



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year's APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 2nd May in the Village Hall. Please could any community organisation wishing to participate contact the Parish Clerk by 1st April.

FARMING AROUND NORTH CURRY AND STOKE ST GREGORY: Cllr. Stone has prepared a report in conjunction with local farmers giving the background to tractor movement issues locally and looking at how matters can be improved. The preparation of the report has taken many months of negotiation and the Parish Council are grateful to all involved and fully endorse the report. Please take time to look at the report, which can be viewed on the North Curry website, can be emailed to you on request to the Parish Clerk and hard copies are also available in the Parish Office. If you wish to make any comments on the content and proposals please email them to the Parish Clerk at parishcouncil@northcurry.com.

LIBRARY CONSULTATION: SCC are consulting on the future delivery of library services across Somerset. To view it and have your say please go to www.somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation or go in to your local library. The consultation closes on 22nd April.

BE ON YOUR GUARD! With the dark nights, incidents of shed break-ins have increased in the Parish. Please remember to secure property and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police.

WAYS TO PAY TDBC BILLS: Taunton Deane are removing the cash machines in the Deane House and Wellington Community Centre. If you wish to pay cash for a Council Service from 29th March you will need to use a post office or one of the shops who are signed up to the Paypoint network, taking your bill with you. You can also pay your bill over the phone, calling 01823 356598, or pay online at www.tauntondeane.gov.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR MARCH: Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting. Please note that all meetings are back in the Village Hall Meeting Room as normal.

Wed 14th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 28th Planning Meeting 7:30 pm

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

URGENT- Volunteers needed

We need at least two, preferably three, volunteers to do two routes as the volunteers have resigned their route.

In Knapp the volunteer has given up her route after 15 years and, as the route covers some 60 papers, it would be best to go back to two volunteers on this route.

In North Curry we have a vacancy part way down Greenway down to St Giles' Kennels, as the temporary volunteer is moving away.

We thank these two volunteers for their sterling service to their community and ask - will you volunteer now? If there are no volunteers it may be that we can no longer supply the newsletter to those areas.

Please phone 491 093 or email tjw123@btinternet.com for more details.

North Curry Produce Market

Saturday 3rd March

As from Saturday 3rd March, Anne and her team will be taking over the organising of this popular monthly event. She is looking for helpers to join her so if you would like to help out, contact her on 07531382078.

Ralph and I will miss running the market but after 10 years, decided it was time to pass on the baton. We would like to thank everyone involved for their support, especially Peter Mossman and Sue Hewlett who helped each month.

March is a month for new stalls as Jamie from the Withies Delicatessen at the Willow and Wetlands will be joining us bringing along a selection of goodies including olives, chocolates, sourdough and gluten free bread, sauces, oils, charcuterie and English wine. Not to be missed so please come along and see what he has to offer.

Jill has also joined us from Country Markets. Jill is a wood turner producing hand crafted bowls, pens and other wooden items. She also propagates Heucherella plants and has a selection ready for you keen gardeners.

Along with our usual traders the produce market is not to be missed.

All profits go towards the upkeep of the Parish Church.

SEE YOU THERE

Don't Miss the Witch's Curse!

Marvel at the music
Love the lyrics
Boo the bad baronet
Ponder the plot
and
Imbibe at the interval

when Somerset Opera brings Gilbert & Sullivan's
Ruddigore to the Village Hall



North Curry Village Hall
Sunday 18th March

Doors open 7:00pm, curtain up 7:30

Tickets: £10 from the Post Office or on the door



This March there won't be a Winter Warmer due to the Village Hall being busy with other events. So, our next Saturday film will be **Florence Foster Jenkins** on 7th April – more information on this next month.



On **Wednesday 28th March** we are showing the delightful **The Crow's Egg**. It is set in Chennai, India, and involves two mischievous and resourceful young brothers who live in a

slum with their mother and grandmother, but despite their poverty they find joy in their family and friends. When their mother gets a television, the boys see an advertisement for pizza for the first time. They are determined to taste this magical food - and so begins a great adventure, with triumphs and setbacks, as the industrious pair try to raise cash to fund their dream. In Tamil with subtitles. The Village Hall 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! From March you can also join for a ½ year membership for £12.50 - just over £2 a film! More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



Australia at Last

On Wednesday 21st March we look forward to a talk by another North Curry resident, Eric Wynter.

Eric spent 50 years in agriculture and was, from 1973 onwards, intimately involved in the re-introduction of oilseed rape, now the second largest UK crop. He retired in 1996 and he, and his wife Biddy, emigrated from the UK to Australia on a whim in 2005, returning to the UK in 2015. He has spent the intervening time documenting their adventures in his book **"We made it! Australia at last"**.

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.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next Meeting will be on **Thursday 1st March** when **Elizabeth Holman** will be talking about **"Rejuvenating a tired garden"**. I don't know about you but I could certainly do with some tips on that subject!

At this meeting don't forget to put your name down for our **Social Evening** if you haven't already. It will be held in the **Village Hall** on **Saturday 17th March at 7:00 for 7:30pm**. It's free to members and always a happy evening with good food and even better company.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Greenway playing fields at 7:45 for an 8:00pm start. Potential new members and guests are always welcome. Do come along and join us, stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you all!



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 **Wednesday 14th 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!

SOUP AND PUD

This popular event is on
SATURDAY 24TH MARCH
12 NOON – 2:00PM

in the
VILLAGE HALL

**Delicious homemade soup
and a pudding**

£6.00



Proceeds to North Curry W.I.



Flowers in Church for Celebration of Easter

Many residents of North Curry gave time and skills to achieve the much appreciated decoration of the Church at Christmas. We hope for volunteers to provide foliage, and to come and join in on Saturday 31st March to decorate the Church for Easter.

The Flower Fund is now 'on' and Donations for Easter Lilies will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you, in anticipation, of your help.

Please!



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

We are open again so pop in, out of the cold, for a cup of coffee and piece of delicious homemade cake or warm up with a bowl of hot soup or jacket potato. A new array of pottery is on sale and some interesting old photos from the archives are on display; see if you recognise any of the faces and buildings from the past.

From 20th March Stephanie Crockett's art will adorn the walls, her background has been as a landscape architect, with most of her working life spent in the Far East. Her oil painting has generally been of still life and interiors, which is still her main interest, but she has also been exploring more of the local Somerset landscapes, painting portraits of people and animals and recently experimenting with other media besides oil.



North Curry W.I.

After our successful and nostalgic 90th birthday celebration last month, we return to present times for our March meeting. We will be welcoming local resident and former Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe CBE, as our speaker for the afternoon. Those who already know Gill will be aware of the energy, passion and commitment that she gave to girl guiding especially in her role as Chief Guide for 5 years. Visitors will be most welcome to come along on 7th March at 2pm in the village hall to listen to Gill and join in tea and social time afterwards.

As part of County events, the following day will see several of our members attending a Literary Lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club - the speaker on this occasion being bestselling author Susan Lewis.

Later this month we are hosting the always popular Soup and Pud Lunch. We promise there will be a variety of appetising warming soups followed by delicious puddings on offer.

Please note the date in your diary -
Saturday 24th March 12 noon - 2:00pm.
We look forward to seeing you there.



North Curry Youth Football Club

At North Curry Youth Football Club, the emphasis is on fun and inclusion, we currently have around 95 children, ranging from a development squad up to an Under 12 team.

We are still looking to boost our numbers, especially in our Under 10 (Year 5) and our Under 12 (Year 7) teams.

Also looking to the future of the club, we have a development squad starting from the age of 3.

So, if you have a budding footballer or a child that would like to come and give it a try, please contact us.

Shawn Sutton (Chairman and FA qualified Coach): 07828 712086 or shawnsutton@btinternet.com

Ali Sutton (Youth Secretary): 07867 953503 or alisonsutton774@btinternet.com



A date for your diaries

North Curry Village Choir presents

Spring Concert for 2018

Vespers - Mozart
Jazz Mass - Chilcott
Trumpet solo

Selection of short choral pieces

Saturday 5th May
at 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

Miles Quick – Musical Director

North Curry Wildlife Group

Blue tits, Great tits, Coal tits, Long-tailed tits and Reed buntings have all been taking advantage of the new bird feeders at the Community Woodland, while Redwings, Fieldfares, Mistle and Song thrushes have been seen on the playing field. Do take a walk around the site and see what you can see. We know from pellet evidence that a Barn owl has used our first owl box and we now have two more owl boxes to put up.

With the advent of spring, we are looking forward to the seeding and planting on the two new landscaped banks coming into life. We have also started work on a living willow tunnel in the hazel tree area. And when bats come out of hibernation, we will have four new bat boxes for them to discover. For all our latest news or recent wildlife sightings, please see the group's Twitter page

www.twitter.com/ncurrywildlife.



Wednesday, 27th June 2018

Please save the date

Marie Curie

Blooming Great Tea Party

2:30 - 4:00pm

at

Sunnyside
The Fosse
North Curry

North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Fleur White 491424

hallbookings@northcurry.com

North Curry Parish Church Service Rota

March

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| 1st (Thursday) | 10:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion Home at Woodlands |
| 2nd (Friday) | Women's World Day of Prayer at NC Methodist Chapel |
| 4th | 08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Eucharist |
| 8th (Thursday) | 10:00 Little Angels |
| 11th Mothering Sunday | 10:00 Service of the Word |
| 15th (Thursday) | 10:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion at Home at Woodlands |
| 18th (Passiontide begins) | 08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Morning Prayer |
| 25th Palm Sunday | 10:00 Eucharist |
| 27th Tuesday of Holy Week | 18:30 United Benefice Eucharist + Compline at Lyng |
| 28th Wednesday of Holy Week | 18:30 United Benefice Eucharist + Compline |
| 29th Maundy Thursday | 10:00 Holy Communion & Stripping of Altars |
| 30th Good Friday | 10:00 United Benefice Stations of the Cross |
| 31st Holy Saturday (Easter Eve) | 20:00 United Benefice Easter Vigil |

April

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| 1st Easter Day | 10:00 Eucharist |
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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

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