



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

The Parish Council wish all Parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

A BIG THANK YOU: The Parish Council would like to send their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the many willing volunteers who help make the Parish of North Curry such a great place to live. There are too many to name individually but you are all a great asset and without your input and commitment life in the Parish would be very dull. Keep up the good work.

CHRISTMAS TREE: Once again our thanks also go to Alison and Noel in the Post Office for supplying and erecting the Queen Square Christmas tree and lights that is so enjoyed by us all. Thanks also to them, the Greenway Pavilion Committee and other helpers for the Christmas in the Square event, now a much enjoyed village staple, whatever the weather!

NORTH CURRY ROAD CLOSURES: As you will already be aware, there are multiple roadworks due to be undertaken in North Curry from 8th January to allow improvements to the surface water drainage to be undertaken. Details of these closures can be found on the North Curry website, on the Somerset Direct website www.travelsomerset.co.uk, in the Post Office window, on the Parish Council notice board or see the Parish Clerk. If you have any queries regarding the closures please contact Somerset County Council on 0300 123 2224. The work will be undertaken as quickly as possible but timings could be affected by the weather. As always, please show consideration to all road users.

Please note that all businesses will be open as usual during this time.

LITTER PICK THANKS: Many thanks to all who came along and helped with the Community Litter Pick in November. It makes a real difference and many hands make light work, your support was very much appreciated. Watch this space for details of another litter pick in the spring!

SURVIVING WINTER CAMPAIGN: Somerset Community Foundation are again running an appeal encouraging those who don't need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate it so that it can be redistributed to elderly residents suffering from fuel poverty in the county. To donate visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter or contact them on 01749 344949.

WEBSITE WISH LIST: After a hiatus the Parish Council hope to press ahead with a new website shortly and are keen to hear what parishioners would like to see included within it. Please pass your thoughts to the Clerk at the email address below.

CONSERVATION AREA: Do you live in the conservation area? If so, please remember that additional planning requirements may apply to your property, particularly for work on the outside of the building or walls/fences and

trees over 7.5cm diameter (at a height of 1.5m) in your garden. Please check with Taunton Deane for details.

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

Wed 10th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 31st Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

North Curry Produce Market

6th January 2018, 9:30 – 11:30am

Wow what a busy market we had in December. Peter was certainly kept busy churning out the bacon butties, 30 and all sold before 11am. Please be sure to come early so as not to be disappointed. We hated turning people away.

The stall holders are keen to come because I'm sure your cupboards will be bare after the festivities. Mike will brave the weather and be in his usual pitch outside, so if you gardeners are beginning to plan your spring planting, please stop and see what he can offer, just a reminder he also supplies and delivers logs locally.

Looking forward to seeing you.



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is closed due to an unfortunate accident which has led to some structural damage, but we are pleased to report that nobody was injured. It is not yet known when the Coffee Shop will reopen but rest assured it will be as soon as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers and our many volunteers for your continued support and to wish you a very Happy New Year. We very much look forward to welcoming you back to the Coffee Shop in the very near future.

The **Archives 2018 Photo Exhibition** will be in the Coffee Shop during January (once it has re-opened). Photographs of clubs, families and views of the past of North Curry and surrounding villages will be on display.

See what the village used to look like, or maybe we have a photograph of your family that you have never seen?

Treat yourself to coffee and cake while you enjoy the photos.



North Curry W.I.

It seems the New Year has hardly begun before our January meeting on the third of the month. Our speaker for the afternoon will need little introduction to many of our members, as Alan Billinghamurst will be joining us to give one of his many light hearted and interesting talks. This one is entitled 'The earth moved for me too' in which Alan will recall his time as an engineer involved in the construction of the M5.

Visitors are more than welcome to this first meeting of 2018 - 2pm in the village hall; there is a small entrance fee which includes tea and social time at the end of the afternoon.

Come along - you may want to join us!

In February we celebrate a special birthday - our 90th! Several of our members are already nonagenarians and some will recall their own mothers being part of those early years when North Curry W.I. was formed. We will be attempting to relive the past in fashion, taste and music as we look back in the archives - if anyone has any special memories to share we would love to hear from them.

North Curry Village Choir Rehearsals start again

on

Thursday 11th January 2018

at 8:10pm

in

North Curry Village Hall

Our next concert is on

Saturday 5th May 2018

in North Curry Parish Church

We welcome new members and if you wish to join us please contact the secretary Helen Griffiths on 01823 491298



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 3rd January at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

Do come along and get rid of some of those extra Christmas pounds. If you don't lose them dancing then you will be laughing! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed. Your first visit will be free of charge; thereafter non-members pay £3.50 per session, reductions for members.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

There will be no meeting in January. We meet again on 1st February for a talk on "Gardening on clay".

Enjoy your garden whatever the weather! By the time we get together again spring will be just around the corner!

AGM and Film

On **Monday 29th January** in **North Curry Village Hall at 7:30pm**, TA will be holding its **AGM** when we hope to see as many of our members as possible. After the business, at **8:15**, everyone is welcome to see '**Chasing Tomorrow**', a short, quirky film about two Frenchmen exploring England to meet pioneers of a sustainable future. It is a tribute and follow-up to 'Demain' which we showed in October to a large and appreciative audience. Please join us for this free event.

We will also be celebrating a decade of activity showing numerous films, presenting talks, planting trees and so on, generally aiming towards a stable and enjoyable future without fossil fuels.

Linked to all this, on **Thursday, 11th January at 7:30** TA members Adrian Tait and Phil Stone with another speaker from Exeter University will be contributing to an event titled '**Taunton, Floods and the Future**'. This is in the Creative Innovation Centre, Paul Street, Taunton and is organised by the East Deane LibDems. Free entry; cash bar.

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



towards a greener community

North Curry Baptist Church

Saturday 13th January at 3:00pm

A Creation Ministries International Presentation on:

The Credibility of Genesis: Does it stand up to Scientific Scrutiny?

The relationship between science and the Bible is a subject the media are reluctant to deal with seriously.

Philip Bell is a man who knows his science and his Bible.

Join us in the Chapel on Windmill Hill to hear what he has to say.

There will be opportunity to ask questions, a book stall to browse and light refreshments for those able to stay

Check out their website at:

www.creation.com

(This is a free event and no collection will be taken)

THE PAMPER DAY

10th March 2018

If you came last year

YOU WILL WANT TO COME AGAIN

If you didn't

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
FOR A GREAT DAY**

Tickets available soon

Ring Joanne on 01823 491083 for advance bookings.

STONE DANCE



North Curry Parish Church

Worship music at the Parish Church

Our church choir will continue in 2018 with sung Eucharists, and through the summer traditional monthly Evensongs from the Book of Common Prayer which are such a feature at our Parish Church. In between, we are hoping to arrange for some visiting choirs to lead us through the full Choral Evensong liturgy.

We are grateful for the rota of organists who have stepped in each week and over Christmas since the retirement of Dr Trevor Astin. Do you play the organ, or know of somebody who does and would be willing to help out at services? Please speak to Jean Smith or Jenny Satchwell (490 463). In the longer term, we would like someone who can settle in on a more permanent basis and coach the choir at our weekly practices.

Musical treats for 2018 @SS P&P

On 7th March, Italian singer **Roberto Tardito** will be bringing songs from the Red Book of Montserrat, a 14th-century manuscript compiled and retained at the monastery in the mountains above Barcelona. The music director at Aberdeen Cathedral writes "I was attracted by his use of material from the Llibre Vermell, a mediaeval collection of pilgrims' songs similar to Carmina Burana. He has a rather unusual style, rather folk-pop".

Then on 5th May our **Village Choir**, will bring us their annual Spring Concert, taking advantage of our fine pipe organ to bring you a glorious blend of instrumental and choral works.

The **Voskresenije Choir** seem comfortable about singing in the Church of Peter and Paul; the name must make them feel at home. They are returning from St Petersburg on 9th October with a programme of traditional songs as well as pieces from the Russian Orthodox liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 18th March, 7:30 pm

North Curry Village Hall
Ruddigore

A Gilbert and Sullivan comedy performed by Somerset Opera

North Curry Conservatives Shepherd's Pie Lunch

SUNDAY 21st January
12:30pm for 1:00pm

at

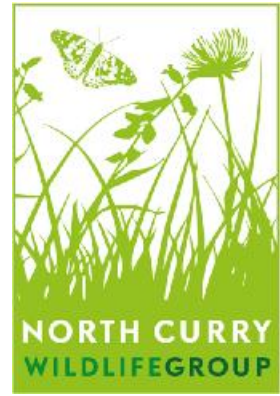
Highcroft House, Knapp Lane,
North Curry TA3 6AU

(by kind permission of Joh and Alan POPHAM)

£15 each (including first glass of wine)

RAFFLE

Tickets: 491518 or 491665



We are a newly formed wildlife group who look after the Community Woodland at White Street sports ground. If you have walked around the woodland recently, you will have seen some of our work, including a new landscaped area planted with trees and shrubs, the start of a pond, a 'butterfly bank' sown with wild flowers for next season, two 'insect hotels', the beginnings of a willow arch, as well as a second owl box, other new nest boxes and a bird feeder - with bat boxes to come.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to join us in any of our projects or have a special wildlife interest to contribute. You can contact us via our website www.northcurrywildlife.com, by email phil.stone7@icloud.com or by phone (Sue Ashton 490329). For the latest news or recent wildlife sightings, please see our Twitter page www.twitter.com/ncurrywildlife.

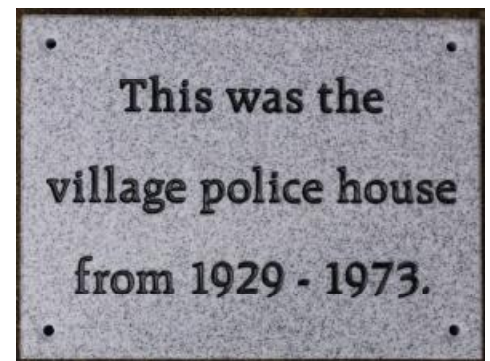


The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Through the gracious support of the community, the Parish of North Curry continues to raise an impressive sum each year towards the Poppy Appeal, the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. In 2017, which additionally marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, £2,039.43 was generously donated.

Particular thanks go to the following volunteers and organisations for their vital assistance with the recent Appeal: Marcella Baxter; Janet Bennet; Don & Sue Bethune; Tony Brooker; Frances Case; Mike Fleming; Fiona Ford; Tina Stodgell; Ken Tate; Malcolm Tennant; Trevor Walton; The Bird in Hand; The Far Canal; Knight Brothers Garage; North Curry Health Centre; North Curry Parish Council; North Curry Post Office; North Curry Primary School; The Rising Sun; St Giles Kennels; Wrantage Mills.

Enquiries regarding the 2018 Appeal may be directed to the local Honorary Organiser, Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.



Here is the 16th historic plaque for the village to be placed on the old Police House in Greenway. Originator Dave Patten says he believes that there are at least another half dozen houses that could benefit from being highlighted and hopes that more will come forward in the New Year. "Many people have said that it makes the village more interesting and brings the past to life," he says. Contact Dave on 490782 if you would like to be involved.

'Twas Christmas Day in the Workhouse: a talk by Ken Atherton, FRGS, FBCartS



On 17th January, Ken Atherton will be returning to North Curry Society with a chilling account of conditions locally in Victorian and Edwardian times for those without sufficient means to support themselves.

Workhouse - the word alone was calculated to send a shudder down the spine of any honest 19th century worker. It signified the end of the line, the final indignity: "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here". This presentation recounts the life endured by Workhouse inmates until the system was finally ended in the 1930s. The talk uses examples from the Workhouses of Bridgwater, Taunton, Wellington, and Williton.

NCS 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 entrance charge), new or established members, are all welcome.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Fleur White 491424

hallbookings@northcurry.com



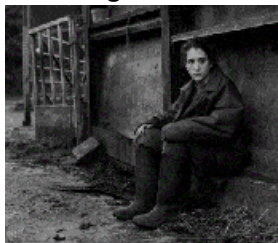
On Saturday 6th January, why not start the New Year with the epic film **Gone with the Wind**? It stars Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Clark Gable as Rhett Butler & Lesley Howard as Ashley



Wilkes in a tempestuous American Civil War drama that was truly ground breaking. If you haven't ever seen it on a big screen, now is your chance! Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3:00pm. We will have two breaks with one for tea and cakes. It costs £5 (+ a donation for tea etc).

In complete contrast, on **Wednesday 24th January**, we are showing the locally set **The Levelling**. In this film,

Clover returns home to her family farm in Somerset after learning that her brother has killed himself. Desperate to assign blame, she is convinced that her estranged father Aubrey must know more than he admits. As she searches for answers she confronts her turbulent past with her father, and discovers that there can only be a future for this broken family if she accepts her place in it. 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! More information on our films on



www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

The Great North Curry Quiz and Buffet Night

Sat 24th February at 7:30pm

in

North Curry Village Hall

**Popular Quiz Master
Martin Baldock returns**

BYO wine/beer

Tickets £10 per person

Teams of six

Tickets available from Jenny Satchwell 490468 or any member of the Parochial Church Council

Come for a good night out!

Proceeds this year to the Parish Church

Save the date!

North Curry Ball

Saturday, 24th February 2018

at

Somerset County Cricket Club

More details to follow soon!



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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