

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A final reminder that this year's APM will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 2nd May in the Village Hall. The Chairman will be presenting her Annual Report and the preparation of a Parish Plan will also be on the agenda. Tea and coffee will be served in the interval. This is your opportunity to hear what has been going on and to make your voice heard on a number of issues, so come along on the 2nd!

JUBILEE

MUGS – Commemorative Jubilee mugs will be presented to the children of North Curry School and Little Acorns Pre-school. If you have a child of Pre- or Primary school age who does not attend either of these village schools, they can still receive a mug by application to the Parish Office, as long as they are resident in the Parish and the correct age.

PLANT A JUBILEE TREE – The Woodland Trust is encouraging people to plant a tree in their garden to mark this historic occasion for the future. Their website offers advice on different trees to suit all types of garden, from native trees, ornamental trees, down to small fruit trees. Why not see if you could add to your garden and join in the commemoration of the Jubilee on a personal level.

JUBILEE NEWS – See inserted sheet for more details of plans for the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Parish Council Chairman (Mrs Tina Stodgell) has been chosen for a Taunton Deane Citizenship Award for 2012 for her many decades of service to the Community. The Parish Council would like to add their congratulations to her, and grateful thanks for her many years of service as a Councillor and latterly as Chairman.

Parish Council diary for May

Wed 2 nd	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30 pm
Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

Produce Market

The next market is on Saturday 5th May 9:30am – 11:30am. A variety of goods will be on sale as usual including local honey from our local beekeeper Simon Jones.

The winner of the April raffle was Cyril Cox.

Contact Joyce Gore 01823/490216



Saturday 12th May 2012

Church Road and Queen Square

2:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

For your enjoyment there will be:

- ° Two Punch and Judy shows in the memorial garden °
- ° Display of Country Dancing from the children of North Curry School °
- ° Cheese and wine under the copper beech tree °
 - ° Horse and cart rides °
 - ° Plants, cakes, jams and pickles °
 - ° Cream teas in a beautiful courtyard garden °
 - ° Coconut shy ° Refreshing May Fayre Punch °
 - ° Children's entertainments °

The church bell tower will be open for visits and there will be many interesting charity and non-charity stalls. Come prepared to carry home cakes, jams, plants and many other delectable items and happy memories.

Parking will be in Manor Field, The Fosse £1.00

Please follow the signs to this car park. We would really like to encourage you to park here as it is important to keep the main roads through the village clear for the fire brigade, ambulances and large farm traffic. All parking proceeds go to provide entertainments at the Fayre. There is a safe pedestrian route from Manor Field along the Fosse to the Fayre.

We would like to thank our sponsor: The Bird in Hand Pub

North Curry Football Club



GETHIN'S ALL STARS ARE BACK

Gethin Jones is bringing his All Star football team back to North Curry to seek revenge over their defeat to the village boys two years!

North Curry Football Club will play against Gethin Jones' All Stars on Sunday 26th August. The match will be preceded by junior football games featuring young players from North Curry, Stoke St Gregory and Hatch Beauchamp.

In the evening there will be the annual White Street Hog Roast featuring Live Music and Bar, all under a marquee.

We are looking forward to a terrific day's entertainment!

Tickets for both events will be available from late June and further announcements will be made in the Pink Sheet.

Formed in 1994
President Roger Hunt MBE



North Curry Luncheon Club

This month we meet on May 8th and 22nd, 12 o'clock onwards for 12:30 Lunch.

We have arranged our annual outing leaving North Curry at 9:30am on the 17th July. Our first stop will be at The West Somerset Railway Station, Bishop's Lydeard, to catch the steam train to Minehead.

Here there will be time for Lunch, shopping or hopefully sitting in the sunshine before the coach picks us up for a drive over Exmoor to Exford for our cream tea, arriving back in North Curry at approximately 5:30 – 6:00pm.

There are some seats available for non-members at a cost of £20.00 inclusive; anyone interested contact Tina on 480629 or Joyce on 490216.



Royal British Legion

It was with great regret that we had to cancel the Easter Bingo and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. Time is catching up with the North Curry branch of the Legion; old age is taking its toll and the number of active members is reducing to a minimum. We shall try to fulfil our future commitments but only time will tell.

The May Fayre is on 12th May and to make up for the disappointing Easter Bingo, it is essential that we do well. So, all members are requested to donate raffle prizes for the May Fayre Grand Raffle. We did very well last year so let's see if we can do better this time!

The next meeting of the branch will be on 14th May at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

'Pimm's & a Pint' our summer event



Summer wouldn't be summer without our popular Pimm's and a Pint summer event on 1st July!

Come along for an afternoon and evening of family fun on the playing field – entrance cost FREE!

In the evening we're showing the final of the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship on a big screen in the pavilion.

We're also running a BBQ and bar.

And there's rounders, football and volleyball for the energetic.

Before then we'll be at the May Fayre serving Pimm's next to the beer stall and we'll be assisting with the Big Lunch on 3rd June (for more information see the Jubilee article).

And last but by no means least, we'd like to say a 'big thank you' to all those that came along to Race Night. Together we raised more than £1,000. New football nets are the first item on our shopping list!

We had planned to stage a different sort of event next year but lots of people have asked us to put on another Race Night in early March – if you are interested, please let us know! pavilion@northcurry.com

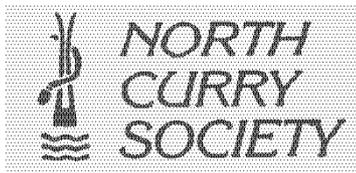


Little Acorns would like to welcome Angela Simpson as the new Pre-school Leader. Angela brings with her a wealth of childcare experience and she has a number of new ideas to develop Little Acorns. We would like to thank Alison Hembrow for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the last 6 years and wish her well for the future.

If you wish to put your child's name down to attend Little Acorns over the coming years, please contact Angela on 01823 491615 or pop in for a chat. 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.

The pre-school require an accountant to approve their accounts for submission to the Charity Commission - approximately 4 hours work.

Please call Elaine Moll 490046



Firstly, another date for your diary – Parishioners are invited to assemble in Queen Square at 12 noon on Saturday 2nd June for Julian Comrie and Philip Hickman to take a Group Photograph of the community to mark the Jubilee. Remember the last one at the millennium – it was huge, very successful and great fun. A lunchtime barbeque is available at The Bird in Hand from 12:15.

The Society will meet again on Wednesday 16th May 2012 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall when Pat Hase M.A. will present *The Shadow of the Workhouse*.

Pat needs no introduction – she set us off on family history research in 2008, followed by *On the Parish* in 2009 and *Victorian Servants* in 2011. She will now explore another fascinating branch of family history. Pat has chaired the Weston-super-Mare FHS for some 30 years and is well versed in her subject. We look forward to another interesting evening.

Members and visitors are all welcome. The evening is free to members; visitors pay a small entrance fee (which includes coffee).



Art in the Coffee Shop

There's still time to create your entry for the "By Royal Appointment" themed SUMMER EXHIBITION for paintings and prints, open to everyone over 16.

Artwork delivery day Friday 1st June; precise details on the Entry Form available from The Coffee Shop. The Summer Exhibition will run from 2nd June to 15th July.

North Curry Amateur Gardeners

1st Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8 pm

Mr Don Everitt will be the speaker on Thursday 3rd May and his subject will be "Lillies & Summer Flowering Bulbs".

The second outing this year will be on Thursday 17th May to the Welsh Botanical Gardens at Llanarthe, Carmarthenshire. Cost to members £22 & non-members £24. The coach will leave Stoke St Gregory at 7:45am and North Curry Pavement at 8am. There are still some places available – please contact Margaret Tomkins 01823 490506.

Reminder for trip to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey fame) on Tuesday 3rd July - contact Mary Ginger 01823 490527.



May Fair

May is here and we're planning to have our Smoothie Cycle at the Fair on the 12th – come and have a go and see just how much effort you save by using electricity!

Foodyards

It's time to get growing in the vegetable garden; perhaps you would like to join our group of growers supplying food to the Post office through the summer? It's a chance to help everyone in the community to have access to good quality, fresh fruit and veg which hasn't travelled half way across the country or, indeed, the world.

Green doors 25th-27th May

A new initiative to enable people to visit homes in the area which have installed various "Green" improvements. These might be new-builds, whole-house refurbishments or smaller retro-fits such as improved insulation or PV solar panels. Look out for posters nearer the time.

The next monthly pub meeting will be at The Rising Sun in Knapp, 8pm on Tuesday the 8th May. If you want to talk about these or any other matters we will be pleased to see you there.

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

North Curry Village Choir Spring Concert

Our spring concert this year will be held on

Saturday 12th May at 7:30pm

in

North Curry Parish Church

Included in the programme will be:

**Coronation Anthems – Handel
I was glad – Parry
Te Deum – Stanford**

We very much hope that you can join us!

Tickets are £7.50 to include a glass of wine and will be available at the **Post Office**

North Curry W.I.

In April, Dr. Robert Dunning gave a fascinating talk on how place names may have been derived and it soon became clear that the only rule to learn is that there is no rule.

At our meeting on 2nd May we will be debating the resolution "More Midwives", before this is further debated at the 2012 AGM in May, when it will be decided whether the NFWI should pursue this as a campaign. There will also be a trading stall at our local meeting and, no doubt, the usual fun and laughter.

There will be no meeting in June, because of the Jubilee celebrations. However, the WI will be providing cream teas on Sunday 3rd June at the pavilion and any help from members would be much appreciated.

Please let Di know if you are able to volunteer. During the afternoon the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames will be shown live. Also, don't forget the village photograph which is to be taken at 12 noon, Saturday 2nd June in the square.

The summer outing is to be held on Wednesday 27th June and a coach will be leaving the village at 10:00 to take us to Weston-super-Mare. On the way back we will be stopping for a cream tea.....now there's a surprise!

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
or email pavilion@northcurry.com
or call 07721 454593

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com



Riding for the Disabled Conquest Centre

Thank you to all the people who supported my Coffee Morning in March.

It was a very successful morning and a wonderful sum of £514.30p was raised.

Thank you again – Diana Highley



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our session will be a week **later** this month on **Wednesday May 9th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £2.50 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.



Session running NOW

North Curry Village Hall 7:30pm on Mondays*

*Please note: no sessions on Bank Holidays.

COMING SOON...

North Curry Village Hall

9:30am Wednesdays starting 18th April

Exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™

Zumba Fitness® can be enjoyed by anyone aged 16 – 60. No partner work. For more details please contact Katrina.

White Street Sports Field – Come and Get Involved!

Hopefully most readers will have used the new sports field in some way over the last few years, whether to play football or cricket, attend one of the events or just take a walk around this great village facility.

The football club have just finished their second season at White Street and are making moves to merge with Creech Rangers to give North Curry a Saturday league team. The cricket club are just about to start their second season and many will have seen them getting the square ready and maintaining the hedgerows around the pitch (and indeed we have just been the lucky recipients of some hedging plants from the Diamond Jubilee committee which should have been planted by the time you read this article)

It is now time to move the sports fields to the next level. We are looking for individuals that want to get involved – either to lead in a new sporting activity or help to run the facility.

We have planning consent for tennis courts - any keen players that want to lead on the fund raising and playing of tennis at White Street? We also have a pool table and dart board in the pavilion, anyone want to get involved in the local leagues? Anybody have other ideas that they would like to see happen? Well the best way might be to come and join the management committee and possibly become a director of North Curry Sport Limited (the organisation that runs the site with the clubs). We have an AGM on 24th May at 7:30pm at the pavilion and all are welcome. We have new articles of association and will be looking to fill all of the roles, some of the existing committee will be continuing but everyone will need to be voted on! Just to give you a bit more information the management committee in the future and decide if you would like to nominate yourself:

Chairman (and Director of North Curry Sport Ltd)
Vice Chairman (and Director of North Curry Sport Ltd)
Hon Treasurer (and Director of North Curry Sport Ltd)
Secretary (and Director of North Curry Sport Ltd)
Nominated Executive Member (and Director of North Curry Sport Ltd)

Chairman of North Curry Cricket Club
Chairman of North Curry Football Club
Chairman of any nominated club subsequently added to the Club
Facilities Secretary
Grounds Secretary
Promotions and Fundraising Secretary

Come and get involved – any initial enquiries or nominations for the committee, please call Andy Olie on 490276



Community Council for Somerset
Supporting Action in Your Community

VILLAGE AGENTS

8 hours per week - salary £12,145 pa pro rata (plus travel expenses); approximately £6.65 per hour.

The Community Council for Somerset is looking to appoint Village Agents to support the first six selected parish 'clusters' in Somerset: One Agent to be appointed per cluster

Cluster 1: Marston Magna, Corton Denham, Mudford, Queen Camel, Rimpton and West Camel
Cluster 2: Creech St Michael, Ruishton, Thornfalcon and West Monkton
Cluster 3: Stoke sub Hamdon, Chilthorne Domer, Montacute, Norton sub Hamdon, Odcombe & Tintinhull
Cluster 4: Stoke St Gregory, Burrowbridge, Lyng, North Curry and Othery.
Cluster 5: Godney, Meare, Sharpham and Wookey.
Cluster 6: Chewton Mendip, Binegar, Emborough, Litton, Priddy, Rodney Stoke and Ston Easton

Village Agents provide assistance to people living in rural areas, bridging the gap between the local community and the statutory or voluntary organisations and can offer help or support.

Candidates will need to be committed to helping vulnerable people, live in or close to the cluster of parishes they serve, be able to communicate effectively, have use of a reliable car and have basic IT skills.

For further information and an application form, please visit www.somersetccc.org.uk/latest-news.php or telephone 01823 331222.

Closing date for applications is 5:00pm Friday 11th May
Interviews will take place week beginning 28th May

NORTH CURRY DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will take place over the extended weekend of 1st to 4th June 2012. We hope all parishioners will enjoy participating in the following programme of events in North Curry.

We are indebted to the numerous individuals and village organisations who have given donations and time towards making this weekend a memorable one.

- Special Commemorative Mugs designed by Eleanor Greeves are on sale now at The Post Office Stores at £7.00 each.
- A photographic record of events will be made during the weekend by Julian Comrie.
- An Art Exhibition will be held in the Coffee Shop and Royal Memorabilia will be displayed in the North Curry Archive.
- Hedging seedlings donated by Monkton Elm Garden Centre have been planted by parishioners along Stoke Road adjacent to the Sports Field.

FRIDAY 1ST JUNE

Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson will present commemorative Jubilee Mugs to the children of North Curry School and Little Acorns Pre-School at 9:00 am at the school (*note changed time*).

All Pre-school and Primary age children of the Parish not attending schools in North Curry are entitled to collect a mug from the Parish Office – phone 01823 490316 for details.

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

Parishioners are invited to assemble in Queen Square at 12 noon in order for Julian Comrie and Philip Hickman to take a Group Photograph of the community to mark the Jubilee. A lunchtime barbecue is on the menu at The Bird in Hand from 12:15.

Parking will be prohibited in Queen Square from 11:30 to 12:30.

A Concert Party with supper to celebrate the Jubilee takes place in the Village Hall from 7:30pm until 10:30pm. This concert will feature some stirring, glorious and nostalgic musical favourites performed by the North Curry Shandy Band in between acts of song and comedy ending with a sing-along. A seated supper will be served during the evening and a Cash Bar will be provided. Exciting prizes are to be won in a raffle including a celebration cake donated by the Royal cake-maker Fiona Cairns.

90 tickets at £12.50 each (to include supper and a glass of wine) are available from the Post Office Stores now. After purchasing tickets group seating can be reserved by phoning 01823 491518.

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

A short act of worship will take place in front of Queen Square Garden at 10:00am in order to bless the Jubilee Memorial Gateway, which has been made by blacksmith Bradley Harris of North Curry. A special Peal of Bells will precede an Ecumenical Service in the Parish Church at 10:30am.

As part of the National 'Big Lunch' a Jubilee Lunch takes place on the Playing Field between the Village Hall and the Greenway Pavilion from 12.00 noon until 6:00 pm. Parishioners are invited to bring their own picnics and/or food and utensils for barbecues. Two large barbecues and charcoal will be provided for communal use together with some tables and chairs although individuals are encouraged to bring their own equipment, gazebos and seating arrangements. A cash bar will be available.

Cream Teas at £1 a head will be served in the Pavilion by the Women's Institute as the afternoon progresses. Des Bacon's Bourbon Street Paraders Jazz Band will play from 12:15 to 3:15pm.

Children's Sports (organised by NC School) will take place from 2:00pm.

Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant will be shown on television in the Pavilion during the afternoon.

Car Parking will be allowed only in John Sweeting's Field (on Newport side of Pavilion Car Park entrance). Parking in the Pavilion car park is only for those displaying a disabled badge and for others only for unloading large items before 12 noon and loading after 6:00pm. No parking in Village Hall Car Park for safety reasons.

A Jubilee Tea Party arranged by FONCS will be held in the Village Hall from 3:15pm for all pre-school and primary age children of the Parish. There will be a competition for the best homemade 'Crown' for the children attending the tea.

To gauge attendance for catering purposes free 'tea vouchers' must be collected from the Post Office Stores or from North Curry School before Friday 25th May by those wishing to attend.

MONDAY 4TH JUNE

Lighting of the Jubilee Bonfire takes place at 9.30pm at Higher Lillesdon Farm by kind permission of Anna and David Vile as part of the nation-wide chain of beacons.

From Saturday 26th May notices at the farm will direct where material for burning on the bonfire is to be taken.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES AND BE PART OF THE NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 60 YEAR REIGN

Overall Jubilee Events Co-ordinator – Mary Stewart-Wilson - 01823 490111