



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

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

**Pink Newsletter:** We would like to thank the producers and distributors of the monthly pink Newsletter for their hard work during the past year and also those organisations who kindly sponsored editions.

**Christmas Tree:** The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to Alison and Noel Prosser of North Curry Post Office and Stores for supplying and erecting the Xmas tree in Queen Square again this year.

**New Bridge:** The Parish Council have received some complaints regarding the safety of New Bridge and are aware that there have been a few minor accidents there. We are working with SCC Highways Department to look at signage to improve the situation but if Parishioners have any suggestions as to how they think safety could be improved at the bridge please let the Parish Clerk know so that they can be considered.

**Severe weather waste collection advice:** We have been informed by Somerset Waste that in severe weather, recycling and refuse crews will try to keep collecting if it is safe. If your collection is missed they will try to return once conditions improve, working late and on Saturdays to catch up. They ask that recycling and refuse be put out by 7am for the next three working days; if it is not collected by then, please take it back in and put out by 7am on your next usual collection day.

They say that if your collection is delayed, extra amounts of regular waste will be accepted: please put rubbish in black sacks, recycling in carrier bags and food in covered buckets or in black sacks with other rubbish. In very bad conditions, garden and bulky waste collections may be suspended to give priority to the main services. If the clinical waste service is interrupted, they will get back as soon as possible.

In the event of severe weather, guidance and updates will be posted on [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk), Facebook page [www.facebook.com/somersetwaste](http://www.facebook.com/somersetwaste) and Twitter feed @somersetwaste, and sent to local radio and district council customer services.

### Parish Council diary for January

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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



## North Curry Luncheon Club

A very Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks for the tremendous support for our Christmas Bingo. I am pleased to say we raised in excess of £230 which ensured a lovely Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings enjoyed by members and the helpers.

There are three lunch dates in January, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. New members are welcome; please ring to find out details, Joyce on 490216 and Tina 480629.

We look forward to seeing you all after what I hope was a very good Christmas.



## Football Fun Day



Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 am - 12 noon

White Street, North Curry

Ages 5-10 years

F.A. Qualified coaches

Refreshments available

The purpose of the session is to judge interest in the community for mini soccer at NCFC and to see if there is sufficient interest to go ahead with regular weekly coaching and soccer fun sessions with a view to organising and operating a league team for the 2012/2013 season.

For further information contact:

John Boddy: 490583

Richard Perry: 490089

Steve Daniels: 07783719511

Shawn Sutton: 491086

**FREE!**

## Produce Market

A reminder that there will be no market in January. The first market for 2012 is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

The winners of the December raffle were John Watt and Dave Walrond.

We wish you a very Happy New Year.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



As mentioned last month, we are planning an expansion of our Food Yards project which, if it takes off, we intend to call "Fruits of Athelney". This, in the first instance, will be a feasibility study to assess both potential supplies of, and demand for, local produce as it becomes available.

We aim to contact every household in the Athelney villages to canvass interest. We have already started to discuss the collection, processing and marketing of produce with prospective suppliers. To carry this out properly will require some paid work and an application to the Levels and Moors fund is being prepared. We will also need to obtain some matched funding, so if you are interested in helping a local community scheme, please remember Transition Athelney (we can obtain gift aid).

The monthly pub meetings will resume in January, with a gathering at The Rose and Crown in Lyng, 8pm on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Transition Athelney events and projects this year. Together we can, through our local initiatives, help to build a sustainable future.

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

### North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Jenny Quinn 490718

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



By the time this appears, we hope to be celebrating a successful Elvis evening when we hope to have boosted funds for the next visit of our French friends to the village.

In the meantime we are preparing for our visit to them. We will be travelling to France on 25-28<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Flying from Exeter to Paris then driving to the Vexin region.

Costings will depend to some extent on numbers so we are keen to finalise those as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to get involved will be warmly welcomed.

If you want to know more about this trip and/or are considering joining it, please contact Gillian Akerman (490234).

### Gentle chair-based exercise for men and women over 60

*Ageing well: Adding years to life – Adding life to years*

The hour-long weekly gentle exercise classes organised by Age UK Somerset at North Curry Health Centre will be starting up again after the Christmas break on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, beginning at 1:30pm. A small group of "mature adults" have been stretching our sinews and freeing our joints since the summer and have found it a real benefit. It's great fun and the class generally gathers afterwards at the community coffee shop for a natter. There's space in the back room at the Health Centre for two or three more, so why not give it a try? Just drop in on a Wednesday with loose-fitting clothes, and we'll give you a welcome. £3 a session, subsidised by Age UK (the new name for Age Concern).

Denise & David Walker 491 231  
or contact Di Ramsay at  
[www.ageuksomerset.org.uk](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk),  
0845 643 4702

Registered charity number 1015900.

## North Curry Village Choir

The choir will start its spring rehearsal schedule on

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

(we meet every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm in the North Curry Village Hall)

This spring we will be performing:

**Handel's 'Coronation Anthems'**

**Parry's 'I was glad'**  
(remember the royal wedding)

**Stanfords 'Te Deum'**

New members are always welcome – do come along.



## Little Acorns Pre-School

As you can imagine, the children were very excited about Christmas. We did a number of Christmas activities and the children enjoyed their Christmas nativity play and party - Father Christmas even found time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit!

All the staff and children from Little Acorns Pre-school would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

If you wish to put your child's name down to attend Little Acorns over the coming years, please contact Alison Hembrow on 01823 491615 or 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.

## Pavilion and Playing Field

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.northcurry.com](http://www.northcurry.com)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)  
or call Andy on 490046



**North Curry  
W.I.**

**A Bright and Happy New Year to Everyone**

December is always a busy month for everyone, but the Christmas Meeting was held in November this year! It started off with sherry and nibbles whilst business was dealt with.

Members were then entertained by an a cappella group from Glastonbury "The Avalonian Free State Choir" who were excellent. They sang folk songs in different languages and have appeared at varied venues. Their rendition of "Jerusalem" was a joy. Tea and cakes were then served and members left with a present from the Lucky Dip basket.

A group of us went to annual Christmas Carol Concert in Wells Cathedral, always inspiring. This was preceded by a wander round the market and a good lunch.

At the Village Coffee Morning W.I. had a "Guess the Weight of the Ham" which was 4.4kgs.

Six members went to the Group meeting at Hatch Beauachamp

**Dates for your 2012 Diary**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm.**

Memoirs of a Local Girl - Lady Mary Stuart-Wilson

Competition 'Slice of Christmas Cake' & trading stall

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Lunch at The Bird in Hand

**A note from the editor:**

Following recent conversations about copy for this publication, I would like to remind contributors that the Pink Sheet is primarily concerned with ENENTS that are coming up in the near future and that are open to villagers to join in. I have always tried to make sure it is forward looking rather than telling people what they've missed!

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**NORTH CURRY ARCHIVES**

**The Annual Archive Exhibition of Photographs**

*People and Places – Past and Present*

opens on

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
in the Coffee Shop

come and see what and whom you remember

**Operation Shoe Box**

Operation shoe box was a tremendous success. Altogether we gathered in 118 shoe boxes all covered in colourful paper and filled with presents to go to less fortunate children.

Thank you to all of you who brought your boxes to church to be blessed and photographed.

On Monday the van arrived to collect all the boxes and take them to the distribution depot. The headmistress of North Curry School Sarah Loader, allowed children who had filled boxes out of school to help pack them into the van and wave them off on their journey to Bosnia. A truly happy event, thank you all again. Ralph Roberts

**Annual Lib Dem Dinner**

North Curry, Stoke St Gregory,  
Ruishton and Creech St Michael

The Branch are holding their annual dinner in Creech St Michael Village Hall on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7 for 7:30pm; everyone welcome.

**Delicious home-cooked three course meal**

After dinner Yvette Staelens will speak and entertain us with a talk on Cecil Sharpe, renowned collector of folk songs .Tickets priced £15 should be obtained in advance from Mick Humphreys, Creechbarn, Creech St Michael, Taunton TA35PP tel 01823 443955



A Happy New Year to all our members and friends. May you prosper and bloom – forget the gloom!!

To help you with this the society will meet again on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Janet Seaton, OBE, will present *Kelways: Our Blooming History*.

Janet is a local author and historian and is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Society of Genealogists, and Langport and District History Society. She was a senior official at the House of Commons Library and went on to establish the research and information service at the Scottish Parliament. Her latest book "Kelway's Glorious – The Story of a pioneering Somerset nursery" was written to mark the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company.

Her illustrated talk will feature more family and local history, rather than horticulture. Should be a fascinating evening!

As always, members and visitors are all welcome.



**Royal British Legion**

This year's bingo was the most successful that we have ever had! We made £366 nett. The prizes for the bingo and the raffle were quite overwhelming and our thanks go to all those generous people who contributed. Our thanks go also to the caller who, despite a temperamental microphone, coped very well and to the kitchen crew who provided excellent refreshments.

Also, it was announced that the Poppy Day collection had reached the magnificent sum of £2,015!

The next meeting of the branch will be at the Bird in Hand on 13<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7:30pm.



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

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

The December meeting was much enjoyed. The speaker Mrs Yvonne Bell gave a lively talk about "The Edwardian Christmas" and life in those days. She brought with her some fascinating items for members to examine.

At the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February the two new committee members, Heather Williams and Patti Withams, will be running a 'Plant and Seed Swap' stall. Members with items to swap please bring them along. The speaker will be Dr Gavin Haig and his subject "The Healing Garden".

## Pamper Day

If you missed the second pamper day that was organised by the W.I. in November you missed an excellent day. This entertaining day started with coffee and biscuits before ladies broke into four groups to take part in four different workshops. Indian Head Massage was followed by Aromatherapy with the opportunity to make their own bath salts using essential oil. These two sessions left ladies totally relaxed, but not for long as they then entered with great enthusiasm into the third session Zumba exercise and the importance of healthy eating. After a lively discussion on various foods ladies joined in with a fun Zumba exercise routine a cross between rumba and salsa. The fourth session was with an experienced style consultant who gave advice on dressing to suit individual figure shapes using willing volunteers. Colours that suit you best and the use of accessories were also included.

In between the four sessions there was lunch and the day ended with tea and homemade cakes. Every lady took home a goodie bag containing beauty products and declared the day absolutely great!

## LIFT YOUR SPIRITS DANCE BASH by TONE DANCE

**NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2012  
7:30pm**

If you came last year you will know what a great night it was, if you didn't, make sure that you are there this time. This is an unmissable evening of all types of dancing; Martin will lead us all again in some steps. If you don't want to dance come along anyway, it's a great evening, just enjoy the atmosphere.

There will be a bar and a supper  
Tickets @ £10.00 include your supper.

Tickets @ North Curry Post Office  
or Joanne on 01823491083 or Stoke St  
Gregory Shop.