

# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATION:** Enclosed is a questionnaire seeking your views on possible road safety improvements within the village. Have your say and let the Parish Council know what improvements you consider would be most beneficial. Just fill in the form and return it to the Parish Office.

**NORTH CURRY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – Clarification of Knapp Lane site:** It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that the area shown for the Knapp Lane site in last month's development update could have been misleading as it did not show the potential full extent of the site. A revised plan detailing the full site can be viewed on the North Curry website or on the Parish notice board.

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor so why not put yourself forward and give it a try. You would only be committing yourself for 8 months as all Parish Councillor posts will be renewed at the elections in May 2015. Contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

**OXEN LANE UPDATE:** Following a meeting with representatives from TDBC the Parish Council has been reassured that the existing injunction on the field at Oxen Lane provides the maximum available protection and will run in perpetuity. If you would like to see further detail of this meeting please contact the Parish Clerk.

**COFFEE SHOP DONATION:** Grateful thanks are sent to the Coffee Shop and the volunteer who kindly nominated Queen Square Garden to receive their portion of the surplus profits.

**SUPERFAST BROADBAND UPDATE!** Connecting Devon & Somerset recently launched a new website which now gives information on superfast broadband provision based on your postcode. It can be accessed at [www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk)

**DISEASE RISK TO CATTLE FROM DOG WASTE:** Neospora is a disease affecting cattle that can be carried by dogs and passed to cattle through dog faeces. It is the most commonly diagnosed cause of abortion in cattle and is a serious concern for farmers. **PLEASE remember to bag and bin all your dog's faeces, even when walking in fields.**

**DON'T FORGET TO CUT BACK YOUR HEDGES:** If you've not already done so, please could all owners of hedges abutting the highway ensure they are cut back. Overgrown hedges reduce road width and visibility, especially for people crossing the road or vehicles turning.

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

Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	8:00 pm

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

## North Curry W.I.

July saw the annual W.I. outing. This year a coach full of members with partners and their friends went to Lynton and Lynmouth on what was a glorious summer's day. On the way home we were invited to join Brompton Regis W.I. for afternoon tea rounding off an enjoyable trip.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned for the next year beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a talk about the work of the Charity Commission. The monthly competition is a holiday souvenir while donations to the food bank continue.

The fashion show with carvery supper is at the Oake Manor Golf Club on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

North Curry W.I. has had a fun and successful year with interesting speakers and tackling various challenges. We won both the county skittle and kurling titles. Our skittle champions were challenged to defend our title by the trustees of the County W.I. and a friendly and enjoyable match was held in the Winchester Arms, Taunton with North Curry retaining their title. Our quiz team had success winning the quiz competition while at group level we won the poetry competition to bring home the cup.

We welcome new members and meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the village hall at 2pm



Programmes for the 2014-15 season of films are now in the Coffee Shop. On 24<sup>th</sup> September, the season begins with Stephen Frears' film, *Philomena* starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan; a moving film about a mother's search for her baby given up for adoption. The annual subscription is £25 for 12 films – just over £2 a film and we do need at least 60 members to make sure we can afford the film licences so please re-join. As before the doors and licensed bar open for members at 7pm and guests paying £5 are welcome to attend from 7:15pm.

### *The Produce Market*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 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!*



## North Curry Orchestra

(The Shandy Band)

MEETING EVERY FORTNIGHT



Starting

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Meeting at 11am  
for 90 minutes**

We would be delighted to see new musicians.

There are ten musicians who come together to play classical and folk music.

Please come and join us. Even if you just wish to listen for a few rehearsals whilst considering whether to join us, that's fine.

The orchestra is ideal for the first step into, or back into, orchestral playing.

Tim Hill, our musical director, arranges the music to suit the abilities of the musicians playing.

Dates for this term are

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept; 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Oct; 9<sup>th</sup> Nov and (3 weeks later) 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Further information is available on the village website.

We look forward to meeting you.

Contact number: - 490962



### Dance school news:

My name is Libby Hanley and it is very exciting that I will now be Principal of the fantastic local dance school that runs at the Village Hall. I hope to continue and build on the wonderful work already begun, now that the school is under my guidance. The school is called Dragonflies Dance at North Curry. We will be offering classes from age 3 to adults in Ballet, Modern and Tap, with new classes and special events to come. Visit our website for more information [www.dragonfliesdance.co.uk](http://www.dragonfliesdance.co.uk) or send us an email for more information [dragonfliesdance@outlook.com](mailto:dragonfliesdance@outlook.com)

Best wishes, Libby Hanley



## North Curry Amateur Gardeners

After the summer recess the next meeting will take place at North Curry Playing Field Pavilion on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7:45 for 8pm

The Speaker will be Mr Dave Moon and his lecture will be "NHS Gardens of Somerset"

Members are reminded that the AGM will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Visitors are always welcome so do come along and exchange tips over a cup of coffee.



## The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Bird in Hand, starting at 7:30pm.



### BARN DANCING CLUB

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 £3.50 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.

### The Light Car Patrols 1916-19

Russell McGuirk comes to North Curry Society on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September (8pm in the Village Hall) to tell us about the Light Car Patrols that played such an important role in the North Africa campaigns. With Captain Claud H. Williams, Russell has published a paperback about war and exploration in Egypt and Libya with the Model T Ford. Claud Williams' memoir tells, first-hand, what it was like to be a Light Car Patrol commander during the First World War, while Russell McGuirk's commentary provides the historical background to the formation of the Patrols and follows their activities from the British raid on Siwa Oasis to desert exploration and survey work and the Kufra Reconnaissance Scheme. Russell's talk will provide a fascinating and informative picture of the iconic Tin Lizzie as an unsung hero of the desert. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

### Lest we forget

The joint NCS and North Curry Archives exhibition about how North Curry fared in the First World War closed mid-August after an extended run to let more people see it (and let people see more of it, as they discovered there was more than they could take in on a single visit). The displays have gone back into the Archives but if the exhibition jogged your memory, Betty Koppa and her team are usually in the loft above the Community Coffee shop most days except Mondays and will be pleased to chat with you and photocopy any documents you can bring.

### White Street 200 Club Draw

White Street 200 Club winners for July were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Jessica Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	Freda Perry
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10	Maria Perry (not present at the draw!)

Just a few numbers left! £12 per number for the year; all profits go to White Street Sports ground. Contact either Michele Olie 490276, [michele@monksleigh.com](mailto:michele@monksleigh.com) or Maria Perry 491095 [merperry@btinternet.com](mailto:merperry@btinternet.com)



## North Curry Community Coffee Shop

Why not think about volunteering? Come and join us, meet people, have fun and raise money for your favourite charity and local community projects at the same time.

Since 2006 we have donated over £85,000. The primary school, playing fields, Little Acorns and Village Hall are just some of the many organisations that have received grants to help improve facilities for our community.

Do as many or as few hours as you can, at a time to suit you.

Nominate a charity to benefit from the time you give.

We are open 7 hours a day, 6 days a week

Want to know more?

Just call into the coffee shop, speak to a volunteer and pick up a leaflet.

Or call the volunteer co-ordinator, Janet Bennett on 01823 490057

## Fruits of Athelney

In November we are arranging apple juicing days in Stoke St Gregory village hall when we'll have all the equipment to turn your surplus apples into juice. (Last year we had 19 participants and produced nearly 650 bottles, some of which we have sold through the Post Office and in the Coffee Shop, plus 27 gallons of juice for wine and cider from several apple varieties from dessert to cider.) Do get in touch if you think you'll have apples to process and would like to join in.

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email [ta@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:ta@bkjeanes.co.uk)

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**Think: Save the Children**

**Think: Grand Christmas card Sale**

**Think: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Please enter above thoughts in/on your diary/calendar...

Full details: October Pink Sheet.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Sorry to mention Christmas this early but the first shoe is filled and ready for our usual collection of gift filled shoe boxes, well done to Maureen Leach. These boxes bring joy to children who otherwise would have no presents at Christmas. Collection date will be announced later but probably November. Now is a good time to start collecting little gifts to go inside, either for a boy or a girl more information from Ralph Roberts 490933.

## Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Please come and join us at

Edgeways,  
2, The Pavement,  
North Curry  
TA3 6LU

on

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**10 - Noon**

Bring and buy, cakes, produce, bric-a-brac

## Renewable Energy Fair

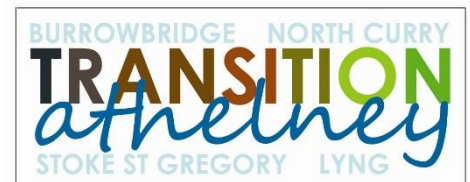
The pieces are all connecting well for the renewable energy fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Through talks and displays, we will illustrate what's possible for households, communities and at a national level. We're excited to announce that there will also be a demonstration of how a local business is thriving on sustainable principles, using green energy.

For anyone who's tempted to think that clean energy is a dull subject, why not check out the Tesla all-electric sports car or the electric bike which will be on display?

This event is not to be missed. Doors open at the **Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory, at 1:15pm** (refreshments available). Talks start at 2pm.

The message is: Save energy, go green, protect the future, have fun!

Contact: [Adrian\\_tait@btinternet.com](mailto:Adrian_tait@btinternet.com)



towards a greener community

### North Curry Village Choir

We will be starting the new session of rehearsals on

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00 pm**

in the

**North Curry Village Hall**

Our Christmas concert will be on

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

and will include

**Vaughan Williams Ceremony of Carols**

**As well as other Christmas music and carols for all**

We welcome both new and current members. Do come along and enjoy the singing.

Contact: Keith Gibbs 01823 490191

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Joan Gubbin  
phone 490201

To hire the hall contact  
Michele Carter 490102

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

### 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>

## ADVENT FAIR ADVANCED NOTICE

There is a change this year to annual Advent Fair which is normally held during Advent. This year it is booked for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November which is not in Advent so instead the parish church is holding an AUTUMN BAZAAR in the village hall, 10am – 12 noon.

If you have an idea for a stall and would like to organize it to raise funds for the church please contact: Ralph or Kate Roberts 490933. We already have the usual stalls promised i.e. cakes, bottle stall, chocolate tombola, bric-a-brac and raffle. But the more the merrier so ideas welcome.



### Jubilee Singers Workshop

North Curry Village Hall  
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2014  
10:00am to 12:30pm

The workshop will be led by our conductor Elaine Thorneycroft-Gibb and will include vocal coaching and the chance to learn some new songs. Everyone is welcome, no experience is necessary and you do not need to be able to read music.

All music will be provided. Cost £5.00.

If you can pre-register this would be helpful to give us an idea of numbers but if you want to just turn up on the day you are most welcome.

We have a wide ranging repertoire singing everything from John Rutter to John Denver and we meet regularly on a Monday. If you cannot attend this workshop but are interested in joining this friendly group please contact us for further details.

For more information contact:  
Gill on 01823 490812 or Fran on 01823 491473

Email: [ncjubileesingers@gmail.com](mailto:ncjubileesingers@gmail.com)

### Methodist Preaching Dates

Here are the planned Methodist preaching dates to November:

#### September

- 7<sup>th</sup> Mr David Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Ken Pile
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Jenny Sleep

#### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs Glenys Allinson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk 3:00pm (Harvest Festival)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mrs Margaret Wood
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)

#### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Gillian Flick
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Rob Blackhall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rev'd Deborah Kirk (Holy Communion)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Merlyn Brown