



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** This is your chance to see the plans for the proposed **road safety improvements** in the village so why not come along to this year's APM at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Village Hall and put your views across on this and other issues.

**BANKING AVAILABLE LOCALLY!** – Do you want to withdraw money or pay a cheque in to your Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds, NatWest, Co-op or other bank account without a trip to Taunton? Get along to the Post Office, you don't need a post office account, they provide access to all the banks!

With the closure of High St. banks in towns throughout Somerset, please remember that you can pay in cheques and money in to and withdraw cash from any High St. bank account at North Curry Post Office. It is quick, easy and local, and there is no cost for these services.

(This doesn't currently include Business Accounts but services are constantly expanding so check with Alison.)

**A358 IMPROVEMENTS:** Don't forget that you only have until 20<sup>th</sup> May to fill in the A358 dualling scheme consultation questionnaire. This can be accessed online at [www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields](http://www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields) or there are copies at The Deane House and in the Parish Office.

**BARN OWL BOXES:** Many thanks to all those who donated to the barn owl boxes, it was a great response and boxes are already being installed.

**AVIAN FLU RESTRICTIONS:** Please note that the restrictions on hens and ducks following the outbreak of avian flu have now been lifted.

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

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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



## Barn Dancing Club



A reminder that our session will be a week **later** this month on **Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

## North Curry Produce Market

### Who Benefits?

At the March market someone new to the village asked me "Who benefits from the market, what is it in aid of?"

The producers market started over ten years ago. Its main aim is to bring together various local makers/producers who would like to sell and promote their products while raising funds for the parish church. The raffle, church produce stall and the kitchen are run by volunteers and the profit from these along with the stall rents, all go to the parish church to help with running costs.

The church needs over £1,000 a week to keep running and we manage to contribute about £2,500 a year towards these running costs.

As well as an opportunity to buy local produce, the market is now a popular social event in the village; held on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall 9:30 – 11:30am. We are always pleased to see everyone and thank you for your continuing support.

This year the May Fair is being held on the same day as the produce market so it looks like being a busy day in the village. Please don't forget to visit the market; all the usual stall holders will be there with their produce.

*See you there.*



**JEREMY IRONS**  
**NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON**



On **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**, we have **Night Train to Lisbon**, about a Swiss professor of classical languages who, after a chance encounter with a Portuguese woman, quits his job and travels to Lisbon in the hope of discovering the fate of a certain author, a doctor and poet who fought against Portuguese dictator Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

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)



Visiting the May Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> May; you certainly should be!

This year we are offering Prosecco as well as our popular Pimm's to wash down the freshly cooked BBQ food. For the youngsters or those who are driving we will have juice and water. Be sure to visit us!

We urgently need to recruit more members to our Committee, including a Treasurer and Secretary. We are a friendly team who all have busy lives and families, so it really isn't a time consuming commitment. If you are interested in supporting your village, please contact John Quinn 07766 282397.



## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** when our speaker will be **Andrew Tolman** who will be talking about **"Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Ladies"**. Andrew is a passionate plantsman who has been a professional gardener for 30 years whilst running two garden businesses. Many of us have difficult shady patches in our gardens so this talk should be a real help!

Don't forget your forms for our daytime outings to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in June and Hampton Court Castle and Gardens in July. Also, a quick reminder that our Plant Sale on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May will be held in the afternoon instead of the morning when there will be the usual excellent quality plants at very affordable prices with the added bonus of Afternoon Tea!

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.

May is the time for our AGM – on the third of the month not only will we be meeting to elect a new committee but also discussing the two resolutions for this year which have been decided on by W.I.'s country wide. The chosen topics are **'Alleviating loneliness'** and **'Plastic Soup: keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans'**. W.I.'s throughout the country will be asking to assist health and social care providers and our local community to raise awareness of the causes of loneliness and the impact it has as a serious health issue. Also we will be discussing concern about the amount of microplastic fibres entering our oceans and how contamination impacts on aquatic life. Each W.I. will be voting for or against the resolutions and these results are sent to NFWI for a final debate and vote at the Annual Meeting. If adopted they then become part of local and national campaigns.

We look forward to the **May Fair** where, at our allotted stand, we will be running a tombola stall with prizes wrapped in red and green (our W.I. colours) – do look out for us!

The following week, on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** from 10:00-12:00noon we are holding a **Coffee Morning with a Bring and Buy Nearly New Sale** at 15 Stoke Road (corner of The Fosse). If you have any unwanted items in your wardrobe (new or almost new) or other saleable household items please bring them along on the day. All welcome.

## White Street 200 Club

Here are the winner for April and May:

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michele Olie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerald Perry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> NCCC

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nick Bradstock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Grant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Franks

We only have a few numbers left so if you would like to be in with a chance, do contact me 490276 or [michele@monksleigh.com](mailto:michele@monksleigh.com)



## The Royal British Legion

British Legion membership offers a wealth of opportunities.

**Comradeship.** Build relationships and share experiences with like-minded people.

**Governance and representation.** Vote on issues we champion to support our Armed forces community and shape the future of the Legion.

**Volunteering.** Whether it's fundraising, helping out at Remembrance events or getting involved with our welfare support – membership offers a variety of volunteering opportunities.

Our next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at The Bird-in-Hand, so why not join us.

We are also having a Tombola/Raffle at this year's May Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Prizes are donated and the proceeds from this local fund raising event goes to Dunkirk House, Bishops Lydeard. If you would like to support this British Legion fund raising event by donating prizes, they can be left at 34 Greenway (Ken Tate 01823 490755). Your support would be very much appreciated.



## North Curry Community Coffee Shop

The coffee shop's walls will be displaying art work by Jo Ash until 21<sup>st</sup> May. Jo lives in Fivehead and enjoys painting mostly in water colour and her inspiration comes from her garden, hedgerows and the local area. Our shelves as ever are refreshed every six weeks with local makers' crafts which include pottery, glassware, mosaic, wooden and fabric creations. Our summer menu is now up and running so do pop in for a browse and refreshments, we look forward to welcoming you.

Please come to a  
**Coffee Morning**



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
from 10am till 12 noon

in the Methodist Church garden,  
Windmill Hill, North Curry



in support of  
**Christian Aid Week**  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> - Sat 20<sup>th</sup>  
May

(and please bring your Christian Aid envelope or leave it in the Post Office!)

**Maypoles and Mischief,  
Merrymaking and Mayhem – a  
history of May Celebrations**

May is a special time of the year, a time for celebrations and fairs, like our own in north Curry, and for revels, riots, dancing and protest. This illustrated talk looks at the social history of May celebrations and the importance of Mayday, Whitsun and Summer Games. Richly accompanied with illustrations, paintings and photographs, recorded and live music, the talk traces how May festivities have changed and adapted through the ages, how the idea of 'may' is expressed in literature and folk song and some of the battles fought over how we celebrate. A special focus will be traditions and stories of celebrations in Somerset.

The talk is given by local musician Tim Hill. Tim has been creating and researching outdoor celebrations and music for other 25 years. He regularly talks at universities, colleges and arts conferences, and, with the Mellstock band, recreates the rural music of eighteenth and nineteenth century England, playing and appearing in radio, TV and film productions like the classic BBC *Pride and Prejudice*.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 8pm. North Curry Methodist Church. North Curry, Taunton TA3 6LX £3.

Refreshments available after the talk.

**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  
OPEN GARDENS**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

2 – 6pm (last entry at 5:30pm)

In aid of St. Peter & St. Paul's Church

**ENTRY: £6 for two days**

Children under 12 FREE!

**TEAS FREE PARKING**

**PLANTS FOR SALE**



The first plaque in the new Village Plaque scheme has now been unveiled by Mike & Ken Hutchings on Manchester House recording where they ran their newsagents till 2002. Mike said he was pleased that the old shop would be remembered. The cost was £30 - met by the Walkers, current house owners - and half by a subsidy from the sale of Dave Patten's new book *Rich men, poor men of North Curry*. Dave would like to hear from others who now live where once was a shop or a well-known person lived. Please ring him on 490782.



**Note from the Editor:**

My apologies to anyone whose contribution to this issue has not appeared.

Considerable time and effort has been given, particularly by Mark Curtis, to address significant technical issues.

Thank you for your forbearance and patience.

**May Fair**

As you know, the May Fair is on 6<sup>th</sup> May and we are planning to have our "Smoothie Cycle" again this year. Do come along and either have a go at producing a pedal-powered fresh fruit smoothie or, perhaps, simply enjoy watching others working hard! Whichever you do you can consider for a few moments just how much energy goes in to making these drinks and is used in all the other convenience gadgets we take for granted every day in our homes.

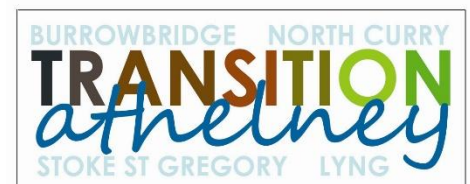
You can also have a go throwing missiles in our 'Carbon Blitz' game.

**Foodyards – Local Food in the local Shop**

You might have seen the Foodyards label on produce for sale in the post Office; these fruit and vegetables are locally grown by several gardeners around the village who happen to have a surplus and are willing to share it with everyone. You can't get more locally grown food unless, of course, you grow it yourself!

If you have surplus good-quality produce later in the year and would like to join in this initiative please get in touch with us so that we can coordinate the supply chain.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email [ta@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:ta@bkjeanes.co.uk)



towards a greener community



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>



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Church Road and Queen Square

**2:00pm – 4:30pm**

- Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden ◦
  - Horse and cart rides ◦
  - Swing Boat rides ◦
- Plants, cakes, jams and pickles ◦
- Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden ◦
  - Local Ales and produce ◦
  - Coconut shy ◦
- Children's entertainments ◦
  - Raffle ◦

**Amazing raffles prizes include:**

- Devon County Show Tickets ◦ £50 voucher for the Bird in Hand ◦
  - Cake by Royal Wedding Cake maker Fiona Cairns ◦
- Gel nails at The Garden Salon ◦ Gym Membership at Spirit Health Club ◦
  - Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour ◦ and many more! ◦

Tickets available to buy in advance from North Curry School and Post Office

**Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1.00**