



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

MOBILE LIBRARY CHANGES: The mobile library will now be visiting North Curry every 4th Thursday afternoon. They will stop at Stoke Road (usually outside Pury St. Farm) from 3:10 - 3:25pm and Queens Square (Church Road) from 3:30 - 3:50. The first visit will be on 13th August then every 4th Thursday thereafter. See the Parish Council notice board for details. Don't forget to use the library or the service may be withdrawn.

BREAK INS: It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there have been a number of break-ins in North Curry and surrounding villages recently. Please take all necessary precautions to ensure your house and outbuildings are secure at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

ROADWORKS WEBSITE: Somerset County Council have a website (www.roadworks.org) which gives details of all planned roadworks over the next three months plus proposed diversion routes. The information is updated on a live basis and pulls information from the County Council, Utilities and other interested parties.

TIME TO CUT BACK YOUR HEDGES: Could all owners of hedges abutting the highway please ensure the hedges do not cause a safety hazard by overhanging the highway or restricting visibility. Whilst hedge cutting should not commence until September to allow birds to fledge, where there is a safety issue the area causing a problem should be attended to without delay.

DOG GATES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Parish Council is considering modifying some footpath stiles to enable them to be used more easily by dogs. Simple gates can be installed which can be lifted to allow dogs through and which drop back down afterwards. A high proportion of footpath walkers in the Parish are dog walkers and these changes could enable them to use more of the paths, helping to keep them open. Before any changes are made the owners of the adjacent fields would be consulted.

Volunteers would be needed to carry out the work, with materials being supplied by the County or Parish Council. If you would be prepared to help with this or have any comment to make on the proposal please contact footpath liaison officer Phil Stone on 491689 or Phil.stone7@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Don't forget that the Parish Office is now open on 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.

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

Wed 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 26th Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Village Hall Car Park – Your views please!

The condition of the village hall car park has long been a cause for concern and now needs major repair. The underlying problem is a spring as was shown by a line of water running down the middle, and puddling in the potholes, after five days of sunshine and dry weather.

The car park is, nominally, private for hall users only, but its position means that it is in practice a valuable village amenity used by parents taking children to and from school twice a day, the owners of allotments and anyone bringing children to play on the splendid new play equipment in the adjoining playing field.

It will cost approximately £19,000 to fix the spring and resurface the car park – the first time this will have been done in 30 years.

The hall committee is totally dependent on hiring fees to maintain the hall, with additional fund raising events run by the volunteer committee for special projects. In the last 10 years we have:

- completely re-wired the hall to comply with legislation and install eco saving equipment
- installed a door opening system to reduce the cost of a full time caretaker
- re-furbished both toilets
- insulated the roof to save on heating expenses
- re-laid the floor in the meeting room

We do not have the money to fund the repair of the car park ourselves and may have to close the car park completely on safety grounds.

Who do **you** think should pay for it? Should users be charged or should the Parish Council stand the cost, or are there other ways of funding the necessary repairs?

Please think about this and let the village hall committee have your ideas and comments either by leaving them in writing in the post box in the foyer of the hall or by email to mgriff2121@aol.co.uk

The Produce Market

Saturday 1st August
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

It's the first Saturday and the first day of the month and that means the Produce Market will be in full swing in the hall! We have a new stall featuring flower arrangements and bouquets from a local grower who is keen to encourage people to think of the air miles involved when buying imported flowers. On offer as usual 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 garden plants. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas. *See you there!*



The Royal British Legion

We had a very successful May Fair and would like to thank all those who donated prizes for the giant raffle, including local businesses who helped so generously.

The amount we made was £290.63, some of which is earmarked for Dunkirk House. Congratulations to the May Fair Committee for a well organised event.

There will be no meeting in August.

Celebrity Football Match/Big Bash

It's finally nearly here... only a little while to wait for the event of the year which is happening on Sunday 30th August. The football team are fit and ready to go, Gethin and his celebrities are desperate to get back to North Curry for their 3rd visit, Soul Solution are ready to lay down some funky sounds and the food and drink is being prepared.

All you need to do now is buy your ticket. The ticket price for the evening bash is yet again £15 if you buy them in advance but a number will be available on the gate at £20, make sure you buy early as you save money and guarantee your place at North Curry's biggest get together.

The football will feature a junior match followed by the main event. The fun starts at 1:30 so make sure you are there to get the best spot!

Football tickets are priced at £3 for adults and £1 for children if bought in advance, if you want to pay on the day children's tickets stay at £1 but the adult price increases to £5 so get them early!

Tickets for both events are available from Midge 491278 or Rich 490089 or from the village shop. Look forward to seeing you all in the sunshine on the bank holiday weekend.

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

Rehearsals start again on
10th September (8:00 pm, Village Hall)

Come and get involved with White Street sports field

Anyone interested in running the parish's fantastic facilities for our local cricket and football teams is warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting of North Curry Sport Ltd at 7:30pm on Monday, 14th September at the pavilion.

Not only is the White Street site home to the parish's sports teams, but the flourishing woodland and wildlife area attracts walkers and joggers.

All activities on this 12-acre site are run by volunteers – from the sports teams and youth coaching to grounds maintenance and serving refreshments at matches.

For further information or nominations for the committee, please contact Chairman Anne Pike on 490170; whitestreet@northcurry.com

Methodist preachers for August

- 2nd Mrs Glenys Allinson (Local preacher)
- 9th Mrs Elaine Dew (Local preacher)
- 16th Mr Edward Hosken (Local preacher)
- 23rd Mr David Clithero (Local preacher)
- 30th Rev'd Deborah Kirk + Holy Communion

All services at 11am.



North Curry W.I.

We always hope that the weather will be kind to us during the summer months as we arrange our garden meetings and outings. On July 1st our annual trip was to Teignmouth where some members were able to take a short boat trip to Shaldon whilst others preferred to stay on dry land. We all met up for the coastal journey home stopping off at Kenton where the local WI ladies had prepared a delicious afternoon tea.

The following day several members attended a summer literary lunch at the Wessex Hotel, Street, where the guest speaker was the author, Robert Goddard. He signed copies of his new book, the release date of which was brought forward especially for the occasion.

We take a break in August, then get together again on 2nd September at 2:30pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be Sandra Bateman giving us an insight into the lives of the Bronte Sisters. Anyone who may wish to come along will be most welcome.



New Programme Starts 16th September

As usual the North Curry Society will be taking a break during August but we look forward to Wednesday, 16th September when we start of our autumn programme of talks. We will be welcoming back Dr Richard Brunning, Senior Heritage Officer for the Somerset Levels and Moors for Somerset County Council, with his account of Iron Age life in the Somerset wetlands – farming, trade and head-hunting! It promises to be another fascinating evening and we would be delighted to see you there.

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 a year and visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge.

Summer and Autumn Activities

Firstly, a reminder that we will be screening *Taking Root* at the North Curry village Hall on Tuesday 1st September at 8pm. This film documents the amazing story of Wangari Maathai, who won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her services to sustainable development, democracy and peace. This followed her astonishingly successful tree-planting campaign in Kenya, in the teeth of severe opposition.

We will be serving refreshments, including wine from Devon vineyards, from 7:30pm, so be there in good time! No charge, but donations welcome.

August will be a landmark month for Transition Athelney and North Curry Community Energy. Following exchanges of the relevant contracts between the Parish Council, North Curry Sports and Brendon Energy, we expect to see a 10kw solar installation going up on the White Street cricket pavilion before the end of the month. Watch this space for an announcement of how we plan to celebrate completion of the project.



Site Allocations and Development Management Plan

Taunton Deane Borough Council's Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan (SADMP) was submitted to the Secretary of State on 13th July. The Planning Inspectorate will appoint an independent Planning Inspector, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to look at all the documentation and information submitted and oversee the formal examination of the plan.

Everyone who submitted representations in response to the recent publication of the plan will receive a letter or email from the programme officer confirming date, time and place of the examination hearings and the name of the appointed inspector. It is anticipated that the Examination will be held during the summer of 2015 with adoption of the plan in autumn 2015.

All proposed submission documents, and representations received during the Draft Plan consultation, can be viewed on TDBC's website and at the Borough Council Offices, Planning Reception, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE. For any queries relating to this matter please telephone Planning Policy on 01823 356459 or email talkingtomorrows@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

The SADMP sets out policies for the allocation of land for housing, employment and other development proposals across Taunton Deane excluding the allocations in the Taunton Town Centre, up to 2028. It also contains detailed development management policies against which planning applications will be considered. The SADMP document will form part of the Council's suite of statutory plans which comprise the basis for determining planning applications across the Deane.

The SADMP builds on the framework set out in The Core Strategy (adopted 2012), which provides the strategic framework for growth in the Borough over the period to 2028. The Core Strategy defines a hierarchy of settlements ranging from Taunton and Wellington, which will accommodate the significant proportion of the Borough's future growth, through to the major and minor rural centres which will be expected to play a lesser role in meeting requirements and lastly, to the villages, where further formal allocations of land for development will not be made. The Core Strategy also set out a number of strategic development management policies, for example the general approach that will be taken towards environmental protection.

The SADMP reflects the overall approach set in the Core Strategy, allocating land to meet the housing requirements in the identified settlement hierarchy and detailed development policies, for example on water management and protection of community facilities. The SADMP has undergone a number of stages of preparation, starting with an Issues and Options consultation in January/February 2013, a Preferred Option consultation in October/November 2013 and a Draft Plan consultation January-March 2015.

North Curry Parish Council, many residents, and some development companies made representations to TDBC during the various stages of plan preparation. Not all those representations were taken through to the draft plan as now submitted, and at the Examination hearings the Parish Council will seek to challenge those aspects of the plan that are detrimental to North Curry.



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) 10-11 am Saturday, 22nd August. Entry forms will be available in The Coffee Shop from the beginning of August.

Until 23rd August we will be displaying artwork by local artist Jacki Stokes who is known for her vibrant and eye-catching watercolour flower portraits and landscapes, her work and accompanying greetings cards will be for sale. By popular demand we are also welcoming the return of Sue Gooch from Ashill with some new designs of handmade glass.

We look forward to your visit.



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 26th August. *Inside Llewyn Davies* is a curious film from the Coen Brothers about the days in a life of a struggling Welsh born folk singer in 60's New York looking for a home, job and perhaps a Penelope with his only companion, a cat called Ulysses.

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

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>

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

Clubs, Societies and Groups using the Village Hall

If you would like to join a group, ring Jenny Quinn, Bookings Secretary, for details of who to contact or check the hall notice board or web site www.northcurryvillagehall.org.uk for details.

MONDAY	Parents & Toddlers	09:00-11:30*	
	Embroiderers	10:00-15:00	(2 nd /4 th week)
	Brownies	17:15-19:00*	
	Zumba	19:30-20:30	
Fish & Chips in car park			
TUESDAY	Tuesday Lunch Club	11:00-13:45	(Alt weeks)
	Bowls	14:30-16:30	
	Dance School	16:45-21:15	
	Choir	20:00-21:30	(2 nd week)
WEDNESDAY	Women's Institute	13:30-16:30	(1 st week)
	Five Rivers	15:30-17:00	
	North Curry Society	19:30-22:00	(3 rd week)
	Barn Dance Club	19:15-22:15	(1 st week)
	Film Society	19:00-23:00	(4 th week)
	Pilates	19:30-20:30	
Parish Council	19:15-22:00		
THURSDAY	Art Group	09:45-11:45*	
	Tone Dance	10:15-12:15	
	Ladies Badminton	14:15-15:15	
	Dance School	15:45-19:15*	
	Choir	20:00-21:30	
FRIDAY	Dance Fitness	09:00-10:00*	
	Bridge	10:00-12:00	
	Orchestra	10:00-11:30	
	Dance School	16:00-19:15*	
	Ukelele class	19:30-21:30	
SATURDAY	Produce Market	09:30-12:30	(1 st week)
SUNDAY	Bowls	15:00-17:00	
	Fiddlin' Folk	17:15-19:15	(2 nd week)

* - TERM TIME ONLY