



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

TDBC SADMP HEARING UPDATE: The TDBC Site Allocations and Development Management Plan, on which many Parishioners commented, is now being examined by an independent Planning Inspector. Having read the Plan, and the responses and comments, he still has outstanding questions, some of which relate specifically to North Curry. He has called a series of hearings from 30th March to 5th April. The Parish Council have submitted further comments to the Inspector, which can be read on the www.NorthCurry.com website, and will be sending representatives to those sessions of the hearing considering matters relating to North Curry. Anyone may attend the hearing, but only those specifically invited to do so by the Inspector will be entitled to participate in the discussion.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES: The Parish Council are still looking for two new Parish Councillors. Would you like to become more involved in what happens in the Parish? Do you feel you could give something back to the community? If you do, now is your chance. Please contact the Parish Clerk or one of your Parish Councillors for more information.

NO. 51 BUS - SATURDAY SERVICE SAVED FOR ANOTHER YEAR: You'll be pleased to hear that the Saturday no. 51 bus service has been protected for the next year (to April 2017), grateful thanks go to Cllr. David Fothergill for his sustained lobbying on our behalf. **PLEASE USE THIS SERVICE when you can, it's a case of use it or lose it.**

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Watch the April newsletter for further details and requests for waste wood for the beacon.

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE REQUEST FOR IDEAS FOR IMPROVING LEVELS OF CARE: To have your say, visit www.fit4future.org.uk, email fitforfuture@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk or write to Fit for Future, St Margaret's Hospice, Heron Drive, Bishops Hull, Taunton TA1 5HA.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall. Any community organisation wishing to participate should contact the Parish Clerk by 1st April.

NEW PCSO – PCSO 8466 Eammon Leniston will be joined by PCSO 8412 Claire Escott from 1st March. PC 2898 Dean Chedzoy remains as beat manager. The Parish Council would like to wish Lynsey well in her future career and thank her for her assistance over the years.

E-LETTER SERVICE: Don't forget to sign up to the Parish Council's e-letter service that has been set up to proactively keep you informed of urgent items and wider items of general interest. To find out more and to sign up go to www.NorthCurry.com, you can also sign up by sending your name and Post Code to e-letter@northcurry.com

NORTH CURRY WEBSITE: Don't forget that the North Curry website (www.northcurry.com) contains a host of information about both the Parish Council (agendas,

minutes, members etc.) as well as all that is going on in the Parish, clubs, facilities, events, contacts etc.

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

Wed 9 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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

Annual General Meeting North Curry Village Hall Management Committee

will be held on

**Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7:30pm
in the committee room at the Hall**

All parishioners of North Curry and members of organisations who use the Village Hall are invited to attend and will be warmly welcomed.

NEEDED URGENTLY

The village hall management committee needs two volunteers to take over as Treasurer and Booking Secretary at the AGM.

Without an executive committee, who are also the hall trustees, we cannot continue to run the hall. If you use the hall then please think seriously about putting your name forward. The current post holders are happy to discuss what is involved and to help with the handover. Please contact Michael Griffiths, hall secretary, on 491298 or Michele Carter, hall chairman, on 490102 to volunteer.



Spring is approaching fast and so is the May Fair. Preparations are well under way with many stalls booked including the ever popular Punch and Judy, Horse rides and Swing Boats.

The final stall holders' meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15th March at 7:00pm at the Bird in Hand.

Please come along to find out more and book your stall!

Contact: Vicky Day 490482 or Debbie Curtis 491085, by email Northcurrymayfair@gmail.com or find us on Facebook!

Hall Car Park Update

Hall users will have seen that work has been done to capture the spring under the tarmac of the hall car park. Full resurfacing will take place when the weather improves. In the meantime the hall committee would like to say a

HUGE THANK YOU

to the groups and individuals who have contributed a massive £3,000 towards the cost. We have had money from the Coffee Shop and their volunteers, the May Fair Committee, North Curry Society, the WI, Choir, match funding from Lloyds Bank for the work done by our Booking Secretary and a huge sum from the Burns Night supper organised by Di Keysar and Jenny Satchwell.

We are also grateful to the Parish Council for their help.



**NORTH
CURRY
SOCIETY**

The development and uses of mediæval weapons, AD 1000-1500



Double ball battle mace

On Wednesday 16th March, Neil Eddiford will be telling the North Curry Society about mediæval battle weapons. Brutal and

crude, mediæval weapons were used to cripple their opponents. Maces and clubs with spikes would completely tear the flesh off a man. Warriors and barbarians used weapons of all kinds to do battle at close range; knights would carry weaponry to protect their King, and battles would last for weeks.

Neil's talk will be an explanation of the development and uses of mediæval weapons between 1000 and 1500 AD, showing examples of what was used at the time. His interest began when he joined an archery club and he took up blacksmith work to make his own arrowheads and other artefacts. He runs his own mediæval re-enactment group and has been involved in a number of TV programmes on the subject.

Our meetings are held monthly at 8pm in North Curry Village Hall. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge. We look forward to welcoming you.



The March film, on 23rd, is based on historical figures and was inspired by a painting hung in Kenwood House. The story of Belle, the illegitimate daughter of the nephew of the Earl of Mansfield is set in a time when the abolition of slavery is a difficult proposition for Britain's plantation owners.

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

If you have not joined the society yet, we are offering a half year subscription for new members costing £12.50 – just over £2 a film and a bargain!



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 2nd March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise, both mental and physical, and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone 490623.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

It's fascinating how plants go in-and-out of fashion just like flares or denim. Although out of favour with some gardeners for many years, recently dahlias have made a comeback.

So to bring you right up-to-date with what to grow and how to grow come along to our next meeting of 2016.

Thursday 3rd March

"Dahlias" - a talk by Terry Bracher

Terry is current chairman of the National Dahlia Society and grows over 2,500 plants. His dahlias have won many prizes and we look forward to hearing his advice on cultivating these increasingly popular plants.

Meetings are held in North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:45pm for 8:00pm.

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

Stay for coffee and a chat.

Our annual Social Evening and Dinner takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 12th March at 7:00 for 7:30pm. There is no cost to paid-up Club members and guests pay £15. If you have not yet booked your place contact Sue Cable on 491658.

Book Now for THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE



Somerset Opera sing
Gilbert and Sullivan
Saturday 19th March
7:30pm
in North Curry Village Hall

Tickets £10 from
North Curry Post Office
or ring 490201

Cricket Season 2016

As the winter gradually becomes the spring our minds happily start to think of the sound of leather on willow and sunny afternoons at White Street.

Following a very successful promotion season last summer, we are looking forward to our next campaign in the West Somerset League. As well as our league programme there will be the usual mix of friendly games and 20 evening matches. We will also be running our very successful and popular junior section (more details soon). If you are interested in playing some cricket this summer, please ring any of the numbers at the bottom of this column.

As well as players we are always looking for anyone else who fancies helping to and getting involved with the club; we are on the lookout for tea makers to join our wonderful team, you will be the most popular people in the club! Likewise if you are interested in helping with the groundwork we would be delighted to hear from you; we will even train you to drive the fun stuff like the tractor and triple mower... what's not to like?

We will be announcing dates for nets and pre-season games a little nearer the start of the season but if you fancy getting involved ring Midge on 491278.



Mothers' Sunday 6th March

A special children's service will be held in the Parish Church at 10am on Sunday 6th March to celebrate Mothers' Sunday.

All are welcome.

Posies will be made up from 10am on Friday 4th March at the Church.

Please join us, with flowers and greenery if possible.

Burns Night Celebration

Thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes and gave so freely of their time.

Thank you to all those who bought tickets and dug so deeply into their pockets.

A great night was had by all and the magnificent total of £1,585 was raised towards the resurfacing of the car park.



Save the Children

Thank You from Save the Children

It has been lovely to be able to meet so many people over the recent Christmas season, and throughout last year, when coming to do stalls with Helen K at various events. I really wanted to say a very large "Thank You" for your tremendous support again over the last year. So many people came and bought Christmas cards and cakes, jams and preserves (made by Helen) and gave very generous donations - as well as several of the volunteers at the Coffee Shop nominating Save the Children, again, as their chosen charity to receive their share. We do want to thank you all and to let you know how North Curry has contributed to Save the Children over the year:

Sale of Christmas cards and wrap	£618.46
Donated items: cakes, jams, etc.	£170.70
Donations from individuals and via The Coffee Shop donations	£631.00
Making a total of:	£1,420.16

Thank you all, so much, for this help towards the funds raised here in the West Country to help children whose lives have been blighted by war, fighting and poverty.

Concert dates in the Church



Look forward to Saturday 16th April, when Mr Pál Banda the Hungarian cellist and tutor at the Purcell Chamber Music Academy gives an evening recital in North Curry Parish Church that includes two of Bach's solo cello suites. The programme will be augmented with choruses by the Village Choir and virtuoso pieces displaying our fine pipe organ.

We host a concert of English and Dutch choral music on 6th May by Coqu, a vocal ensemble from Utrecht visiting Somerset in their *Holland Meets Britain* tour.

Our Village Choir will be singing here again on North Curry May Fair evening 21st May with excerpts from Messiah and other treats.

For a quieter time, come back for the Flower Festival on the weekend of 18/19th June, completing a week of celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.



towards a greener community

Time for Celebration

By the time you read this, North Curry Community Energy's third 10 kW solar installation should be in place, on the school roof. By the beginning of February, the other two, on the White Street pavilion and the Village Hall, had generated 2,000kWh of carbon-free electricity, in spite of the grim weather. We look forward to seeing that performance accelerating, as the days get longer and brighter; with this further array on stream this village will be a community to be envied.

You can keep tabs on the output from the Village Hall panels by way of the display in the foyer above the doorway into the main hall where you can see current output, total output in kWh and amount of carbon saved. A similar display will be installed in the School to allow children, their parents and all visitors to see the same information for that array.

We are planning an event in the spring to celebrate this achievement and to thank everyone who has played a part in it. Watch this space for details.

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

Marie Curie Tea Party

Please put a note in your diary to attend the Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party to be held on Wednesday, 29th June 2016 at 2:30pm. Sunnyside, The Fosse, North Curry TA3 6LL. Any further information please call Roslin Greenwood on 01823490891.

W.I. Quiz Evening

By special request, the return of quiz master Martin Baldock

on Saturday 9th April at 7:30

North Curry Village Hall

£10 to include buffet supper

Bar available

Tickets from the post office

The North Curry
SPRING BALL

at The Shrubbery Hotel, Alminster

Saturday 23rd April, 7:00pm

Carriages at 12:30am

THREE COURSE DINNER & DANCE
WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL
SILENT AUCTION • PRIZE RAFFLE

TICKETS £35

Transport at extra cost available

BOOKING FORMS AVAILABLE FROM
NORTH CURRY POST OFFICE and NORTH CURRY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Book by 31st March

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Elaine Moll via School (01823 490423) or email to foncsball2016@hotmail.com
An event organised by FONCS (Registered Charity No. 1039906)
with proceeds to benefit North Curry Primary School

ADVANCE NOTICE

**St Georges Day Soup and Pud
in aid of parish church**

**£6.00
23rd April
12 - 2 pm
Village Hall**

Keep the date free, more details later

**North Curry
Village Hall**

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Jenny Quinn 490718

hallbookings@northcurry.com



**NORTH CURRY PAVILION
& 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 07551 759 190

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