



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

CONTINUE DRIVING SAFELY FOR LONGER: FREE PRESENTATION FOR MATURE DRIVERS

2:00 ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There will be a free Route 60+ presentation for older drivers (although all are welcome), addressing how both vehicles and driving skills have changed over the years and offering coping strategies to take into account the increased amount of vehicles on the road and our ability to adapt our driving skills. It is hoped other agencies will also be attending including a driving simulator to test reactions, eyesight checks etc. Reports are that the presentation is interesting and helpful and there is also a free "goodie" bag for attendees so do come along on Monday 17th October at 2.00pm!

HELP PREVENT SURFACE WATER FLOODING - KEEP DRAINS CLEAR!!

It's that time of year again, if you have a drain near your house please could you keep an eye on the drain cover and clear any leaves or debris from the surface of it. This should help surface water drain more quickly and reduce flooding in the Parish. If you see that the drain itself is blocked please report it to County Highways by calling 0300 123 224 and choosing the "Roads and Transport" option, or report it online at: www.somerset.gov.uk, choose the "Roads, Parking & Transport" option then "Problems on the Road".

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square starting at 10:40am on Sunday 13th November.

TAKING A TRAILER OF WASTE TO THE DUMP? From 3rd October, anyone taking waste to the recycling sites in smaller vans, single-axle trailers of up to 3m and pick-ups will now need a permit. These are free, last three years and available online. Vans over 3.5 tonnes gross, Luton vans, agricultural vehicles and trailers with more than one axle or over 3m floor length will not be allowed to bring household waste to the sites. Access for cars remains unchanged. Visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk for full details.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY: There is still a vacant seat on the Parish Council, if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

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

Wed 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 26th Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Panto comes to North Curry Village Hall

Argyle Theatre presents **Dick Whittington**

Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th December

If any children or/and adults would like to be in this amateur panto or perhaps you might want to help backstage with costumes, lighting, sound or just come the week of the show to sell tickets, programmes or just help!

Please let Greg Phillips know on 01458 251773 or email greg.phillips2@btinternet.com

North Curry Monthly Produce Market



North Curry monthly produce market is now a highly successful and social part of our village life which has been running for nearly 15 years. Joan Gubbin and I have been running it every month for over five years, but now Joan is leaving us so I need help.

If you enjoy coming and think you could spare a few hours once a month to help please contact me for a chat about what it involves.

We also need volunteers to help put up and take down tables on a rota basis. Probably once or twice a year.

Ralph or Kate Roberts 490933



The Society's Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday 19th October** at **7:30pm** in the Village Hall.



This will be followed at **8:00pm** by **"Recent Travels: more photographic journeys"**. In this new presentation, **Julian Comrie** will show photographs of places which he and his wife Helen have enjoyed visiting here and in Europe particularly in search of fine gardens, rural countryside, wild flowers and mountains, interspersed with a dash of culture. Julian has had a lifelong interest in recording the natural world through photography and this promises to be another excellent demonstration of his 'eye for a picture'.

Meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments served from **7:30pm**. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors pay a small charge. Whether you are a visitor, a new or an established member, you will be very welcome.



**North Curry
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With harvest in mind, we look forward to welcoming June and Robin Small, from Charlton Orchards, as speakers for our meeting this month. They are part of a small family run business at Creech Heathfield selling traditional varieties of fruit for over 60 years.

It was delightful to see several visitors at our September meeting and once again we invite anyone to come along and join us – 2pm on Wednesday 5th October in the Village Hall.

October is a busy month for organisers at County; our annual Craft and Vintage Fair takes place at West Monkton Village Hall on Saturday 8th October 10:00 – 3:00pm. This is always well worth a visit where a wide variety of stalls are on hand and refreshments served all day. Other events include an Abba Tribute Night and the Annual meeting to be held at Wellsprings this year.

North Curry Parish Church Annual Advent Fair

Saturday 26th November 2016
North Curry Village Hall
10am – 12 noon

Come and join us for mulled wine & mince pies, Tea or coffee Raffles and Christmas shopping

and join in the fun
The Brownies Human Fruit Machine.

Giant Bottle Tombola, Cakes,
The popular Bric-a-Brac Stall,
Janet's Giant Raffle,
Treasure Hunt, Champagne raffle,
Chocolate Tombola, and much more
All proceeds go to the parish church



Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the branch will be on 10th October at the Bird In Hand at 7:30pm.

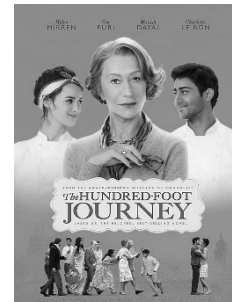
Save the date for our annual bingo night on Saturday 10th December. If you can donate a prize for the night, they will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike Fleming - 490456. Further details next month.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

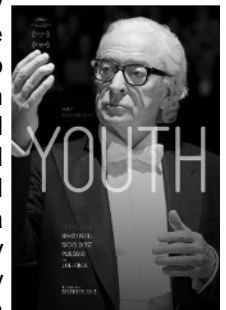
If you could help on the day (Sunday 11th December) with our popular fundraiser or would like to be part of the Christmas in the Square Committee we'd love to hear from you.

Just leave your phone number/email at the shop and Alison will get back to you.



We have two films showing in October. On **Saturday 15th Oct**, there is **"The Hundred Foot Journey"** shown as part of our popular 'Winter Warmer' season, where we have an interval for tea & cake. The Village Hall doors open at 2.30 pm and it costs £5 with a donation for the refreshments. The film is about the Kadam family who leave India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's (Helen Mirren) Michelin-starred eatery.

Then on **Wednesday 26th Oct** we have **"Youth"**, about two old friends meeting in the Alps. Michael Caine plays a retired conductor and Harvey Keitel is a film director. They reflect with curiosity and tenderness on their childrens' confused lives.



The doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. It is still worthwhile joining as a member for £25, otherwise each film costs £5 as a guest. There is a real mix of films again this year; for the full list see www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

Shoe Box Appeal 2016

Give hope to someone in need this Christmas



North Curry Parish Church in partnership with the village school are collecting Shoe boxes again.

Please deliver your shoebox to either the school or Tudor Cottage, Greenway.

Leaflet with details from the school, Church or P.O.

White Street Sports Ground

What a Bash!

Thank you to the hundreds of people who supported The Big Bash on the August bank holiday. More than 250 enjoyed the fabulous food, fantastic band and each other's company - raising £2,800 that will go a long way to paying for running the cricket and football facilities. The great team of volunteers organised, set-up, ran the event and packed up. We're already planning next year's event, so let us know if you have any ideas. Talk to anyone on the committee or write to whitestreet@northcurry.com

Wild Time!

In case you haven't seen it, at the back of the football pitch is the Community Woodland, an acre with 25 different species of native trees and shrubs. In the summer butterflies flew among the grasses and wild flowers. But there's always something to see, so do enjoy the autumn colour, fruits and berries.

North Curry Youth FC

The new season is well underway now and the club has gone from strength to strength, with teams competing at 4 age levels in the Taunton Youth and Mini leagues. We are still a little short of players in some of our age groups and we are always happy to see new faces.

Our development squad for the children Under 7 has grown quickly this season and we are already up to twelve players. One of the players' Dad has kindly sponsored us some nice new kit for the Under 8 Herons and the Development squad, through his business UBalance, Balance Boards, a big thank you to Mark for the support.

The youth fixtures for the season are available on the club website along with news, match reports and information all about the club.

Visit www.northcurryfootball.club to get bang up to date with all that is going on.

We are hoping to visit North Curry School in the autumn term to run some sessions for the children, and hopefully encourage some more of them along to White Street to join the club. The visits in the summer term encouraged several new players to join us.

That's it for this month, hopefully next month we can give you some news on how the season has gone so far for the youngsters.



Save the Children Grand Christmas Card Sale

This year we shall be in the small meeting room at The Village Hall whilst the Produce Market is running in the Main Hall on

**SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER
from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

We very much hope you will be able to come in and see us - when you have bought all your lovely 'foodie' goodies!

If you cannot make it on Saturday - Helen will, again, have some Christmas cards at her home, 24 Portmans, on Sunday 6th November. Do call in and see her.

We do thank you all, very much, for your support and hope to see you at the sale.



In September, we were very proud to receive an award from Somerset Playing Fields' Association recognising the high standard and variety of equipment available to North Curry residents. This is very encouraging for us and shows the value of the work provided by both our Committee and volunteer helpers who ensure that the facilities are kept in good condition and well maintained.

We need more Committee members to keep the Pavilion, Playing Fields and MUGA running. We meet monthly and arrange a few fund raising activities every year. If you are interested in joining the team please contact John Quinn on 07766 282397.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for annual membership; a bargain at £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 and you can always come along as a guest for £3.50 per session thereafter.

No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

Do come along and join in the fun and keep fit both physically and mentally at the same time.

As one member put it; **"It's the best laugh of the month!"**

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



North Curry Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 6th October** at 7:45pm when we will be welcoming **Michael Pollock** who will be talking to us about **"Trees and Shrubs"** and also offering some advice on propagation for the hands on gardeners amongst us.

However! Before this we have our **AGM!** This will take place at the earlier time of **7:15pm**. This only takes a bare ½ hour and we would really like to see as many of you as possible as it's your club and your chance to have your say about what we do and how we do it! Please come... it's only 30 minutes out your life! You could even volunteer to be on our committee. But don't worry! We won't twist your arm!

Garden Club Meetings are held in the North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7.30 for 8.00pm. New Members and visitors are always welcome so why not come and join this friendly group and get some hints and tips for your garden. Stay for coffee and a chat!



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

Thank you to everyone who voted and entered this year's summer exhibition "Nature". Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st prize by popular vote Liz Gibbs for her oil painting 'August border', prize £25 voucher.

2nd prize by popular vote Portia Westhead for her watercolour 'Cyclamen hederifolium', prize £15 voucher.

Art & Design committee prize Matthew Olie for his watercolour 'Owl', prize £50 cheque.

Lindsey Musgrave was awarded Highly Commended for her ceramic 'Poppy pods'.

We were delighted that Lindsey's entry sold, as did Julie Meikle's two photographs on canvas, 'West Sedgemoor' and 'Burton Pynsent'.



Sheila Brown, second right, Chairman of The Coffee Shop Management Committee, presenting the prizes to from left to right, Liz Gibbs, Portia Westhead and Matthew Olie.

A new range of artwork, crafts and jewellery will be on display from 4th October, we look forward to your visit.



towards a greener community

Apple juicing

We have two apple (and pear) juicing days on **15th October** and **12th November** in **Stoke St Gregory village hall**, when we'll make hundreds of bottles of juice for local apple tree owners as well as for commercial sale. If you're likely to have surplus fruit and would like to have them processed please **get in touch to book a slot** on one of these days.

AGM

Looking ahead, our AGM is on **Monday, 7th November** in **North Curry Village Hall** at **7:30** when we hope to see as many of our members as possible. After the business, at **8:15**, everyone is welcome when we will be hearing from **Rural Focus** which has been doing a study entitled **"Reimagining the Levels"**. This was born out of the extreme floods of 2014 and is focussed on the current state and the future use of the Somerset Levels, and to set out a more integrated and sustainable vision for the future of the **whole catchment area**.

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

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club has restarted after its summer break and the next lunch will be served on 27th September; we have one spare place.

Some went to sea in a ship, they did, some went to sea

Following last year's disappointment of the club's summer outing from Ilfracombe on the Waverley, where half an hour's notice was given of cancellation, more was hoped for on 2nd September when we tried again, this time from Clevedon. 33 of us patiently queued and inched towards the vessel at the pier, when with only 15 happily aboard, ropes were suddenly cast off to the disbelief and chagrin of the rest. A falling tide was blamed and all most of us could do was shout and holler in frustration as some of North Curry sped away to tour Flat Holm and Steep Holm. All we could do was plot and rage about what nasty fate the happy few might succumb to. Shipwreck was the least of our hopes, though a diversion to Cardiff was hoped for. And let them make their own way back.

Fortunately the sun came out so the three plus hours went by waiting and walking on the pier reasonably smoothly. The only good thing was that the speaker's slots have been filled for the next six months - but only on condition that the W word is not mentioned.

18 T-shirts "I've never been on the Waverley" have been ordered, just to rub the message in.

North Curry Village Hall

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To hire the hall contact
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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

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