



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**PROPOSAL TO MERGE TAUNTON DEANE AND WEST SOMERSET:** A public consultation is under way re. the proposal to merge TDBC and West Somerset Council. The consultation runs until 28<sup>th</sup> February, full details are at [www.yournewcouncil.org](http://www.yournewcouncil.org) or at the Council offices.

**KNAPP LANE PLANNING APPEAL NO. 2:** You may wish to be aware that an appeal has been made against TDBC's refusal of planning permission for the second application for 20 houses at Knapp Lane (appn. no. 24/16/0042). All previous comments relating to that application will be seen by the Inspector, further comments to him are only necessary if you wish to make new points or modify/withdraw your previous representations. You can comment by emailing [West1@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:West1@pins.gsi.gov.uk), on the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs), or by sending three copies to: Ms J Rogers, Planning Inspectorate, 3P Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN. All representations must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> February and quote the appeal reference APP/D3315/W/16/3162999.

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Another community litter pick will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10:30am, please bring gardening gloves and a Hi-Viz jacket if you have them. Many hands will make light work, so don't leave it to the usual few, come and join in, even if just for a short time.

**BROADBAND IN NORTH CURRY AREA:** Some residents in the Knapp area are in discussion with Rural Broadband Southwest (RBS) for the provision of a fixed wireless broadband service as an alternative to the current ADSL telephone line based service. While not promoting them, it's been brought to our attention that RBS offer broadband packages from £25/month (10-20MB/s download, 2Mb/s upload and 250Gb download monthly limit) with no tie-in. For information on RBS and the packages available go to <http://www.ruralbroadbandsouthwest.co.uk>. If this is of interest to you please send your name, address, e-mail address and tel. no. to [Info@ruralbroadbandsouthwest.co.uk](mailto:Info@ruralbroadbandsouthwest.co.uk) for the attention of Matt Howard, indicating if you have a CDS voucher.

For those wanting to wait for fibre broadband, Gigaclear have been awarded the contract for this area and hope to confirm the coverage area and 3 year rollout schedule during March/April 2017. To check for updates on your postcode go to <http://www.gigaclear.com/>.

**ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:** If you can spare a few hours a week, St. Margaret's Hospice are in need of volunteers. For further information call them on 0845 345 9671.

**KEEP DRAIN COVERS CLEAR:** A quick reminder to keep drain covers clear, especially on rubbish days if it's been windy and the rubbish has blown about.

**BUSES DIRECT TO MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL:** The Parish Council has passed on concerns of Parishioners regarding the need to change buses to access the hospital from North Curry. For those able to access Wrantage buses or the Park & Ride buses, these do still go directly to Musgrove Park hospital.

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

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

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

## North Curry Produce Market

The freezer is empty the fridge is empty too. All the Christmas goodies have all been eaten up so why not pop along to the produce market on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am – 11:30am and restock.

Anne's organic local lamb will make a change from turkey, so will Pitney pork products and the church produce stall will have pies from Pynes of Somerset The scotch eggs went so well we will have some more next month and some new items too. And of course if the Christmas cake is finished, not to worry Carole will have a good selection of cakes, pickles, and fresh farm eggs too.

*Look forward to see you all there.*



## North Curry W.I.

At our February meeting, on the first of the month, we celebrate our **89<sup>th</sup>** Birthday!

We are delighted that two local groups are able to join us – North Curry Orchestra and North Curry Choir – as we look forward to an entertaining afternoon of music and song followed by a bring-and-share tea.

Later in the month we meet for our annual Winter Lunch at the Bird in Hand where good food is always on the menu plus the enjoyment of a social get-together.

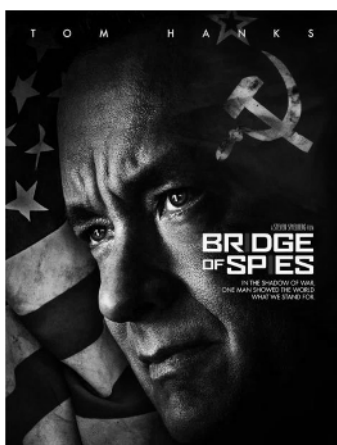
Looking ahead, plans for our Quiz and Buffet evening are continuing – remember to keep the date in mind – 8<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets will be available soon and further details may be found on our separate notice.



On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**, we are showing **The African Queen**. You may have seen it on TV but it is so much better on the big screen!

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

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**, we have **Bridge of Spies**. This thriller is set around the tough negotiations to release U.S. spy plane pilot Gary Powers. The doors and bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members; it costs £5 as a guest. Anyone can be a guest – just come along! More information on our films on



[www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

## GRAND QUIZ EVENING

With Buffet.....£10

Please bring your own drink

Welcome return of quiz master  
Martin Baldock

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL  
7:30pm

Teams of up to six welcome



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM NORTH CURRY  
POST OFFICE, ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER  
or Kate 490933

Profits to North Curry W.I.



## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

We are delighted to welcome Christine Skelmersdale as the speaker at our next meeting on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. She will be speaking on "Bulbs and their creative use year round".

Some of you may have heard Christine speak before. She has been an enthusiastic gardener since childhood and has been the Managing Director of Broadleigh Gardens, a nursery which specialises in smaller bulbs, woodland and foliage plants for 40 years.

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.



## Our Committee Needs You!

New Year's resolutions starting to fade away? It's not too late to make a resolution to give something back to your village.

Many of your family and friends enjoy the facilities of the Pavilion, Playing Fields and MUGA and we need volunteers to join our Committee to ensure we keep these running. We urgently need a new Treasurer to join us and also a Secretary. We meet monthly and hold a couple of fund raising events each year along with providing a small amount of maintenance.

Please be part of our friendly team - we look forward to hearing from you!

Contact John Quinn 07766 282397.



## North Curry Community Coffee Shop Arts and Crafts

Thank you to everyone who supported many local crafters in the lead up to a very successful Christmas at the Coffee Shop. Our new craft display will include a few Valentine's gift ideas accompanied by an art exhibition, running from 7<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March, by Liz Gibbs. Liz moves between the medium of oil and watercolour and has most recently painted landscapes and recorded a trip to Canada. Liz has also been inspired by a horticultural course resulting in a series of garden based paintings. Liz paints purely for her own pleasure so to have an exhibition is a real novelty so do pop in and have a look whilst enjoying a coffee and freshly baked homemade cake!



## Be Prepared

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** we welcome North Curry resident, Gill Slocombe CBE who, from 2011 to 2016 was Chair to Girlguiding's Board of Trustees and the Chief Guide of the UK's leading charity for girls and young women with over half a million members.

Gill has been heralded for her inspiration, can-do attitude and commitment to make guiding accessible to all, to growing its membership and modernising its image and ways of working. She has been described as other things in the media for some of these actions – not all printable in her view! Gill will share some stories, challenges and experiences as Chief Guide. She promises to throw in some surprises as she reflects on some of her overseas travel and visits.

Meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments 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 welcome.



## Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3.50 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise, both mental and physical, and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

A Mother's Day treat for you or someone Special

## Tone Dance Pamper Day

25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

North Curry Village Hall

10:30am-3:30pm

Lots of Fabulous treatments, experiences and Fun. Nails, Hair, Yoga, Mindfulness, Dance. £15 includes all of this plus a healthy lunch and goody bag to take home.



Pre-Book your place soon by calling Joanne on 01823 491083 as there are a limited number of tickets.



## The Royal British Legion

There is no meeting this month. The next meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm.

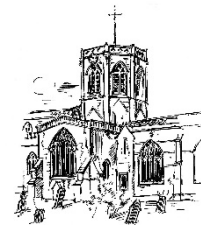
The Annual Dinner will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 1900 hrs (7:00pm). If you wish to attend, please contact Ken Tate on 01823 490755.

We raised £300 at our Christmas Bingo. This will be donated to the Minibus Appeal at Royal British Legion, Dunkirk House, Bishops Lydeard.

Many thanks to the people who donated prizes and to those that supported the event.

## Support for the Homeless for Christmas

A BIG THANK-YOU: All the donated boxes and bags were gratefully received by the Taunton Association for the Homeless. The local community managed to raise 105 gifts in total and £165.00 towards their Christmas lunch. It was such a success that we will look to support the Homeless again in 2017 for next Christmas and all support again would be much appreciated.



## PARISH CHURCH

We want to revamp our Family Service; make it more family/child friendly, with more involvement of the children themselves. What would you as a family like to have provided?

Please come with ideas to an open discussion meeting at 20 Greenway on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

We would love to see you and hear your views.

Please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463 beforehand to reserve your chair and refreshments!

We shall also review our work with toddlers at Little Angels, our monthly Monday meeting.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING

10-12 Noon Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Come and join us in the Parish Church.

Pre-school children should be accompanied by an adult.

Climb up the Tower and watch the Bells ring.

Decorate your Valentine cakes.

Crafts, cards, scratch magnets, painting, and messy play.

Act, sing and more.

Light refreshments provided.

All welcome.

These activities are free though a contribution towards costs would be welcome.

If you feel you would like to help, or find out more about the morning, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490 463.

## Come for the SOUP AND PUD LUNCH

A warm invitation to cheer a wintry day

SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February  
in the Village Hall 12 Noon – 2pm

Please pay at the door  
£6.00 for delicious home-made food

Always most enjoyable

Please note the corrected date!

# White Street Sports Ground: The Football Club

By James Midgely ("Midge")

The Football Club is in its most successful period of its history and if we take a moment to look at their history we can see what massive steps they have taken over the last 22 years.

The Club was formed back in 1994 under the chairmanship of Tony Williams, there was one Sunday team and they played their home matches on the playing fields at Greenway using the tiny changing rooms in the Greenway Pavilion. It was a stable and successful ground for the club but eventually it was realised that they needed a new home and in 2010 they played their first match at their new White Street Ground with a first class pitch and changing and recreational facilities to match.

At this point it was realised by the Chairman John Boddy and the manager Richard Perry that contingencies needed to be made to nurture the future generation of North Curry footballers. They set up an under 8's team which was to be run by Shawn Sutton. Thanks to these three the youth section has gone from strength to strength and has been taken even further following the arrival of Paul Thomas who came in as Youth Development officer. He used his previous experience in this roll to form a youth development squad for 5/6 year olds to further supply the under 8's. This strategy worked and now they run the youth development squad, under 7, under 8, under 9, under 10 and under 11 age groups. This is an incredible success story and if you happen to wander up to White Street on a Saturday morning you will be amazed by the activity going on up there. Huge credit must go to Paul Thomas and Ali and Shawn Sutton who have been the driving forces behind this success as well as the army of coaches and helpers who give up their time to help out.

In 2014 Pete Attwood started a Saturday team for the village, giving an opportunity to local youngsters to get into men's football. Again this has been a great success and is still going strong this season. Also the Sunday team continues to be the bedrock of the club under the stewardship of club stalwart Karl Deans.

Since moving to White Street the club has put on 3 very successful celebrity football matches against "The Gethin Jones All-stars" and the ever popular Boxing Day "Dan Boddy Cup" is still held each year which raises much needed funds for the club.

With all this expansion the club are starting to need more room and moves are afoot to expand the existing car park and to rent an additional field to provide extra pitches and training areas. This all takes a huge amount of work and all this, as well as the general running of the club is held together by the main man Richard Perry who has been ever present in the history of the club as player, manager, fundraiser, grass cutter, laundry man and now as chairman and a huge vote of thanks must go to him.

We should be very proud of our football team and if you haven't been up to White Street please wander up on a Saturday morning/afternoon or on a Sunday morning to watch them in action! If you would like to get involved with the club there are always roles that need filling and at the moment they are actively looking for someone to become child welfare officer, a crucial part of the club.

There is more information on the parish council website – see North Curry Sports!

If you are interested in getting involved in this or any other roles please contact any of the club officers listed below.

Club Chairman: Richard Perry [richardperrygardening@outlook.com](mailto:richardperrygardening@outlook.com)

Youth Development Officer: Paul Thomas [paul.thomas06@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.thomas06@btinternet.com)

Youth Chair: Shawn Sutton [shawn.sutton@btinternet.com](mailto:shawn.sutton@btinternet.com)

Youth Secretary: Alison Sutton [alisonsutton774@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonsutton774@btinternet.com)

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths  
phone 491298

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

To hire the hall contact  
Fleur White 491424

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

## OPEN GARDENS in NORTH CURRY

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Please participate with gardens large  
and small

Mature established or works in  
progress

All will interest and inspire

For more information contact Lorraine  
on 491665

## NORTH CURRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extends a very warm invitation to a  
**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

on THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
in the school hall at 12:45

£4.00 for a 2 course meal

Please book at the school office by  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February



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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