



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A reminder that this year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd May in the Village Hall. Please do come along and hear what's been going on and what is planned for the future, and have a chance to put your views across.

LITTER PICK THANKS: Many thanks to all who came along to the Community Litter Pick in February. It was great to see so many of you there and it has made a real improvement to the cleanliness of the village. Your support was very much appreciated. Watch this space for details of another litter pick in the autumn!

FOOTPATH RE-OPENED: The Parish Council are pleased to report that the diagonal footpath across the new development at Overlands is now accessible again.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A BARN OWL BOX? It is hoped to install a barn owl box in the woodland at the White Street Sports Field and the Parish Council have been asked to see whether there are any parishioners who would like to sponsor it. The cost is expected to be in the region of £60. If you are interested please contact Phil Stone on 491689.

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

Wed 12 th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 26 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 4th April 2017 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.

Also, would groups who are regular hall users please nominate a member to represent them on the committee.



On **Saturday 8th April**, we are showing **The Apartment**, with Jack Lemmon and Shirley MaLaine. Hopefully, as our last 'Winter Warmer', this great comedy will herald the start of warmer weather.

The Village Hall doors open at 2:30pm and it costs £5 with a donation for the refreshments.

On **Wednesday 26th April**, there is **45 Years** starring



Tom Courtney and Charlotte Rampling as a couple preparing to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They receive shattering news that promises to forever change the course of their lives.

The doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members; it costs £5 as a guest. Anyone can be a guest – just come along! More information on our films on

www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk

VOLUNTEER URGENTLY NEEDED for Wrantage area

A volunteer is urgently needed to deliver the Newsletter to 12 houses each month, starting at the crossroads with Mere Green and North Curry and going towards Wrantage.

You will be taken around on the route if you wish, to show you where to deliver.

Full details are available on 491093

Without your support, houses on this route will not receive a Newsletter. Please consider helping. Thank you. Trudi Watkins, Distributor Co-ordinator.

North Curry Village Hall



St George's Day Supper

Raising funds for the Village Hall

Saturday 22nd April 7:00 for 7:30pm

Tickets on sale from from Di Keyzar
490363 and Jenny Satchwell 490463

£20pp, for food and fun with friends

Licensed Bar



With the Easter holidays upon us and our fingers crossed for good weather, please take time to visit the Playing Fields. As well as all the play equipment, there are now two new picnic tables and two BBQs. Our thanks to Mike Boobyer Ltd for donating the materials and Jamie Mould for building the BBQs. Also, a special mention to the children of Little Acorns Pre-School for helping to move all the bricks; they were stars!

Make the Playing Field a place to meet friends, relax, have a BBQ and enjoy all the facilities!

We need to recruit more members to our Committee including a Treasurer and Secretary. We are a friendly team who all work and have families so it really isn't a time consuming commitment. If you are interested please contact John Quinn 07766 282397.



The Pyramid Stage

Behind Glastonbury

Our speaker this month on **Wednesday 19th April** is Caroline Vaughan, home-grown long-time North Curry resident, grandmother, parish councillor, etc., etc., giving us a look behind the scenes at Glastonbury Festival.

Glasto has been running since 1970, and has almost outgrown its site at Worthy Farm, Pilton. It's big, it's really big: in full-swing Glastonbury Festival becomes the third biggest city in the South West – after Bristol and Plymouth. Really!

Caroline is a regular helper there. She has a background teaching geography and environmental science and aims to give a brief history of the Festival, the build up to it, activities during the event, main focus on sustainability, recycling etc., and then post Festival clear up.

NCS meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments from **7:30pm**. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors (who pay a small entrance charge), new or established members, are all welcome.

Too much stuff? Like a bargain?

Either way, load up your car and come to Transition Athelney's

Car Boot Give and Take

at North Curry Pavilion car park on Sunday 2nd April at 9:00am.

The idea is to make sure the stuff we have gets used. Just turn up, open your boot, have a peek in everyone else's and take what you fancy. It's all free, including tea, coffee and cake (small cash donations welcome). Call Mike on 07768 704466 for more information.



**North Curry
W.I.**

We look forward to hosting another successful Quiz and Buffet evening on 8th April – 7:30pm in the village hall. Questions for all abilities and food to suit all tastes will be provided – hope you managed to get your tickets in time!

Now that spring has truly arrived with its glorious array of seasonal blooms and with Easter in mind, we welcome Jenny Barham to our meeting this month who will be demonstrating her creation of celebratory garlands. Visitors are very welcome – 2pm on 5th April in the village hall – there will be a small entrance fee including tea and social time at the end of the afternoon.

Once again we will be supporting 'Women Walk the World' – meeting on Wednesday, 12th April – 2:00pm at 1, Longs Field and returning there for tea after an enjoyable walk. This is open to everyone to join in and make a donation to help raise funds for Associated Countrywomen of the World.

Our members enjoyed their introduction to Kurling last month and the winning team of 4 included 2 nonagenarians! Perhaps it's the variety of life within W.I. that keeps you young!



Every year, on or around 29th April (ACWW Day) the Associated Country Women of the World celebrates its 'Women Walk the World' event to raise its profile and to raise money for women worldwide.

North Curry's sponsored walk is on Wednesday 12th April – 2:00pm starting and returning to the home of Di Keyzar, 1 Lodwells Orchard. . It will be a local walk around the village and is followed by tea and cake. Donations are welcome and will go to help woman worldwide

It is open to the village, friends, and husbands, in fact anyone who would like to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

GRAND QUIZ EVENING

With Buffet.....£10

Welcome return of quiz master
Martin Baldock

Saturday 8th April
North Curry Village Hall
7:30pm

Teams of six. All welcome

Please bring your own drink and glass



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 1ST MARCH
NORTH CURRY POST OFFICE or
Kate 490933

Profits to North Curry W.I.



Spring Is Here

It is that time of year for spring cleaning and our church is no exception.

So on Saturday 8th April at 10am we are holding our clean-up day. Many hands make light work so we would be pleased to see as many people as possible to help in this annual clean-up.

For more details please contact the church wardens, 490422 or 491434.

Decorating the Church for Easter

Please come and join us in decorating the church on Saturday 15th April – 9:30 onwards.

Donations for Easter Lilies will be gratefully received.

Also foliage from your garden will be very welcome.

Lorraine B B 491665



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 6th April** when our Speaker will be **Carl Sadler** who will be talking to us about "Besoms and gypsy flowers". Carl Sadler is a trug maker which is quite an ancient craft and who, I wonder, can remember when they last saw a besom? This should be an unusual and interesting talk.

Forms for all our daytime Outings will be available the first being on 18th May when we will be going to Rosemoor RHS Garden.

Garden Club Meetings are held in the North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:45 for 8:00pm. New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come along and join us for the talk, coffee and a chat.

North Curry Primary School

extends a very warm welcome to a

COMMUNITY LUNCH

on Thursday 27th April
in the School Hall at 12:30.

£4.00 for a 2 course meal.

Please book at the School Office by
Friday 21st April.

Open Gardens in North Curry

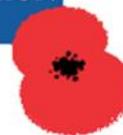
3rd and 4th June

There is still time to commit to opening your garden and joining others in the village who are sharing their gardens which they love and enjoy.

Stewards to assist with the organisation of the 2 days are also needed.

If you can help, please contact Lorraine B B on 491665.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Royal British Legion

The next meeting will be held at The Bird in Hand at 7:30pm on Monday 8th April 1917.

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community, as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance.

Our aim is to help ensure that those we serve find the range and quality of support they need when they need it.

Why not become a member and help us. We meet at 7:30 pm at The Bird in Hand on the second Monday of every month. Do come along to one of our meetings.

The May Fayre is on 6th May and if you would like to support us you can donate prizes for our annual raffle. The money we raise goes to the Royal British Legion Dunkirk House hospital at Bishops Lydeard.

North Curry Village Choir

Spring concert

Little Organ Mass – Haydn

Hallelujah – Cohen

And so it goes – Joel

The music's always there with
you – Rutter

And much more!

Saturday 13th May at 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

Miles Quick – Musical Director



North Curry & Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

**OPEN DAY – Saturday 8th April
2pm – 4pm**

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

This event signals the beginning of the 2017 season and all those interested are welcome to come and visit the club, play a bit of tennis, ask questions and find out about us. All abilities are welcome, including beginners – juniors as well as adults.

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.



WELCOME PACK

With the new houses becoming occupied in the village as well as other folk moving in, members of the P.C.C. and the parish council thought it would be nice to put together a welcome pack.

This has now been done and is available to be delivered as a welcome to our village. If you see someone new moving in near you please contact one of the following, who will arrange for it to be delivered, Helen Griffiths 491298, Mary Piers 491434, Di Keyzar 490363 or Kate Roberts 490933.

The pack contains a North Curry directory, parish magazine and pink sheet, as well as a letter of welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This item has been included following a recommendation by both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. It does NOT constitute a precedent, or indicate a change in the editorial policy of the pink sheet.

Farmers and Contractors

By the time you read this we hope spring is well and truly here. The daffs are out, the sheep are lambing and the days are longer. Crops will be growing fast and hopefully the ground will be drying out. April can be a lovely month which will enable farmers to spread manures and start to cultivate the land for the spring crops to be sown (wheat, maize, beans, oil seed rape etc). Tractors will be seen in the fields working long hours trying to prepare the land while the weather allows. Let's hope we have a warm and dry spring to keep things growing in the fields and gardens alike.

Maypoles and Mischief, Merrymaking and Mayhem – a history of May Celebrations

May is a special time of the year, a time for celebrations and fairs, like our own in north Curry, and for revels, riots, dancing and protest. This illustrated talk looks at the social history of May celebrations and the importance of Mayday, Whitsun and Summer Games. Richly accompanied with illustrations, paintings and photographs, recorded and live music, the talk traces how May festivities have changed and adapted through the ages, how the idea of 'may' is expressed in literature and folk song and some of the battles fought over how we celebrate. A special focus will be traditions and stories of celebrations in Somerset.

The talk is given by local musician Tim Hill. Tim has been creating and researching outdoor celebrations and music for other 25 years. He regularly talks at universities, colleges and arts conferences, and, with the Mellstock band, recreates the rural music of eighteenth and nineteenth century England, playing and appearing in radio, TV and film productions like the classic BBC *Pride and Prejudice*.

Thursday 4th May 8pm. North Curry Methodist Church. North Curry, Taunton TA3 6LX £3.

Refreshments available after the talk.

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

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