



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE OF VENUE: Please note that due to the Pantomime the Parish Council meeting on 14th February will take place in the Greenway Playing Fields Pavilion, starting at the usual time of 7:30pm. It will be back in the Village Hall meeting room in March.

A358 OPTIONS CONSULTATION – HAVE YOUR SAY:

Highways England are carrying out a further consultation on options for the upgrading of the A358 between West Hatch and the M5, closing on Tuesday 27th February. Public exhibitions will be held in January and February (see the noticeboard for details), the Parish Office will also hold copies of the consultation brochure and questionnaire. Alternatively call 0300 123 5000, go to www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields, or email A358TauntontoSouthfields@highwaysengland.co.uk.

A361 ROAD CLOSURE: At the time of going to print SCC intend to close the A361 from 19th February for up to three weeks between the canal and Durston Elms. The closure will operate between the hours of 7:30am and 5:30pm but the road will be open at weekends. The closure is to allow a full resurfacing of the road.

DEAFPLUS VISIT: The deafPLUS mobile advisory service van will be in Queen Square on Thursday 15th February between 12:30pm and 2:30pm. If you have hearing difficulties deafPLUS provide information, advice and support so do visit them.

BE ASBESTOS AWARE: If you are planning any renovations on property (including garages) built or refurbished before 2000 you could be disturbing asbestos containing materials. These materials don't present a health risk when undisturbed but when damaged the fibres released can be inhaled and lead to severe health issues. Somerset Scientific Services (part of SCC) offer free impartial asbestos advice and also a service to analyse suspect material. For advice or guidance of services available contact them on 01823 355906, email SSSmailbox@somerset.gov.uk or go to their website: www.somersetscientificservices.co.uk.

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

Wed 14 th	Council Meeting (Greenway Pavilion)	7:30 pm
Wed 28 th	Planning Meeting (V. Hall Meeting Room)	7:30 pm

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

Advance Notice: Annual General Meeting North Curry Village Hall Management Committee

will be held on

**Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7:30pm
in the meeting room at the Hall**

NEEDED URGENTLY

The village hall management committee needs a volunteer to take over as Booking Secretary at the AGM.

If you use the hall then please think seriously about putting your name forward. The current post holder is happy to discuss what is involved and to help with the handover. Please contact Michael Griffiths, hall secretary, on 491298 or Fleur White, booking secretary, on 491424 to find out more.

Oh no it isn't... oh yes it is... PANTO is coming...

It's that time when North Curry village hall is transported to pantomime land with this year's production of 'Babes in the Wood' from 13th to 17th February (including a matinee on the 17th).

With plenty of "boo's" and "he's behind you" it should be great family entertainment.

All sorts of characters, from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham to the Dame, Nurse Molly Cuddles, and the love interest between Maid Marion and Robin Hood. Lots of fun with the comedy duo of Block and Tackle and all the Merry Men and villagers, makes this a timeless classic of a show.

Tickets are available now from the Post Office North Curry and Stoke St. Gregory Stores.

North Curry Produce Market

Thank you to all of you who supported the market in January. Although the amount of stall holders was down, mainly due to illness, the market was busy and very social.

Coffee and bacon butties were as popular as ever.

The next market is on Saturday 3rd February 9:30am – 11:30am; we will be up to full strength of stallholders.

Looking forward to seeing you there



On **Saturday 3rd February**, we are showing **Gosford Park**. Star studded isn't enough to describe it! Maggie Smith, Alan Bates, Charles Dance, Stephen Fry, Michael Gambon, Helen Mirren, Kristen Scott Thomas... and many, many more.

Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3:00pm. We will have a break for tea & cakes. It costs £5 (+ a donation for tea etc).



On **Wednesday 28th February** we are showing the charming, romantic drama, **Gemma Boverly**.

Martin, an ex-Parisian passionate about Gustave Flaubert, has settled into a Norman village as a baker.

An English couple move into a small farm nearby. Not only are the names of the new arrivals Gemma and Charles Boverly, but their behaviour also seems to be inspired by Flaubert's heroes in his book "Madame Bovary".



The Village Hall 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 and District Amateur Gardeners

Our first Meeting of 2018 will be on **Thursday 1st February** when our speaker will be **Neil Lovesey** talking on "**Gardening on Clay**". Not the easiest soil to garden with and hopefully we will get some good tips on how to manage this difficult condition.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Greenway playing fields at 7:45 for an 8:00pm start. Potential new members and guests are always welcome. Do come and join us and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards!

We look forward to seeing you all!

Don't Miss the Witch's Curse!

Marvel at the music
Love the lyrics
Boo the bad baronet
Ponder the plot
and
Imbibe at the interval

when *Somerset Opera* brings *Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore to the Village Hall*



**North Curry Village Hall
Sunday 18th March**

Doors open 7:00pm, curtain up 7:30

Tickets: £10 from the Post Office or on the door

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LLIBRE VERMELL DE MONTSERRAT
the old pilgrims' music



Roberto Tardito brings pilgrims' songs from the ancient Catalanian monastery of Montserrat

7:00pm Wednesday 7th March

at North Curry Parish Church
Tickets £10 from the Post Office

On Wednesday 7th March at North Curry parish church, Roberto Tardito will be bringing songs selected from the Red Book of Montserrat. Roberto was born in Ivrea (Italy) in 1984. He is now on European tour and is diverting to North Curry between concerts in Birmingham and London.

The *Libre Vermell de Montserrat* is a manuscript collection of devotional texts containing, amongst others, some late mediæval songs compiled in and located at the monastery of Montserrat outside Barcelona. Roberto will give a folk-pop reworking of the pieces taken from the codex. Concert starts at 7:00pm, tickets £10 (unreserved seats) will go on sale from North Curry Post Office at the beginning of February.



Travels in the Ottoman Lands

An archive discovered: diaries and photographs of Tommy Lenton's visit to the Middle East in 1912

This month on **Wednesday 21st February** our very own David Lenton Akerman will be describing his great-grandfather's visit to the Middle East, using extracts from his 1912 diary and original photographs of local people and archaeological sites. David's talk will be followed by brief comments from Julian Comrie on the photographic techniques of the period.

When clearing his parents' house some ten years ago, David found a box of photographs on 2" x 2" glass and a log book recording a church trip his great-grandfather Tommy Lenton made to Egypt, Palestine and Lebanon in 1912. The passport for this trip, obtained from Lord Grey (foreign secretary at the time) states as *Purpose of Trip* "Travels in the Ottoman Dominions".

Julian has kindly and carefully digitised the slides to make them accessible. The log book has some interesting and amusing snippets and Julian has some good historical information on the photographic techniques and equipment of the time.

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.



ADVANCE NOTICE

**THE POPULAR NORTH CURRY
SOUP AND PUD LUNCH**

**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH
12 Noon - 2:00pm**

VILLAGE HALL, NORTH CURRY



North Curry W.I.

Somerset Federation of WIs is 100 years old this year. Following its formation, WIs across the county were established, many in the 1920s, and we now have a total of over 130.

North Curry W.I. celebrates its 90th birthday in February. The first meeting was in 1928 in the Morris Memorial Hall, and many of its founders are still fondly remembered today, some being mothers and relations of several of our present members.

We hope to recreate that special time at our birthday party this month with memories and recollections, as well as fashion, music song and dance inspired by the 1920s and 30s. As was then, and is still now, - no WI party would be the same without **tea!** - so amidst the activities there will be plenty of 'cuppas' brewed along with the obligatory sandwiches and cakes - jam and Jerusalem being added for extra measure!

This month will also see many of our members joining other WIs for a Celebration Lunch at Somerset Cricket Club with guest speaker, Ann Widdecombe, whilst the following week is our own much enjoyed annual Winter Lunch at the Bird in Hand. Diets resume in March!

North Curry Quiz and Buffet Evening

This takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th February at 7:30pm.

Our popular Quizmaster, Martin Baldock is back. Supper is provided but please bring your own wine/beer.

There will be teams of 6 - tickets costing £10 per person. Why not make up a team, or join someone else's?

Tickets are available from Jenny Satchwell 490463 or from any member of the P.C.C. Profits this year will go towards the upkeep of the Church.

Do come - it's always a fun evening!



The Royal British Legion

Thank you for all your support

As we enter 2018, we can look back on 2017 with pride on our fundraising achievements.

We undertook 3 activities, the May Fayre, a pub quiz at the Bird in Hand in September and the Christmas bingo. Our expectations were far exceeded by people's generosity in the donation of prizes, (from both individuals and local businesses) and in the support of the events. Our Christmas bingo raised £280, and we were able to raffle one of our prize donations, an afternoon tea at Hurds Hill Country House for 8 people!

So, from the Royal British Legion North Curry fundraising team, we would like to thank everyone for their continuing donations and support. Our fundraising activities help to support the RBL Dunkirk Memorial home in Bishops Lydeard. The annual Poppy Appeal donations totalled over £2,000 for the village, and these donations were gratefully received by the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to help with the fundraising activities, please do come and join us for a drink on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Bird in Hand, from 7:30pm. You DO NOT have to have been a member of the armed services to join or support the Royal British Legion.

A happy, healthy and prosperous new year to you all!

FONCS PRESENTS THE

NORTH CURRY BALL

Saturday, 24th February 2018

7:00pm to 1:00am at Somerset County
Cricket Club

**Four course dinner and dance, welcome drink,
charity auction and raffle**

**Tickets £37 - booking forms available from the North Curry Post
Office or North Curry Primary School**

This event is open to everyone in the North Curry village
community. We look forward to seeing you there!

A charity event with proceeds to benefit FONCS (Friends of North Curry Primary School)

Half Term Children's Activities Morning

This will be taking place in the Parish
Church on Tuesday 18th February
between 10:00 and 12 Noon.

All children of Primary school age,
toddlers and babies are welcome, but
could children under school age please
be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts, messy play, bell ringing – come
and join in the fun!

For more details, contact Jenny
Satchwell 490463.

Saturday 9th June 2018 Please Save the Date

North Curry charity is celebrating its
150th anniversary this year. We are
holding a bring-and-share picnic lunch
on the north Curry Playing Field, with
music. We are planning on support
from the WI, the village school and
other organisations.

North Curry Charity was originally
instigated to provide for the poor of the
village especially around Christmas
time. The Reeves Feast was a fund
raiser for this cause. In recent years,
interest from investments managed by
the Charity has been used to give
vouchers to elderly residents at
Christmas.

North Curry Village Hall

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To hire the hall contact
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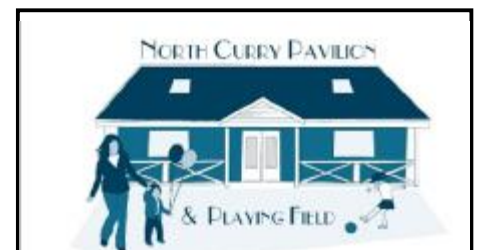


Save the Children

A big "Thank You" to everyone for your amazing support, again, throughout last year. During the summer Helen cleared out her garage and held a Garage Sale - to which many of you contributed and came along and bought things. I hope you found something that was useful - I certainly did! That raised over £300. Well done, Helen, and many thanks to all those who helped her. We had Christmas card stalls at the November Produce Market and the Advent Fair in December which took another £350 - and the very kind volunteers from the Coffee Shop, who nominate Save the Children to receive their share, contributed another £600 - and, I've just received another very kind donation of £275 at the beginning of this year.

So - a huge "Thank You" to all our supporters in North Curry for your kindness throughout 2017. The children of the world, who so badly need our help and support in this cruel world, don't know about the lovely village of North Curry, but the fundraising that we do together here contributes massively to the voluntary funds available to Save the Children to give some of the world's poorest children the opportunity of a healthier and happier future. Thank you for working with us to achieve this.

Carole Smith, Taunton and District
Branch of Save the Children



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

<http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>