



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** As Parishioners have not requested an election to fill the vacant Councillor post, it will be filled by co-option at the August Parish Council meeting. Do you have a bit of spare time and fancy becoming more involved in what's going on in the Parish? If so, why not put yourself forward to be the new Councillor? To be considered for the Councillor vacancy just forward your details, together with your reasons for applying, to the Parish Office by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT:** For those Parishioners who are wondering what the latest news is on the plans for new housing in the village, there will be a special planning newsletter in the August pink sheet. This will set out the current state of play, the timetable for decisions by the key Taunton Deane committees and what you can do to help the Parish Council try to restrict the number of new houses proposed for the village. At the present time there is little we can do to influence the process.

**PREPARING FOR A POWER CUT OR EMERGENCY:** Western Power have provided the Parish Council with an example "power cut pack" showing what it considers should be kept handy in case of a power cut, this includes; an analogue telephone (digital cordless phones won't work without power), a torch with batteries, a powerbank for charging essential items like mobile phones), a rechargeable radio, a foil blanket and a reusable hand warmer. All the items are readily available on the high street and you may want to consider preparing your own pack. If you would like to take a look at the sample pack please call in to the Parish Office. It is also recommended to use a surge protector plug on sensitive electrical equipment (e.g. computers) and to make sure any work on your computer is backed up regularly. Also, make sure any medical equipment you have at home has a battery back-up and, if you have a mains operated stair lift, check if there is a manual release handle that can be used to return the stair lift safely to ground level if it stops working.

Don't forget there is also a Flood Awareness sheet on the North Curry website (go to the Parish Council tab and then click on "Flood Warden") which gives flood advice and details of relevant emergency contacts.

**PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR JULY:** Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

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

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

## The Produce Market

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

A slight dip in takings this month but the atmosphere was good and certainly the kitchen did well as they ran out of bacon for the butties! A note has been made to increase quantity for the July market! Many thanks to Di and Lorraine for standing in for Kate while she is away. Our stallholders hope to see lots of you this coming month.

*See you there!*



## Christian Aid Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated (both money and cakes/raffle prizes), set up the Methodist Chapel, made and served refreshments, hung the bunting, delivered envelopes and came to the event. This year we raised the truly marvellous sum of

**£727!**

We were blessed with fine weather and privileged to be able to use the Chapel garden for this joint occasion hosted by the parish church and the Methodist chapel.

A wonderful result!



The next film will be shown on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. **Shadow Dancer** is a film set in Northern Ireland during the Troubles and focuses on the dilemma of a young mother who has to choose between her brothers, both hard-line IRA members, or her young son. Don't forget that if you are not a member you can still come and enjoy the evening for a mere £5.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)



## ANNUAL PARISH FOOTPATH WALK Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Join members of the North Curry Society on their annual walk along some of the lovely footpaths through the parish. The floods have receded and the Levels are looking glorious again. Whether you are a visitor, new to the village or Society, already a member, or a well behaved dog, we look forward to welcoming you! Start point is the Village Hall car park at 7pm. Stout footwear essential; anyone joining the walk does so entirely at their own risk.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – **Coffee Morning** from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Old Malthouse, Stoke Road, courtesy of Sue and Don Bethune. Cakes, plant sale and raffle, and entertainment by Fiddlin' Folk.

28<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August – **Lest We Forget** exhibition in the Church, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War. Opens 5pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July; thereafter 9:30am to 6:30pm daily.

## Tone Dance

Tone Dance are hosting a **Lift your Spirits Dance Bash** that aims to unite people from rural villages at one big fun event - we would love to see you there!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm to 11pm  
Refreshments & Bar**

Lots of different dance styles, featuring STEP in TIME dance leader Martyn Knight & Cabaret slots from Tone Dance & guests

**at North Curry Village Hall**

Tickets £10, includes tasty snacks, available from North Curry & Stoke St Gregory Village shops or Contact Joanne on 01823 491083

For more information on the workshops, how to join Tone dance please visit [www.danceandtheatre.comersnet.net/tone-dance-company](http://www.danceandtheatre.comersnet.net/tone-dance-company) or call Joanne 01823 491083

## Plan of Services in the Methodist Church

### July

6<sup>th</sup> Mrs Gillian Flick  
13<sup>th</sup> Mrs Glenys Allinson  
20<sup>th</sup> Mr Rodney Jones  
27<sup>th</sup> Revd. Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)

### August

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Ken Pile  
10<sup>th</sup> Mr Edward Hosken  
17<sup>th</sup> Mr David Clitheroe  
24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Jenny Sleep  
31<sup>st</sup> Revd. Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)  
All services commence at 11am except those highlighted.

## Transition Athelney

One of the world's top scientists in the field of solar power will be speaking at Transition Athelney's renewable energy fair this autumn.

Prof. Keith Barnham has just published a book *The Burning Answer*, in which he makes some compelling points about recent breakthroughs and the future potential of solar. For anyone who understands that our future largely hinges on weaning ourselves off fossil fuels, but is concerned about the alternatives, this talk is a must. Barnham demonstrates that we have the means to hand for a sustainable future, but when it comes to policy and implementation, he offers some thought-provoking comparisons between this country and elsewhere. And he explains why we don't have to cover all our fields with solar farms!

So do put the date in your diary now – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The renewable energy fair will include many other attractions, which will be announced in due course.



*towards a greener community*

*North Curry C of E School*  
**SUMMER  
FAYRE**  
*Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
6 - 8 pm*

*Hog Roast, Bar & BBQ, Raffle  
prize draw bouncy castle, stalls  
and games... and lots more!*

*Come and support your local school.  
All welcome!*

## White Street Sports Ground Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Would like to present a day of two halves!

Following a wedding on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> we have been kindly allowed the use of the Marquee on the Sunday and so....

**First Half** – 3pm until 4:30pm traditional cream teas served in a beautiful marquee. China gently clinking, scones piled high with cream and jam. £2.50 per cream tea.

**Second Half** – 7pm until 11pm Live coverage of the football world cup final! The bar will be open and snacks will be available. Sports bar atmosphere, ear plugs might be needed!

While there will be no charge to attend the football an idea of numbers would make catering and sorting seating a lot easier. Could you ring/email numbers in your party? Michele Olie 490276 or [michele@monksleigh.com](mailto:michele@monksleigh.com)

## Holiday Bible Club

To be run by  
**North Curry Independent Baptist Church**  
from  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
at  
**The Pavilion, Greenway, North Curry**  
from  
**10:00am - 12:00 noon each day**

All children aged 7-11 years are welcome to attend. There will be games, stories, craft, quizzes and light refreshments.

Please book a place for your child by contacting: **Sylvia Foxwell on 01823 283940 or Mairi Wandless on 01823 490104.**

A reminder for your diary:

**5<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in the  
Parish Church**

**STEPHEN BELL**

Will be giving an organ recital including  
music by **Bach and Lefebvre-Waly**

with additions from

**The Jubilee Choir, The Village Choir  
and The Church Choir** whose  
contributions will range from Vivaldi, via  
Spirituals, to modern day pieces.

**A bar will be available, with free nibbles**

No tickets required, come and enjoy an  
evening of music; just give a donation  
at the end to the Somerset Community  
flood Relief Fund.



## North Curry Football Club

During the close season we have had  
some exciting developments at NCFC  
with the launch of a new team in the  
Taunton Saturday League Division 5.  
We are looking for local players aged  
between 16 and 45 who would like to  
play football within the village. Both the  
Saturday and Sunday teams are  
always looking for additional players so  
if you are interested then please come  
along to one of the training sessions on  
Monday evenings starting at 7:00pm  
from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The  
training sessions will be held at White  
Streets Sports Ground.

If anyone is interested or if you have  
any queries then please contact the  
following: Richard Perry Team Manager  
Sunday 07786579410; Pete Attwood  
Team Manager Saturday 07590443370

For any future updates these can be  
found on the North Curry Football Club  
Facebook page.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

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

## Big Bash

The annual "Big Bash" at White Street  
Sports Ground will be taking place this  
year on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August (bank  
holiday weekend). This event has  
become a real part of North Curry life  
over the past five years and not only  
does it raise very important funds to  
keep the fabulous facility we have at  
White Street going but it also provides  
a great night for all ages to get together  
and let their hair down. There will be  
the usual marquee, hog roast and bar  
and live music will again be provided by  
"Soul Solution" after the fantastic  
reaction we have had to them for the  
last two years.

Tickets remain £15, to include the Hog  
Roast, if bought in advance. There will  
be a limited number of tickets on the  
door but these will be priced at £20 so  
make sure you get your tickets early.  
Tickets available from The Post Office,  
Midge 491278 or Rich Perry 490089.

### **NORTH CURRY SOCIETY and North Curry Archives**

### **LEST WE FORGET**

An exhibition in the Parish Church to  
commemorate the outbreak of the First  
World War in 1914 – how North Curry  
residents were affected

**Opening 5pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
by Brig. Geoffrey Durrant  
**thereafter 9:30am to 6:30pm daily**  
**until 5<sup>th</sup> August**



### **North Curry Amateur Gardeners**

An evening outing has been arranged  
to visit the Walled Garden at  
Cannington on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The  
coach will leave Stoke St Gregory at  
4:15pm and The Pavement at North  
Curry at 4:30pm. The cost is £21 which  
includes entrance fee, coach fare,  
gratuities and a carvery supper at The  
Malt Shovel, Cannington (with  
vegetarian option)

Please contact Mary Earley on 490769  
for further details.

The next meeting at North Curry  
Pavilion will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September.



The children had an exciting start to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> half of their Summer Term with a  
trip to the Williams Hall at Stoke St  
Gregory to watch a dance and theatre  
performance especially designed for  
Early Years children.

We've also been having a great time  
learning all about the different  
creatures that we find living beneath  
the sea. Our topic 'Animals Under the  
Sea' will be culminating in an exciting  
adventure to SeaQuarium at Weston-  
Super-Mare, where the children will be  
having an interactive discovery  
session, holding and examining some  
of the creatures living in, on and around  
our coastline. We're also looking  
forward to a picnic on the beach;  
fingers crossed for a sunny day!

The children have been having a  
wonderful time in our outside areas  
playing with some new equipment that  
we have purchased using some of the  
money raised through our May raffle.  
We are also continuing to enjoy our  
escapades to the Willows and  
Wetlands Centre for our weekly Forest  
School sessions.

As our year at Little Acorns draws to a  
close, we will be having a summer  
party to celebrate the children's  
successes and to say goodbye to our  
leavers. 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.

### **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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)  
or call 07721 454593



<http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>



## Royal British Legion

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

Members are especially requested to attend as there are some important decisions to make.

### **PARKING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:**

The Parochial Church Council realise that not everyone is able to walk to church and hope you find a place to park reasonably close. However, do remember to leave space for the Vicar: there are four parishes in the benefice to get round and not just at service times. Also be aware of other people living nearby; please don't block their drives or park on soft verges (which are still recovering from the winter) and leave room for emergency vehicles to get through.

Your consideration is appreciated.



## **AUCTION OF PROMISES UPDATE!**

Following our financially successful Auction a few items remain available and as they are in some cases valuable and in each case desirable the Village Hall Committee feel that it would be a good idea to open these lots to bidding by sealed bids!

1. Four Premier admission tickets to Exeter Racecourse for any race during the 2014 season excluding 04.11.14.
2. Drafting of Lasting Power of Attorney for property and financial affairs for two people (offered as one lot). Normal charges for a married/cohabiting couple is £500-£600+VAT. The successful bidder would however still have to pay the Court of Protection registration fees. Kindly donated by Clark Willmott of Taunton.
3. Various items of country clothing by Wayne's Wear Ltd.
4. Four hours of babysitting by a qualified nanny.
5. Two adults & two children admission tickets to Hestercombe Gardens.
6. Two hours physics lessons (to be claimed at any time in the school year)
7. One basket of ironing.
8. 16 oz. of cream spun wool for knitting.
9. Four hours of babysitting by retired teacher.

Sealed bids to Denise Walker at Manchester House in the Square by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July please!

All the money raised will go towards making the Ladies Cloakroom at the Village Hall as lovely as the Gents'... visit it and see!