

# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**URGENT - NHS HEALTH CHECKS 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER:** Following the popularity of the last NHS Health Check sessions, a further session has been arranged for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 9:30 - 3:00 in the NHS Health Check Van in the Village Hall car park. If you are aged 40 to 74 and haven't had an NHS health check in the last 5 years you could be eligible for this free NHS health check. Each check takes approximately 20 minutes. For more information and to book your private appointment, telephone 01823 261794 or go to [www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk/northcurry](http://www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk/northcurry)

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER!** Meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10:00am, please bring gardening gloves and a Hi-Viz jacket if you have them, litter pickers will be provided. Please come along and join in, even if just for a short time.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, gathering at 10:40am. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to kindly ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am until 11:30am on that day. Many thanks.

**QUEEN SQUARE ROAD CLOSURE:** Residents and farmers please note that the area around the War Memorial will be closed from 10:30am to 11:30am (max.) on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November to facilitate the Service of Remembrance. Access to Moor Lane will be via The Fosse. Apologies for any inconvenience, the road will be re-opened as soon as possible.

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES:** Please note that Stathe Road will be closed between Stanmoor Road and the A361 between 9:30am and 3:30pm for 5 days from 30<sup>th</sup> October. Broad Lane and Huntham Lane will also be closed between Huntham Farm and Hurmans Farm for 10 days (excluding weekends) from 6<sup>th</sup> November. All current and forthcoming road closures can be viewed at [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org).

**REPORTING HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS - TEL. NO. CORRECTION:** Further to last month's newsletter item re. reporting Highways issues, please note that the telephone number for Somerset Highways was missing a "2" and should read 0300 123 2224.

**OPEN ACCESS YOUTH WORK SESSIONS:** Rich Hedger, a Workshop Youth Worker is hoping to deliver youth work sessions in rural parishes across Somerset. If you are interested in finding out more please contact him on 07890 270563 or [richhedger@sryp.org.uk](mailto:richhedger@sryp.org.uk).

**AGE UK:** Don't forget that AGE UK provides a multitude of information and support and is also always seeking volunteers. To find out more go to [www.ageuksomerset.org.uk](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk) or call 01823 345610

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

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	7.30 pm

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

## North Curry Produce Market

The village hall, Greenway  
9:30 – 11:30am

The next produce market is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. All the usual stalls selling vegetables, bread, homemade cakes, pies, jams, local honey and pickles and books will be there plus Helen selling Christmas cards in aid of Save the Children.

Meet up with friends and enjoy bacon butties, tea and coffee from the kitchen.

*See you there*



On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** we have **Bright Star**. In 1818, high-spirited young Fanny Brawne (Abbie Cornish) finds herself increasingly intrigued by the handsome but aloof poet John Keats (Ben Whishaw). 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 also have **Sully** on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Tom Hanks stars in this thriller which portrays the heroic airline pilot Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger who successfully emergency landed an Airbus A320 full of passengers on the Hudson River. 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!



We are also selling tickets at these films and the Post Office for our Christmas Children's Film THE BFG, on 29<sup>th</sup> December. Space is limited so book now. Tickets are £4 for adults & £3 for accompanied children. More information on our films on [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)



## North Curry W.I.

Our November meeting takes place on the first of the month when our speaker for the afternoon will be Sue Gooch, an expert glass artist from Ilminster. As well as explaining its history, Sue will be bringing along samples of her beautiful fused and stained glass in the form of many decorative items and hopefully, with Christmas and gifts in mind, there will be items for sale. If this subject may be of interest to you and you might like to learn more about our group, you will be most welcome to join us (2:00pm in the village hall) – there will be a small entry cost which includes tea and social time.

Later in the month we join all Somerset WI's for the Annual Meeting at Wellsprings Leisure Centre at what is usually an interesting, informative and entertaining day. We are fortunate this year that the guest speakers are Andy Marsh, the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary and Mandy Hickson, one of the RAF's first female pilots – both of whom will be offering an insight into their very different but constantly challenging roles.

We were pleased to learn that the skittles alley at the Nags Head at Thornfalcon has reopened and look forward to a skittles and supper evening there this month. Unfortunately, our skittles team lost in the first round of the County Cup recently – therefore their Captain thinks they need more practice!!

### Voskresinje Choir

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Advance warning** to those who would like to hear the Russians again! Our friends from St. Petersburg, the Voskresinje Choir, enjoyed their visit to North Curry so much that they have already booked Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018. They sang a wonderful and varied programme to a packed parish church on 11<sup>th</sup> October. They also visited the school for lunch with the children and afterwards sang to them. The children were enthralled and sang beautifully back to them.

Please put the date in your diary now to avoid disappointment - the concert was a sell-out this year and is bound to be a sell-out again next year!

# North Curry Parish Church Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10am – 12noon

## in North Curry Village Hall



# Advent Fair

Come and join in the fun at this popular event

**CHILDREN'S FUN ROOM:** with Face Painting,  
Table Top games, Hand Bell ringing  
The Human Fruit Machine - Brownie Stall

**IN THE MAIN HALL:** Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac  
The Bottle Stall, Champagne Raffle, Chocolate Tombola

**TRADE STALLS:** Emma Duke Driftwood Art & Design,  
Jill White Jewelry, Wood Turning, Somerset Strawcraft,  
Lucy's Mosaics, Sunny Side glass,  
Claudia's Birdsong & Roses - Handcrafted bags & gifts  
Cassie's Knitted decorations,  
Christine's Emporium - Cut glass & Decorations,  
Designer iPad covers & Kindle stands  
Flamingo cards, Advent calendars & wrapping  
products from Neal's Yard, Christmas wreaths and flower  
arrangements, Planted gifts by Fran Case, Mike  
Hutchins' Christmas trees

**SAVE THE CHILDREN CARDS & WRAPPING PAPER**  
Lucy White handcrafted sweets & marshmallows,  
Somerset Honey, Newton House Gin, Beat Beer

**NORTH CURRY PRIMARY SCHOOL** Good quality  
Outgrown uniform

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, Tea and Coffee

**ALL JUST TOO GOOD TO MISS**

Proceeds go to the parish church



## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** when we are delighted to have **Sally Nex** as our speaker; she will be talking on “**Growing veg in small spaces**”. I’m sure it will be interesting to find out the best way to do this in a small garden. Sally lives in Somerset, is a hands-on gardener who also writes for leading gardening magazines as well as blogging, giving talks and running on line courses.

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!



## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

The annual Poppy Appeal is the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion’s Benevolent Fund, providing lifelong support for the Armed Forces community – serving men, women, veterans and their families.

This year, collections in the Parish of North Curry will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November; please give generously. Remembrance Sunday is 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Enquiries regarding the 2017 Appeal may be directed to the Honorary Organiser, Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.

‘To the memory of the Fallen and the future of the Living.’



## Save the Children Christmas Card Sale

at  
**NORTH CURRY PRODUCE  
MARKET**

on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
and  
**THE ANNUAL ADVENT FAIR**  
on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Please support this worthy cause helping children here in the UK and across the world.

Thank you.

## North Curry Primary School

Extends a warm welcome to  
**Community Lunch**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Please book at School Office on the  
Friday before.

£4:00 for a 2 course roast lunch.

**25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7-10PM  
NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL**

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND PAMPER EVENING

**Entry £5 including  
glass of prosecco**

**Tickets available from  
North Curry Post Office**

Range of massages and beauty  
treatments available to book on the night

Art and crafts and local suppliers  
selling wonderful Christmas gifts

**FOOD AVAILABLE SUPPLIED BY  
THE AMAZING WITHIES DELI**

**COCKTAILS AND RAFFLE**

Local therapists and stallholders,  
limited spaces still available,  
please contact

[enquiries@littleacornsnorthcurry.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@littleacornsnorthcurry.co.uk)

**IN AID OF LITTLE ACORNS  
PRESCHOOL**



## Hinkley Point C: Challenges and Opportunities

How much do you know about what is really going on at Hinkley Point? Do you want to know more? On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** you have your chance with a presentation from **Ross Edwards of EDF**. Ross has been part of the project from its early inception and has a huge breadth of knowledge to tell us about progress on site and its significance to the UK. He will answer any questions you might have about a new generation of nuclear power capacity in Somerset, so whether you are for it or against it or just don’t know, this is an evening not to be missed.

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.



The planning for next year’s North Curry May Fair is in full swing.

The first stall holders’ meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm at the Bird in Hand. Please come along and register your interest or to book your stall.

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions for the May Fair, please feel free to email us at [northcurrymayfair@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrymayfair@gmail.com)

Contact: Vicky Day 490482 or Debbie Curtis 491085, by email, or find us on Facebook!



 **North Curry Community**   
**Coffee Shop**

Our range of Christmas gifts and decorations will be on display from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, all unique and locally made, pottery, glass, fabric, jewellery, wooden, knitted and needle felted items to choose from.

The Coffee Shop is open 6 days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm. We need more volunteers to work behind the counter. Our current volunteers, men and women, range in age from 15 to 70+, usually working 2 hour shifts. We are trying a new initiative 'Bring a friend or be a friend volunteer'. Not sure? Try a taster shift of two hours working alongside two of our experienced, friendly volunteers. If you fancy having a go contact Janet Bennett (01823 490057) who will be happy to organise this with you.

This year's annual open exhibition, The Coffee Shop Autumn Exhibition, was a particularly striking show. We were very pleased to welcome some new exhibitors, and hope they and others may be encouraged to enter again next year. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Liz Gibbs for her painting 'Approaching storm', 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Lou Musgrave for her ceramic 'Weather', and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to Jo Ash for her painting 'Wind in the willows'. The Art and Design Committee prize went to Jane Bennet for her painting 'Snow in the forest'.

Next year we're upping the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize amounts to £50, £30 and £25 cash!



Liz Gibbs and Lou Musgrave, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners. Jo Ash and Jane Bennet were unable to come along to the prize giving. Congratulations to all.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths  
phone 491298

[villagehall@northcurry.com](mailto:villagehall@northcurry.com)

To hire the hall contact  
Fleur White 491424

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)

# Christmas in the Square

*Continuing the tradition of the village  
getting together just before Christmas*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 – 6:00pm**

*Festive fun for all ages*

**Christmas Tree in the Square  
with switching on of the lights**



**North Curry School Singers  
Music by The Little Big Noise**

**Christmas in the Square Singing Group  
Children's Games; Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls;  
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate  
and Raffle**

**Father Christmas,  
if we are all very good**



*Sponsored by North Curry Post Office & Stores  
and Supported by North Curry Pavilion*



## A huge heartfelt thank you

The organisers of the **British Heart Foundation** coffee morning would like to say a big thank you to all who helped and all who attended. Together we made it a tremendous success. We raised an incredible £750 and overall Dave has raised £4,164 for the charity. Dave has just returned from Africa having successfully scaled Kilimanjaro and thankfully avoided the dreaded altitude sickness. He sends his thanks, he was overcome with the support from the good people of North Curry!



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)



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