



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

**PLAQUES TO HIGHLIGHT THE HISTORY OF HOUSES:** North Curry has many residential houses that had different historical uses, mainly shops. David Patten, with the full support of the Parish Council, feels it would be interesting for visitors and residents alike to put plaques on these houses describing their former uses. If you have a house with a past and would be willing to put a small plaque on your wall, or would like to find out more about the idea please contact David Patten on 490782 or [merrymark@btopenworld.com](mailto:merrymark@btopenworld.com). The cost will be subsidised from sales of his new book (due out next month) and the Parish Council.

**BEWARE – HORNETS!** Whilst the hornet season should be drawing to a close, please be aware that hornets have still been seen active on Westfield Lane (Helland/Newport) near the Bristol gate. Care should be taken around them, their stings can be extremely painful!

**GOVT. TRACTOR CONSULTATION – ENDS 2<sup>ND</sup> NOV.:** If you are quick you can still have input into a Govt. consultation on the introduction of roadworthiness testing of fast agricultural vehicles. This proposal would bring in testing but would exempt vehicles operating within a 15 mile radius. To have your say please go to Government Consultations and scroll down to 22<sup>nd</sup> September where you will find the Roadworthiness testing for fast tractors consultation, or go straight to: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/roadworthiness-testing-for-fast-tractors-and-other-technical-changes-to-vehicle-testing](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/roadworthiness-testing-for-fast-tractors-and-other-technical-changes-to-vehicle-testing).

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Many thanks.

**QUEEN SQ. ROAD CLOSURE:** Residents and farmers please note that the area around the War Memorial will be closed from 10:30am to 11:30am (max.) on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REPORTING HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS MADE EASIER:** A new online, interactive map has been launched by SCC to allow residents to report potholes, blocked drains and other issues on Somerset's Highways. If you see a problem please report it at: [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/) or call 0300 123 2224.

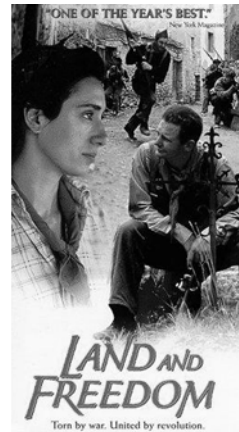
**Parish Council diary for November** - Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

**Contact the Parish Council:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)



We have two films showing in November. On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**, there is the classic Ealing comedy "**Passport to Pimlico**", starring Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford. Maybe the story of part of London declaring independence has relevance to the Brexit debate! The Village Hall doors open at 2:30 pm and it costs £5 with a donation for the refreshments.



On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we have Ken Loach's "**Land and Freedom**". Ian Hart plays David Carr, a member of the Communist Party, who travels to Spain in 1936 to join the International Brigade in the Spanish civil war. There he falls in love with the politically passionate Blanca. It is a moving story which starts when his granddaughter, after Carr's death, finds an old suitcase full of his memorabilia including a red bandana from his time in Spain.

The doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members, it costs £5 as a guest. More information on our films on [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

## North Curry Market Village Hall



We can't offer you fireworks but we can offer you fresh and local products, pies, bacon, cakes and beer and lots more so come along **SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 9:30 – 11:30am.**

Meet up with friends and enjoy our bacon butties and coffee too.



*See you there!*



**Save the Children**

## Christmas Card Sale

Do call in and see us in the small meeting room when you have finished your shopping at the Produce Market on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November - we would love to see you again.



We still have vacancies for new Committee members. If your family and friends use the excellent facilities of the Pavilion, Playing Field and MUGA, please consider joining us by contacting John Quinn 07766 282397.

Our next fund raising event will be on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December where we will be supporting Christmas in the Square, in conjunction with FONCS. The event is hosted and sponsored by North Curry Post Office & Shop and is now an established annual village event and a fun way to start the Christmas festivities for the whole family.



### North Curry Community Coffee Shop

If a unique, locally handmade Christmas gift or adornment sounds appealing then pop into the coffee shop from 14<sup>th</sup> November when our full range of seasonal arts, crafts, jewellery and cards will be on display. 20% of sales goes to the Coffee Shop whose profits are split between an array of charities, both local and worldwide. Credit card payments are welcome. We look forward to your visit.



### Save Our Phone Box

BT has given notice that they want to remove our phone box. If you feel strongly that we need to keep it, please email comments, by 18<sup>th</sup> October to;

[Asummers@westsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Asummers@westsomerset.gov.uk)

Points to make could be: Poor or no mobile phone coverage in the village; proximity to the defibrillator; need for emergency calling; heritage value.

THIS BOX WAS USED 153 TIMES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.



### Rich Men, Poor Men of North Curry



On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** we welcome local author **David Patten** who will speak about the amazing photographic archive of the Barretts of Moredon. Yes they were important and wealthy, but few know that in 1914 Major Barrett left the equivalent today of some £52 million, including £50,000 to his cook! Death duties enabled many of the Knapp farmers – the Derhams, Dares and Mitchems – to purchase their land after WW1. The Poor men are the willow growers and millers, basket makers and small farmers – and some who were transported to Tasmania for trivial offences.

Meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments served from 7:30pm. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors, who pay a small charge, new or established members, are all very welcome.



### North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next Meeting will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** when our Speaker will be **Katherine Crouch** who will be talking on “**Plants that should have been better known**”.

Many of you will remember Katherine. She is a Somerset lady who was crowned ‘Gardener of the Decade’ on Gardeners World having previously won the ‘Gardener of the Year’ in 1999. She has since developed a highly successful Garden Design business and is also in demand as an entertaining and informative speaker.

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month, 7:45pm for 8:00pm start, in The Pavilion of the Playing Fields in Greenway. Guests are always welcome so do feel free to come and join us and stay for a coffee and chat.

### North Curry Youth FC

We are well and truly into the new season and all of the teams have been in league action. The Under 11’s have begun the season in very good form, winning all of their matches up to 8<sup>th</sup> October, including a notable win over Galmington Dragons, one of last season’s top teams.

The Under 10’s and 9’s have given good accounts of themselves, with the 10’s bedding in some new players and the Under 9’s starting with a whole new team.

The Under 8 section has seen an influx of players and we are looking very strong for numbers for the two teams. Both teams have started well, with the Herons managing to record three out of four wins!

Our Under 7’s from the Development squad played their first ever games at Ashcott recently, narrowly losing to a more experienced team. The Development squad continues to grow and we are approaching twenty children in this section.

Youth Development Coach, Paul Thomas will be visiting local schools to deliver some football sessions to the children at North Curry, Curry Mallet and Hatch Beauchamp over the next few weeks, with a view to delivering age appropriate coaching with the emphasis on FUN!

If your child would like to join us at North Curry, we are always pleased to see new faces.

On a different note, could we remind dog owners who use White Street to exercise their beloved pets, to please clean up behind them. At the weekend we found several piles of dog mess in various places around the grounds, including some on the playing surface where the children were receiving their coaching.

That’s all for this month, if you would like to keep up with what is happening at the football club, please visit the website [www.northcurryfootball.club](http://www.northcurryfootball.club)

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

#### North Curry Primary School

**Invites you to lunch on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
at 12:30 in the School Hall.**

**£4.00 for a 2 course meal.**

Please book at the School Office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Come and enjoy!



## Royal British Legion

The Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November will begin at 10:40. Make sure you are there! For those that have them, wear your medals with pride.

### Correction

The Xmas Bingo is booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> December and NOT 10<sup>th</sup> December, as stated in last month's newsletter. We do apologise for the error. So, make sure you have the date right! If you can make any donations for prizes, please contact Mike Fleming - 490456.

The next meeting of the branch will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



## North Curry W.I.

We look forward to our next meeting on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the village hall, when our speaker will be telling us of 'The Wonderful World of Glass'.

Dr. Francis Burroughes is an acknowledged expert who has spoken on various television and antique programmes and will be bringing along his personal collection of historic and valuable glass. Anyone interested will be welcome to join us for the afternoon at 2pm, when, as usual, there will be a short business meeting, and, following our speaker, social time for tea, as well as a raffle and a trading stall. Later this month, with just a few weeks before Christmas, several of our members will be attending a flower workshop at the Willows and Wetlands Centre, where, Cottage Flowers of Ilminster, will demonstrate how to make garlands and wreaths and assisting in producing their own beautiful displays!

## North Curry Village Hall

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To hire the hall contact  
Fleur White 491424

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)



## North Curry Parish Church Annual Advent Fair

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
in the VILLAGE HALL**

**10:00am – 12 NOON**

Come and join in the fun at this popular event

Bottle Stall, Cakes and Bric-a-brac,  
Champagne Raffle, Chocolate tombola

The Brownies Human Fruit Machine

The Treasure Hunt and

Scrabble for your Christmas pudding

Trade stalls: Woodturning and  
Handmade Knitted Items,  
Gifts Pottery and Designer Cards,  
Christmas wreaths and flower  
arrangements,

Designer iPad and phone covers,  
Di's Vintage and North Curry Brewery  
Phoenix Cards, Advent Calendars and  
Wrapping

**AND MULLED WINE AND MINCEPIES  
TEA/COFFEE**

**ALL JUST TOO GOOD TO MISS**



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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Northcurrymayfair@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook!



towards a greener community

## Reimagining the Levels

Whether or not you have ever attended a Transition Athelney meeting, do come to this one! On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at North Curry Village Hall, we will be presenting the result of months of work to define a sustainable, whole catchment response to the challenges facing the Somerset Levels. This has been a completely independent exercise and will be controversial in some quarters. It not only seeks to knit together the upper, middle and lower river catchment issues and their relation to flooding, but takes a hard look at farming and land management, as well as (official) climate change projections and what we can do to both mitigate and adapt.

The project is called *Reimagining the Levels*. It is the result of a collaboration between TA, environmental groups in Glastonbury and Wedmore, a far-sighted farmer and a very supportive consultant. Our 7<sup>th</sup> November meeting is a sneak preview and sounding board session, ahead of the public launch. Several of us involved in the study will be making the presentation and listening to your questions and reactions.

**Do come and join us for light food, wine or soft drinks, 7:50pm, North Curry Village Hall. The talk will begin at 8:15 (TA's AGM will precede this at 7:30)**



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



<http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>

# *Christmas in the Square*

*Continuing the tradition of the village  
getting together just before Christmas*

***Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 – 6:00pm***

*Festive fun for all ages*

***Christmas Tree in the Square  
with switching on of the lights***



***North Curry School Singers***

*Music by **The Big Noise** back by popular request*

***Christmas in the Square Singing Group***

*Children's Games; Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls*

*Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,*

*'Rhum au Chocolat' and Raffle*

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



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and Supported by North Curry Pavilion and FONCS  
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