



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** Two vacant seats still remain on the Parish Council. Now is your chance to get involved and have a say in the running of the Parish. If you think you've got what it takes, or would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk, or speak to any of your current Parish Councillors.

**QUEEN SQUARE PARKING:** Please could visitors parking in Queen Square, and in the village generally, do so considerately, not parking in front of gates or near junctions. Bad parking in the Square has resulted in residents' vehicles and property being damaged by HGVs attempting to turn and parking on blind bends is a hazard to all road users. Remember the Highway Code, **parking should not be opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, near a school entrance or on a bend.**

**BROADBAND SPEED BELOW 2MBPS? - GRANTS AVAILABLE:** Vouchers of up to £500 are available for residents and businesses with broadband speeds below 2Mbps, to cover the cost of connecting to an improved service. To apply please go to the Connecting Devon and Somerset website and follow the CDS Broadband Voucher Scheme link, or contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

**GRANT SUGGESTIONS SOUGHT:** The Parish Council has been given funding as a result of development in the Parish (the Community Infrastructure Levy) and is inviting ideas on how the money should be spent. There is a restriction that the money be used to address the demands that development has placed on the Parish, so please bear this in mind when putting forward ideas. In addition, funds linked to the provision of solar panels are also expected; use of this is more open. Suggestions for either grant can be for the smallest amount up to £5,000.

**VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK CLOSURE:** Please note that the Village Hall Car Park will be closed to all users on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June for re-surfacing.

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

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

**CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)



**Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June  
in the Parish Church**

### A FLOWER FESTIVAL!

**To celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday**

We welcome garden flowers and plants to decorate the church. Please bring them during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June.



On 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be showing **Leaving**, a riveting drama starring Kristin Scott Thomas as a woman prepared to abandon everything in pursuit of passion – this elegantly told tale of intrigue is not to be missed.

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.

## The Produce Market

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall**

After a quiet market in May we hope the sun will shine on our June market and who knows, there may be local strawberries by then! The new pies from Pines butchers have proved a success so come early if you don't want your favourite items to sell out, and then join your friends for a coffee and maybe a bacon roll after shopping.

*See you there!*



## North Curry W.I.

June, weather permitting, is the month for our garden party. Last year the sun shone for us as we gathered in the lovely garden of member, Maureen Leach and we hope for a repeat performance as Maureen has kindly invited us to meet there again. Apart from enjoying Pimm's and an afternoon tea, we will be donning our posh frocks and hats on the theme of a 'right royal do' in celebration of the Queen's ninetieth birthday.

At our busy AGM last month we conveyed our thanks to Jenny Satchwell who has now stood down as joint president after a long term commitment of twelve years. A new committee was elected to serve for the coming year and we already have a busy programme of interesting speakers and activities from September (**watch this space!**)! Meanwhile we welcome some relaxing summer activities which include our annual outing and meeting up with other W.I. groups for walks, skittle matches and quizzes.

Looking ahead for the remainder of this month we look forward to being involved in village activities. We will be providing cream teas at the pavilion for the Queen's birthday celebrations and our gardeners and flower arrangers have been busy with preparations for decorating the Lady Chapel for the flower festival in church.

### Summer family day and junior football tournament

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
1:00pm – 6:00pm**

at North Curry Playing Fields

Please come along and join in the fun.

There will be a junior football competition featuring all the North Curry junior football teams.

If your child wants to join any of the junior football teams, this would be the perfect time to meet all the coaches and the other parents.

We will also have a BBQ, Bar and hopefully the sun will be out.

And lots of other fun things to do.

All proceeds are going to be split between North Curry junior football and the North Curry Pavilion and Playing Fields Charity.



## Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

**12<sup>th</sup> June, 12:30-5:00pm**

### GREENWAY PLAYING FIELDS

Come and join us celebrate Her Majesty's birthday.

12:30 onwards, Village picnic. Bring along your own picnic and set up gazebos, tables and chairs

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

2:30-3:00 Children's races (weather allowing)

3:00-3:30 Jazz band

3:30-5:00 WI cream teas and children's teas in the Pavilion

*Please collect a ticket for the free children's tea from the Post Office. Only children under 12 are eligible.*

The theme is red, white and blue, come and make it a real celebration.



### Somerset Holiday Haunts and Hestercombe



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Tony Bagwell, a locally renowned amateur photographer will take us on a tour of Somerset finishing up with a visit to Hestercombe using his own pictures and some musical accompaniment.

Enjoy these special scenes of our county and the Hestercombe Gardens without leaving the village!

**NEW START TIME.** We now start our monthly meetings in North Curry Village Hall at 7:45pm so you can enjoy some refreshments before the talk starts at 8:00pm. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to welcoming you.

## BIG BASH 2016

Well summer is now here again and for us that means one thing... ITS "BIG BASH" TIME AGAIN!

Last year's Big Bash was the biggest and most successful that we have ever had, 350 people packed the marquee and danced the night away to our almost resident band, the 12 piece "SOUL SOLUTION" whilst keeping themselves sustained with a delicious Hog Roast or vegetarian option and keeping fluid levels up with regular visits to the licensed bar!

So following that success we have decided to stick with the old adage of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and we will be delivering exactly the same this year!

The Big Bash this year will be taking place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday weekend). Tickets remain at a very reasonable £15, and will be available from Midge 491278, Rich Perry 490089 and as always from the village shop. Book early as we were pretty much at our limit with numbers last year and we don't want you to be disappointed!

Please, please reserve this date in your diaries as not only is it a fabulous village event where all ages mingle, chat, catch up and party, but it is also the only fund raiser that North Curry Sports Ltd run and we really need the amazing support that villagers give us at this event every year; without you and it, we would really struggle!

Thanks once again for all your support over the years and we look forward to seeing you once again on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## Soup and Pud

Thank you to everyone who supported the soup and pud lunch helping to make it such a happy event as well as making £350 for church funds.

When I counted 13 scrumptious puddings and 5 different soups, I thought 'we are never going to get through all that', but of course we did. So a special thanks to all of you who provided them so generously.



## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

We don't hold evening meetings in the summer months but we do have some good outings!

On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June** we're off to **Cowbridge Physic Garden & Dyffren Gardens (NT)**. Both of these gardens have much to offer and if you are a non-member but would like to come along, please give Mary Ginger a ring on 01823 490527 to see if there are any spare places. Cost will be £16.50 for NT members and £23.00 for others.

On **28<sup>th</sup> June** at 2:30pm we have a Members Only afternoon and will be taking a look around Margaret and Alan Tomkins beautiful garden at Masseline, Borough Post; a good opportunity for a get together over a cup of tea and a chance to see just how accomplished some amateur gardeners actually are!

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, we have an afternoon outing to NGS garden, **Bradon Farm** in Isle Abbots. This is a classic formal garden created in recent years demonstrating the use of structure. It sounds a really interesting garden and includes a parterre, knot garden and a pleached lime walk. Cost will be £8.00 to include entry to the garden and tea. Forms available from Mary Earley, 01823 490769.

Our final outing of the year will be the evening outing on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August** which will be to **Milton Lodge Garden** near Wells, a Grade 2 listed garden with the most amazing views, followed by a carvery supper at the Pipers Inn, Ashcott. The cost of this outing will be £24.50 and is open to non-members as well if anyone would like to join us.

Evening Meetings start again in September.



## Here Comes the Sun!

This is the title of a 50 minute film about the deployment of solar energy which we will be screening at North Curry village hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. It is a fitting conclusion to the work of North Curry Community Energy, which held a lively celebration at the village school on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

The ultimate fate of Hinkley C is still uncertain and controversy rumbles on as to whether we even need nuclear power in order to keep the lights on. So the question of how much we will be able to depend on renewables remains a pressing and locally relevant issue.

Hopefully you have already seen the posters or received word of the event. We realise that this entry gives very short notice.

Doors open at 7:30 for 7:45pm. There will be refreshments and discussion after the film. Do join us – we should all have a say in this important matter.

## Methodist preachers for June

The Methodist preachers for June are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs Jenny Sleep
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Stephen Mares
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk + Holy Communion
- 26<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary 3pm preacher Rev'd Anthony Huxtable



## Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the branch will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jun in the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm



## North Curry Community Coffee Shop

From 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be displaying art work from an artist new to the coffee shop. Alex Colling creates collages from vintage scraps, old maps and found objects by hand stitching each piece to give interest and texture. Alex loves the idea of giving new life to forgotten materials and is inspired by the coast, the folk tales and countryside around North Curry. We will also be displaying a new range of pottery, fabric creations and jewellery.

## Call for Entries - Summer Exhibition 12<sup>th</sup> July - 21<sup>st</sup> August

The coffee shop walls are waiting to be filled with your artwork. Please get creating to enter our Summer Exhibition, a popular event which sparks discussion and admiration AND you may win one of the three prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> by popular vote, £25 & £15 coffee shop vouchers plus £50 cash Art & Design Committee prize. Don't be shy all comers over 16 are welcome. This year's theme is "Nature", any size, any medium but framed please so we can hang your work. Ceramics or sculpture can be displayed on the shelves. Entries are due in 9<sup>th</sup> July, entry forms will be available in The Coffee Shop from the beginning of June.



**Date for the diary:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. A Summer Coffee Morning from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Old Malthouse, 3, Stoke Road, courtesy of Sue and Don Bethune. Cakes, plant sale, jewellery stall and raffle, for all of which Sue would welcome donations.



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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk) or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com) or call 07551 759 190



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## North Curry Village Hall

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