



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR STILL NEEDED: The Parish Council are still looking for another Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

STOKE RD. CLOSURE - NOW STARTING 2ND NOVEMBER: The closure of Stoke Road has been postponed and will now commence on Monday 2nd November. It is hoped that the work will be finished by 28th November. Where possible, Parishioners living on the North Curry side of the closure are encouraged to use the Post Office before 3:30pm as it could be busy with Stoke residents when the road opens after this time.

BE ON YOUR GUARD!! Bogus calls are being made by a person claiming they are from Somerset County Council asking for information for an NHS survey relating to an accident. Residents are urged not to give out personal information and to end the call. Calls can be reported to Devon and Somerset Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

TRACTOR SURVEY: Many thanks for returning your completed tractor survey forms, these will be used to support our discussions with farmers, contractors, Highways and Avon & Somerset Police.

COFFEE SHOP THANKS: The Parish Council would like to express their thanks for the generous donations from Coffee Shop volunteers over the last few months. All donations will be put to good use for the community.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square on Sunday 8th November, gathering at 10:40am. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to kindly ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am until 11:30am on that day.

QUEEN SQUARE ROAD CLOSURE: Residents and farmers will wish to note that the area around the War Memorial will be closed from 10:30am to 11:30am (max.) on Sunday 8th November to facilitate the Service of Remembrance. Access to Moor Lane will be via The Fosse. Apologies for any inconvenience, the road will be re-opened as soon as possible.

Parish Council diary for November - Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 11 th	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

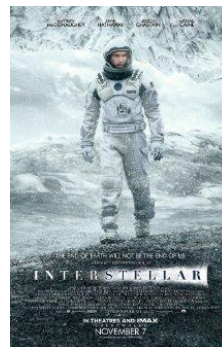
Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

A Message from the Chairman of the Hall Committee

Massive thanks go to the Parish Council, May Fair, Coffee Shop and North Curry Society for their kind donations towards the Car Park.

On a less positive note, we need a Treasurer – please contact a member of the committee if you feel able to fulfil this vital role.

On a brighter note – this is an advance warning for a 'Burns Night' on 23rd January 2016. Tickets are £20.00 each for a four course meal and entertainment, organised by Jenny Satchwell and Di Keyzar. More details later.



Our third film, to be shown on 25th November, is *Interstellar* – a sci-fi film starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway. It is the near future, Earth has been devastated by drought and famine, causing a scarcity in food and extreme changes in climate. A group of explorers must travel beyond our solar system in search of a planet that can sustain life and go further than any human in history as they embark on an interstellar voyage into the unknown.

Membership for the 2015-16 season of films has not yet reached the numbers we need to cover the costs of the programme so if you are wondering whether to join or are intending to do so please join us so that the film society can be sure of its future. The annual subscription is £25. 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

Coffee Morning for the North Curry Church Flower Fund

This was a great success, thanks to the generosity of the many people who attended and who donated contributions. There is now a healthy balance in the budget to enable the ongoing floral decoration of the church. Thank you to all concerned.

The Produce Market

Saturday 7th November
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

This month we will have some Fairtrade Advent calendars as well as our stalls selling local produce. Come and browse, meet friends, have a drink and a late breakfast bacon buttie.

Since the Produce Market was relaunched in October 2013 we have welcomed many new faces and some new stalls while losing some stallholders as well. The last 12 months has raised £658 in the kitchen and £716.20 from the raffle after expenses have been paid. We are very grateful to everyone who comes each month and the resulting £1,374.62 is a real boost to church funds. It is a little harder to calculate the profits on the stall selling pies, quiches and fair-trade items as items are bought in advance and cannot be set against monthly takings but it, too, makes a good profit. Stall rents cover the cost of hall and kitchen hire with some surplus there as well. Come and browse, meet friends, have a drink and a teacake or a late breakfast bacon buttie.

Grateful thanks to all our supporters and we hope to

See you there!



Dragonflies Dance at North Curry are holding a 'Dress up and Dance' + short dance performance for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Saturday 28th November

at

North Curry Village Hall

2:30-3:30pm

Dress up and Dance for Children

Just £2 to take part! Children can wear any costume they like and there will be fun dancing and games!

4:00-5:00pm

Students performances

£2 to watch, all welcome; students will perform high quality competition level dances that they have been working on this year.



Coffee Shop

Summer Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who voted and entered this year's varied exhibition, we had a total of 218 votes. By popular vote first prize of £25 coffee shop voucher went to Rachel Davis with "Summer Horizon", Second prize of £15 coffee shop voucher to Lou Musgrave with "Dunster to Donniford - A Summer Walk" and the Art and Design Committee prize of £50 cash went to Jo Ash with "Autumn Hedgerow".



Coffee Shop Treasurer Gareth Richards presenting the Summer Exhibition winners, Rachel Davis, Lou Musgrave and Jo Ash, with their prizes.

Christmas Arts and Crafts at the Coffee Shop

For a local, unique and affordable gift come and visit the coffee shop. From 16th November we will be displaying a wide range of handmade decorations and gifts for all the family including jewellery, pottery, bags, gadget cases, advent calendars, stockings, bunting, glass holly, mistletoe and baubles!!

Kim Varley's local lino prints and cards will remain on display until 15th November, another great gift idea!



WINTER WARMER

On Saturday 7th November we will be showing *Paddington*, the amusing and heart-warming film about this endearing Peruvian bear. Unfortunately we are unable to admit anyone under 18 to the showing due to film society rules.

Films start at 3pm (doors open at 2:30pm) and tickets cost £5. There will be an interval halfway through the film for tea and cake.

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The Royal British Legion

On Sunday 8th November, the usual Church service will be followed by the Remembrance service at the War Memorial in Queen Square starting at 11:40am.

On Wednesday 11th November at 10:45am the Branch Standard will be on parade. A high turnout would be appreciated.

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



**Having a Lovely Time -
Wish You Were Here!**



Summer holidays may be a distant memory but at the North Curry Society meeting on **Wednesday, 18th November** we see the welcome return on Ken Atherton who will give an illustrated talk based on his impressive collection of Blackpool postcards. He will give a brief history of the picture postcard and enliven the evening with some of the amusing, strange and sometimes sad comments by visitors to the Lancashire resort, famous for its illuminations and landladies, since the beginning of the 20th century.

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. We look forward to welcoming you.

White Street 200 Club

The Winners are as follows:

September 2015

1st Lee Welch
2nd Joyce Hector
3rd John Body

October 2015

1st Mary Piers
2nd Liz Tennant
3rd Michèle Carter

You need to be in it to win it people! Those who paid cash last year, your number has probably expired and you will need to renew to be eligible to be in the draw!

Contact Michele Olie on 490276 or michele@monksleigh.com to book your lucky number!!



BARN DANCING CLUB

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 4th November 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.

ADVENT FAIR

THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS ON SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

in the

**VILLAGE HALL, GREENWAY
10AM – 12 NOON**

All the favourite stalls including,
The Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola
Bric-a-Brac

Cakes, Champagne Raffle
GUESSTHE WEIGHT OF...!
(Who is it this year?)

Janet's Amazing Raffle
Hook a duck; plenty of splashing around
Mary's hunt the treasure
Stalls offering: Red and White items,
Jewellery, Christmas flowers and
wreaths, homemade sweets,
personalised felt bags,
Gifts, Pottery and Cards

And of course Mulled Wine and
Mincepies

Tea and Coffee



**NORTH CURRY
MAY FAIR
To be held 21st
May 2016**

The planning for next year's North Curry May Fair is in full swing.

The first stall holders' meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7:00pm at the Bird in Hand.

Please come along to register your interest or to book your stall.

Contact: Vicky Day 490482 or Debbie Curtis 491085, by email Northcurrymayfair@gmail.com or find us on Facebook!

Christmas in the Square

Sunday 13th December 4:00 – 6:00pm

Festive fun for all ages

Switching on of the Christmas Tree lights



Music by The Big Noise

Carols by North Curry Jubilee Singers

Nativity scene from Little Acorns

Children's Games

Roast Pork Rolls; Hot Dogs

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,

'Rhum au Chocolat'

and Raffle

*Father Christmas,
...if we are all very good*



Sponsored by North Curry Post Office & Stores

and Supported by North Curry Pavilion and North Curry Football

All proceeds to the Pavilion, North Curry Football and The Conquest Centre

North Curry Primary School

The North Curry Primary School Christmas Fayre is on Friday 4th December from 6-8pm. We would love to see members of the community at the event.

THE TRUSTEES OF NORTH CURRY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL WISH IT TO BE KNOWN THAT THEY INTEND TO GRANT A LEASE IN RESPECT OF A PART OF THE SCHOOL ROOF TO BRENDON ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ARRAY OF PV SOLAR PANELS.

If anyone has any questions about this project please contact David Akerman of North Curry Community Energy at 2, White Street, North Curry.

Brendon Energy is a not for profit Community Benefit Company which will pay for the installation and subsequent insurance and maintenance of the system.

The school will enjoy the electricity generated free of charge and additionally will receive 20% of the Feed in Tariff which was fixed in March 2015.

Generation and Migration

North Curry Community Energy is finally within sight of accomplishing its goals. By the time this paper is published, the White Street and the Village Hall installations will be up and running. Meanwhile the School's trustees have approved the details for the lease of their roof, although their installation will have to await the spring half term. North Curry's public buildings will thereby be able to generate over 30kw of renewable power, saving its occupants money and helping to reduce carbon emissions.

AGM

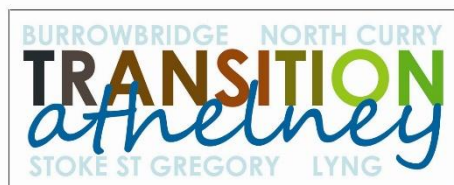
This year's AGM will be held on Thursday 19th November at 7:30 in the Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory. Once we've done the official business this will be followed at 8:15 by a talk and discussion. Our guest speaker will be Alex Randall, from the UK Climate Change and Migration Coalition. He steers a careful and well-informed path on the impact of climate change on people's lives around the world, without indulging in any alarmism about floods of climate refugees arriving on our shores. Do join us for this important and topical subject. Light refreshments will be on offer from 8:00.

Juicing

A final reminder of our second apple juicing day in Stoke St Gregory village hall when we'll have all the equipment to turn your surplus apples into juice – ideal for drinking yourselves or as locally-grown and locally-processed Christmas presents. This will be **14th November**.

Please get in touch to book your slot.

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



towards a greener community

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com

North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on

Thursday 10th December at 7:30pm

in the

North Curry Village Hall

Three pieces by the choir
Trumpet solo
Soprano solo

Carols for choir and audience

Light supper (two courses)

Bar

Tickets (£10) will be available from members of the choir and the Post Office later in the month.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

November can be one of those months when your thoughts turn away from the garden. The leaves are nearly all down, the colour is fading and it can be misty and damp. Christmas seems to be approaching fast.

So brighten up your days with garden plans for next year and come and find out about the fireworks that are Penstemons! They come in brilliant colours and liven up any borders.

Our next meeting is on -

Thursday 5th November -

"Penstemons" with Graham Nicholls

Graham Nicholls is a very experienced grower with a particular interest in alpinas. He has travelled and lectured extensively, written several books and is also an Alpine Garden Society national judge.

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

Annual subs - £10.00 will be collected at this meeting.

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.



North Curry W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th November at 2pm in the Village Hall where Judith Derbyshire will be giving us the latest [and very useful] information on Probate, Wills and Inheritance Tax. The competition for the month, topical for the time of year, is a carnival item – Visitors are very welcome.

Also at the start of November, our County Annual Meeting is being held at Sedgemoor Auction Centre where Mark Stacey, of 'Flog It' fame is the guest speaker. This will be followed by a special centenary performance of 'Alice in W.I. Land – 100 years of perspiring women' – a musical extravaganza in which several of our members are **brave** enough to take part!

Arrangements for December are well in hand as we lead up to the Festive Season. Apart from our Christmas party, Emma Duke will be running a workshop at the Willows and Wetlands Centre helping us make driftwood sculptures of Christmas trees and decorations. Also, a highlight in our calendar, is a visit to Wells Cathedral as we join other W.I.'s for the Annual SCFWI carol service.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome two new members and several visitors to our October meeting where Peter Rixon, an antiques expert, told us the history and value of varied items brought along by members. The W.I. Craft Fair followed a few days later at West Monkton, where a variety of stalls enticed many visitors, and once again proved a popular occasion. Our Skittles team is delighted to have won the first round of the County Cup, beating last year's winners by 38 pins, and now look forward to further competition.



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



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