

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Mark Langford who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

NEW E-LETTER SERVICE: A new E-Letter service has been set up to pro-actively keep you informed of urgent items that don't fit into the newsletter printing timescale and wider items of general interest. (The E-letter will in no way replace the Pink Sheet which will continue to cover social & community news & local items of interest.) **To find out more and to sign up go to NorthCurry.com or you can sign up directly by sending your name & Post Code to e-letter@northcurry.com.**

SAVE OUR SATURDAY BUS! SCC are consulting on the proposal to cut concessionary fares and bus services including the no. 51 Saturday service – have your say at: www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation.

WINTER DE-ICING: There are a limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material available for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow or ice. If interested call the Parish Clerk.

WELCOME DIRECTORY BUS AMENDMENT: Please note that there is also a 09:56 bus service from North Curry to Taunton.

TRACTOR SURVEY: Many thanks for returning your completed tractor survey forms, these will be used to support our discussions with farmers, contractors, Highways and Avon & Somerset Police.

BE ON YOUR GUARD!! With the dark nights incidents of outhouse break-ins have increased. Please secure property and report suspicious behaviour to the Police.

FASTER BROADBAND: Please note that, according to the "Connecting Devon and Somerset" website, cabinets serving the majority of North Curry, Wrantage and some of Knapp are now live and higher speed connections should be available from your internet service provider.

DOG WASTE: Despite the provision of dog waste bins a small number of owners continue to ignore their responsibilities regarding dog waste. Lately this has been particularly noticeable on the footpath across the field opposite Portmans and on the grass verge in Church Road. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR DOG AND CLEAR UP AFTER IT, BINS ARE NOT FAR AWAY!**

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL PHONE NUMBER: Don't forget SCC's new phone number is 0300 123 2224.

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

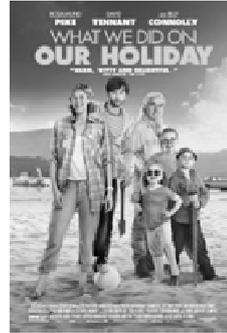
Wed 9th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

No Planning Meeting in December

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

Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to the annual Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning at 10am on Saturday 12th December where you will be able to buy the last minute Christmas presents, listen to some music and sample some mulled wine whilst eating a minced pie.



The December film will be shown on December 9th NOT 6th as in your programme. It is a comedy in the best English tradition starring Rosamund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly and written by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin. A lovely way to start the Christmas season

The doors and licensed bar open for members at 7pm and guests paying £5 are welcome to attend from 7:15pm.

Full details of our programme, with trailers for the films, can be found on our website www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

The Produce Market

Saturday 5th December
9:30-11:30 in the Village Hall

Come and stock up for Christmas – cards, gifts, food treats, special drinks as well as the staple items of meat, bread, vegetables and preserves – all locally produced. We hope you will support our regular stallholders and enjoy a coffee with friends.

See you there!

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Saturday 23rd January 2016

Come and enjoy a traditional four course meal plus coffee.

Join in the entertainment!

All profits will go towards re-surfacing the Village Hall car park.

Tickets from Di Keyzar 490363 or Jenny Satchwell 490463 at £20.00 per person.

Tables of eight, so bring your friends.

Scottish themed Raffle and Licensed Bar.



A Christmas social evening with a difference!



Get ready for a truly magical Christmas at the North Curry Society's annual social evening in the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 16th December. Magician Nigel Ford will entertain us to amaze and delight the audience. We are sure it will be an evening to remember!

There will be wine and seasonal refreshments too, free for members. Visitors and non-members are most welcome for a modest fee of £2. We look forward to seeing you there.

North Curry Bridge Club

For your NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION this time, why not join a new group? The North Curry Bridge Club meets every Friday morning, 10:00-12:00, at the Village Hall, for a friendly game of bridge. No membership fee - just £2 each week you attend, to cover refreshments and prizes. Players of all standards are welcome - beginners included. To find out more, why not come along next Friday morning? Or call our group leader, Terry Finn, on 01823 490155.

Youth Football

This autumn White Street is a hive of activity with more youth teams than ever before playing football.

North Curry Football Club is running teams for under 8s, under 9s, under 10s and under 11s. If your son or daughter would like to get involved, please get in touch:

Shawn Sutton, Chairman and Youth Coach: 07828 712086;
shawnsutton@btinternet.com

Paul Thomas, Youth Development Officer: 01823 491118/07791 092163;
paulthomas06@btinternet.com

Carols in the Square

We shall be meeting at 6pm on Monday 21st December in Queen Square Gardens to celebrate the start of Christmas week. Wrap up warm and bring a torch or lantern. All ages welcome and carol sheets are provided.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club is now full with 30 members and two on the reserve list. Not surprising when one of our recent meals was hand raised chicken and ham pie followed by chocolate roulade and real fresh raspberry juice. Yummy. The guest speaker on that occasion was fortunate to coincide with the cash refund for the Waverley trip from Ilfracombe so raised the excellent sum of £99.97 for the Children's Hospice. We're rather proud of that. Speakers are always welcome and sought after: a free lunch is offered in return - some say the best in the village. Please contact Dave Patten on 490782.



North Curry W.I.

Our December meeting on the 2nd of the month is one we look forward to as we begin our celebrations for the festive season with a special Christmas tea and entertainment by the Avalonian Free State Choir.

The following day several members are attending a workshop at the Willows and Wetlands Centre where Emma Duke, famous for her beautiful driftwood sculptures, will be helping us to produce Christmas decorations of our own.

On 9th December we travel to Wells, enjoying a Christmas lunch before joining other WI's throughout Somerset for our annual carol service in the cathedral. A week later we meet with our local groups for a united carol service at Curry Rivel church.

As we look back to last month, the WI craft fair at West Monkton had proved popular with over 300 through the door and our quiz teams enjoyed a lively evening at Curry Rivel with one of them taking second place. Despite having to be arranged on a Sunday this year, our County Annual meeting at Junction 24 was well attended and congratulations to those of our members who took to the stage for the special centenary performance in the afternoon.

We welcomed several visitors to our November meeting and look forward to seeing them again in the New Year when we meet on Wednesday 6th January at 2pm. Meanwhile, we wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2016.



Save the Children

Come to our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning on 12th December and you will find

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Jams and Chutneys

Cakes and Shortbread

Candles and Decorations

Other Christmassy bits

Donations Box

We need your help

PLEASE SUPPORT US.



The Royal British Legion

It's Bingo Time again!

Friday 11th December – the doors open at 6:30pm and its eyes down at 7 o'clock. So do come along and have an enjoyable evening.

Members and friends are once again asked to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle.

The next meeting of the Branch is on Monday 14th December at 7:30pm in the Bird in Hand.

The organisation of the Annual Poppy Sales, Distribution and Collection has been run very efficiently for some years by Don Bethune, but he now feels that he has had enough, and a successor is needed. If anyone is interested in taking over, please contact Don on 490179, and he will be only too pleased to help.

North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on **Thursday 10th December at 7:30pm**

in the

North Curry Village Hall

Three pieces by the choir

Trumpet solo

Soprano solo

Carols for choir and audience

Light supper

Bar

Tickets (£10) available from members of the choir and North Curry Post Office



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

So Christmas fast approaches. We hope that in the midst of all the hustle and bustle you will be able to join us for mulled wine and mince pies before our last meeting of the year on –

Thursday 3rd December from 7:30pm

This will be followed at 8pm by a fun gardening-themed quiz

“A Question of Gardening”

Presented by Mike Short

Mike has been writing gardening quiz's for 16 years. He presents these to groups and clubs as well as being published in Country Gardener magazine.

Do come along and have some fun!

Garden Club meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion, Greenway.

Annual subs - £10.00 are now being collected. Visitors fee £1.00.

New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come along and join this friendly group and get hints and tips for your garden.

Stay for coffee and a chat.

Generation and Juice

Two up – one to go!

Solar panels are up and running on the Hall and White Street Pavilion; the School should be done in February with all three producing up to 10 kW each. The Hall has a display meter in the foyer to show the current and cumulative electrical generation from the PV array, as well as the CO₂ emissions saved. This was paid for by the NCCE team and a donation by the Parish Council. We wish to have a display meter at the School too; Western Power has agreed to donate most of the cost, but please be prepared for a small “crowdfunding” exercise to cover the balance!

Apple juice

At the time of writing we have had two days of apple pressing, producing a total of well over 700 bottles for individuals and for Transition Athelney to sell in local outlets. All being well, we will add a few hundred more this Saturday.

It's very short notice but if you get this in time do come along to an informal meeting in the Bird in Hand on Monday 30th November to receive an update on all we've achieved lately and what we're planning for the future. This is the first of a series – keep an eye on the newsletter for later dates.

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

North Curry Sport Ltd (NCSL) - Update

Community support has been crucial to the on-going success of White Street, NCSL Chairman Anne Pike told the recent AGM.

Thanks to the help of the Parish Council, Coffee Shop, the County Council and hundreds of volunteers and supporters, the sports and conservation ground has been well used and maintained.

The Big Bash, together with the new 200 Club, has covered the running costs for the pavilion and general grounds maintenance.

Retiring Treasurer, Maria Perry, was thanked for her tremendous contribution during her time in office and her continued involvement through the 200 Club was welcomed.

At the recent AGM the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Anne Pike

Vice Chairman: Chris Golding

Hon Treasurer: Gavin Brown

Secretary: Jeanne Leader

Executive Member and Chairman of North Curry Football Club: Richard Perry

(The above were also elected Directors of North Curry Sport Ltd)

Chairman of North Curry Cricket Club: James Midgley

Facilities Secretary: Fred Drakeford

Grounds Secretary: Mark Joliffe

Promotions and Fundraising Secretary: Michele Olie

200 Club: Maria Perry

Community Representative: Malcolm Tennant

Conservation, parish & district councils' representative: Phil Stone

To find out more about the sports club and conservation work at White Street, please take a look at the parish website: northcurry.com



The Mumpers

Boxing Day 2015

12:00 The Rising Sun, Knapp
1:00 The Square, North Curry



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 07551 759 190

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



Upcoming Events

Christmas Bingo

At the school Thursday 10th December 3:30pm

£1 per book - win lots of chocolate goodies

Annual School Christmas Fayre

At the school Friday 4th December 6 - 8 pm

Raffle, tombola, games, gifts Refreshments and festive entertainment

All Welcome



Little Acorns Pre-School needs your help!

We need a new Chairperson to help manage our community Pre-School

Little Acorns Pre-School is an important part of North Curry. It caters for children from 2 years until school age. We aim to create a warm and welcoming environment in which children are able to develop their social and educational skills.

The Pre-School is a charity and committee run pre-school. The committee provides a vital role in the efficient running of the pre-school, in fact without a committee, Little Acorns would have to close. We need a new chair to help manage the committee.

If you have some spare time and would like to help out, perhaps you have worked in schools, or with children, or have previous experience of managing a business, or other experience. We would love to hear from you. It is a great way to make new friends, and help your community.

We have committee meetings twice a term, and hold fundraising events, and parties for the pre-school throughout the year.

Little Acorns pre-school is an important part of North Curry, and without a fully functioning committee the pre-school will have to close.

If you are interested in the role of Chair, or joining the committee please contact Judy Dawson-Cable, Little Acorns Pre-school Manager, on 01823 491615 or email enquiries@littleacornsnorthcurry.co.uk

Visit www.littleacornsnorthcurry.co.uk for more information about the pre-school.

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 To hire the hall contact
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hallbookings@northcurry.com



‘THE DAN BODDY MEMORIAL CUP’

Annual Football Match

BOXING DAY

KICK OFF 10:45AM

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE WHITE STREET SPORTS GROUND.

BAR, BACON ROLLS, TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7:30pm** in the village hall. Being December we'll have a Christmas theme; bring 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.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

Christmas in the Square

Continuing the tradition of the village getting together just before Christmas, the 12th year!

Sunday 13th December 4:00 – 6:00pm

Festive fun for all ages

Christmas Tree in the Square, with switching on of the lights



*Music by **The Big Noise** back by popular request*

*Carols by **North Curry Jubilee Singers***

Little Acorns Nativity; North Curry School Singers

Children's Games

Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,

'Rhum au Chocolat'

and Raffle

*Father Christmas,
....if we are all very good*



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