



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 12th of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to Newsletter@northcurry.com or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd May in the Village Hall. Please could any community organisation wishing to participate contact the Parish Clerk by 1st April.

MANOR FARM PLANNING APPEAL: You may wish to be aware that an appeal has been made against TDBC's refusal of planning permission for the application for 3 dwellings at The Paddock, Manor Farm (appn. no. 24/16/0022). 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, on the Planning Portal at 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 March and quote the appeal reference APP/D3315/W/16/3164568.

DOG WASTE: A few dog owners continue to allow their dogs to foul footpaths and public areas without clearing up after them, this has been particularly noted in the Sycamore Row area. The waste bins are provided, to avoid a health hazard **PLEASE USE THEM!**

LONG TERM PARKING: If you are parking your car on the road for a long period of time without moving it, please could you leave a note of contact details in it in case the vehicle needs to be moved for any reason. Many thanks.

FREE ABDOMINAL AORTIC SCREENING: This simple, quick, non-invasive but potentially lifesaving screening is available for **men over 65**. To discuss the screening or book an appointment, call 01823 344567.

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

Wed 8 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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

Grand Marmalade Sale

Saturday 11th March at Greenway House
(by kind permission of Helen and Julian Comrie)

10:30 -12 noon

**Marmalade, Preserves,
Chutneys, Cakes
Raffle**



On **Saturday 11th March**, we are showing **Suffragette**. In early 20th century Britain, the growing suffragette movement forever changes the life of working wife and mother Maud Watts (Carey Mulligan). Galvanized by political activist Emmeline Pankhurst (Meryl Streep), Watts joins a diverse group of women who fight for equality and the right to vote.

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

On **Wednesday 22nd March**, we have **Belleville Rendez-Vous**. This acclaimed animated film defies description. It is "deliciously dark & twisted". The doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30. Free to members; it costs £5 as a guest. Anyone can be a guest – just come along! This month, we are offering a **half year subscription for just £12.50 – just over £2 a film**. More information about our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



North Curry Produce Market

The Village Hall, 9:30 – 11:30am

After a slow start in January the market was back to its usual busy vibrant self in February. Be sure to put the date of the next one in your diary Saturday 4th March.

We can't promise you Iceberg lettuce but we can promise that Stan and Frances will have a good selection of fresh seasonal vegetables on their stall as usual.

Betty's books are as popular as ever with a good choice of authors along with jam, marmalade and chutney to suit all tastes. Lindsey has been busy restocking after her successful Christmas and will be in her usual spot selling her individual designer cards and ceramic figures.

Judith is now organising the church stall and is sourcing new items to tempt you. As usual there will be pies from Pynes of Somerset and locally made quiches which sell out fast plus a new addition French potato, onion and parsley pies a speciality from central France

Tea, coffee and bacon butties from 9:30am.

See you there

Building a Church

Our speaker this month, on Wednesday 15th March is Jerry Sampson, former president of SANHS and for almost a quarter of a century archaeological consultant to conservation architects. Jerry has worked on English and Welsh cathedrals with projects at Wells, Exeter, Gloucester, Salisbury, Winchester, Rochester and Brecon as well as vernacular buildings such as Montacute House, Wells Bishop's Palace, Wilton House and HM Tower of London and has been associated with the rolling programme of conservation at Glastonbury Abbey since 1984.

Jerry has given his talk the intriguing title Building a Church. He lectures widely in Somerset for local history societies and has undertaken several projects for them investigating the structural history of their parish churches.

NCS meetings are held at 8:00pm. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors (who pay a small entrance charge), new or established members, are all welcome.

GRAND QUIZ EVENING

With Buffet.....£10

Please bring your own drink

Welcome return of quiz master
Martin Baldock

Saturday 8th April
**NORTH CURRY VILLAGE
HALL**
7:30pm

Teams of up to six welcome



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 1ST MARCH
NORTH CURRY POST OFFICE OR
Kate 490933

Profits to North Curry W.I.

The Pamper Day is almost here!

Get your tickets now for 25th March
10:30am - 3:30pm at North Curry Post
Office or Joanne on 01823 491083
Lots of fabulous treatments, hands, face,
body...dance...yoga, mindfulness.
Neal's Yard
Brilliant Raffle Prizes
A Great Lunch and Goodie Bag.
All for £15
A Treat for someone special.....you?

White Street 200 Club

The winning numbers for January, February and March are as follows:

January

1st Matt Jewell
2nd Mark Banham
3rd Neil Grant

February

1st Tim Spotswood
2nd Jill Cox
3rd Julia Davis

March

1st Gillian Akerman
2nd Michèle Carter
3rd Diana Highly

A few numbers are still available; do contact me if you would like to join michele@monksleigh.com 490276.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 2nd March** when our Speaker will be **David Burgess** on "Japan - Cherry Blossom from South to North". David has travelled extensively through Japan and is something of an expert on Japanese gardens.

On **Saturday 25th March** we will be having our **Social Evening** in the Village Hall at 7:00 for 7:30pm. This is free to all members of the Gardening Club and is a most enjoyable occasion. Please remember to bring whatever you'd like to drink and something to drink it from!

Garden Club Meetings are held in the North Curry Playing Fields pavilion at 7:45 for 8:00pm. New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come along and join us for the talk, coffee and a chat.



North Curry W.I.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 1st March we take on a new challenge – KURLING (but we're pleased to say – **not on ice!**) New Age Kurling is an adaptation of original sports (including Curling) so that they can be played indoors on any smooth flat surface. It is becoming more popular, being a sport for everyone of all ages and all abilities and is now used as a part of rehabilitation programmes in hospitals because the sport does not require any physical fitness to play but exercises muscles you would not usually use. We look forward to firstly, a demonstration of the game, then as many who wish to joining in, and even if some may not reach the 'target' it should be a fun afternoon with tea and social time included.

Arrangements for our Quiz and Buffet Evening, on Saturday 8th April, are well in hand and tickets are now available from the Post Office, Kate Roberts (490933) or any committee member. Hope to see you there – North Curry Village Hall – starting at 7:30pm. If last year's success is anything to go by, it should be an event not be missed!

EDITOR'S NOTE

This item has been included following a recommendation by both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. It does NOT constitute a precedent, or indicate a change in the editorial policy of the pink sheet.

Farmers and Contractors

The 2nd of February saw the NFU hold two meetings where over 50 local tractor operators attended to hear Tom Price talk about road safety regarding agricultural vehicles. Tom is the NFU's expert on this subject.

The timing was perfect as many of you will have seen tractors and muck spreaders on the roads over the last month. Some may think it's dangerous to do this work when it is frosty, well obviously extra care has to be taken but it does mean potentially less mud being brought out onto the highway and less damage to the soil structure in the fields. Hedge trimming will also be coming to an end now. To protect early nesting birds most hedges will have had their normal cut. The fact we are thinking of nesting birds must mean spring is just around the corner. Hopefully!



Spring is approaching fast and so is the May Fair. Preparations are well under way with many stalls booked including the ever popular Punch and Judy, Horse rides and Swing Boats.

The final stall holders' meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7:00pm at the Bird in Hand.

Please come along to find out more and book your stall!

Contact: Vicky Day 490482 or Debbie Curtis 491085, email Northcurrymayfair@gmail.com or find us on Facebook!



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 1st March 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.

North Curry Village Choir

Spring Concert

Music for choir, harp, organ and piano

Saturday 13th May at 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

Miles Quick – Musical Director

Please put the date in your diary
More details to follow next month

Save the Date

On Wednesday, 12th July we will be holding a 'Tea Party' from 2:30 to 5:00pm at 'Sunnyside, The Fosse, North Curry' in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

As well as tea and cakes there will be a raffle, cake stall, bric-a-brac, books, plants and puzzles.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

North Curry Parish Church

Friday March 3rd - 3:00pm

Am I being unfair to you?

Prepared by the Christian Women of The Philippines

All welcome

Refreshments

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10am Sunday 26th March

There will be a special family service in the Parish Church on this day.

Do come and join us.

There will be posies and refreshments for all amid a relaxed atmosphere.

Everyone is welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 22nd April 7:00 for 7:30pm

Keep this date free!

Come and celebrate **St. George's Day** at a fun evening – remember Burns Night last year!?

There will be food, a bar, entertainment, dancing and singing in the Village Hall.

Tickets at £20 per head will be on sale from 1st April. More details next month.

Hold the date:

Friends of North Curry School will be holding their **Annual Spring Ball** at

The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster on Saturday 13th May 2017

Transport provided from North Curry and the surrounding villages

More details to follow in the April addition of this newsletter or contact fncsball2017@hotmail.com

OPEN GARDENS IN NORTH CURRY

3rd and 4th June 2017

Preparations are well in hand.

Please make a note in your diary to visit and enjoy the many gardens which will be open and acquire new specimens for your own garden at the Plant Sale, in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice.

Thanks to the Coffee Shop Volunteers

The Coffee Shop volunteers nominate village organisations to receive their share of the profits.

We in North Curry Village Choir are very grateful for the generous donation to our funds, which will enable us to buy a rostrum for our conductor. We hope to have it in place for our next concert on 13th May.

And the Parochial Church Council is also very grateful for the generous donations to church funds, which will enable the PCC to buy a new scaffolding tower.

Thank you all very much indeed.

Helen Griffiths (Secretary, NCVC and North Curry PCC)

NZINGABETH!

SCHOOL SHOW DETAILS

North Curry School and Stoke St Gregory School at North Curry Church

Tuesday 14th March

Time TBC - but probably around 1pm

Starting with workshops at North Curry School and then a procession from the village green to the church with music. The show is then performed.

VILLAGE NZINGABETH SHOW DETAILS

North Curry Church

Friday 17th March at 7:30pm

Tickets available from North Curry Post Office or from www.nzingabeth.com

'**NZINGABETH! Or When Ana Met Virginia**' is a provocative, thoughtful new play from Taunton-based arts and education initiatives **Storytree** and **The Bluebirds**, and Exeter-based **Four of Swords**. It portrays a fictitious, musical meeting between Elizabeth I of England and the proud African Queen Ana Nzinga. It poses crucial questions on race, gender and politics, but is also designed as a treat for the senses; expect wig-swapping, sumptuous costumes and great music.



Annual Coffee Shop Open Exhibition

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

It may not yet be spring, but we are giving you plenty of time in which to create your entry for this year's

AUTUMN EXHIBITION

which will run from 22nd August to 1st October.

You are invited to produce an original artwork that captures your interpretation of **'Weather'** in any media, eg: painting, print, drawing, sculpture, ceramic, embroidery. There are now two categories: 11-16; over 16

Prizes:

1st and 2nd in each category by popular vote, £25 & £15 vouchers plus one £50 Art & Design Committee prize.

Entry Forms will be available in The Coffee Shop from 1st August.

Delivery of artwork to The Coffee Shop 10-11am Monday 21st August.

This is always an enjoyable exhibition in The Coffee Shop, sparking conversation and admiration. The more entries the merrier, so we hope many of you, including those who have never exhibited, will feel inspired to do so in this friendliest of exhibition spaces.

From 21st March to 23rd April we will be displaying paintings, prints, cards and notebooks by Hazel Smith which include landscapes, seascapes, flowers and wildlife. Hazel finds her inspiration from the environment offered by the West Country having moved here seven years ago from West London.

The shelves will be displaying a new range of wares from Jan Daniels who uses mosaics to create hangings and mirrors alongside some new local glass and pottery. We look forward to welcoming you.

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 Primary School

extends a very warm welcome to a

COMMUNITY LUNCH

on Thursday 30th March
in the School Hall at 12:30.

£4.00 for a 2 course meal.

Please book at the School Office by
Friday 24th March.

Church Flowers

The flowers and decorations for Christmas were much appreciated and admired and a tribute to the many people, over 20 of whom worked hard to create such a display.

Thoughts now turn to Easter and volunteers are needed to provide foliage and to join in on Saturday 15th April in decorating the Church.

Donations for Easter Lilies – perhaps in memory of a loved one – will be most gratefully received.

Lorraine 491665



North Curry & Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

**OPEN DAY – Saturday 8th April
2pm – 4pm**

Members and non-members are invited to the Tennis Club Open Day.

This event signals the beginning of the 2017 season and all those interested are welcome to come and visit the club, play a bit of tennis, ask questions and find out about us. All abilities are welcome, including beginners – juniors as well as adults.

Refreshments will be provided and racquets are available, if required.

The courts are at the Playing Fields in Willey Road, Stoke.

For further information, please ring Kathryn Davidson on 490575 or Nigel Cheeseman on 490553.



AmDram Shines in North Curry

Thank you to all of you who supported our inaugural show at the Village Hall last December. Even though we were missing our leading lady for a couple of performances the show was still a great success. So much so it has been nominated for a number of awards with the National Operatic Dramatic Association. These awards will be presented by the President of NODA at the prestigious Marriott Hotel in Bristol in March. Watch this space.

AP@NC's next production is **'See How They Run'** from 1st to 3rd June. This farce is about three vicars, a Bishop, a German officer and a Sergeant in the army, an actress and actor and a maid who knows a thing or two. This play will be a laugh from beginning to end.

AP@NC is looking for anyone who would like to help either on stage or behind the scenes. Please contact **Greg on 01458 251 773** if you think you could help.



The Royal British Legion

The next meeting will be held at The Bird in Hand on Monday 13th March at 7:30pm.



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



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