



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

A358 IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATION POSTPONED: The consultation on the proposed dualling of the A358 has been postponed due to the election. Watch this space for details of revised dates and exhibitions.

DEAFPLUS VISIT: The DeafPLUS advisory van will be in Queen Square on Friday 16th June from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. For advice and support on any issues relating to hearing difficulties do drop in.

TDBC AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN DAY: Taunton Deane will be holding an affordable housing open day on Wednesday 7th June in the Long Room at Somerset County Cricket Club. Call in any time between 3pm and 7pm to find about more about your housing options.

PARISH ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – CONSULTATION IN JULY: Look out for a questionnaire seeking your views on the proposals in the July newsletter. This will be your chance to have your say.

ARE YOU MISSING A JACKET? A men's Crag-hoppers jacket was left in the Village Hall on the night of the Annual Parish Meeting. If it belongs to you, please contact the Parish Clerk to arrange collection.

BARE PATCHES OF SOIL: If you are wondering what the bare patches of soil on some of the verges are, these areas have been seeded with wild flower seed – we watch progress with interest.

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

Wed 14 th	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 28 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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



The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion had a very successful day at the May Fayre, raising the sum of £370 which will go to Dunkirk House at Bishops Lydeard. Thank you for your support.

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th Jun at 7:30pm at The Bird in Hand.



Firstly, thank you to all those who entered our quiz and who bought DVDs at our stall at the May Fair. We raised £55 which will help us in running the Film Society.

This month we are showing **The Lives of Others** on **28th June**. It is set in East Berlin in 1984. The Cold War is still raging and the communist bloc does not trust its own citizens. A Secret Police agent is tasked with conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover. Over time, rather than being coldly distant, he finds himself being absorbed by their private lives.



The doors and bar open at 7:00pm 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



North Curry W.I.

June is the month for our Garden meeting. Last year, despite being assured no-one had been rain dancing, the weather was miserable and reluctantly we had to relocate to the village hall. So, we are certainly hoping for better luck this year as we plan to meet in the beautiful garden of one of our members to enjoy Pimm's and a cream tea and may even don our posh frocks and hats to complete the ambience!

Again we'll be hoping for good weather next month as we look forward to our annual outing, this year to South Wales - **(reminder for those taking part that money for the trip will be collected at the garden party – cheques preferred).**

At our successful AGM last month we conveyed our thanks to three members who stood down from committee after many years of loyal commitment – thank you to Audrey West, Joan Dyson and Mary Earley. A new committee has been elected to serve for the coming year and we already have a busy programme of interesting speakers and activities planned from September. Meanwhile we welcome a relaxing summer, meeting up for village activities and with other W.I. groups for walks, skittles and quizzes.



The Art of Wildlife Photography

On **Wednesday 21st June**, we are delighted to welcome John Crabb, formerly a scientist at Exeter University, now an accomplished wildlife photographer and artist. Illustrated with his wonderful photographs, he will describe how he progressed from photographing small garden birds in flight to wild birds and animals in some of Somerset's more remote places and his own developing interest in the art and beauty of the images produced. His engaging and sometime humorous story promises an entertaining evening.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Annual Coffee Morning
Saturday 8th July 10 - 12**

The Old Malthouse, Stoke Road.

Sue Bethune would welcome donations of cakes, plants and second hand jewellery.

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.



**Mind Coffee Morning
Saturday 10th June 2017
10:00am – 12.30pm**

Barham Barns, Stoke Road, North Curry

This June we are holding a coffee morning to raise money for the mental health charity Mind. The charity supports those experiencing mental health problems and offers support and advice they also campaign for better services.

Please come along and enjoy homemade cakes, treats, raffle and games- any cake donations would be gratefully received!

Many thanks Vicky Day, Caroline Vaughan and Milly Forbes



For over a year we have been asking for volunteers to join the North Curry Pavilion & Playing Field Committee. We desperately need a new Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members due to retirements from the existing Committee.

If no volunteers come forward, we will no longer be able to manage the facilities which may result in them being withdrawn from use. This will impact not only the Pavilion but also the MUGA and the children's play area.

All of our Committee have jobs, families and other commitments so the responsibilities aren't onerous. We only need four volunteers before our AGM on 11th July 2017 to ensure we can continue.

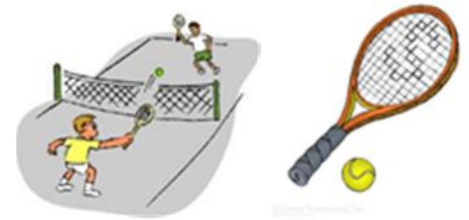
If you can help in any way, or would like any further information, please contact John Quinn on 07766 282397.

Please help us to avoid losing the Pavilion and Playing Field that have been such a valuable asset to the village for many years.

Can you cook?

The Tuesday Lunch Club, now in its fifth year, is looking for another small team of willing helpers to replace one of our rota. Joh Popham, Ann Woods and Kay Cairns all claim to be around 65'ish and will be retiring by next March. Our grateful thanks to them all. We have four excellent teams so as we meet every fortnight it involves cooking every two months, either at home or in the hall kitchen, with a break in August. The club aims to provide really excellent fresh cooked food with an occasional speaker to get the brains - and tongues - working. If you'd like to help please contact the organiser Dave Patten 490782.

(And if you'd like to be a guest, you have to be over 65 and enjoy a good natter. A lift if required can usually be arranged. Price £4 each time plus £3 joining fee to cover our insurance in case we poison you.)



North Curry and Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

Great British Tennis Weekend – Play Tennis for FREE - June 10th/11th

We shall be offering:

• **Saturday - Free Play for All
10:30am – 3:30pm**

Club members will be around with advice (if wished), rackets will be available and balls provided.

• **Sunday - Free Junior Play/
Coaching - "Bring a buddy"**

9:00 – 9.30am Tennis Tots (2 to 4 yrs)

9:30 – 10:30am Red (5 to 8 years)

10:30 – 11:30am Orange (8 to 11 yrs)

11:30 – 12:30pm Yellow (11+ years).

• **Sunday - Cardio Tennis session
1:30pm – 2:15pm**

This is a fun fitness class on the tennis court. With music playing, you can have a great cardio workout while hitting lots of tennis balls. All abilities including non-tennis players welcome. Come and give it a go!

• **Sunday – Parent & Child Fun
Tournament 2:15pm – 4:15pm**

Come and enjoy some fun competitive play with your children. Charlie, our coach, will be on hand, rackets are available and balls provided.

There will also be a **Barbecue** during this session.

• **Refreshments** will be available throughout the weekend - and some giveaways!

Check the website www.lta.org.uk/gbtw for details or to book sessions in advance.

Nos. for some sessions will be limited – but you can still turn up and see on the day if you haven't booked.

Our annual **Bunny Austin Tournament** will be held on **Sunday 18th June at 2pm.**

Non-members welcome. This is a mixed doubles event – partners drawn on arrival.

Please let Kathy know if you'd like to join in.

For further information, contact Kathy Davidson 490575
kathryn.davidson7@btinternet.com

Annual Coffee Shop Open Exhibition

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

AUTUMN EXHIBITION

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

You are invited to produce an original artwork that captures your interpretation of **'Weather'** in any medium, 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

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Julie Meikle's stunning photographs and canvas prints will be on show and for sale at The Coffee Shop until 25th June. A child of the Levels and Moors, the landscape around Julie's home has been her sanctuary and her inspiration. Her photographs capture the different weather conditions and seasons, the big sky and the open space. The ebb and flow of the water, the green of the new willow shoots in spring, the swans, all contribute to a sense of serenity and calm that is almost tangible in Julie's work. Julie uses a Nikon D750 body with a Nikon 28 – 300 lens and a Sigma 150 – 600 lens. She uses Aurora HDR for colour enhancement, but doesn't use Photoshop.

NORTH CURRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extends a warm welcome to a
COMMUNITY LUNCH

Friday 29th June 2017

In the School Hall at 12:30

£4.00 for a 2 course meal

Please book at the School Office by
Friday 23rd June

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 Nights

Two nights of jazz, folk, brass and funk for the start of summer at North Curry Village hall. Doors open 7:30pm music 8:00 to 10:30. Cost £7; £5 concession; £14 family ticket. Refreshments available, BYO alcohol.

10th June - The Little Big Horns

New Orleans comes to North Curry with this funky five-piece band playing modern New Orleans street music, reggae and traditional jazz. Up front and danceable, the band runs on the pumping rhythm section of drummer Mike Hurley and tuba player Tom Francombe. Trumpet player Joe Porter is another fine young local musician while the band is completed by the older but no wiser heads of Brian Pearson on trombone and sax player Tim Hill. Band leader Tim specialises in outdoor music, his street band Tongues of Fire play festivals and events all over the country and he creates music for outdoor theatre shows. Special guest for the night is one of the best jazz trombonists in the country Robert Jarvis.

Plus funk and reggae 'sound system'

8th July - The Albion Horns

Rich, rhythmic and evocative folk music played on reeds and brass. Playing arrangements of traditional material like folk songs and ballads, work songs, funeral hymns and dances, the Albion Horns recreates the idea of the village band for the 21st century, mixing influences from jazz, classical and brass music. They will feature many Somerset tunes tonight and perhaps the ghosts of the old North Curry band will join in.

The band features the wonderful trumpet player Stuart Henderson. From 1983- 2005 Stuart was the lead trumpet player of Her Majesty's Household Division and he has played the Edinburgh, Glasgow, Brecon jazz festivals and venues such as Ronnie Scott's and the Jazz Café in London. Tuba player Tom Francombe was in the National Youth Orchestra. Trombone player Phil Humphries plays early brass, including the serpent, once heard in country churches all over the south of England, and has performed and recorded internationally, including at the BBC Proms and with the *New London Consort* and the *Gabrieli Consort & Players*.

Bells in June – and St. Peter & St. Paul

When you hear the bells being rung on a Sunday, or for a wedding, it's the local North Curry team at work of course. Sometimes however there's ringing on other occasions, and this is often a visiting team from another part of the country doing a tour of churches in the area. They are usually quite accomplished ringers.

So when sometimes the local team has been ringing, and someone asks "Was that a visiting team yesterday?" – this is taken as quite a compliment!

Ringings by such visiting teams happens fairly frequently, and is not normally announced in advance. Next month however there will be something different from usual, in that whereas normally the visitors ring for under an hour, in this case our visitors, a team from North Somerset, will be attempting a "full peal", which necessitates about three hours of ringing.

A peal such as this involves over 5,000 changes: in other words 5,000 non-stop sequences of 8 with the order of bells changing at every stroke, without any repetition. It's a nice challenge for a mathematician, let alone a ringer...

There are a vast number of different peal "methods" or "compositions": at this stage we don't know which particular one will be performed. But we can rest assured that the standard of ringing will be good. It's scheduled for Thursday 29th June, the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, North Curry's "patronal day", from 10:00am. So listen out then if this is of interest.

Anyone wanting to know more, or better still learn to ring themselves – contact Paul Scott, Tower Captain, on 490679.



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>

North Curry Sports at White Street

Football, cricket and wildlife walking are now in full gear up at White Street. If you haven't come up there, drop up on the weekend to see the hive of activity - and during the week as the site is popular for dog walkers (around the edges!) and in the wildlife area. We continue to develop facilities; later this

month we'll be extending the car park and we are preparing the new field for junior football. If you'd like to get involved, why not come to our Annual General Meeting Monday 5th June at 7:30pm!

NB: We're also planning the next Big Bash! Mark your calendar - Sunday 27th August!



This year's North Curry May Fair took place on Saturday, 6th May. Judging by the comments and feedback we have received, it would seem that everyone had a very successful event. The Fair was declared open by the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Cllr Vivienne Stock-Williams and North Curry Primary School's singing Club who sang 'Dance on May Day' and 'Lavender Blue' accompanied by Tim Hill, Sasha Herriman and Anna Baverstock. Flowers were presented to the Mayor by Harriet Day and Ellie Curtis.

We were treated to a variety of live music this year, 'Fiddlin' Folk' played in the Queen Square Gardens and North Curry School Orchestra and the Village Orchestra entertained in the cream tea gardens. A big thank you to Tim Hill for organising.

We were thrilled with the turn out this year, it certainly was busy! With 30 stalls, there was something for everyone. We had the traditional Swing Boats that never stopped swinging and the Horse and Carriage kept going after 4:30 such were the queues. David Milton returned with his traditional Punch & Judy; it was wonderful to see Queen Square garden so full.

Many stalls have reported high takings, The Cream Teas provided by Little Acorns made £670, North Curry Football Club made £645 and our Raffle raised a wonderful £604.

With such a big event we have lots of people to thank. We rely heavily on an amazing team of dedicated and community spirited people who help with the Fair - Special thank you to Bob, Connor and Richard Perry, Mel Quinn, Fred Drakeford, Brian Jeanes, Caroline and Vic Vaughan, James Codrington, Shaun Moore, Tim Day, Andy Olie, Charles Baker, Alan Billingham and John Boddy for all your help.

We would like to thank John de Winton for letting us use his beautiful gardens for the cream teas again this year and to Michael Joy for providing the BBQ and Ice Cream stall with electricity.

We would also like to thank all the local residents who kindly move their cars from the Village Square, Stoke Road, The Fosse and Church Road; we are very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our wonderful May Fair; we look forward to seeing you at next year's Fair, which will be held on Saturday 12th May.

Vicky Day and Debbie Curtis