



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

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

HUGE THANKS: The Parish Council would once again like to send their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the many willing volunteers who work so hard to ensure the Parish of North Curry is such a great place to live. You are all a great asset and without your input and commitment life in the Parish would be very dull.

CHRISTMAS TREE: Many thanks to Alison and Noel in the Post Office for the magnificent Christmas tree in Queen Square, a beautiful addition to Queen Square. Thanks also to them, the Greenway Pavilion Committee and other helpers for the Christmas in the Square event, another fabulous evening enjoyed by many.

SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR: Talking of volunteers, a Speedwatch co-ordinator is still needed. It's not a huge commitment so please give it a try.

WINTER DE-ICING: A limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material are available for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of snow or ice. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

DRAFT PARISH COUNCIL TREE POLICY: We all enjoy the green and rural nature of North Curry and, in order to help try to protect it, a new draft Tree Policy has been prepared and made available on the website (or from the Parish Clerk). Please take a look and let the Parish Council know your thoughts by the end of February.

ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURES: Please note the following closures for patching/re-surfacing works (details on the PC noticeboard and SCC website) - A358 at Henlade from 7:30pm to midnight on Wednesday 9th January.

Moor Lane from Lawnmoor Farm up to and including Queen Square to Stoke Rd. closed on 16th January.

Footpath from Windmill Hill northwest towards the new Lockyers Field development closed as far as the development for 5 weeks from Monday 14th January.

DEAFPLUS VISIT: The deafPLUS mobile advisory service van will be in Queen Square on Friday 1st February between 12:30pm and 2:30pm. If you have hearing difficulties deafPLUS provide information, advice and support so do visit them

DOG WASTE PLEA: Please remember to bag and **bin** your dog's waste - there are bins available, please use them!

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

Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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

Argyle Productions at North Curry



Well, with Christmas now passed and the New Year well and truly celebrated, it is time to turn our attention to our forthcoming production of Guys and Dolls at North Curry Village Hall.

A musical romantic comedy involving the unlikeliest of Manhattan pairings: a high-rolling gambler and a puritanical missionary, a showgirl dreaming of the straight-and-narrow and a crap game manager who is anything but. Set in the Manhattan of Damon Runyon's short stories, Guys and Dolls tells of con-man Nathan Detroit's efforts to find new life for his illegal, but notorious, crap game. The show features some of Frank Loesser's most memorable tunes, including the hilarious "Adelaide's Lament," the romantic "I've Never Been in Love Before," the exuberant "If I Were a Bell," and the classic "Luck Be a Lady", and, of course, the title song "Guys and Dolls".

To tell you more of the story would spoil a good evening's entertainment - so to find out what happens to Nathan and the crew book your tickets now. They are available from the Post Office in North Curry or The Village Stores in Stoke St Gregory. The show runs from 18th to 23rd February with matinee and evening performances on the Saturday. Whether you are a Guy or a Doll we hope to see you there.

Further details: Greg Phillips, Director, 07914 668915, greg.phillips2@btinternet.com

Produce Market

2018 had been very successful for our market, with lots of new faces and produce tables.

The market is only open on the first Saturday of every month. Next market date is 5th January.

If anyone in the village would like to help with setting up and putting away the tables, please get in touch with Anne Williams on 490319.

With all the new houses, I am sure there are new residents, male or female, who would like to get involved with us.

New stalls are also welcome, so if you have something in mind, again, please get in touch.

Table set up times are: 8:00am-9:30am set up and 11:30am-12:30pm to put away.

Open to the public: 9:30am - 11:30am

Julie Felix!



Legend of the folk music world; singer, songwriter, guitarist, charismatic entertainer... dubbed "the First Lady of Folk" by the Times... the first folk singer to have her own TV show, to fill the Royal Albert Hall, to sing in Westminster Abbey... **is coming to North Curry in 2019.**

She is giving a concert at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th April.

Doors (and bar) open at 7:00pm, with the concert beginning at 7:30pm. Julie will give two 45-minute sessions, separated by an interval (with bar).

The bar will re-open for Julie's "meet & greet" and CD sale & signing following her second session.

Tickets will be £12 each, available from 1st March, at the Post Office, from Fleur White (01823 491424), or – depending on availability – at the door.

Demand will be high, so advance reservations will be accepted from January onwards.

Please email requests to villagehall@northcurry.com



On **Saturday 12th January**, we are showing our next 'Winter Warmer', where we have an intermission for a tea and cake break, **My Generation**. Michael Caine narrates and stars in this vivid and inspiring documentary of his personal journey through 1960's London. You'll meet the Beatles, David Bailey, Twiggy (pictured), David Hockney, Mary Quant and many other stars. The Village Hall opens at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3:00pm. It costs £5 (+ a donation for tea etc.)

On **Wednesday 23rd January** we are showing the John Le Carré story, **Our Kind of Traitor** – a gripping story of how an ordinary couple (Ewan McGregor & Naomie Harris) get caught up in web of deception between the Russian mafia & MI6.



The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members & £5 for guests. Anyone can be a guest – just come along!

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



The Cathedral Church of Wells, 1794

Wells Cathedral: its History and Architecture, Dr Philip Hickman

The Society starts 2019 with a talk by retired GP and past NCS Chairman Philip Hickman. We are fortunate to live midway between two fine cathedrals of different periods and styles. Dr Hickman senior has been a guide at Exeter Cathedral and, lately, at Wells Cathedral the "Mother Church" for Somerset.

Philip has developed a broad interest in ecclesiastical history and architecture. On **16th January** he will be outlining, with illustration, the history of Wells Cathedral and the building which we admire today, paying attention to fabric and fittings of especial interest – and fame.

North Curry Society meets at **8:00pm** on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall (hot drinks and socialising from **7:30pm**). Annual membership includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments; visitors pay a small charge. We look forward to welcoming you.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018

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 2018, which significantly marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, £2,329.66 was generously donated.

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

Enquiries regarding the 2019 Appeal may be directed to the local Honorary Organiser, Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 2nd January, at The Bird in Hand.



North Curry Archives Photo Exhibition

January Blues! Then visit the Coffee Shop and enjoy the photos of "People and Places" around North Curry and surrounding villages. The Archives will be open, so if you have any family/scenery photos to add to our Archives collection for future displays, please visit us too. We look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee shop and local makers and artists in the run up to Christmas, we hope you have had an enjoyable festive season. The Coffee Shop reopens on Wednesday 2nd January and we look forward to welcoming you back. Delicious home-made soup, made and served daily, will help warm you up on those cold January days. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers so perhaps your New Year's Resolution could be to join our friendly, enthusiastic team. Each shift is for 2 hours and you can choose how often and when you work, so why not give it a go.

Village Wassail

Join us for a village Wassail on Friday 25th January in a celebration of apples, orchards and the New Year. We will be starting with a procession at 6:00pm from the village school with lanterns and music and ending up at the Community Woodland at White Street Recreation Ground. The event is part of seasonal celebrations being coordinated by the village Wildlife Group. There will be lanterns, music from the North Curry Village band, songs, food, drink, toasting and more. For more information contact Tim Hill, milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk



Marion Burt raised £91 at the village produce market on 1st December for St Margaret's Hospice and would like to thank everyone who supported her.

Happy New Year from White Street!

(North Curry Sport Ltd)

We're looking forward to an active year. We depend on local funds to manage the 14-acre site. Two ways you can help are the 200 Club and the Somerset West Lottery.

Somerset West Lottery benefits local non-profit organisations. Half of proceeds go to local organisations (e.g. North Curry Sport). All you need to do is look at the website, register, and choose NCSL as your local group. www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk Over the last year, our supporters have won 42 times.

Our **200 Club** supports the running of White Street. To sign up, get a form from the Post Office or email us: whitestreet@northcurry.com

The recent winners are:

November

1 st	NC Junior FC	£25
2 nd	Helen Kittermaster	£15
3 rd	NC Junior FC	£10

December

1 st	Phil Stone	£25
2 nd	NC Junior FC	£15
3 rd	Dave Franks	£10



North Curry W.I.

Wednesday, 9th January (a week later than usual) is our first meeting of the New Year following our Christmas break.

After a surplus of festive fare, we start off with a little light exercise in the form of 'Kurling' (an adaptation of Curling but without the ice!) This has become a popular sport for everyone of all ages and all abilities and after a short demonstration of the game we hope as many as possible will take on the challenge and join in. It should be fun - with tea and social time included - what better way to spend a winter afternoon!

A reminder to members that subscriptions need to be paid this month and for those who haven't joined us yet but maybe are thinking about it, why not come along for a taster session and find out what we have planned for 2019 - you will be more than welcome!



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 2nd January at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This year we have decided to have our Christmas in January rather than December so please bring a plate of food to share plus anything frivolous or decorative to wear if you still feel in a festive mood. For those of you who haven't been before, that's all you need to bring; your first visit will be free of charge. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed, just a good sense of humour.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

AGM and Talk on How Trees could Save the World

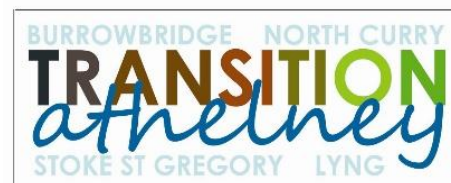
Whether or not you are a TA member, do come to our Annual General Meeting on **Monday 28th January in North Curry Village Hall at 7:30pm**, and hear why we have been focussing on tree-planting.

After the business, from **8:00**, light refreshments will be served and, at **8:15**, hear more about the exciting project "**Reimagining the Levels**", launched two years ago and in which Transition Athelney is involved. This is a chance to hear about our progress and plans, in which tree-planting is the major feature.

As reports on climate change and loss of wildlife grow ever more disturbing, one opportunity for us to make a difference shines out. Planting trees offers a host of benefits: wildlife habitat, protection against extreme weather, absorption of CO₂, carbon-free food production. And judicious planting in the catchment of flood-prone areas like ours can greatly alleviate this risk.

We look forward to seeing you on 28th January.

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



towards a greener community

CHRISTINGLE

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Children's Society's work with runaway and disadvantaged children at a Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd February at 4:00pm in the Church.

Children at North Curry School are assembling the Christingles beforehand and they will be given away at the Service.

This is a family occasion and a fundraiser for the Society.

A Christingle is a decorated orange to be used as a candleholder.

There will be refreshments afterwards.

DO COME.....

KEEP THIS DATE!

Saturday March 2nd 2019

The Grand North Curry Quiz

is back, plus our inimitable Quizmaster, Martin.

7:00 for 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Teams of six. Tickets cost £10 per person.

A buffet supper is included but please bring your own bottle and a glass. [Water is provided]

This is usually a fun evening, so do come and join us. Proceeds will go to the village Church.

Tickets are available from January.

Please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463.

Arsen Petrosyan and the Jenny Bliss Trio

Thursday, January 17th 7:30pm

North Curry Methodist Church

A concert featuring the beautiful Armenian wind instrument the Duduk and some extraordinary musicians. Arsen Petrosyan is a duduk virtuoso and soloist in the Armenian Traditional Music Ensemble (Yerevan). Tonight he joins singer and multi-instrumentalist Jenny Bliss, Yair Avidor on Theorbo and lute and Ben Hazleton on bass and table. Together they weave Elizabethan lute songs by John Dowland, haunting Armenian melodies, virtuosic baroque violin sonatas and evocative settings of poetry by Rumi into a magic carpet of sound.

Jenny Bliss has played with the Academy of Ancient Music and the Gabrieli Consort, her instruments include baroque violin, viola de gamba and flute and Yair regularly accompanies Nigel Kennedy. The evening will also feature the local trio Humstrum playing traditional English and original music with Hannah Earl on flutes, the wonderful bass player Ron Phelan and Tim Hill on clarinets. Tickets cost £10, it is advisable to book in advance, contact Tim Hill.

milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk

Somerset County Council

Mobile Library Service

The Library Van will be in

Queens Square, North Curry

at 1:45 to 2:30pm

on Wednesday 30th January

Please use it or we will lose it.

Services at North Curry parish church

(as at 12th December 2018)

6th January The Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Eucharist with guest preacher Rev'd Morey Andrews

10th January (Thursday)

10:00am Little Angels

13th January The Baptism of Christ

10:00am United Benefice Eucharist at Burrowbridge

20 January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Morning Prayer

27 January The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:00am Eucharist

3 February The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Eucharist

4:00pm Christingle Service

North Curry Embroiderers

North Curry Embroiderers meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, except August, in the village hall from 10:00am until 3:00pm; annual subscription is £35.

We welcome anyone who stitches to join our group where we occasionally have a tutor and/or member to demonstrate a particular skill.

First meeting in 2019 on 14th January.

If you would like to discuss your interests, talk to or email Sally Robinson on 01823 491550 or sal.robbo@btinternet.com or Nena Carter on 01823 331977 or cheddon@tiscali.co.uk

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
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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

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