



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY - YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, so if you have a bit of spare time and would like to become more involved in what's going on in the Parish why not put yourself forward and give it a try. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any of your Parish Councillors.

HM QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: HM The Queen will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 21st April. Beacons will be lit across the United Kingdom and the Parish Council are looking for volunteers to undertake the co-ordination and building of a North Curry beacon and/or any other celebration you think appropriate. If you are interested and would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

HUNTHAM LANE ROAD CLOSURE: Please note that the junction of Huntham Lane and Windmill Lane will be closed from 29th February for 12 days (including the weekend) to enable drainage work to be carried out.

WANT TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS? – All Parishioners are able to view and comment on any planning applications at:
www1.tauntondeane.gov.uk/tbcsites/plan/plapplookup.asp
To view local applications do a search on North Curry.

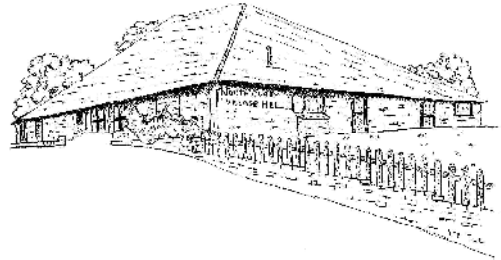
FUTURE OF LIBRARIES CONSULTATION: Somerset County Council are seeking feedback regarding the use and future of hubs (shared buildings) and libraries. The Consultation will close on 11th February, to give your views go to: www.somerset.gov.uk/hubsandlibraries

SOMERSET CHOICES – LOCAL CARE AND SUPPORT OPTIONS: An animated guide showing how the Somerset Choices website can help you access a world of local care and support is available at:
www.somersetchoices.org.uk/about-this-site/help

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

Wed 10 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 24 th	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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



The Produce Market

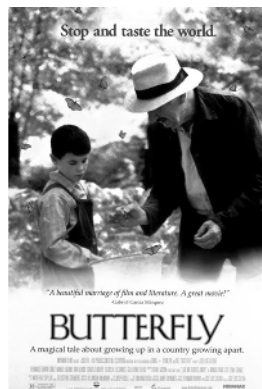
**Saturday 6th February
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

It was a quiet market in January – too close to Christmas and the New Year perhaps, though it was good to see some of our supporters after the break. We hope you will be there in force this February! The market makes a welcome contribution to the church and gives everyone a chance to catch up over a coffee with our without a bacon buttie!

See you there!



Wednesday, 24th February



The February film is a sensitive portrait of a child coming of age during a tense political situation just before the Spanish Civil War. Spending much of his time with an elderly teacher admiring the wonders of nature such as the tongue of a butterfly, everything changes when the Facists roll into town.

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



North Curry W.I.

Our meeting this month, on Wednesday, 3rd February, is one to look forward to as we celebrate our **88th Birthday!** Members will be taking part in a light hearted afternoon with entertainment, games, quizzes and a bring-and-share tea.

The following week we meet at the Bird in Hand for our annual winter lunch; then again at the end of February, some of us join Horton W.I. for a convivial Soup and Pudding Lunch (**it seems those extra Christmas pounds may take a little longer to lose this year!**)

We were delighted to welcome four new members last month as well as several visitors. They certainly chose the right afternoon for their first meeting as we listened to our entertaining speakers, Teresa and George Jones, who related some of their experiences whilst working in Westminster. January also saw some of us brushing up on technology skills at an iPad workshop under the guidance of member, Maureen Leach and our skittles team competed enthusiastically in group and county matches. We look forward to continuing with what has begun – a happy, busy and varied year.

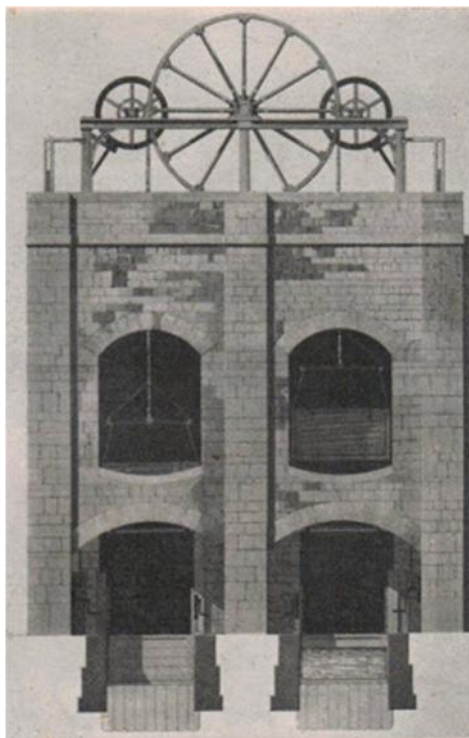


North Curry Community Coffee Shop Arts and Crafts

Thank you to everyone who supported all the varied local crafters and artists in the lead up to Christmas; sales were excellent. From 2nd February we will be displaying a few “valentines” gifts along with jewellery, pottery and fabric creations. Our artist for this 6 week period is Hazel Smith who paints watercolours of local scenes, landscapes and seascapes; she will have originals, mounted prints, cards and notebooks for sale. We look forward to your visit.



The Grand Western Canal



Perpendicular lift on the Grand Western Canal, engraved by S Bellin from drawing by J Green, Transaction of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1836

On Wednesday 17th February, Denis Dodd will continue the North Curry Society 2016 series of stimulating talks, describing some of the ingenious and innovative features of the Grand Western Canal. For many years Denis has been an expert guide to the Nynehead Lift, one of several mechanical boat lifts on the canal between Taunton and Tiverton for raising boats vertically from one level to another using a power source other than the physical efforts of man or beast.

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.

Methodist preachers for February 2016

February

- 7th Mr David Clithero
- 14th Rev'd Stephen Mares
- 21st Mr Merlyn Brown
- 28th Rev'd Deborah Kirk (to include Holy Communion)



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Happy New Year to all gardeners in North Curry.

Have you made a New Year's Resolution to be a better vegetable grower in 2016 or even to start growing them for the first time this year?

Then come along to our first meeting of 2016:

Thursday 4th February

**“Vegetables without Tears”
a talk by Mr G. Alway**

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

Stay for coffee and a chat.

This is also the night to sign up for our annual Social Evening and dinner which takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 12th March at 7:00 for 7:30pm. There is no cost to paid-up Club members and guests pay £15.00.



Children's Activity Morning

**Tuesday 16th February 2016
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, visits to the bell tower, music and much more. Open to all ages but under fours to be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments will be available. There is no charge for the morning but any donations would be welcome and go towards future events.

We look forward to welcoming you.



The Royal British Legion

On 8th February we will be holding the Annual Branch supper at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm for 8 o'clock. So please come along for an enjoyable evening in good company.

There will not be a meeting in February; the next meeting will be on 14th March at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm.

Age Shall Not Weary Them

Written in the poem 'The Fallen', is the line "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old".

Despite its modest size, the North Curry Branch helps to raise around £2,000 each year towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Though they won't admit it, the passing of the years is now beginning to weary some of our more established fundraisers. We are a happy band and we wish to continue supporting the Royal British Legion at local level, but to do so, it's time to admit we need some extra help.

You DO NOT have to have served in the armed forces, you just need a desire to help the Royal British Legion support those individuals and their dependants, who have been affected in serving their country.

If you are able to give an hour or two of your time [for example at the May Fayre or Remembrance collections] please get in touch. You can do this either by coming along to any one of our monthly get-togethers or by contacting Ken Tate on 490755.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Bird in Hand, North Curry at 7:30pm.

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 Rainbows

We meet on Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:15pm at North Curry Primary School

We do lots of fun and exciting activities for girls age 5-7!
Campfires, trails, arts and crafts, cooking, games, sleepovers, badges and more!

To find out more about the Rainbows please contact Gill on 07968 302148 or gill@fossehouse.co.uk or kathleen.williamson538@btinternet.com



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North Curry Brownies

We meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 7pm at North Curry Village Hall

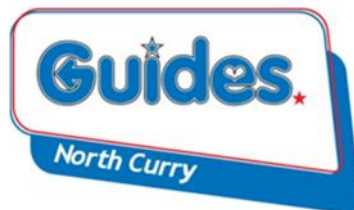
We do lots of fun and exciting activities for girls age 7-10!

Campfires, trails, arts and crafts, cooking, games, holidays, badges and more!



To find out more about the Brownies please contact Kate on 01823 690471 or kathleen.williamson538@btinternet.com

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North Curry Guides

Would you like to see what Guides is all about?



We do lots of fun and exciting activities for girls age 10-14!
Camps, cooking, swimming, badges, games, campfires, and more!

We meet on alternate Thursdays from 6-8pm starting on 14th January at North Curry Village Hall Meeting Room

To find out more please contact Kate on 01823 690471 or kathleen.williamson538@btinternet.com

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Grand Marmalade Sale

In aid of the North Curry Village Show, 2016

The Grand Marmalade Sale will be held on Saturday 5th March, starting at 10:00am, at Greenway House, 25 Greenway, North Curry

Come and restock your shelves with various marmalades, pickles, chutneys, and cakes.

Meet your friends for coffee, and buy a ticket for a super raffle!

We look forward to seeing you.



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>