



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

Tour of Britain Cycle Race to visit North Curry:

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be coming through North Curry on the morning of Friday 16th September, now is the chance to see the action from your doorstep! The race will be starting in East Street, Taunton at 10:15, from where it will head out via Obridge Viaduct, through Monkton Heathfield, Walford Cross, Durston and West Lyng before coming across Moor Lane to North Curry. The route through North Curry will be up Moor Lane, through the Shambles, along the Pavement and down Greenway, then it will head down Newport Hill to the A378 and on to Fivehead. It is expected to reach Fivehead Hill at 10:44. Check the Tour of Britain website for updates on timings.

Please note that there will be rolling road closures of the route from Taunton to Langport between 9:00 and 11:30. Restrictions will only be in place for as long as necessary for the participants to pass, no alternative routes will be given.

M5 Junction 25 Roundabout Reconstruction

Motorists will wish to be aware that a major road reconstruction scheme at the M5 J25/A358 roundabout and on the A358 between the M5 and Southfields roundabout will be starting on Monday 12th September. Work is expected to continue until Tuesday 18th October and will involve sections of the carriageway being closed at weekends (7:00pm Saturday to 7:00am Monday), with lane restrictions being implemented during weekday nights. Daytime traffic "should" be unaffected. If you intend to use the M5 Junction 25 during affected weekends you may wish to check the Somerset County Council website for updated information (www.somerset.gov.uk) or call 0845 345 9155, lines open 8am to 6pm on weekdays and 9am to 4pm on Saturdays.

Dog Waste: Ten responses were received giving mixed views on the proposal to install a dog waste bin in North Curry. Due to the conflicting comments received it was agreed to give further time for Parishioners to express their views before a final decision is made at the September Parish Council meeting. If you have a view, let the Parish Council know. Please contact the Parish Clerk with your comments (contact details below).

Parish Council diary for September

Wed 14 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 28 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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



**This month's newsletter is sponsored by North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club.
Next meeting Thursday 1st September.**

All change at the Village Hall

From September 1st the Village Hall has a new Chairman and a new Booking Secretary.

Liz Gibbs has taken over as Chairman and can be contacted on 01823 490191.

Jenny Quinn has taken over as Booking Secretary and can be contacted on 01823 490718

The village hall committee would like to record its thanks to David Woolfenden for all the work he has done to ensure the bookings and payments run smoothly over the last few years.

Thanks to CATS '83

The village hall committee would like to thank CATS for their very generous donation of £1,300 to be divided between maintenance of the stage lighting and the cost of installing film equipment in the hall.



Is launched!

Come and see *The Ghost*, starring Pierce Brosnan and Ewan McGregor in this fast paced thriller directed by Roman Polanski.

The first film will be shown on Wednesday 28th September in the village hall. Doors and bar open at 7:30pm and the film starts at 8pm.

Admission to members over 18 only. Pick up a programme and membership application from the rack inside the Coffee Shop or from the Post Office. Cost £20 for 12 films – less than £2 a film!

You can join on the night but please come early. Cheques to be made payable to North Curry Village Hall.

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 3rd September 9:30 am until 11:30 am, as always a warm welcome awaits you all.

The winner of the August raffle was David Akerman.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



Following our summer break, the Society will meet again on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall when David Greig will present *Parish Governance from the Norman Conquest to the Vicar of Dibley!*

David has worked as a Parish Liaison Officer with Taunton Deane for some 16 years and he is particularly interested in the historical aspects of Parish Life.

Should be a very interesting evening with lots of topics for discussion afterwards.

Members and non-members are all welcome.



North Curry Luncheon Club

September already and Luncheon Club welcomes everyone on their return Tuesday 6th September, any time after 12 noon for Lunch at 12:30 pm, finishing as a rule just before 1:45 pm.

Your annual subscription of £5.00 is due (this helps to cover our insurance cost) with the two course lunch with juice, finishing with tea or coffee remains at three pounds, with our usual room raffle to raise monies for our outing in July.

This year we all had a super time in Exmouth, with a scrumptious cream tea on our way home at Otter Nurseries. New members (over 60's please) or helpers always welcome, contact either Tina on 480629 or Joyce on 490216.



Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the branch will be on Monday 12th September at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30 pm.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

First Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8 pm

After the summer break we shall be meeting again on Thursday 1st September when Mr Michael Leech will be speaking on "A day with Beth Chatto".

After successful trips this year the committee would welcome any suggestions of venues for next year. There is one more to come this year, to Highgrove, for which the tickets will be limited.

North Curry Art Club

We are a group of local people who enjoy being creative and sociable with others of like mind. The sessions are led by me, Claire Anderson and each week I share a particular exercise, technique or topic with the group. I also give one to one help to each person throughout the session. All media and styles are catered for and beginners and more accomplished artists are welcome. The classes take place Thursday mornings at the North Curry Village Hall in the meeting room, between 9:45 am and 11:45 am with coffee and biscuits available mid-morning. We would love to welcome new people to the group, which is very relaxed and friendly. If you would like more information, please contact me (Claire) on 01460 63083 or pop in on a Thursday morning (Term time only)

Advance Notice

North Curry Pamper Workshop

12th November 2011

Four exciting speakers

Details next month.



CATS'83

The CATS'83 Committee has approved the final closure of the Society. Now that the accounts have been audited, and as agreed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, the final amount in the account has been equally divided between the following organisations:-

- The Village Hall, for maintenance of the stage curtains and lights. This will benefit the Community and any future drama group.
- The newly formed Film Society, to go towards the purchase of film projection and sound equipment, which can be used by other groups and also benefit the Community.
- Somerset Federation of Drama, which assisted us so much in the early days of CATS'83, and continues to encourage and help amateur drama in the County.

"Ring down the curtain!"
But! Remember all the fun.

"Ring down the curtain!"
But! Remember what we've done.

We may have had some failures
But! Remember the trophies we've won.

A lot of us are now "Old Stagers"
Others are busy "Middle Agers"
The young get theatre at their school
P'raps village AMDRAM's not so cool.

So now "Ring down the curtain!"
And look forward to the fact,
Possibly, in a year or so,
There'll be a "Second Act"

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Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 7th September at 7:30 pm.** This will be the first one of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £15 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 £2.50 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.

Sunday September 25th @ 10:00am

North Curry Parish Church Harvest Festival Service

Our **Harvest Festival Service** this year, as usual, celebrates all the good things that this wonderful world God has given us is able to provide us with. It will be a **Family Communion Service**, suitable for all ages.

The Church will be decorated with flowers and produce to help make it a joyful occasion as we thank God and all those who work to provide us with our food and so many of the things that we take for granted. Even in these days of plastics & Nylon, so much depends on the work of farmers and growers if we are to be provided with our daily needs.

After the service all the produce will be auctioned in aid of charity to help the needy people of the world who do not have all the good things that we so easily take for granted.

The SHANDY BAND

North Curry's village Orchestra

MEETING EVERY FORTNIGHT



Starting
Sunday 11th September
we meet at 11 am
for 90 minutes
(with a coffee break in the middle).

We would be delighted to
see new musicians.

Please come and join us even if you just wish to listen for a few rehearsals whilst considering joining us, that's fine.

The music is usually of a grade 3 plus standard, however, we do try to arrange music for any keen members who wish to join us.

We are preparing for an event at Christmas and a Jubilee concert in June 2012.

We look forward to meeting you.

Contact number:- 490962



Little Acorns Pre-School

Childcare from 8:00 am till 5:30 pm

We are looking forward to a new and exciting year at Little Acorns.

We can now welcome children from the age of 2 from 8:00 am till 5:30 pm in collaboration with North Curry Primary School thanks to their Wrap-Around Care service. This should make life easier for working parents who need to fit their childcare around their working hours.

And as usual, we will be offering innovative childcare in our privileged surroundings, strengthening our special relationship with North Curry Primary School.

Congratulations to Alison Hembrow for successfully completing her NVQ level 4 in July, focussing on the administrative aspects of managing a pre-school, Policies and Procedures and latest safeguarding policies and to Michele and Janice for completing their NVQ 3 last year.

We would also like to welcome Mel Lodge as our new administrator.

To register your child at Little Acorns or for more information, please contact Alison Hembrow on 491615 or email littleacorns@hotmail.co.uk

Advance Notice

Which Way Does the Wind Blow?

Church Gift Day Saturday 1st October

You have probably noticed that the Weather Vane is missing from the top of the Church Tower. It had to be taken down in order to make repairs that were needed. They were authorised and the £2,500 needed raised thanks to donations from the village and from The Coffee Shop. Alas, when the repairs were started it was found that water had penetrated the beams underneath the roof raising the cost of the repair to £7,500.

We are holding a **Gift Day on Saturday 1st October** when there will be people in the church to welcome anyone who feels able to make a donation so that all may know which way the wind blows.

Please support us if you can.

Flower Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to, and donated gifts for our Flower Coffee Morning at Fosse End advertised in the August Newsletter. We had widespread support and it made everyone's efforts in organising and helping, so worthwhile. The sun shone and people were so generous that it was a very happy occasion.



Art in the Coffee Shop

From 30th August to 9th October two village artists will be exhibiting their work: Jo Butcher and Kim Varley.

Jo's intricately stitched embroideries of flowers and foliage return to the Coffee Shop. Her work has just won her the title of Best Craftsperson in the Country Living Kitchen Table Talent Awards; featured in the current September edition of the Country Living Magazine.

Kim's oil paintings explore the drama and power of the 'Big Skies' in the surrounding levels. Kim is experimenting with colour and technique to capture this effect.



Food Yards

Locally grown produce is continuing to be sold in the Post Office with the kind cooperation of Noel and Alison Prosser. So far beans (broad and runner), garlic, courgettes and apples have been enjoyed by the local population thus reducing fossil fuel usage in just a small way. This could so easily be increased and extended!

If you're a consumer then do give these products a try and if you're a producer then please get in touch with US to arrange supply to the shop – Noel and Alison would prefer it this way for everyone's convenience.

As we move into the season of mellow fruitfulness, there should be an increasing range of fruit and veg available to provide and for local people to enjoy real local food.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Rising Sun at 8pm on Tuesday 13th September. Do come if you can.

Contact: Brian & Kathryn on 490623 or email bkjeanes@f2s.com

North Curry Flower and Horticultural Show 2011

The committee would like to thank everyone who put entries into the show and made it such a success. We were also very pleased to see so many visitors in the afternoon who had an interesting and entertaining time.

The prize winners were:

Amateur Gardeners Tordoff Cup For Flowers	Name: Rosemary Evans
F L Hunt Rose Bowl For Roses	Name: Rosemary Evans
Chatfield Cup For Flower arranging	Name: Marjorie Wall
Garden Club Cup For Vegetables	Name: Margaret Tomkins
Richard Cox Cup For Vegetables	Name: Margaret Tomkings
Weavo Cup For Fruit	Name: Alan Billinghamurst
June Mossman Cup For Bakery and Preserves	Name: Claire White
Wine Circle Trophy For Honey & Liquor	Name: Sherry Keith-Welsh
Stodgell Cup For Handicrafts	Name: Joh Popham, Sue Vickery, Helen Nash, Sherry Keith-Welsh, Heather Richards, Frances Machen, Susie Hughes, Janet Bradbury
Alison Mather Cup For Art	Name: D Hale
Ginger Cup For Photography	Name: Peter Mossman
Squire Cup For Junior Flowers/Floral Art	Name: Isabella Emery
Lunn Cup (7 and under) For Bakery	Name: Ben Cooke
Lunn Cup (8-12) For Bakery	Name: Isabella Emery & Alastair Adams
Lunn Cup (12+) For Bakery	Name: Isabella Emery
Post Office Cup For Photography	Name: Alastair Adams
Jubilee Cup For Arts and Crafts	Name: Megan Sutton, Isabella Emery
West Hatch Scout Group Nature Award For Vegetables	Name: Isabella Emery
Robbie Derham Cup For Poetry	Name: Edie Jewel), Brandon Davies
Chairman's Shield Child with most points	Name: Isabella Emery
WI Cup North Curry member with most points	Name: Marjorie Wall
Village Hall Cup Exhibitor with most points	Name: Rosemary Evans

Next year will be a busy one in North Curry with royal celebrations and the London Olympics. Consequently, there will be no flower show. However, in 2113 we will be back in action; further details to come in this sheet.

Dogs for Adoption Country Fair

Saturday
10th September 2011
11 am to 3 pm

**Venue – the field behind St. Giles' Kennels
off A378**

Attractions include:

**Children's Fancy Dress Competition, Pets
Corner, Craft Stalls, BEER TENT,
Ploughman's Lunches, Cream Teas, PRIZE
SKITTLES, Hawk and Owl Displays**

Displays in the main arena throughout the day

Many country pastimes represented.

Entrance £1 includes car park and a prize programme

Charity reg. no. 1136251

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
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