele and Alison for their knowledge and experience. The weather was very kind to us and we have some lovely photographs kindly captured by Richard Nash and James Codrington.

Many stalls sold out quickly including the Cream Teas, BBQ, and Bar. Punch and Judy held two shows in Queen Square Garden and was enjoyed by the young and older audience. The horse and cart rides and Swingboats were also as popular as ever and busy all afternoon.

Many thanks to those who helped collect money from the car park and those who did traffic control. Thanks also to the hard working crew who shifted tables and 145 chairs as well as helping to put up various gazebos and then taking it all down!

Next year's May Fair will be on Saturday 21st – hope to see you all there again!

Coffee morning

North Curry Village Choir

We will be holding a coffee morning on
Saturday 8th August

from 10:00-12:30

at

Lawnmoor House, North Curry

Coffee, cakes, books etc. and maybe some music!

for directions and further information please contact
Helen Griffiths 491298



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 1st July at 7:30pm** in the village hall. 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, reductions for members. 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

Celebrity Football Match Big Bash

Sunday 30th August 2015

The summer is now with us and before we know it, it will be time for the biggest party of the year in North Curry, "The Big Bash". The event will take its usual format of a Hog Roast under a marquee with live music being provided by "Soul Solution".

This year we will be joined in the evening by Gethin Jones and his team of celebrities who are taking on the cream of North Curry F.C. in the afternoon. Details of Kick-off times and arrangements will appear in the August Pink Sheet.

Tickets for both events are now available from Midge on 491278 or Rich on 490089. They will also be available from the Shop from mid-July. Snap them up as soon as you can as they always disappear much more quickly on Celebrity football year and numbers will be limited.

Can you help Little Acorns Pre-School?

Little Acorns is a thriving pre-school at the heart of the North Curry community. As a registered charity, Little Acorns is managed by a committee who work closely with the manager and staff to ensure the smooth running and continued success of the pre-school. It's a great way of meeting people and getting involved in village life at quite literally grass roots level!

We meet up to six times a year as a group and you can volunteer for whatever role interests you most, either using the skills that you already have or developing new ones! We are particularly keen to find someone who enjoys working with numbers to take on a Treasurer role, however whatever your interest or background we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact Claire Mason, Chairperson for more information 01823 491615
clairejessicamason@gmail.com

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298
To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718
hallbookings@northcurry.com

Taking Root

Transition Athelney has been busy with practical tasks in recent months. So we're pleased to announce one of our occasional film screenings at the North Curry Village Hall, on Tuesday 1st September, at 8pm.

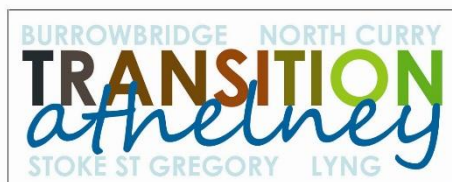
"Taking Root" is the inspiring story of Wangari Mathai, a woman who defied all odds including threats and beatings, to lead a successful tree-planting campaign in Nigeria. It is therefore a tale with two connected morals: restoring a depleted environment and triumph over oppression.

The story does not translate directly into our experiences here in Britain, but scratch the surface and we see important connections and parallels. De-forestation, along with carbon emissions, fuels the global climate threat. All convincing proposals for a sustainable future include an increase in wood cover. And as in the Nigeria witnessed by Mathai, we have a land management system that is deficient in its understanding of our inter-dependence with Nature.

Please join us for this moving and thought-provoking film.

Locally sourced refreshments available, entrance free, donations to Transition Athelney welcome.

Contact: Adrian on 490270, Brian on 490623 or email ta@bkjeanes.co.uk



towards a greener community



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our plant sale on 6th June proved as popular as ever with many people arriving early to browse and buy the plants, which sold quickly. This year we had used plastic and terracotta pots for sale as well as some garden accessories; all proved popular and sold well. Our thanks to all of you who came along and to the Garden Club Committee for such a successful morning.

We take a break from the regular evening speakers during the summer months and visit other gardens.

On Thursday 9th July we are visiting Hartwood House at Crowcombe Heathfield which is opening for us under the National Gardens Scheme. This is an opportunity to see this 2 acre garden and enjoy a cream tea. The garden has a wide range of trees and flowering shrubs which provide colour and interest though the year. The formal garden has a circular theme and colour coded borders. There are vegetable and fruit gardens and grass paths leading to an ancient cider orchard. Entry monies go to NGS which supports many national charities.

Our evening outing is to Lower Severalls Gardens and Nursery on Tuesday 4th August. Lower Severalls is the home of the Pring family who have farmed and gardened here since 1929. The main development of the garden has taken place over the last 15 years since the nursery opened. We will visit the garden and nursery first and then have supper at a carvery in Crewkerne.

For both these outings, please contact Mary Early on 490769 for further details.

Enjoy your summer garden!

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
or email pavilion@northcurry.com
or call 07551 759 190

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