

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

HELP ENSURE NORTH CURRY CONTINUES TO THRIVE: The Parish Council are hoping to co-opt a new Parish Councillor at the October meeting – it could be you. If you are interested in putting your name forward, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any of your Parish Councillors.

STOKE RD. CLOSURE – 5TH OCTOBER ONWARDS: Stoke Road is to be closed at the eastern side of the village in the area of “The Plantation”, where the road has previously flooded, to allow Highways to carry out significant drainage repairs. The closure will commence on Monday 5th October and is expected to last 4-5 weeks. The road will be closed to all traffic from 9am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday with a diversion in place via the A361 at Burrowbridge. Outside the closure times traffic flow will be controlled by lights. There is expected to be some form of access maintained for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the closure. The closure is necessary to allow the work to be completed in the quickest and safest manner and to replace the collapsing culvert before the winter weather sets in and it is hoped you will understand any unavoidable inconvenience.

TRACTOR SURVEY: Whilst fully understanding the pressures on the farming community and appreciating the need for modern farming practices, the Parish Council is aware that a number of parishioners are concerned about tractor movements in the Parish. To allow the PC to gauge the level of concern **please complete the enclosed survey.**

HELP PREVENT SURFACE WATER FLOODING - KEEP DRAINS CLEAR! It's that time of year again, if you have a drain near your house please could you keep an eye on the drain cover and clear any leaves or debris from the surface of it. This should help surface water drain more quickly and reduce flooding in the Parish.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 9th November.

WANT TO CHOOSE YOUR OWN CARE AND SUPPORT? The Somerset Choices website aims to help people stay independent, healthy and well. Visit the site at www.somersetchoices.org.uk for info.

WANT TO “BUY WITH CONFIDENCE”? Devon & Somerset Trading Standards run an approved business scheme. More information about the scheme is available at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk and free directories are available from the Parish Office.

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

Wed 14th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 28th Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Ring a Bell? Calling all bellringers – new or old – you're invited for Saturday 24th October

Here at North Curry the bellringers usually open the tower to the public during the May Fayre – and did so again this year. It proved to be very popular – the queue was rather long and some aspiring visitors didn't make it.

So we're giving you another opportunity on 24th October, from 10:00 to 11:00am.

This will be different though. On this occasion, rather than have just one or two bells ringable, we will be ringing all of them, with the whole team demonstrating how it's done.

This means there's less space for visitors, and just one hour will be available: but for those who are interested it will be an opportunity to see the action.

As space will be limited, and to avoid disappointment, please book a slot within the above time rather than just turn up. To do this, phone the tower captain, Paul Scott, on 490679.

Maybe you've tried ringing previously and could be interested in starting up again? Or you're totally new to it and would like to learn? Either way, we'd like to see you – please come along!



Our second film of the year will be shown on 28th October

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress is based on a semi-autobiographical novel about two young Chinese boys of bourgeois background who were sent to a remote village for three years of re-education during the Cultural Revolution. They fall in love with a beautiful local girl, and the three find solace and liberation in novels by Western authors, among whom their favourite was Balzac. The film explores the themes of youth, love, and freedom in those dark times in China.

Programmes for the 2015-16 season of films are now in the Coffee Shop. The annual subscription is remaining at £25 for 12 films – just over £2 a film and we do need at least 60 members so please re-join. As before the doors and licensed bar open for members at 7pm and guests paying £5 are welcome to attend from 7:15pm.

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

The Produce Market

Saturday 3rd October
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

The market seems to welcome new faces each month and it is great to see you. Our stallholders will be bringing their locally made produce once again and if you have not tried our market yet do, please, come along and see what is on offer. You can have a drink and a chat as well – a lovely way to start the weekend!

See you there!

Who we are and what we're doing

Questions have been asked as to who we are and what we do – some think we're ex-hippies and all beards and sandals!

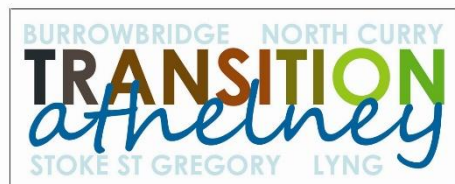
We're just ordinary people concerned for the future of our families, the whole environment – man-made and natural – and wish to see an active and preferably rapid **Transition** from our current carbon-based world economy to a more sustainable low-carbon local economy. To that end we promote renewable energy, energy conservation, locally produced food, low-carbon transport and, generally speaking, a more local lifestyle.

As mentioned last month, we are **pressing apples and pears for juice** in Stoke St Gregory village hall on October 17th and November 14th; if you are likely to have surplus fruit and would like to have them processed please get in touch in order to book a slot and to receive more details. Over the last three years we have produced hundreds of bottles of juice for people to take away for home consumption and presents and also for us to sell through the Coffee Shop and the Post Office.

Looking a little further ahead, we will be holding our **AGM in November** – there will be more details on this next month.

Also, following the great success of our screening of "Taking Root" we hope shortly to announce a range of tree projects.

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



The Jubilee Singers



The Jubilee Singers meet every other Monday at North Curry Village Hall

The next rehearsal is on Monday 5th October at 7:30pm

We are a fun and friendly choir for mixed voices singing songs from John Rutter to John Denver for pleasure and local charities under the direction of the talented Elaine Thorneycroft-Gibb.

No auditions, just an ability to sing in tune. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass (or you aren't sure) we would love to see you.

Please come along to our next rehearsal

For more information contact Gill on 01823 490812

Email: ncjubileesingers@gmail.com

North Curry Village Choir

If you enjoy singing do come along and join the North Curry Village Choir.

Rehearsals take place every Thursday 8:00pm in the Village Hall

Our Christmas Concert this year takes place in the **Village Hall on 10th December**

SAVE THE DATE

We always welcome new singers but would also be pleased to see old friends who have sung with us before.



The North Curry Society Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2015.



The AGM will be followed at 8:00pm by "Waiting for the Camel: Travels in France, Spain and Morocco", an illustrated talk by Julian Comrie, who was for many years a guest lecturer on photography on tours in these countries. This has given him unprecedented access to some of the more delightful and charismatic areas of Western Europe and North Africa to which you will be transported without even leaving the village!

Meetings are held at 8pm in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month (except August). Annual membership is just £5, payable at the AGM, and includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors pay a small entrance charge. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, you will be very welcome.

Don't forget that the clocks go back on the last weekend of October

Although this makes our mornings darker and our evenings lighter, it is astonishing how rapidly the nights draw in after that weekend. It is after this that we change our service pattern from **Evening Prayer to Morning Prayer** or as they used to be known, from Evensong to Matins, on the **third Sunday** of the month.

This third Sunday evening in October can be quite dark by 7:00pm when the service ends, particularly if it is wet or cloudy, so this year we will hold our

Last Evensong of 2015 at 3:30pm on Sunday 18th October.

Hopefully no one attending the service will be struggling back in the dark at that time in the afternoon!

If you have never been to an Evening Prayer, come and try it out. If you are a regular attender, please make a note of the time change.

Celebrity Football Match/Big Bash

The Sunday of the August Bank Holiday saw the return of Gethin Jones and his celebrity Football team including England cricketer hero Graham Swann and many other sporting stars. The weather was ultimately very kind to us with the sun coming out about half an hour before kick-off. The North Curry junior teams made us very proud by putting on a great show of their skills as pre match entertainment and then provided a guard of honour to welcome the celebrities and North Curry FC onto the immaculate playing surface.

There followed a fantastic game of football watched by a huge crowd, the village really got behind this event and made it even more special. Curry blasted into a two goal lead before the celebrities had a revival to take a 3-2 lead into the final moments when Curry managed an equaliser to make the final score 3-3, Curry then managed to win the bragging rights by winning on penalties.

Many of the celebrities then stayed on and hugely enjoyed the "Big Bash".

Again the village and surrounding areas did us proud and well over 300 tickets were snapped up. The only complaint we seem to be getting was that the dance floor was not big enough to cater for the number of people wanting to cut some shapes, this will be looked into!

The bar was heaving, the Hog and delicious Vegetarian option was devoured and dancing to Soul Solution carried on well into the night. It was a fabulous evening and we think it was our biggest ever. A massive thank you to all of you who attended, it looks although we have made a massive £4,500 profit from the Big Bash this year which is our biggest ever and goes most of the way to providing the £5,000 per year it costs to run the White Street facility so an enormous thank you to you all, if you guys didn't buy tickets and turn up it obviously wouldn't happen, we have a very special village!

Finally a huge, huge thank you to all the people who helped with the running of this massively successful event, the setting up, the evening itself and the knock down on Bank Holiday Monday. It takes an enormous amount of work to put this on but we have an amazing team of people who give their time and expertise for a whole bank holiday weekend for nothing to make sure the wonderful White Street facility goes from strength to strength... Thank you all so much.

See you all again next August!



Save the Children

You are invited to

The Grand Christmas Card Sale

on

Saturday 17th October

from 10:00am until 4:00pm
in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall

If you are unable to make this date,
they will also be available on

Sunday 18th October

from 10:00am until 4:00pm
at Helen's home, 24 Portmans

Christmas cards, wrapping paper, tags,
greeting cards and preserves also available

We very much look forward to your
very kind support again this year -
thank you all



NORTH CURRY MUMMERS

Keeping the Tradition Alive

For the past 25 years The North Curry Mumpers have endeavored to entertain the village on Boxing Day; performing their own traditional Play in their own traditional way.

This year there is the very rare opportunity to become one of their number: two vacancies for new performers have come up.

If you would like to help keep this tradition alive and fancy playing either Bold New Year or Beezlebob contact David Lawrence at studio@davidlawrencedesign.co.uk or phone him on 490007

The August 200 Club Winners are as Follows:

1 st	Sue Bethune
2 nd	Jean Steer
3 rd	Rich Perry

Those of you who paid the yearly membership by cheque (or cash) will need to issue another as we are now well into our second year, the sooner the better in order to ensure you keep your preferred lucky number! We have a few numbers still available for those who would like to join but haven't as yet. Please contact Michele Olie 490276 or michele@monksleigh.com to join.

Many thanks and congratulations should go to Midge, Rich, Hayley, Fred, Steve, Chris and also the many others who quietly lent much needed hands to provide such a splendid day and evening at The Big Bash. A thoroughly enjoyable and successful event on many different levels. This is one of our prime fundraising events in the calendar to provide the resources to keep White Street running and looking as delightful as it does. So if watching sport or dancing in the marquee is not necessarily your thing, but you do enjoy walking in White Street grounds, do consider purchasing a number in the 200 club for the princely sum of £12 to be your contribution to this lovely facility.

Children's Activity Morning

Tuesday 27th October

from 10am - 12 noon

at

North Curry Parish Church

Please come and join us and have some fun with your friends. There will be a range of craft activities, cake decorating, music, visits to the bell tower and much more. Open to all ages, four and over please feel free to drop or stay. Under four's to be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to welcoming you



North Curry W.I.

Our October meeting is on Wednesday 7th October at 2pm in the village hall where Peter Rixon, an antique expert, from Greenslade Taylor Hunt is our speaker for the afternoon. Each member has been invited to bring one antique along with them for Peter to value - although maybe not quite on the level of the Antiques Roadshow, we can always hope that one of our members may have found something tucked away in the attic and could be in for a big surprise! It was a pleasure to welcome several visitors to our meeting last month who we hope will join us again and perhaps bring friends along.

Apart from our monthly meetings, we will be holding workshops at times throughout the year; the first one is on 3rd December when Emma Duke will be helping us make driftwood sculptures.

You may have seen the notices displayed around the village advertising Somerset WI Craft and Vintage Fair taking place on Saturday, 10th October from 10:00am – 4:00pm at West Monkton Village Hall. This is well worth a visit as it offers a wide variety of crafts including jewellery, textiles, cards, iron work, accessories and many many more – an ideal time for early Christmas shopping. Admission is free and refreshments will be available all day. Hope to see you there!

Just a note - if anyone is interested - we have two gazebos available for hire throughout the year at a cost of £10 each.

North Curry Community Energy

As you might remember, this group was set up some months ago to facilitate the installation of **photovoltaic solar panels** on some village public buildings. We are now very pleased to say that they are due to be fitted to the **White Street Pavilion during the first week of October.**

Keep a look out for posters advertising the grand switch on!

Meanwhile, we've been obliged to give a month's formal notice of intent for the **Village Hall** array; this ends on the 3rd October so, all being well, the panels will be on the roof shortly after those at White Street.

The **School** has proved to be a bit trickier and, at the time of writing, is bogged down in administrative problems though there's a good chance of these being resolved in time for the project to be completed before the deadline of March 2016.

Contact for further information: Brian Jeanes brian@bkjeanes.co.uk or on 490623



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs £20 will be collected. 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. 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.

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

- Are you clearing out the bedding from your summer pots and hanging baskets?
- Wondering what to replace them with?
- Need a bit of inspiration?

Then come along to our next evening meeting on planting up Seasonal Containers.

**Next Meeting – Thursday 1st October
7:15pm AGM**

8:00pm Seasonal Containers – a talk by David Lucas.

David is a hands on grower from Chelston Nurseries, Wellington. It's a family run nursery where they grow many of their plants on site and pride themselves on the nursery having a more traditional feel.

It's that time of year again – AGM time. Our October meeting will start with our AGM at 7:15pm. We are always looking for new members to join the Committee – this year we would welcome anyone who feels they could take on the role of organising our monthly speakers (2016 speakers are already booked!), and in a year's time we will be looking for a new person to organise the summer outings. If you are currently a Garden Club member and feel you would like to "have a go" join us on the Committee this year and the current post holders will mentor you through the role for a year.

Garden Club 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 along and join this friendly group and get hints and tips for your garden.

Stay for coffee and a chat.

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North Curry Village Hall

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To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

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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
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or call 07551 759 190

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