



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via the Pink Posting Box in North Curry Post Office, or to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM):** A reminder that this year's APM will take place at **7:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in the Village Hall. Please do come along and hear what's been going on in your Parish and what is planned for the future, it's an ideal chance to put your views across.

### WANT TO SPEND SOME MONEY IMPROVING THE PARISH?

Suggestions for how you would like the Parish Council to improve the Parish using the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL - grants received as a result of development) will be sought at the APM. The grants are intended to "support the development of the Parish area, or any part of that area, by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area". They have already been used to help fund such things as the White St. Sports Field car park extension, work to the school library to provide more teaching space and even the White St. litter bin, so please give this some thought and bring your ideas along to the APM (or send them in advance to the Clerk if you are unable to attend).

**TRACTOR REPORT:** Don't forget that this can be viewed on the North Curry website or obtained from the Parish Office. Cllr. Stone would like to receive comments both of support of the approach, confirmation that the main issues are covered and comment on areas that have been missed, areas you disagree with etc. All feedback would be appreciated to prove the validity of the report and the concerns raised.

**EASIER ACCESS ON FOOTPATHS:** Four new kissing gates are to be installed in order to improve access to footpaths. Our grateful thanks go to the landowners, Mr and Mrs Bennett and Mrs de Silva for their co-operation in facilitating this and to Becky and Steve Watts of Loscombe Meadow who kindly paid for one of the gates.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED:** SCC need more volunteer drivers to help people get to medical appointments, day care centres, schools etc. Drivers need to be over 18, have a four-door car, a current driving licence and commit to as little as one hour per week. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. More information is available on [www.somersetvolunteer.co.uk](http://www.somersetvolunteer.co.uk)

**ALLOTMENTS:** New allotments will shortly become available at the new developments in the Parish so if you are interested in putting your name on the waiting list for one of these, or one of the ones by the Village Hall which may in turn be freed up, please let the Parish Clerk have your details.

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

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

**CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

## Annual General Meeting

**North Curry Village Hall  
Management Committee**

will be held on

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 7:30pm  
in the committee room at the Hall**

### NEEDED URGENTLY

The village hall management committee needs a volunteer to take over as Booking Secretary at the AGM.

If you use the hall then please think seriously about putting your name forward. The current post holder is happy to discuss what is involved and to help with the handover. Please contact Michael Griffiths, hall secretary, on 491298 or Fleur White, booking secretary, on 491424 to find out more.



On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, we are showing **Florence Foster Jenkins** starring Meryl Streep & Hugh Grant. It is the inspiring true story of the world's worst singer.

Doors open at 2:30pm and the film starts at 3:00pm. We will have a break for tea and cakes. It costs £5 (plus a donation for tea etc.)

On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** we are showing **Dancer**. Sergei Polunin, a child prodigy, came to the UK at the age of 13 and joined the Royal Ballet, where he became the youngest principal male dancer at the age of 19. Two years later in 2012 he walked out, when hard partying and drugs earned him the name 'the bad boy of ballet'. This film is his story. The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members – we are offering half year membership for £12.50. It costs £5 as a guest. Anyone can be a guest – just come along! More information on our films on [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)



## A Load of Old Rubbish!

For your diary...

We are setting up a talk, in May, by Dave Mansell from Wiveliscombe on all things rubbish and recycling. He is a recently retired executive in Somerset Waste Partnership.

Watch this space!

Contact: Brian on 490623 or email [ta@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:ta@bkjeanes.co.uk)



towards a greener community



### My life of Crime



**Silence in court for a fascinating talk on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April by District Judge Dudley Lloyd-Thomas** about his professional life firstly as a solicitor specialising in criminal law, then as a barrister on the Western Circuit and finally as a District Judge dispensing justice in Magistrates' Courts in London and then in Avon & Somerset and Gloucestershire. He will recount stories about many of the fascinating people he encountered over 40 years. Perhaps you were one of them!

Now retired, he spends some of his time volunteering at the Civil and Family Court in Bristol where he befriends anxious litigants many of whom have no legal representation.

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 charge, new or established members, are all welcome.

## North Curry Produce Market

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April

SNOW! I was so sorry to have to cancel the March produce market but safety first.

I am looking forward to a busy market on 7<sup>th</sup> April. We have New Stalls and New Staff.

We are still looking for volunteers in the kitchen so if you have a few hours to spare please come along and chat to us or give Anne a call on 07531 382078.

All profits go to the Parish Church.

*See You There*



## North Curry W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm in the village hall. This month we will be welcoming Dr. Francis Burroughes, a well-known after-dinner speaker and popular with many special interest groups and societies. Dr. Burroughes is able to offer a wide variety of topics for his talks and this time will be enlightening us on 'Things You Miss About Paris' – taking us on a journey round some of the lesser known areas and sights, illustrated with unusual and historic slides of the city. Visitors are very welcome to join us for the afternoon and experience this guide with a difference, with time afterwards for tea and a chat.

As the annual May Fair approaches next month, we are pleased to announce that we will once again be running our proving popular tombola stall, always made more intriguing with wrapped prizes! We look forward to seeing you there.



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm** in the village hall.

A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3.50 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 Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

North Curry Village Choir  
presents

## Spring concert for 2018

Vespers - Mozart  
Jazz Mass - Chilcott  
Instrumental and vocal solos  
Selection of short choral pieces

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm  
North Curry Parish Church

Miles Quick – Musical Director

Tickets £10 (concessions for under 18s) will be available in the Post Office and from choir members from mid-April

## Cancelled March concert

With the sudden snowfall across Europe last month, the Italian organisers consulted venues and made the decision to abandon **Roberto Tardito's** concert tour. We are very sorry that the North Curry concert had to be cancelled at such short notice, but hope he will be back in the UK in 2019. Tickets returned to the Post Office will be refunded; any monies not reclaimed will be used to defray expenses incurred by the church on printing and licensing.

## Rogation Procession

**Advance notice:** On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Athelney Benefice will be celebrating our agricultural heritage and giving recognition to our responsibilities as stewards of creation. The event will take the form of a Rogation Procession between the four parish churches, stopping at each to ask for God's blessing on the land and fellowship between neighbours. The day will start at 8 o'clock with Eucharist at North Curry parish church, and on at 11:00am for a short service of Rogation Praise at Stoke St. Gregory parish church, and special Rogation Eucharist at Burrowbridge church at 1:00pm. Then we will visit the Athelney memorial (park in the farmyard) at 3:15pm for a blessing on the whole Benefice and end at 4:30pm with a short service at Lyng church celebrating Life's Journey.

Times are approximate, and we ask for tolerance if we keep anyone waiting! Dogs are welcome but must be kept on lead at all times. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

You can walk the whole route, any part of it, or just intercept the progress at any point. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

A route map can be found at  
[www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/dsaa-coast-to-coast-1](http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/dsaa-coast-to-coast-1)



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May we shall be holding our eighth annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge, starting at 11:00am in Watchet and ending in West Bay.

In 2017, 580 supporters took part in this event to help raise funds to keep Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance flying and in doing so collaboratively rode just over 30,600 miles (that's approximately 35 journeys from Land's End to John O' Groats!) and raised more than £79,000 – that's enough to fund approximately 26 missions by the air ambulance.

This event is not a race and involves cycling along some of Dorset and Somerset's glorious countryside, riding through picturesque villages, with a mix of quiet back roads and busier main roads, interspersed with some demanding climbs and hairy descents this challenge definitely offers something for everyone!

We are aware that this event may cause you and your neighbours some slight disruption as the route will be coming through North Curry via 13 Bends, Borough Post and Oxen Lane and we would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

If you would be willing to help marshal this event in your neighbourhood and help us keep everyone safe, please contact Tina Viksna, the Fundraising Manager, on 01823 669604 or email: [fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk)

**We help save lives... one day it could be yours!**



## The Royal British Legion

The North Curry Branch of the Royal British Legion will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at The Bird in Hand. Our next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30pm and new members are always welcome.

We will be holding our annual meal at The Bird in Hand on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm for 7:30.

Please contact Ken Tate on 01823 490755 to confirm attendance



## Stoke St. Gregory Tennis Club incorporating North Curry



**ANNUAL OPEN DAY – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 4pm**

Members and non-members are invited to the Tennis Club Open Day. This event signals the beginning of the 2018 season and all those interested are welcome. The courts are at the Playing Fields in Willey Road, Stoke.

Whether you're an adult or junior, a beginner or experienced player, our Open Day is a chance to:

- Find out more about the Club & plans for the year ahead, including coaching
- Play some tennis – racquets available if needed
- Join or Renew Membership for 2018/19
- Enjoy some light refreshments

Annual subscriptions are *still* the same as last year, so are great value:

Family membership: £55, Single: £40, Junior: £20

If 7<sup>th</sup> is very wet, Open Day will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

### Coaching

**Good news!** Junior coaching will restart on Sunday mornings from 15<sup>th</sup> April, in 2 age-group/ability sessions.

10am – 10:45am Red: 5-8yrs + 9yr old beginners

11am – 12 noon Green & Yellow: 10yrs & over + 9yr old improvers

We have a new coach, Natalie Grinter, who will be running these sessions. The regular cost will be £4 per session for members of the Club, £5 for non-members... but the first session on 15<sup>th</sup> April will be FREE – so a great chance to give the coaching a try. Rackets will be provided, if required.

Natalie was Somerset LTA Coach of the Year 2017. Check her out at [www.natstennis.net](http://www.natstennis.net)

For more information, contact Kathy 490575 [kathryn.davidson7@btinternet.com](mailto:kathryn.davidson7@btinternet.com) or Nigel Cheeseman 490553

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Stokestgregorytennis](http://www.facebook.com/Stokestgregorytennis)

## Services at North Curry Parish Church

31 <sup>st</sup> March (Saturday)	8:00pm	North Curry	United Benefice Easter Vigil
1 <sup>st</sup> April EASTER DAY	10:00am	North Curry	Eucharist
5 <sup>th</sup> April (Thursday of Easter Week)	10:00am 11:00am	North Curry Woodlands	Holy Communion Holy Communion at Home
8 <sup>th</sup> April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Vicar away)	10:00am	Stoke St Gregory	United Benefice Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup> April (Thursday)	10:00am	North Curry	Little Angels
15 <sup>th</sup> April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Vicar away)	8:00am 6:00pm	North Curry North Curry	Holy Communion Evensong
19 <sup>th</sup> April (Thursday)	10:00am 11:00am	North Curry Woodlands	Holy Communion Holy Communion at Home
22 <sup>nd</sup> April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Vicar away)	10:00am	North Curry	All-age Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> April THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00am	North Curry	United Benefice Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> May (Thursday)	10:00am 11:00am	North Curry Woodlands	Holy Communion Holy Communion at Home
6 <sup>th</sup> May THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00am 10:00am	North Curry North Curry	Holy Communion Eucharist

### North Curry Village Hall

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phone 491298

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To hire the hall contact  
Fleur White 491424

[hallbookings@northcurry.com](mailto:hallbookings@northcurry.com)



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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)

or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)



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