



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

A BIG THANK YOU: The Parish Council would like to send their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the many willing volunteers who help make the Parish of North Curry such a great place to live. There are too many to name individually but you are all a great asset and without your input and commitment life in the Parish would be very dull. Keep up the good work.

CHRISTMAS TREE: Once again our thanks also go to Alison and Noel in the Post Office for supplying and erecting the Queen Square Xmas tree and lights that is so enjoyed by us all.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Cecelia Smith who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

"AFFORDABLE" HOMES AT NEW DEVELOPMENT: The new development near Overlands, due for completion in January, will provide 4 affordable rent properties and 3 shared ownership properties. The properties will be in the ownership of DCH Housing Association.

The affordable rent properties will be let through Homefinder Somerset, applicants will need to be registered and apply through www.homefindersomerset.co.uk. TDBC's Housing Options Team can offer support on how to register for Homefinder Somerset, their contact number is 01823 356581. Queries regarding the shared ownership properties will need to go direct to DCH, contact Deborah Sharp on 01752 856087 or email Deb.sharp@dchgroup.com.

FARMING UPDATE: We know tractor movements in the parish are a cause for concern and the Parish Council has been liaising hard with the police and local farmers who are all keen to see how matters can be improved. Amongst other things farmers are proposing to limit their speed in the "built up" areas to 20mph, are using slurry tankers instead of open trailers and in liaison with the NFU they are developing a "code of conduct" for all contractors and drivers. They are also aiming to inform us, in general terms, of what activities will be undertaken in the near future and why, see their first entry below:

"As we enter a new year and look towards the spring our thoughts are beginning to focus on preparing the land and crops for the new growing season. This will involve the application of manure to crops and the land. We have stored it until now so that the crops utilize the nutrients within the manure as the temperature rises so nothing is wasted. This will only happen in next few

months but the idea of this article is to communicate what we are doing. In the meantime the daily routine of feeding the animals takes place which means the daily trip with food to different groups around our farms."

SPOTTED A POTHOLE, BLOCKED DRAIN OR OTHER ROAD PROBLEM? Report it direct to SCC using the new online map at www.travelsomerset.co.uk. Click on "Drive" and then "Report road problems". (You can still also use the tel. no. 0300 123 2224.) This map also shows **live traffic updates and roadworks**.

BT PHONE BOX: There has been a great response to BT's proposal to remove North Curry's phone box and TDBC will be objecting to its removal. Many thanks to everyone who wrote in.

PAINT RECYCLING: A new paint recycling pilot has started for water based paints. Please take any leftover water based paints along to a recycling centre where staff will direct you to the appropriate container and it will be accepted for recycling. The pilot is expected to last for at least six months with a view to it being a viable option for the future.

DEAFPLUS VISIT: Please note that the deafPLUS mobile advisory service van will be in Queen Square on Thursday 26th January between 1:00pm and 2:30pm. If you have hearing difficulties deafPLUS provide information, advice and support so do visit them.

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

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

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

North Curry Produce Market

The Christmas shopping is all done and dusted so a reminder that the produce market will be open for business as usual on Saturday 7th January, 9:30 - 11:30am in the village hall. All the regulars will be there, along with tea, coffee, bacon butties and social chat.

Soon it will be time to think about the garden and so a reminder that Mike Hutching will be in his usual spot in front of the hall with plants, and compost. Orders for log deliveries taken too.

Look forward to see you there.



NORTH CURRY SOCIETY



“The earth moved for me”

On **Wednesday 18th January** our Chairman, Alan Billingham, will take a lighthearted look at the construction of the M5. Alan arrived in Somerset from the Midlands in 1971 as Resident Engineer on the Huntworth Viaduct. He was subsequently involved in the construction of the motorway as far down as Willand in Devon. Love it or loathe it, the M5 with its viaducts and earthworks was a major project involving moving a lot of earth around. Alan’s particular interest in earthmoving was first aroused by a somewhat hilarious course with the Royal Engineers during National Service and he never looked back after that!

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.

Book for a Mother’s Day treat or treat yourself:

Tone Dance Pamper Day

25th March 2017

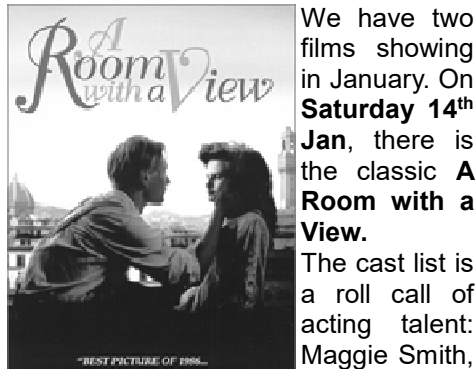
North Curry Village Hall 10:30am-3:30pm



Lunch is also part of the package

Tickets £15 from North Curry Post Office or Jo 01823 491083

Pre-Book from 1st February 2017 to ensure a ticket as there are a limited number.



We have two films showing in January. On **Saturday 14th Jan**, there is the classic **A Room with a View**.

The cast list is a roll call of acting talent: Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter, Judy Dench, Daniel Day-Lewis...

The Village Hall doors open at 2:30pm and it costs £5 with a donation for the refreshments.

On **Wednesday 25th Jan**, we have the Iranian film **A Separation**. It is a film that captures the themes of responsibility and honesty as well as love.



The doors and bar open at 7pm 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



North Curry W.I.

It seems the New Year has hardly begun before we meet on Wednesday 4th January at 2pm for our first meeting of 2017. We look forward to a varied and interesting afternoon and there will be a special welcome to our speaker, Mark Green, from Free Wheelers Voluntary Service. This is a registered charity, run entirely by volunteers, delivering a service to the NHS and the wider community. Free Wheelers are known as ‘the unseen 999 service’; they work free and out of hours and their dedication makes a difference between life and death to so many people. Visitors are very welcome to come along and listen to how this valuable service is run as well as joining us for tea and social time afterwards at a small cost.

As we prepare for a busy social calendar ahead – another reminder to keep Saturday 8th April free for our Quiz and Buffet Evening, which proved such a popular event last year.

White Street Sports Ground

Firstly a happy new year to you all from The White Street Sports Ground and we hope to see many of you up here enjoying the many facilities we have for you to enjoy during 2017. Over the next few months we are going to focus on all the different projects and sports going on at the sports ground by writing monthly reports for “The Pink Sheet” as well as all the news and details of upcoming events.

One subject we do need to address right now though is the thorny issue of dog poo! We love seeing you up there walking your four legged friends. What we are not so keen on is what they leave behind. The vast majority of dog walkers are fantastic and bag it and bin it in the bin provided but recently there has been a huge increase in instances of dogs fouling the area. As well as being unpleasant it is obviously a health hazard to all who play sport at the facility but more especially we are concerned as we now have huge numbers of children up there participating in junior sports so as you can see we really need to sort this problem out. If you could keep your doggies on leads and off the playing areas by walking around the edges and make sure that any poop is bagged up and binned we would be hugely grateful.

We really do not want to ban dog walking at White Street but if we are unable to stop this issue we will need to look at taking harsher action and we really do not want to do that. Please pick up after your dogs and if you see someone else forgetting to bag it and bin it please have a quiet word and save us from having to make some changes we really do not want to make.

So hopefully we will not need to re visit that unsavoury subject and next month we will be focusing on the football club and everything that has been happening there over 2016. Once again a very Happy New Year and thanks so much for all your continued support.

EARLY WARNING!

Don’t forget to buy your Seville oranges when they come in because there will be another

MARMALADE SALE
on **11th MARCH 2017**

at
Greenway House, North Curry at 10am

A warm invitation to cheer a wintry day!

The Soup and Pud lunch (£6)

Come and enjoy delicious home-made food and the good company of the friends you bring with you!

Saturday 5th February in the Village Hall 12 noon until 2pm

Tickets on sale at the Post Office



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016

Through the gracious support of the community, the Parish of North Curry continues to raise an impressive sum each year towards the Poppy Appeal, the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. In 2016, which additionally marked the 100th anniversary of the Somme, £2,608.98 was generously donated.

Particular thanks go to the following volunteers and organisations for their vital assistance with the recent Appeal: Marcella Baxter; Janet Bennet; Don & Sue Bethune; Tony Brooker; Graham Cable; Frances Case; Mike Fleming; Fiona Ford; Geoff Golder; George Jones; Tina Stodgell; Ken Tate; Malcolm Tennant; Trevor Walton; The Bird in Hand; The Far Canal; Knight Brothers Garage; North Curry Health Centre; North Curry Parish Council; North Curry Post Office; North Curry Primary School; The Rising Sun; St Giles Kennels; Wrantage Mills.

Enquiries regarding the 2017 Appeal may be directed to the Honorary Organiser, Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.

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

Just to remind you that there will be no Meeting in January and that our next Meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd February** when Lady Skelmersdale will be talking to us about "**Bulbs and their creative use year round**".

Wishing you all a very **Happy New Year** and look forward to seeing you soon.

North Curry Primary School

invites you to

Community Lunch

on

Thursday 26th January at 12:45 in the School Hall

£4 for a 2 course meal

Please book at the school Office by Friday 20th January

Never too early to start
Planning and Planting

for

Open Gardens and Allotments in North Curry

3rd and 4th June 2017

More information from Lorraine Bryan Brown 491665

ARCHIVES

The well-loved Archives Photograph Exhibition will be on display at the **Coffee Shop** from 12th January 2017. Do visit and see if you recognise people and places.

The Archives are open on Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 until 4:00 and other days by appointment. Find out about the history of your house and your family.

We have a large number of research materials, including the British Newspaper Archive.

If you are interested in local history and genealogy and are computer literate with a few hours to spare, we would welcome assistance.

NORTH CURRY PAVILION
& PLAYING FIELD

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>

