



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

TEA & BISCUITS AND A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY! DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) 4TH MAY: This year's APM will take place on Wednesday 4th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Come along to find out what's going on in the Parish, hear reports from the Village Agent, school and local groups, and join the discussion on how you would like the Parish Council to improve the Parish using grants received as a result of development.

PARISH COUNCILLORS: There are still two vacant seats on the Parish Council, if you are interested in ensuring the Parish is well run and makes the best use of its assets, why not come along to a meeting to find out what goes on. No experience is necessary.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY 12TH JUNE – GREENWAY PLAYING FIELD COME AND JOIN IN

12:30 – Bring along your own picnic and set up any gazebos / tables / chairs you care to bring.

1:30 – 2:30 Jazz band near the Pavilion

2:30 – 3:00 – Children's races

3:00 – 3:30 – Jazz band

3:30 – 5:00 – W.I. cream teas in the Pavilion

The theme is red, white and blue and EVERYONE IS WELCOME – THE MORE THE MERRIER!

(If it's raining the picnic will be in the Village Hall)

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN - COMMUNITY LITTER PICK - 14TH MAY

A community litter pick will take place on Saturday 14th May. Meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10:00, please bring gardening gloves and a Hi-Viz jacket if you have them. Many hands will make light work so do join in if you can spare a little time.

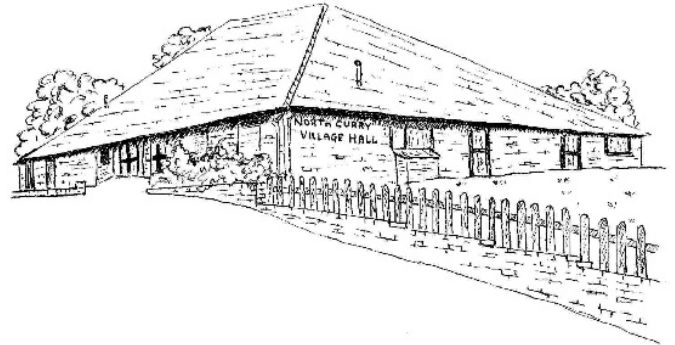
CHURCH ROAD LIME TREES: Following careful consideration of advice from County and Borough tree officers and several tree surgeons, the Parish Council have taken the decision to remove the two most seriously diseased lime trees in Church Road and replace them with the correct, smaller variety of lime tree. These works will be carried out in the autumn, subject to receipt of the necessary consents from Taunton Deane. For more details please see the Lime Tree paper on the Parish website.

WATCH YOUR SPEED!! – A community speed awareness group has been re-formed with police support and will soon be out and about checking speeds with the intention of deterring speeding in the Parish.

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

Wed 4 th	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 11 th	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 th	Planning Meeting	7.30 pm

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



THE VILLAGE HALL IS SAFE!

At an extraordinary open meeting of the North Curry Village Hall Management Committee, held on Monday 25th April, volunteers came forward to fill the vacant posts. We now have a new bookings secretary and not one but two treasurers!

Huge thanks go to Fleur White (Booking Secretary), Bill Beck and Jennie Vere (Treasurer role*) who came forward as a result of the intensive advertising campaign of the last few weeks.

*Whether Bill and Jennie become co-Treasurers, or whether one becomes Treasurer and the other Deputy Treasurer, is a decision to be taken by them (in conjunction with Philip, the retiring treasurer), once the three can get together.

For information; the full management committee, which meets bi-monthly, comprises:

Michèle Carter[†], re-elected Chairperson also representing Parish Council and Ladies Badminton

Michael Griffiths[†], re-elected Secretary also representing Bridge Club

Fleur White[†], Booking Secretary

Bill Beck[†], Treasurer

Jennie Vere[†], Treasurer

David Walton[†], re-elected member also representing Bowls Club and Tuesday Club

Jo Ash, Choir

Pat Curtis, North Curry Society

Kathryn Jeanes, Barn Dance

Di Keyzar, Village Show

Jenny Satchwell, WI

Tina Stodgell, Art Club

Adrian Tait, Film Society

([†]Executive committee which meets monthly)

Regular Users: If your organisation is not represented on the above list, why not lobby your committee to send a representative along to our meetings to put your group's point of view.

The Produce Market

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

We had a busy market last month; do come and join us in May when we will have bedding plants from Mike Hutchings and lots of good things from local producers - stalls include organic local pork and lamb, cheese, bread, cakes, pasties, eggs, vegetables and honey. Plenty of jams and chutneys to tempt you and some excellent books, crafts and cards. We also have fair-trade products which help local producers overseas and a stall for the local hospice. It's all things 'local'!

See you there!



On 25th May we will be showing **The Book Thief**. Based on the international best-seller book, the film tells the story of an extraordinary, spirited young girl sent to live with a foster family in WWII Germany. Intrigued by the only book she brought with her, she begins collecting books as she finds them. With the help of her new parents and a secret guest under the stairs, she learns to read and creates a magical world that inspires them all.

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

If you have not joined the society yet we are offering a half year subscription for new members costing £12.50 still a bargain for the last 4 films!



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

14th May, 10:30am in the Methodist Church Garden

All are welcome at our coffee morning to be held at the start of Christian Aid Week. Do come and enjoy meeting friends, and if you have a donation to make, please bring your envelope with you. There will be a raffle and bring and buy.



More Tales from Westminster and Whitehall

On Wednesday 18th May, two insiders return to take us for another look behind the scenes at Westminster and Whitehall. George Jones, for 21 years the Political Editor of the Daily Telegraph and his wife Teresa, a former Ministry of Defence senior civil servant who also worked in Downing Street for Margaret Thatcher and later for the Chief Whip, will reveal more of the things that really went on in the corridors of power; how political careers were made and broken and why Ann Widdecombe gave up politics for Strictly Come Dancing.

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to welcoming you.



North Curry W.I.

Our May meeting is the AGM when not only will we be electing our new committee but also discussing the resolutions for this year, decided by all W.I.'s in the country. The chosen topics are 'Avoid food waste, address food poverty' and 'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia.' We will be asking what happens to food waste in our area and what help does our local hospital provide to patients admitted who also suffer from dementia. Each W.I. will be voting for or against the resolutions and these results are sent to NFWI for a final debate and vote at the Annual Meeting. If adopted they then become part of local and national campaigns.

Well done to our skittles team who continue their winning streak and have reached the final of the Somerset Cup to be played next month.

We are again supporting 'Women Walk the World', raising funds for Associated Countrywomen of the World. Following last month's walk at Isle Brewers we look forward to 18th May, meeting at the home of Di Keyzar (1, Longs Field) at 2:30pm and returning there for tea. Everyone is welcome to join us in enjoying a walk with friends and making a donation to this worthy cause.

Looking back, we were delighted with the success of our Quiz and Buffet evening with much fun, food and friendly competition. Thank you to all who supported us.

Come and get involved with White Street sports field!

Anyone interested in running the parish's fantastic sporting facilities is warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting of North Curry Sport Ltd at 7:30pm on Monday, 23rd May at the pavilion.

White Street site is home to the Cricket and Football clubs as well as a flourishing woodland and wildlife area.

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

Choir COQU

Conducted by JanJoost van Elburg

Byrd
Clemens
Purcell
Sweelinck
Britten
Manneke

Friday 6th May
7:00pm

Church of St Peter and St Paul

Entry free Donations welcome

Holland meets Britain
in association with Blackdowns early music project



The Royal British Legion

Just a further reminder of the May Fair on the 21st May. So we need plenty of support to beat last year's figure.

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

We are looking for a new collections coordinator volunteer to manage the collection boxes, routes and volunteers during the annual period of remembrance. You **do not** need to be, or have been, a member of the armed forces to fulfil the role.

We need you to help store and stock the collection trays, confirm collection volunteers for the various routes around North Curry, recruit new collection volunteers as required and count up the collection pot donations, in conjunction with a branch member and submit the funds to the branch treasurer for banking.

This is a small but vital role in our branch, making a BIG difference to all those who have served and their dependents.

If you feel you are fit and able to take on this role or would like to find out more, then please contact either:

Ken Tate 01823 490755
Mike Fleming 01823 490456

Want a bit of adventure? Find out about the fundraising activities the Royal British Legion organises through the year.

www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/



Let us know if you want help with your fundraising.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Fleur White 491424

hallbookings@northcurry.com



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

We are delighted to welcome Brian Carlson as the speaker at our next meeting on **Thursday 5th May**. He will be speaking on **Pelargoniums**, those gorgeous blowsy flowers that make us feel that summer has finally arrived.

Brian is very involved in the Somerset Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society and, as the winner of many prizes, I'm sure he'll be able to give us many useful tips and advice.

Garden Club meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:45 for 8:00pm. New members and visitors are always welcome so why not give this friendly group a try and get some hints and tips for your garden.

Stay for coffee and a chat!

Don't forget this date for your diary! Come to our **Plant Sale on Saturday 28th May 10:00am - 12 noon** held in the **Pavilion**. Buy some superb plants grown by our members at a fraction of the cost of those in a garden centre and you can even have a coffee and some cake!

Our Evening Outing this year will be to **Milton Lodge Gardens** near Wells on **Thursday 4th August**. Full details and forms will be available at the next Meeting in May.

Finally our second garden outing, not to be missed, is to **Cowbridge Physic Garden** and **Dyffryn Gardens (NT)** on **Thursday 9th June**. Cost to NT members will be £16.50 and non-members £23. Both are treasures in their own right and well worth visiting.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITY MORNING

10am - 12 Noon
North Curry Parish Church

Craft Activities

Visits to the Bell Tower

Music

Refreshments

Open to all ages

Under 4's to be accompanied by an adult

Donations welcome

North Curry Village Choir presents

50th Anniversary concert

Excerpts from the Messiah - Handel
Trumpet concerto (excerpts) - Haydn
Selection of short choral pieces
Organ and vocal solos

21st May at 7:30 pm
North Curry Parish Church

Stuart Paul - Trumpet
Miles Quick - Musical Director

Tickets £10 (£5 for under 21) from:
North Curry Post Office, members
of the choir or at the door

Rich men, poor men of North Curry: coffee morning

A coffee morning will be held 14th May to contribute anecdotes and stories for the next book on North Curry. Dave Patten's last book *Shops and Trades of North Curry* is nearly sold out - a few are left at the Post Office and Archives. £2,000 was raised for charity. Some 90 pages have already been written: the *Rich Men* section are the Barretts of Moredon that includes 30 photos taken around 1890 that have never been published before. Major Barrett in 1914 left today's equivalent of £52 million - and £50,000 to his cook (how the tongues must have wagged).

The rest of the book will cover farming, especially willow, and some of the largely trivial felonies committed by locals, though one was hung at Tyburn.

To avoid overloading the Catering Department please ring 490782 to announce you're coming. All welcome from 10:00am.



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>



Saturday 21st May 2016
Church Road and Queen Square.

2:00pm – 4:30pm

For your enjoyment there will be:

- Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden ◦
 - Horse and cart rides ◦
 - Plants, cakes, jams and pickles ◦
- Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden ◦
- Coconut shy ◦ Refreshing May Fair Punch ◦ Children's entertainments ◦

There will be many interesting charity and non-charity stalls. Come prepared to carry home cakes, jams, plants, and many other delectable items and happy memories.

Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1.00

Please follow the signs to this car park. We would really like to encourage you to park here as it is important to keep the main roads through the village clear for the fire brigade, ambulances and large farm traffic. All parking proceeds go to provide entertainments at the Fair. There is a safe pedestrian route from Manor Field along the Fosse to the Fair.