



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council



**Grow Your Own – Opportunity for more Allotments!** With reference to the article in the October Newsletter, it should be clarified that at this stage the Parish Council has agreed to investigate the idea of an allotment association, no final decision has been

made. There is still time to register your interest so don't delay, come forward and find out more.

**££££ Fed up with paying high oil prices? ££££ Somerset Community Oil Scheme could save you time and money:**

The Community Council for Somerset (a long established Somerset charity) is running a community based oil buying scheme that could reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil by making the most of joint buying power. For a £20 annual fee, they will co-ordinate oil buying in the community, negotiating the best price available, the minimum order being 500 litres. All savings will be passed directly on to the consumer. The more people who order, the greater the negotiating power and savings. For more details go to [www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil) or contact the Parish Office.

**DeafPLUS:** This mobile advisory service will be in Queen Square on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 1:00pm and 3:30pm.

**Remembrance Sunday:** The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Brigadier Geoffrey Durrant has kindly agreed to lead the act of remembrance. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15 until 11:30 on that day.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England – Planning Guidance:** A booklet "How to respond to planning applications: an 8-step guide" has been prepared by CPRE. A copy is available to read in the Parish Office or can be downloaded at [www.planninghelp.org](http://www.planninghelp.org). Alternatively, to request your own hard copy, e-mail [alexm@cpre.org.uk](mailto:alexm@cpre.org.uk).

### Parish Council diary for November

Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

**Contact the Parish Council:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)



## Christmas Coffee Morning

This popular event will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to hire a table please contact the Booking Secretary, Jenny Quinn 490718 or Secretary Joan Gubbin 490201 stating if you require a large or small table.

## Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am until 11:30am.

All the usual stalls except Carol Smith on plants, she will be with us again in February 2012.

The winner of the raffle was Simon Jones (Beekeeper)



The Society will meet again on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Steve Minnitt will present *The Treasures of the Museum of Somerset*.

Taunton's new museum opened its doors on 29<sup>th</sup> September and is attracting attendances of up to 1,000 a day. The layout is superb, modern and very impressive – the word "stuffy" has disappeared forever from museum vocabulary. A visit is highly recommended – the museum caters for all age groups.

Steve is Head of Museums, Somerset County Council and was much involved in the Museum of Somerset project. We look forward to a very interesting evening.

Members and non-members are all welcome.

(No meeting in December)



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. This will be the third of our new year and there's still plenty of time 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.

## It's That Time of Year Again!

All the shops have been full of Christmas stuff for ages, but you don't need to trawl round them because on

**Saturday Morning 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**10 – 12 in the Village Hall**

## The Church Advent Fair

will have plenty for you to choose from, with stalls of Christmas gifts, cakes, a raffle, bottle stall, produce, preserves, bric-a-brac and more.

and a chance to have a cup of coffee with your first mince pie (don't forget to wish!)

## Shepherd's Pie Lunch

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm**

**Highcroft House, North Curry**  
(the home of Joh and Alan POPHAM)

Tickets:- £10 including a glass of wine

Brian Small 490180 or  
Heather Richards 491518



North Curry, Stoke St.  
Gregory and Burrowbridge  
Conservatives

## North Curry Twinning Association

Don't miss the AGM and Quiz Night

... which will take place on

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

at the Pavilion, Greenway

**7pm for the AGM**

followed at **7:30pm** by the Quiz.

Tickets are £8 to include a buffet supper and are available from Karen Boddy (490583), Tina Stone (490837) and the Post Office.

This is always a popular, fun occasion and we hope to see you there, but tickets are going fast and numbers are limited!

*...and remember - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012*

*Have you put it in your new diary?*

*You may want to get your blue suede shoes dusted off for this event... more details in December!*

## Samaritan' Purse

### Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

All those kind people who are filling shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children all over the world please deliver them to:

RALPH ROBERTS, Tudor Cottage, Greenway. Telephone 490933 if you need yours collected

Or why not bring them to The Parish Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am

Where they will be blessed during the service before delivery to a collection point

Stay and join us for coffee and biscuits.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Jenny Quinn 490718

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



towards a greener community

## AGM and Film

These will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** in North Curry Village Hall starting at 7:30. We'll kick off with the AGM, followed by locally produced refreshments and, at 8:15, the film "**The Economics of Happiness**", a film that argues "that 'going local' is the way to repair our fractured world – our ecosystems, our societies and ourselves". Our group has been arguing in favour of localisation for some time, promoting local food in the Post Office and trying to encourage people to grow their own but this film deals with more than just food – it challenges our whole way of life. It doesn't just ask questions but it also gives possible solutions for us to adopt.

The evening will be rounded off with a discussion on the film. Everybody's welcome – put it in your diary now.

Don't forget our informal pub meetings; the next will be at the Rose & Crown in Stoke St Gregory at 8 pm on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Do come if you can.

Contact: Brian & Kathryn on 490623 or email [bkjeanes@f2s.com](mailto:bkjeanes@f2s.com)



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8 pm**

The AGM in October was well attended. The year was reviewed and plans discussed for next year. Several suggestions of venues for outings were received and will be investigated. The committee was re-elected under the chairmanship of Mary Ginger and included two new members. Heather Williams and Patti Withams had been co-opted earlier in the year as speakers secretaries. Julia Rhone and Diane Alford had retired and were warmly thanked for all their hard work and support. The membership subscription was raised to £8 and this is due at the November meeting.

The speaker on 4<sup>th</sup> November will be Mr David Usher and his subject will be "Gertrude Jekyll".

## PAMPER DAY

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

10 am – 4 pm

North Curry Village Hall

Programme to include:

An Aromatherapist/Medical Herbalist

Style Analysis – revamp your wardrobe!

Indian head massage – by popular request

Healthy eating and Zumba, the exciting new exercise

Plus coffee, lunch and tea. There are few tickets left for this treat so book now.

£15 for the day

Tickets from: Kate Roberts 490933



## Royal British Legion

A reminder to all members that the 13<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Sunday. The Church service will take place at 9:30am followed by the Service at the War Memorial at 11:00am. A good turnout is essential.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.



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The October Meeting was open to visitors to have a taste of what we do. The response was good and we were so lucky to have Graham Keating, Director of Communications, from YEO VALLEY Products as speaker for the afternoon. He gave us a PowerPoint presentation of the history of the business from its inception fifty years ago on a small farm in North Somerset making yoghurt to seven sites now producing various dairy items in the South West today. YEO VALLEY now supplies most supermarkets with organic yoghurt, is still an independent family run business and grows bio fuel for its own use. It also has ITV adverts coming out featuring a "Boy Band" 1

Kate Roberts gave a well-deserved vote of thanks.

### Future Dates For Your Diary

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 2:15pm**

A.G.M. Elections followed by games etc

**Please note December Meeting has been changed to below**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2:15pm**

Christmas Meeting



At the start of another academic year, we have welcomed a number of new children, as well as a new member of staff – Mel Hole who is our Administrator.

A number of themed weeks have been held, including a "Painting Week" where children created some colourful pieces of art (our budding Picasso's) and a "Butterfly Week" where our pupils were fascinated at how wriggly caterpillars can turn into beautiful butterflies. We have also been learning about North Curry through walks around the village – looking at local landmarks, having our snack in the garden in the square and visiting the church. On our walks, we gathered autumn treasures – leaves and flowers – and created beautiful bookmarks.

Following our half-term holiday, we will be restarting Forest School each Friday and regularly returning to use the Forest School facilities at the Willow and Wetland Centre. Places are limited so if you wish to book a place for your child, please speak to the staff at Little Acorns.

Pupil numbers are nearing capacity so if you do wish to put your child's name down to attend Little Acorns over the coming years, please contact Alison Hembrow on 01823 491615 or you are welcome to pop in for a chat and a look around. We cater for children from 2 years until school age and aim to create a warm and welcoming environment in which all children are able to develop social and education skills to the best of their ability. In order to prepare the older children for the transition to school we also liaise with the Primary School and encourage joint activities with the reception class.

## North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert 2011

This will take place in the

**North Curry Village Hall**

**on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**

Christmas Cantata – Geoffrey Bush

Carols for choir and audience

Buffet supper

Tickets available nearer the time

## Parent & Toddler Group

Come along to the Village Hall with your babies and pre-school age children on a Monday morning from 9:15 – 11:30. There are toys for the children to play with and it's a great way to meet new people. Any questions then please phone Elaine 490046.



## North Curry Luncheon Club

Lunch Club meet three times this month on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Although firework night has still to come, can I give you all an early promotion of our Super Prize Christmas Bingo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Village Hall; doors open 7:30pm. This fun night, with really good prizes, is held by us every year to raise funds for our extra special Christmas Lunch when helpers and members join together with a glass of wine, crackers, a good turkey meal with all the trimmings, presents etc. not forgetting our annual visit by the school children to sing to us. It would be great to see new faces giving us their support.

Contact Tina 480629 or Joyce 490216.



## Dancing School News

Term has started with a flourish at the dancing school. Ballet exams were held at the end of last term and all results received in the summer holidays were excellent with most children achieving a Distinction or a Merit. The school is now working towards its show which it is hoped will be held at Easter.

Classes in ballet, modern and tap are held in the hall most evenings for children aged 3 and upwards. If anyone would like more information on joining the school, please visit the website at [www.danceatnorthcurry.com](http://www.danceatnorthcurry.com) or call Ann-Marie on 07595 173649.



## NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES (above the Coffee Shop)

the latest

### EXHIBITION ON THE STAIRCASE

features

### ***NORTH CURRY IN UNIFORM***

photographs of people you know, or know about



## NORTH CURRY BROWNIES

The pack of Brownies are desperately looking for someone to help run the group, as the current leader will have to retire in the next 12 months. If no one steps forward - the group will have to close.

The 16 Brownies will all be devastated if their group has to close, let alone any new Brownies who were looking forward to joining in the future.

The training to become a qualified Leader is not difficult, and there's a lot of fun to be had along the way. If you think you can help, or would like to know more - please contact Carolyn Lear on 480206 or the District Commissioner, Margaret Penn, on 442003. We look forward to hearing from you!