



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

WE NEED YOU! 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, please contact the Parish Clerk or one of your Parish Councillors for more information.

IDEAS HOW TO SPEND SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY? COME TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall. Come along and find out what's been going on in your Parish and have your say on how grants allocated to the Parish Council are spent.

BIRTHDAY BEACON: Please note that sadly the Birthday Beacon scheduled for April has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – Better late than never!

The Parish Council are looking to organise a spring litter-pick in readiness for the Queen's Official Birthday celebrations. If you are interested in helping please let the Parish Clerk know.

FLOOD WARDENS: The Parish Council are preparing a Flood Action Plan and will be needing volunteers to act as flood wardens around the Parish. Areas in particular need of wardens are Greenway, Broad Lane and Moor Lane, but wardens can come from any area. Contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

PORTMANS PARKING: Parking around the Portmans-Greenway junction at school time is, at times, causing a hazard for children and drivers alike – **PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY, AWAY FROM THE JUNCTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHWAY CODE.**

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

Wed 13 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 27 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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

The Produce Market

Saturday 2nd April

9:30-11:30am in the Village Hall

The market is back again at its usual time on the first Saturday of the month. All the stall holders hope you will be able to come along and after shopping enjoy a coffee and even a bacon buttie!

See you there!



North Curry W.I.

At our April meeting we welcome Emma Duke who will be our speaker for the afternoon. She will be bringing along some of her beautiful driftwood sculptures, explaining their history and demonstrating how she sets about making them. Later this month several of our members will be able to try out designs of their own under the guidance of Emma, who will be running a workshop for us at the Willow and Wetlands Centre.

We hope many of you have bought tickets for our Quiz and Buffet evening – Saturday, 9th April at 7:30pm in the village hall. We will be providing a varied buffet supper, bar and raffle and the Quiz, for teams of six, will be organised by entertaining quiz master, Martin Baldock. (Further details can be seen in a separate notice).

Our skittles 'girls' were successful in the latest round of the County Cup beating Pawlett W.I. and go on to the semi-finals next month.

We were delighted that two new members joined our group last month and visitors are always welcome to our meetings (these take place on the first Wednesday of each month – 2pm in the village hall).



The April film is something rather different from our usual offerings. Japan has a long tradition of feature animation films and this delightful example is based on a 10th century folktale.

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!

CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY – SUNDAY 12th JUNE

Plans are going ahead to celebrate the Queen's official birthday. The Playing Field and pavilion have been booked and everyone is to be invited to bring gazebos, picnic tables and chairs, and picnic lunches. There will be races for the children in the afternoon followed by a tea in the Village Hall – volunteer Mums are needed to arrange and organise these two events. We would also like to have a tug-of-war and, again, we need volunteers to run this event on the day. We have been in touch with St. Giles Kennels and hope they will organise a dog show or dog racing during the afternoon. The W.I. have kindly said they will provide teas in the pavilion and the North Curry Brewery will be there too to cater for those who want something stronger. We also hope to have a jazz band – this is yet to be arranged. Let's hope the weather is fine and that we all have an enjoyable day to celebrate this special event.

Please contact Jo Popham with queries and suggestions on johnpopham@gmail.com or 490264 after 5:00pm. Volunteers please contact Caroline Vaughan at victor.vaughan@btinternet.com or 490677 after 5:00pm or the Parish Clerk (details above).

GRAND QUIZ EVENING With Buffet – £10

With return of quiz master
Martin Baldock

Saturday 9th April

NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL

7:30pm

Teams of six All welcome

Bar available



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
NORTH CURRY POST OFFICE
or Kate 490933

Profits to North Curry W.I.

Soup and Pud Lunch

You are invited to join us for delicious
homemade soup and a pudding all for

£6.00

on

St George's Day
Saturday 23rd April

North Curry Village Hall

12 noon – 2 pm

Proceeds to parish church



North Curry Pavilion and Playing Field

After some very successful years that have seen new play equipment for our children and a refurbished Pavilion, the Committee are looking for people who are keen to see the charity move forward with new ideas for equipment and fund raising. We hope that locals, perhaps members of families who use the facilities would be interested in coming on the committee to join us. For further details please contact Karen on 07551 759190.

The North Curry Village Show

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Marmalade Sale, either by donating preserves, or coming to the sale and coffee morning.

Over £350 was raised towards the cost of running the Village Show – which is always a popular event. We will have a stall at the May Fair, where schedules for this year's show will be on sale for the very modest cost of one pound. This will give you plenty of time to prepare your entry for this year, when the show will be held on Saturday 13th August.

PS Paddington says "Please keep some marmalade for me"



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

We are pleased to welcome David and Pauline Wright owners of "Lift the Latch" garden near Chard, who will be our speakers at our next meeting on **Thursday 7th April, they will talk about "The All Year Garden"**

David and Pauline have gardened their 1.75 acre plot at "Lift the Latch" since 1984 and have created a splendid garden of all-year-round colour which attracts a variety of wildlife.

Garden Club 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.

We begin our outings for 2016 with a **Visit to Hartland Abbey and Gardens on Wednesday 27th April.**

Hartland Abbey is the home of the Stucley family and was the last monastery to be dissolved by Henry VIII. There are 18th Century woodland and walled gardens as well as areas influenced by Gertrude Jekyll who was a frequent visitor. A camellia garden, bog garden and fernery are also part of the garden and it is possible to walk down to the sea. **Cost: £23.50 per person** which includes coach, driver's gratuity and admission Hartland Abbey.

The coach will leave Stoke St. Gregory at **8:45am** (outside Royal Oak) and North Curry at **9:00am** (bus stop by Post Office)

There are a few places left on the coach and you don't need to be a Gardening Club member to come along.

To book a place contact Margaret Tomkins on 01823 490506



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our next session will be on **Wednesday 6th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.** It'll be a bit more exciting this time with live music. 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.



Royal British Legion

We had a very pleasant and enjoyable evening at the Bird in Hand for our Annual Supper. Good company and good food was much appreciated.

Just a reminder that the May Fair will be held on 21st May and, as usual, we shall be needing loads of prizes for the GRAND RAFFLE.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Monday 11th April at the Bird in Hand starting at 7:30pm.

Scraping by

As a rare treat for North Curry, Saturday 16th April brings international cellist Pál Banda to the parish church, playing solo cello suites by JS Bach. The recital will be augmented by choral excerpts from recent and forthcoming Village Choir concerts. The concert starts at 7:30pm; tickets £10 from North Curry Post Office, or at the door.

The choir begin the concert with Haydn's furious *Insanae et vanae curae* heard last Christmas in the village hall, and close the first half with John Ireland's *Te Deum*. After an interval for refreshments, the choir acknowledge Her Majesty's 90th birthday the following week with Handel's Coronation Anthem *Zadok the Priest*. The concert closes with a foretaste of *Messiah*, to be performed by the choir in more complete form at the church on the evening of North Curry May Fair, 21st May.

The main part of the concert though will be Bach's cello suites. We are extremely fortunate in having Mr Pál Banda playing here in his 2016-17 series of charity concerts around Britain, bringing the Bach Suites to churches in need of financial support for maintenance and restoration. The suites all have a similar basic structure - a prelude followed by five dances: *allemande*, *courante*, *sarabande*, a contrasting pair of *galanteries* (*minuet*, *bourrée* or *gavotte*), finishing with a *gigue*. Mr Banda will be playing two of the suites for us: Suite No 3 in C major and No 6 in D major.

North Curry Village Hall

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STOKE ST GREGORY TENNIS CLUB incorporating NORTH CURRY

OPEN DAY

Saturday 16th April 2pm – 4pm

Members and non-members are invited to the Tennis Club Open Day.

This event marks the beginning of the 2016 season. All those interested are welcome to come and visit the club, play some tennis, ask questions and find out what we can offer. All ages and abilities are welcome, including juniors and beginners.

Refreshments will be provided and racquets are available, if required.

The courts are at the Playing Fields in Willey Road, Stoke.

For further information, please ring Kathryn Davidson on 490575 or Nigel Cheeseman on 490553.

North Curry Village Choir is fifty this year

The choir was founded in 1966 by Dr Elsie Ward and this year will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. They have shown little fear in their choice of repertory, performing works by Mozart, Handel, Bach, Vaughan Williams, Pergolesi, Holst, Faure and Chilcott to name but a tiny handful. Led by Miles Quick, an experienced and charismatic local director of music, the choir now boasts over thirty members, the choristers being drawn from North Curry itself, the surrounding villages and Taunton.

The choir performs twice a year, usually in December and May.

**Summer concert 2016 – Saturday
21st May at 7:30pm in the North
Curry Parish Church**

This year's summer concert will follow the village May Fayre on 21st May making a perfect end to the day.

Programme

A selection of choruses from Handel's *Messiah*

A collection of lighter short choral pieces

Trumpet solos played by Stuart Paul

Please reserve the date in your diaries and join us for the concert.



towards a greener community

CELEBRATION TIME!

After a year's work in planning, discussion, fund raising and preparation, North Curry Community Energy and its parent company Brendon Energy can at last celebrate the successful completion of 10 kW installations at the White Street Pavilion, Village Hall and Primary School.

Please join us in marking this remarkable achievement for our village. It will take place at **the School**, beginning at **3:15pm on Friday 15th April**. There will be tea and cake, a short performance by the school orchestra and a few words about the significance of the project for us all.

There will be representatives of Somerset County Council, the Diocese of Bath and Wells, as well as members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee. We also look forward to welcoming representatives of North Curry Sports Ltd. This reflects the number of bodies and groups whose support and involvement was essential to the project.

We will not keep you long, but this is a milestone in the life and community work of our village, as well as efforts to ensure a secure future for us all.

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



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



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