



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

TDBC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS: A reminder that comments on the TDBC Site Allocation Plan "Preferred Options" are due in by 12th December. **MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO TAUNTON DEANE!**

VILLAGE DIARY – A new village diary has been placed in the Post Office to keep a record of all the events taking place in the village to ensure minimal overlap. If you are organising an event please enter it into the diary and, if you are looking for a free date, check in the diary.

LOCAL FLOOD AWARENESS – A flood awareness help sheet is available on the North Curry Website, hard copies may also be obtained from the Parish Office. You may also wish to note that, if you drive past a flood warning sign and your car subsequently breaks down in the flood water, your insurance may be negated.

WINTER DE-ICING – There will again be a limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material available for individuals to collect. These are for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow/ice. Please contact the Parish Clerk if interested.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – The Parish Council would like to congratulate Terry Sidley, who was awarded the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community. This was given in recognition of his contributions to local causes including the Community Stable, the Shandy Band and CATS (Curry Amateur Theatrical Society).

REFUSE COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD – Waste collections (including clinical waste) scheduled for 25th, 26th and 27th December will take place two days later than usual (i.e. 27th, 28th and 30th Dec). Waste collections scheduled for 1st, 2nd and 3rd January will take place one day later than usual (i.e. 2nd, 3rd and 4th January). All other collections will remain unchanged. Garden waste collections are suspended from 25th Dec and will resume on 8th Jan.

PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Wed 11th Council Meeting 7:30 pm
No Planning Meeting in December

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December, re-opening on Thursday 2nd January.

CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

The Produce Market

Saturday 7th December
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

With Christmas upon us come and stock up on mince pies, festive biscuits, chocolate gift bags, Christmas cakes and cards. North Curry Brewery will have some winter ales, as well as our usual stalls selling local produce. Come and browse, meet friends, have a drink or a late breakfast bacon buttie.



There is a blast from the past at this month's Winter Warmer on 14th December! *I'm Alright Jack* is a 1959 comedy satire by the Boulting Brothers starring Peter Sellers whose performance as Fred Kite won him a Best Actor Award. Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3pm. Members £2, non-members £5.

Another award winning film—this time an Oscar—will be shown on 11th December (note date!). *Searching for Sugarman* tells the true story of the search by two fans for legendary 70's musician Rodriguez and how they found far more than they hoped for! Doors open 7pm for a 7:30 start. Non-members £5. The film will be followed by an interesting presentation by Backpack Cinema! Come and see how a local charity is sponsoring film making and showing in remote areas of Africa. It's unbelievable!

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th December 10-12 noon

Once again the Christmas season really gets under way with the legendary Christmas Coffee Morning. As usual there will be mulled wine, mince pies and lots of stalls. We will be entertained by the Fiddling Folk

If you are a society or group that hire the hall and would like to publicise yourselves and what you do to the village please get in touch with Liz Gibbs on 490191 to book a table.



We wish all our readers the compliments of the season, along with wishes for good health and good weather in 2014.



GOOD NEWS!

You may not have heard of the food company called Garfield Weston but they have very generously donated £1,000 toward our cloakroom refurbishment! With a little more fundraising therefore we should be able to start work on the gent's toilets in the New Year!

Also on the subject of grants, Clarks, the shoe people, have generous grants to give to places in Somerset with a local connection with Clarks. Now in the past there were factories at Bridgwater and Ilminster and even I believe at Westonzoyland but not here. Apparently we would be eligible to apply if we have people living here with a connection with Clarks now or in the past. Is this you or somebody in your family? If so I'd be delighted to hear from you!

Liz Gibbs on 490191 or
lizgibbs@btinternet.com



A social evening with a difference!



The Society will conclude another successful year of talks and events with a social evening on 18th December, enlivened by Keith Gibbs taking us into the fantastic world of physics.

He is promising lots of fun as he demonstrates informative and interesting experiments he has perfected over the last forty years. These include a light sabre, a spinning jelly, a wolf whistling rodent, male-female balancing, rising tea bags, Barbie and the Van de Graaff, an electric toothbrush wave machine and a spinning coat hanger to name but a few. Keith is expecting plenty of audience participation. He says the success of his talk depends on it – so don't be shy!

Have a glass of wine and seasonal refreshments too.

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 for the year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. Whether you are a visitor, new to the society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS is nearly here!

Are you in a panic?

Do you need more

Christmas Cards – Wrapping Paper

Decorations – Presents

Cake – Shortbread – etc?

Please come and support our stall at

THE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

This important social event is on

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10am – 12 noon

(in the village hall of course!)

All the above items will be on sale plus many more gifts and surprises. Save the Children aid workers were already working in **SYRIA, KENYA** and the **PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** when the recent disasters struck these countries. They were there on the spot, knew who to contact and were invaluable in responding quickly to help where needed.

**PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THEM
TO HELP THE CHILDREN
EVERYWHERE**

FOR THE PHILIPPINE HURRICANE DISASTER



Barbara Drakeford would like
to invite you

to

A CUPPA and CUPCAKE

Tuesday December 3rd

between 3pm and 5pm

at

Chorlton, Lillesdon,
North Curry

Minimum donation £2.50

Small amount of parking available

Please come and have a drink and a homemade cake to raise money to help with the relief effort following the hurricane. All proceeds will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

You will be very welcome.

North Curry Village Show

The North Curry Village Show committee wish to thank everyone for their support in 2013, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2014

Dates for your diary for 2014 are: The Great Marmalade Sale, to be held in The Pavilion (Greenway) starting at 2:30pm on Saturday 15th February; and the Village Show, which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th August.



North Curry Football Club

Have a youngster with energy to burn?

Did you know that North Curry FC now have two junior teams u/8 & u/9's and are always looking for more children from the local area. Interested; then please contact Shawn Sutton on 01823 491086 for more details.

For information and details on what all the North Curry FC teams are up to then please look on our face book page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Curry-Football-Club/141360965950258>

On Boxing Day this year we will see the annual running of the Dan Boddy Memorial Cup where the Cricket Team will take on North Curry FC. Kick off will be at 10:45 with Hot and Cold drinks being served and of course Bacon Butties!

At the time of writing the Sunday Team are joint top of their division along with DB United. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday League team to help towards referee costs etc. then please contact Richard Perry on 07786 579410, it costs the club around £30 for every home game and any contributions are gratefully received.

Carols in the Square 6pm Monday 16th December

Come and start the Christmas Season by singing Carols together in the candlelit Queen Square Garden.

Wrap up warmly and bring a torch or lantern. Carol sheets will be provided.

All welcome.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 4th December at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. Being December we'll have a Christmas theme, bringing a plate of food plus anything frivolous or decorative to wear.

This will be the fourth of our new year and there's still opportunity to sign up for a year's membership for £20. 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! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed.

Please note that in January we will be gathering on the second Wednesday, the 8th.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners' Club

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

At the December meeting the Speaker will be Ms Angie Blackwell who will demonstrate "Xmas Flowers for the Home".

Please note that there is NOT a meeting in January.

Visitors are always welcome.



THE MUMMERS BOXING DAY 26th DECEMBER

12 noon
The Rising Sun
KNAPP

1:00pm
The Square
NORTH CURRY



Royal British Legion

The Big Night is Bingo Night on Saturday 14th December! So come along and enjoy yourself and perhaps win a prize!

There will be the usual Grand Raffle plus tea or coffee at the interval. Members are once again asked to donate raffle prizes.

Doors open at 7:00pm and it's eyes down at 7:30pm. See you there!

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



North Curry W.I.

There is no speaker for our meeting on 4th December since it is our "No Expense Spared" Xmas Party. This promises to be a great start to the festive season, with plenty of food, fun, laughter and... party poppers, so do try and join us. As always donations for the food bank will be most welcome.

Other dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th December: WELLS CAROL FESTIVAL

The coach will leave the PO at 9:30am and should be back in the village at approximately 5:30pm.

Saturday 14th December: VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

10:00 -12:00. We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies, so please let a committee member know if you are able to help at this event.

Thursday 19th December: GROUP CAROL CONCERT

Creech St Michael parish church,
2:30pm.

Saturday 18th January: JUMBLE SALE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

10:00 – 12:00 Volunteers most welcome.

A reminder that January's meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, not the first, so will be held on Wednesday 8th January at 2:00pm.

North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert 2013

North Curry Parish Church

Christmas Oratorio Bach (excerpts)

and a variety of other

Christmas music including carols

Thursday 12th December 7:30pm



Light refreshments

Tickets will be available nearer the time from North Curry village shop, members of the choir or at the door.

Instructions for use of the defibrillator (AED) in the case of cardiac arrest

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is a machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart when someone is having a cardiac arrest. It can be used by anybody, training is not necessary, as the AED will diagnose whether a shock is needed, and then guide you through the process. The AED is located in a blue cabinet, next to the telephone box outside the Post Office. The cabinet is not locked and can be accessed at any time. Don't forget to call for an ambulance first so that it can be on the way while you use the AED.

1. Open the cabinet by twisting the black handle and lift the AED case out. It is portable and can be taken to where the patient is.
2. The AED is a large blue and yellow machine, which is released by opening the case and unclipping the two side straps. (The smaller pouch has a first aid kit with scissors for cutting open clothing, as the chest of the patient must be bare.)
3. Lift the AED out of the case and open the plastic cover.
4. When the plastic cover is opened the voice prompt will speak and tell you what to do. Follow the instructions given.
5. The patient must be on the floor, as CPR will be needed, even when the AED is used.

After the AED is used, please notify the Parish Council as soon as reasonably possible so it can be checked and made ready for use again.

North Curry C of E Primary School
Christmas Fayre
 Friday 6th December
 6:00 – 8:00pm

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening full of festive cheer. Come and meet Santa in his grotto, enjoy a hog roast, a glass of mulled wine and find that extra gift or two. There is something for everyone! If anyone wishes to run a stall, please contact Helen on 490500

All welcome - Free entry

North Curry Short Mat Bowls Club

Our match against Rockwell Green resulted in one of our best wins of the year, but unfortunately on their home mats, both Trull and Staplegrove were too strong for us.

Our AGM was held on 29th October when the Chairman thanked all those involved in the running of the Club, which is acknowledged to be one of the best organized, and the Treasurer reported finances in a strong position with a positive outlook for the next 25 years. The Match Secretary advised that the Club had played a total of 21 matches over the Club year ended 30th September, winning 11. We also competed in ten Tournaments winning the Bradford on Tone South West Hospice matches for the fourth year running.

We will be hosting a Table at the Village Hall Coffee Morning on 14th December when members will be available to chat to anyone interested in joining the Club. Unfortunately there will be inadequate space to offer a demonstration but, nevertheless we hope to be able to encourage the visitors to HAVE A GO at a later date. See you there!



With the festive season almost upon us, the children are becoming very excited! We have had lots of fun and laughter making personalised presents for their parents. A Christmas Party, with lots of nice food and games, has been arranged on Thursday 19 December where a very special person will be dropping in!

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.

North Curry Village Hall
 Secretary: Joan Gubbin
 phone 490201
 To hire the hall contact
 Michele Carter 490102
hallbookings@northcurry.com

Christmas in the Square

Continuing the tradition of the village getting together just before Christmas, the 10th year!

Sunday 15th December 4:00 – 6:00pm

Festive fun for all ages

Christmas Tree in the Square, with switching on of the lights by Belinda Stewart Wilson (Polly McKenzie) of The Inbetweeners.

Music by The Big Noise back by popular request and Phrank Whittle

Carols by North Curry Jubilee Singers

Children's Games

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,

'Rhum au Chocolat'

and Raffle

Father Christmas, if we are all very good



Any proceeds divided between, Pavilion and the Post Office chosen charity; The Conquest Centre (Riding for the Disabled)

www.ncpavilion.co.uk

Do you have a pop up gazebo that you would be able to lend us for the afternoon; we are looking for two. Or would you like to help on one of the stands for 30 minutes or so; we would welcome the help, contact Andy 07771 748 518 or see Alison in the Post Office

NORTH CURRY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Invite you to join us in our

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December 2013 at 6:30pm

Speaker: Tony Davis

The service will be followed by light refreshments with mince pies, etc. which you are warmly invited to share with us.

There will also be a short morning service on

CHRISTMAS DAY at 10:30am

and we welcome everyone wishing to join us

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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