



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER:

Another community litter pick will take place on Saturday 18th November. Meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10:00am, please bring gardening gloves and a Hi-Viz jacket if you have them. Many hands made light work at the last one in February, so please come along and join in, even if just for a short time.

HELP PREVENT SURFACE WATER FLOODING - KEEP DRAINS CLEAR!

It's that time of year again, if you have a drain near your house please could you keep an eye on the drain cover and clear any leaves or debris from the surface of it. This should help surface water drain more quickly and reduce flooding in the Parish. If you see that the drain itself is blocked please report it to County Highways by calling 0300 123 224 (choose the "Roads and Transport" option), or report it online at: www.somerset.gov.uk, choose the "Roads, Parking & Transport" option then "Problems on the Road".

OVERGROWN HEDGES AND SHRUBBERY: PLEASE ensure any hedges or shrubs on your property that are adjacent to paths and roads are kept cut back and do not overhang the highway or pavements/footpaths. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 12th November.

3 DAY CLOSURE OF WEST SEDGEMOOR ROAD: Please note that West Sedgemoor Road will be closed from 9th October for 3 days near the bottom of Helland Hill. Details on the Parish Office notice board.

HEALTHY EATING: Want to get in shape before the Christmas celebrations? Somerset County Council are having a drive to help people improve their health through activity and diet. Zing is their contracted service that offers support, resources and signposting to healthy eating, healthy weight and physical activity opportunities. Go to www.healthysomerset.co.uk/weight to find out more.

PUTTING UP POSTERS TO ADVERTISE AN EVENT? If you are, please remember to take the poster down again once the event is over.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 16/17 YEAR OLDS: Are you a business that could offer work experience to a 16-17 year old who is in care? If you are, Somerset County Council would love to hear from you; call Gary Roper on 07774 335785 or email gsroper@somerset.gov.uk.

Parish Council diary for October - Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

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

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com



Annual General Meeting and Phantasmagoria!

The Society's Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday 18th October at 7:45pm** in the Village Hall.

At **8:00pm**, don't miss Julian Comrie's presentation "Photography for Pleasure and Purpose". Julian will show pictures he has taken for his own pleasure or specifically to make a record of some artefact or event, and he will discuss some of the photographic techniques involved. The pictures will range across travels, gardens, and "eclectic phantasmagoria". The 'purpose' pictures will show Somerset church architecture, scientific instruments and building works in progress, and some by international press photographers, explaining how and why these pictures were taken, the stories they tell and what makes them special.

Meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are served from **7:30pm**. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors pay a small charge. All are very welcome.



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

Did you know it takes 8 people per day to run the coffee shop, 6 days a week, each working a 2 hour shift? So 48 volunteers are needed every week to keep the coffee shop open. That doesn't include our team of 'behind the scenes' volunteers baking, making and creating on a daily basis. If you would like to become one of the team, call in to North Curry Coffee Shop to find out more. Our winter menu returns on 24th October where our delicious home-made soups are served daily.

From 3rd October to 12th November we will be exhibiting a new arts and craft display including a new supplier of wooden turned vases and pots alongside some gorgeous unique hand knitted jumpers, cardigans and hats for babies and toddlers priced from £3. *New lino cuts by Kim Varley will grace the walls. Kim's passion for her garden and the countryside and agricultural landscape have been her inspiration for this exhibition. The resident owls and bees also make an appearance. We look forward to welcoming you.*



This month we have **I, Daniel Blake** on **Wed 25th October**. Daniel, a Geordie joiner recovering from a heart attack, who in applying for sickness benefit, must grapple with endless red tape. As



he does so, he befriends a single mum, Katie, from London who with her young children has been thoughtlessly rehoused in a Newcastle council flat. They form a bond and Daniel becomes a grandfather figure for her children and we see them deal with the humiliations and faced by people in need. The Village Hall 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! It isn't too late to join for £25 – that's about £2 per film!



On **Saturday 14th October**, we have **Cabaret**. Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3:00pm. There is an interval for tea and cake (donation asked for) and entry is £5.

We are also selling tickets at these films and the Post Office for our **Christmas Children's Film**,

on **29th December**. Space is limited so book now. Tickets are £4 for adults and £3 for accompanied children.

More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be at 7:30pm on Monday 9th October 2017 at The Bird in Hand, North Curry.

You do not have to be ex Service to join the Royal British Legion.

BIG BASH 2017

The August bank holiday saw the 9th "Big Bash" take place at the White Street sports ground and the new and exciting format seemed to catch the village's imagination. We had a record turnout of 333 people at our wonderful sports ground for the annual fund raiser.

This year we had an earlier start time of 6:30pm and what must have been the sunniest bank holiday for years. It allowed villagers to sit outside the marquee and watch the sun go down whilst sipping cocktails from the new cocktail bar and listening to the fabulous music of Andries Guerin.

As the sun and the cocktails went down the Hog was served and again as usual it was delicious as was the very tasty vegetarian option. Andries then did his second set and the tone was set for the night as he immediately had the tent rocking and the dance floor full... AND it was only 9pm... a huge thank you to Andries.

It was then time for a Big Bash debut for local band GROOVE-A-LICIOUS and they picked up where Andries left off... there was not a space on the dance floor right through to when they finished their second set at midnight, they ROCKED!

It was a fabulous evening and we completely smashed all records for numbers of tickets sold and also for the profit made. It looks as though we should have made in excess of £6,000 which is absolutely incredible and testament to what a wonderful village we live in and that so many people are willing to support us! A huge amount of work goes into this event and there are far too many people to thank by name but if it wasn't for villagers giving their time so generously and then turning up to support the event, we would really struggle to keep the sports fields and pavilion at White Street up to the standard it deserves; this profit will see us through the next year and for that we are hugely grateful.

As another successful Big Bash finishes our thoughts naturally turn to next year which will be the 10th year we will have put on this event and it would seem a perfect time to try to exceed even this year's Bash. Plans are already being made for the 10 year anniversary and it promises to be really special. It will, as always, be held on the Sunday of the August bank Holiday weekend which next year falls on Sunday 26th August so put it in your diaries early... you really do not want to miss this one!



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5th October when our speaker will be Caradoc Doy speaking on "The Olive". Whilst we don't have groves of them in the UK, many of us have one in a pot so this should be an unusual and interesting talk.

It is also our AGM! This starts at 7:15 and will be over by 8:00. Please come. It's your Club and we need your input to make sure we keep you with us! We are also going to need another committee member so please have a think about coming on board, we're a friendly bunch!

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Playing Fields in Greenway at 7:45 for 8:00pm start. New members and guests are always welcome so come along, enjoy the talk and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.



BARN DANCING CLUB

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 4th October at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £20 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge. Non-members will pay £3.50 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

'Demain' – Film

On Thursday 26th October, Transition Athelney will be screening "Demain" (Tomorrow) at The Williams Hall, Stoke St. Gregory. It carries a message of hope that is totally in keeping with the spirit of the Transition movement.

'Demain' tells inspiring stories coming down firmly on the side of bottom-up community action. It's a film with an international focus, which will be refreshing to those who realise that insular, beggar-my-neighbour approaches to what are global issues will not get us far.

Do join us for refreshments from 7:00; film at 7:30pm. There will be time afterwards for those who want to discuss their impressions of the film.

Apple Juicing

As mentioned last month, this year we are NOT pressing apples in Stoke St Gregory as in previous years but instead will be doing it from time to time at Knappwoods Farm according to demand, in other words as the crops ripen and people need the service. Please make contact as soon as possible if you think you're likely to want to take part so that we have an idea of demand.

The kit can also be hired by people who wish to do it themselves.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email ta@bkjeanes.co.uk



towards a greener community

Save the date!

North Curry Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening

Saturday 25th November
7:00 – 9:30pm

North Curry Village Hall

In aid of Little Acorns Pre-school

Local stall holders and therapists please email

enquiries@littleacornsnorthcurry.co.uk if you are interested in being involved.

Fire, Feasts and Frolics Autumn and Winter Celebrations in Somerset

Wednesday 2nd November
7:30pm

A presentation by Tim Hill about the rich round of outdoor celebrations we have in Somerset at this time of year, starting with Halloween, carnival, Bonfire Night and going up to Christmas. With lots of illustrations and stories Tim explores some of the social histories of these events, what we get up to in North Curry, looks at the ritual year and seasonal calendars, customs around the south west and some of the reasons why we love to gather, celebrate, dress up and set fire to things.

North Curry Methodist Chapel, 2 Barton Way, North Curry, Taunton TA3 6JJ

£3, tea and biscuits included.



North Curry W.I.

For anyone interested in cartography and our County's rich history, a recommended read would be 'Somerset Mapped' which provides a unique insight into Somerset and its past from the Bronze Age to the present. We are fortunate that the co-author of this book, Dr. Adrian Webb, will be the speaker at our October meeting and we welcome any visitors to join us to learn more of this fascinating subject. This will take place on Wednesday, 4th October at 2:00pm in the village hall.

We look forward to several events this month – keeping up an interest in literature, many of our members will join other W.I.'s for an afternoon of celebration of the works of Jane Austen. As a contrast, moving to the present century, we have the opportunity to meet at a literary lunch with guest speaker, Damien Boyd, author of the DI Nick Dixon Crime Series books.

Also, for those of us who like to create as well as listen, we will be trying our best at a 'Colours of Autumn' Craft Day at Burrowbridge Village Hall, whilst our skittles team are ready to compete again as they look forward to their first match of the season.

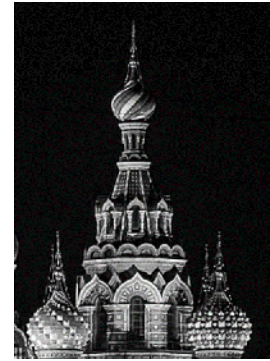
Songs of Willow and Water

Saturday 28th October
6:00 – 7:30pm

An outdoor musical performance in the lovely landscape behind the Willow and Wetlands centre. Taking place in the twilight, the performance is by Tim Hill, and is inspired by and will use the landscape around the outdoor class room, where the audience will be based. Tim will be using saxophones and other acoustic instruments as well as recordings made in the landscape. Free, donations welcomed, bring a torch and wellies.

Parking at the Willow and Wetlands Visitors Centre, Coates English Willow, Stoke St Gregory, TA3 6HY

Voskresenije Choir of St. Petersburg



sing Russian sacred music
and folk songs

at

North Curry Parish Church

Wednesday 11th October 2017
7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)

Unreserved seats £10

Tickets on sale at
North Curry Post Office

Children's Activity Morning

The Children's Activity Morning scheduled for Tuesday 24th October has had to be postponed. It will now take place on Wednesday 3rd January [during the Christmas holiday] between 10am and 12 noon in the Parish Church. More details in the December issue. If you are a dab hand at Face Painting, please contact Jenny on 490468.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Fleur White 491424

hallbookings@northcurry.com



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



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