

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ROAD CLOSURE: Please note that The Shambles will be closed from 16th September for 5 days to enable drainage works to be carried out. Traffic will be required to use Queen Square instead.

SAVE OUR VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

As you will know, an Action Group has been formed as a sub-committee of the Parish Council to support our planning committee in dealing with the unprecedented number and scale of planning applications submitted for housing development in the village. We are most grateful to those who helped with the distribution of the first newsletter, which was designed to draw attention to the matter and to urge villagers to write to Taunton Deane Borough Council to express their objections. This has been a great success. At the time of the newsletter's publication, some 90 objections had been lodged against the Windmill Hill development, but by the deadline of 5th August, that number had more than doubled and a further 24 comments regarding the site NW of Overlands have also been submitted.

The Action Group has arranged to meet with representatives of the other villages designated as "minor rural centres" to co-ordinate action against the flood of applications from house-builders. The Group will continue to keep parishioners informed of progress. By the time you read this - or soon after - a dedicated web-site (www.ncurryactiongroup.org.uk), linked to the Parish Council's own site, should be live. It will contain in one place plans for the applications, submissions and objections from the Parish Council and Parishioners, links to planning law and news of how other parishes are tackling this upsurge in planning applications for housing in the countryside. There will also be a short video of the village to inform the Deane Planning Committee members. For those without access to a computer, it will be available to view in the Parish Council office.

The Group would welcome further ideas to explore. Please contact the Parish Council office in the first instance.

Advice for the Hard of Hearing: The DeafPLUS mobile advisory service will be in Queen Square on Thursday 26th September between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. For free advice on all matters relating to hearing loss; do drop in.

0% Finance Scheme for household fuel purchase – Households with less than £35,000 total income are eligible to apply for an interest free loan of up to £500 for the purchase of fuel, making the most of cheaper summer prices in readiness for the winter. Anyone interested in the scheme should call Wessex Resolutions on 01823 461099 for full details, (Wessex Resolutions are administering the scheme on behalf of a local authority partnership which includes TDBC).

Parish Council diary for September – All Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 11 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 th	Planning Committee	8:00 pm

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

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Programmes for the 2013/14 season of films are now in the Coffee Shop. We are keeping the subscription to £20 – just £2 a film with a special concessionary price for the Saturday afternoon Winter Warmers. But we do need 60 members to ensure we can afford the licenses for the season so please re-join. Our third season starts on 25th September with an Oscar winning film – *Argo* - starring Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin and John Goodman. Films start at 7:30pm and members will be admitted from 7:00pm when the bar opens. Non-members are admitted from 7:15pm and tickets cost £5.

The Produce Market

Saturday 7th September

9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

The market depends on so many people to run efficiently so here's our public thanks to the helpers in the kitchen and on our stall, those who put out and put away the tables and the people who kindly put out our signboards each month to remind residents of the upcoming market – we really do appreciate all you do.

Local produce means fewer food miles so do come and support us and our loyal stallholders.

See you there!

Tuesday (Lunch) Club back 3rd September

The Tuesday Club resumes after its summer break to meet and eat every other Tuesday beginning 3rd September. We have room for a few more members to enjoy the excellent fresh food.

On 9th August we had a wonderful day; coach trip to Tiverton Canal, met the horse that was to pull the barge, Taffy, glorious chap, loved mints. The barges helped those of us who needed it with a big smile and loads of patience, so we didn't feel a nuisance... lovely trip up the canal, good stories and then for a superb lunch at the little cafe at the bottom of the slope, again couldn't fault the service or the food.

A huge thank-you for all the volunteers who make the Tuesday Club the great thing that it is and for organising this wonderful day out. It would never work without them. How we can beat that next year is a challenge.

New members please contact the organiser Dave Patten (490782) or Joanne Preston (491083). Subs £3 a year, each meal just £4.

SHANDY BAND

(NORTH CURRY
VILLAGE ORCHESTRA)

We are looking for an enthusiastic amateur musician to conduct our small orchestra.

We meet in the Village Hall on alternate Sundays from 11:00 to 12:30

If you are interested please contact Terry Sidley (01823 490962)



North Curry Brownies

North Curry Brownies starts again on Monday 9th September 5:30 – 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

If you know any girls aged (nearly) 7 to 10 years old, please point them in our direction.

We have lots of fun activities planned with girls travelling in from other villages to attend. Their first meeting is free which gives them the chance to see if they enjoy it.

To find out more about the Brownies please contact Kate Williamson (Snowy) on 01823 690471

k8tywilliamson@btinternet.com or come along to a trial meeting.

For more information about Girlguiding call 0800 1695901 or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk



Save the Children

Where has this year gone? Are you aware of time rushing by? Do you know that at this rate it will soon be time for Christmas?

If so, please be aware that you are invited to Helen's Grand Christmas Card sale on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October, in aid of Save the Children.

Please note the dates in your diary... Full details next month.



North Curry W.I.

A reminder that our next meeting is 4th September at 2:00pm. Please don't forget to bring your entry for 'The Bloom of the Month' competition.

Following the recent talk by Pam Walker from the Taunton Food Bank, several members have expressed a wish to donate on a regular basis. Accordingly, there will be a drop box provided each month for all non-perishable food donations, all of which will be greatly appreciated, I am sure.



NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

Archaeology of South Somerset Moors

We hope you enjoyed the North Curry Society coffee morning and the walk round parish paths last month. The Society will be back in the Village Hall again at 8pm on Wednesday 18th September when Dr Richard Brunning is giving a talk on recent archaeological discoveries on the southern Somerset lowlands.

Wetlands bordering the Severn estuary contain a wealth of archaeological sites that have remained in a state of exceptional preservation, because of the waterlogged character of the deposits. This preservation means that these sites contain a much greater level of information and significance than archaeological remains found elsewhere. Richard is a specialist in waterlogged archaeology and has worked for 20 years as Somerset Levels and Moors Archaeologist for the county council's Heritage Service.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month (except August, when we venture out of doors). There is a pleasant, sociable atmosphere and a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker over refreshments afterwards. Visitors are always welcome - non-members pay an entrance fee of £1, which includes coffee after the talk.

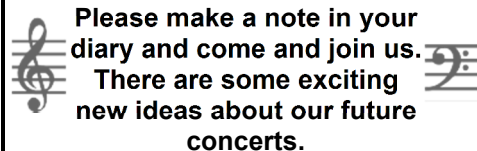
The Society's year ends with the Annual General Meeting on 16th October, when membership subscriptions will be due. After the formal business, Julian Comrie will take us all on travels with his camera.

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE CHOIR

It is now less than two weeks until

Thursday 5th September

when we have our first rehearsal at 8:00pm in North Curry Village Hall for our Christmas concert.

 Please make a note in your diary and come and join us. There are some exciting new ideas about our future concerts.

Our Christmas Concert will be on 12th December 2013

Please contact Keith Gibbs (01823 490191) for more details.

NAKED LADIES

5th October – North Curry Village Hall

What is it? It's a chance to donate your clothes, accessories etc. and clear out those wardrobes... yes that's right.

First, gather up all those clothes you have finished with, handbags, belts, jewellery. Second, buy a ticket – on sale soon @ £10; for this you also get a supper and there will be a bar. Third drop off your boxes to either Joanne 491083 or Olivia 698283 – ring first.

Then on 5th October, you arrive and there will be clothes, accessories etc. etc. set out for you.

You simply take your choice... no more to pay – bring a bag to take home your selection. Easy isn't it.

Look out for posters so you can get your tickets.

Hosted by Tone Dance

North Curry Village Show

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Village Show on 10th August a great success.

A big thank-you also to all the competitors; we hope that even more people will join in the fun and enter next year. Classes do not vary very much from year to year, so you could start planning next year's entry now.

Village Hall Guitar Classes

There will be 3 guitar classes running in the Village Hall from September:

Strummers

Starting Saturday 14th September at 10am – the Strummers Group reconvenes.

If you can already play a range of chords and would like to improve your playing and have some fun playing with a small group of others, this is for you – come along and join us. Any age welcome.

New Beginners Group

At 11am on Saturday 14th September a brand new beginners group will begin. Absolutely no previous knowledge or experience necessary. All you need is a guitar and some enthusiasm. Any age welcome.

New Classical Guitar Beginners Group

If you've ever wanted to play the classical Spanish guitar, this is the group for you. The course will start at 2pm on Friday 13th September and is suitable for both absolute beginners and for those who have perhaps played a bit of acoustic or electric guitar before, but want to learn to play this wonderful instrument.

Booking is essential for each group.

For more information contact email:

kevin@kevintoller.com

Tel: 01823 490109

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North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

First Thursday of the month at the Pavilion 7:45 for 8:00pm

This year the AGM is to be on Thursday 5th September at 7:15 pm. Mary Ginger will be standing down after 17 years as Chairman and will then become the Club's President. It is hoped many members will be present to wish her well and thank her for her wonderful service to the Club. The Treasurer and Secretary will also be standing down. Nominations have been received for all three posts.

The speaker will then be Ms Katherine Crouch and her subject "New Tricks for Old Gardeners".



We are shortly going to be starting back for another academic year, with over 20 children in attendance. We have spent some of the summer holidays planning various activities for the forthcoming term, which I'm sure the children are going to enjoy. We'll let you more about these as the term progresses!

If you would like your child to attend in the coming years, please call Judy on 01823 491615 or pop in for a chat. We cater for children from 2 years until school age and work closely with the Primary School, offering wrap around care for the Preschool children from the age of 3.



BARN DANCING CLUB

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 4th September at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This will be the first one of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of approximately £20 will be collected, depending on how many members join! 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 £3 per session thereafter. Do come along and join in the fun! No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

Methodist Church in North Curry

The Harvest Festival at North Curry/Curland Methodist Church is on Sunday 22nd September at 11:00am.

The preacher is the Rev'd Robin Hutt.

All welcome.

Art in the Coffee Shop

September

The Summer Exhibition runs until 8th September. Don't forget to vote for your favourite piece of artwork - voting closes on 1st September.

Susan Lawrence will be exhibiting her work from 10th September to 20th October.

Sue trained as a botanical artist some time deep in the last century. For more than 20 years she has tramped the droves and combes of Somerset and certain views have become touchstones among Coleridge's "Luxury of Landscape".

She has thought (and talked about) the pictures she would paint one day and earlier this year her bluff was called. This small collection of oil paintings represent the first thrilling (for Susan) steps in her quest to record familiar but constantly changing views from the boundaries of North Curry along with smaller studies which celebrate the exquisite natural forms found on the Somerset Levels, "After the Flood".



Royal British Legion

The North Curry Branch of the Royal British Legion has a loyal band of collectors but inevitably numbers dwindle.

We need additional volunteers to help with the house to house collection in North Curry and the immediate area.

Duties are not arduous and involve approximately a couple of hours between the 26th October and the 9th November 2013.

If you are able to help with this worthwhile cause, please contact the local organiser, Don Bethune, at The Old Malthouse, Stoke Road or phone 01823 490179

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Monday 9th September at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.

PARISH CHURCH



Village Harvest Supper

Saturday 21st September 7:00pm for 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration of the gathering in of the Harvest. Bring your friends and your family for an excellent meal and pleasant company. Tickets are available from the Post Office £7 adults, £3 children under 12. Don't leave it too late!

Harvest Festival Celebration

Sunday 22nd September at 10:00am

Come and join our joyful praise as we celebrate our Harvest Festival with a Family Communion Service suitable for all ages.

The church will be decorated with flowers and produce beforehand, and children and adults are welcome to bring their offerings on the day. The collection will be donated to WaterAid.

Historic Painting Restored!

Thanks to very generous donations the old oil painting which some of you might remember propped up at the back of the church has been cleaned and restored. The picture shows King David playing a harp, flanked by angels and may have hung from a musicians gallery. We will be presenting the finished picture to anyone who is interested on Saturday 28th at midday prior to its hanging. Do come along and see it in all its glory.

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact
Michele Carter 490102

hallbookings@northcurry.com

Jubilee Singers

We're a small group (21 at last count) assembled by Nina Clark originally to sing at the Village Jubilee concert. We enjoyed ourselves so much we decided to continue. Since then we have sung at various coffee mornings and Daniel Fairfax's musical farewell concert.

As the group has grown, we've had to elect a committee and find a director; but we are still an informal and friendly group!

Local musician, Liz Hayley, has recently agreed to take us on with exciting plans for a February concert to bring together musical groups within the village, including the Jubilee Singers. She hopes to include her jazz trio and some community singing. We will also be singing 'in the square' at Christmas time.

We meet on a Monday evening at the Methodist Hall 7:30 – 9:30pm. As Liz can't make every Monday, she has booked in some Saturday workshops in the Village Hall too. The first workshop will be on 16th November.

Our repertoire will differ from that of the Village Choir, with a mix of short popular pieces, songs from shows, folk-songs etc. We do not have auditions and the doors are open to all. Subs are £30 from Sept to Feb for starters. Why not give us a try! We start again 16th September.

Why not come along to the Methodist Hall for a taster session in September? Or try the workshop in November?

For more info contact Helen Griffiths helenelizabethg@aol.com or Fran Hemmings franhemmings@hotmail.com

North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Our match away at Kingscliffe started as a disaster and after the first three matches North Curry was losing by 19 shots to 40. However after a sustaining cup of tea we were able to produce a much better second half, winning two of the matches and forcing a draw in the third. The final result was a win for Kingscliffe by a margin of only 5 shots, 56 to 51.

Burrowbridge on their home mats were our next opponents. We were only able to field 6 players so play was restricted to four Triples instead of the usual six. Burrowbridge mats were very fast and difficult to master and this was reflected in the final score. A win for Burrowbridge by 46 shots to 30.

To Modify or not to Modify?

It is still some weeks away but it will soon be here!

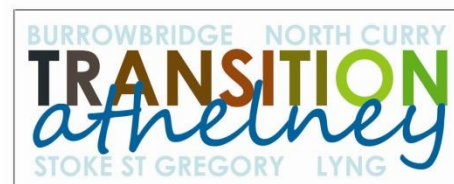
29th October is a date for your diary. We will be hosting a debate in North Curry Village Hall on the pros and cons of **Genetically Modified crops**, chaired by Professor **John Bryant**, cell biologist and bioethicist of Exeter University. We also have **Mick Fuller**, Professor of Plant Physiology from the University of Plymouth, and **Oliver Dowding**, organic farmer, who between them will ensure a lively and informative debate on the subject.

Whatever your stance on the role of such crops and the feeding of the 9 billion people who will populate the planet later this century there will be something for you to get your teeth into together with an opportunity to have your say.

It should prove to be very informative and lively. Put the date in your diaries now and keep it free.

Also at the end of October we are arranging apple juicing days when we'll have all the equipment to turn your surplus apples in to juice. (Last year we produced over 60 gallons of juice from several apple varieties from dessert to cider.) Do get in touch if you're interested.

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



towards a greener community

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.ncpavilion.co.uk or email pavilion@northcurry.com or call 07721 454593



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