



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

2ND MAY: This is your chance to hear what's been going on in the Parish, the school and sports clubs and also to have your input in how you would like to see CIL grants used. Come along to the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

BEWARE - THEFTS AND CONMEN! There have been a number of thefts from vans, barns and break-ins over the last month, please be aware and report any suspicious activity to the Police on tel. no. 101. Also do try to keep an eye on your neighbours' properties if they are elderly or away.

Conmen have also been seen locally offering to undertake work for people and then charging excessive prices. If you need work done remember to choose a reputable firm, ideally from local recommendation. Do not use someone who turns up on your doorstep offering to carry out work.

LOSCOMBE MEADOW ALLOTMENTS: It is expected that the allotments at Loscombe Meadow will be available shortly, if they aren't already. If you would like one of these allotments please contact the Parish Clerk ASAP. They are open to all Parishioners but would particularly suit residents living locally to them.

ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE NEED YOU! St. Margaret's Hospice is looking for volunteers in a number of roles, from fund raising, to minibus driving to receptionist work etc. To learn more about the rewarding roles where help is required please contact Sue Wilmott on 01823 259394 or email her at susan.wilmott@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk.

MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL MRI SCANNER APPEAL: Musgrove Park are trying to raise £1million for a much needed third MRI scanner. If you would like to donate, cheques should be made payable to "Love Musgrove" and sent to Love Musgrove, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, TA1 5DA, or text MRIM01 £10 or £5 to 70070. To find out more go to www.lovemusgrove.org.uk or call 01823 344437.

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

Wed 2 nd	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 9 th	AGM & Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 30 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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



North Curry Pavilion & Playing Field

Annual General Meeting at the Pavilion

Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at 7:45pm

The Pavilion and Playing Fields are provided for the benefit of all villagers. The picnic tables and BBQs have proved to be very popular, with the wide range of equipment being enjoyed by children and adults alike.

All of this requires the support of an enthusiastic Committee, if you would like to join our friendly team, please come along to the AGM or contact John Quinn on 07766 282397.

We would love to meet you!

On 12th May we will be serving Pimm's, Prosecco and Burgers at the May Fair so please come along to this popular village event.

Please support us by visiting our Facebook page www.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion and clicking



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd May** when **Margaret Hoffnung** will give a talk on "**Garden Visiting – A very British tradition**". This is a replacement for our previously booked talk and I'm sure it will be very interesting. It will also be the last meeting before our summer break.

There's still time to book for our outings in May, June and July – don't miss them, they're always wonderful. Finally, pop a date into your diary for our **Plant Sale with Coffee** on **Saturday 2nd June** when we always have an array of gorgeous plants for sale.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Greenway Playing Fields at 7:45 for 8:00pm. Everyone is always very welcome. Come and join us, enjoy the talk and have coffee and a chat afterwards.



**NORTH
CURRY
SOCIETY**

The Greenhouse Effect, Climate Change, Bees and You!



On Wednesday 16th May we welcome **Alex Morrice** to talk about the Greenhouse Effect and measuring changes in the natural world. He will look at the impact of climate change on gardens, wildlife and wine making, with a particular focus on the honey bee to illustrate the consequences for an ecosystem. Alex promises that there is one slide that explains the difference between climate and weather - probably worth coming for that alone!

Alex, a bee keeping North Curry resident, formerly of Stoke, served in the Royal Navy for almost 30 years, including as Director of Naval Oceanography and Meteorology, before retiring in the rank of Captain in 1992.

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.



Just a note to let you know that this year we will once again be holding a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie at Sunnyside, The Fosse, North Curry on Wednesday, 27th June from 2:30 - 5:00pm. Please put a reminder in your diary and we hope to see you on the day.

John and Roslin Greenwood

North Curry Parochial Charities' 150th Anniversary

Reeve's Picnic



All welcome
12 noon till 3pm Saturday 9th June

For 150 years the North Curry Parochial Charity trustees have been making donations to the people in this parish, so we thought that we should celebrate the anniversary. On Saturday 9th June in the playing field, Greenway, we shall be holding a picnic from noon to 3:00pm. On the day we have the Primary School doing some dancing, the WI with tea and cakes, live music with the ukulele band and village orchestra, North Curry Society doing an exhibit and Peter Pike with his beer (we cater for all tastes). Please bring the whole family and food for a true village event.



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

We have now changed to our summer menu which includes salads and ploughman's for a light lunch as well as the usual toasted sandwiches and baked potatoes. Or why not try our cream tea with delicious homemade scones and jam, together with fresh clotted cream? If you are coming to the May Fayre then make sure you pop over to our stall, too.

Michelle Van-Stein's illustrative work will be exhibited in The Coffee Shop from 1st May to 10th June. Michelle moved to Somerset some 30 years ago, raised a family and started a floristry business, all the while maintaining her interest in drawing. Children's book illustrators were a source of inspiration, in particular, the work of Arthur Rackham. She went on to study children's illustration, along the way, jotting down her own children's stories. Her goal now is to shake off the dust from the children's stories she's "scribbled over the last 30 years and finally to sit down and illustrate my own work. The kids have grown, I don't have a dog, no excuses really."



On Saturday 5th May, we have our last 'Winter Warmer' **La Boheme**. This is a film version of Puccini's romantic opera starring Rolando Villazon & Anna Netrebko. This is the first time we have shown an opera; we can do more if this proves to be popular!

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

On Wednesday May 23rd we are showing Pedro Almodovar's

Julietta. She is a middle aged woman living in Madrid with her boyfriend Lorenzo. They are going to move to Portugal, when she casually meets a former best friend of her daughter Antia, who reveals that Anita is living in Switzerland married and with three children. With her heart broken after 12 years of total absence of her daughter, Julietta cancels the journey to Portugal in the hope that Antia someday communicates with her. Alone with her thoughts, Julietta starts to write her memories to confront the pain of the events that happened...



Christian Aid coffee morning Saturday 19th May

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday 13th May to Saturday 19th May. Donation envelopes have arrived and are being prepared for distribution. The Methodist Church are again kindly hosting a coffee morning in the chapel garden (foot of Windmill Hill) 10:00 to 11:30am on the Saturday. Bring donations then and have a tasty cake to go with your tea or coffee, or leave your envelope with North Curry Post Office. The ongoing work of Christian Aid to provide urgent, practical and effective assistance to people affected by poverty, discrimination and natural disasters is dependent on your continued generosity.

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, and for revels, riots, dancing and protest. In preparation for our own May Fair, this talk looks at the social history of May celebrations and the importance of Mayday, Whitsun and Summer Games. Richly accompanied with illustrations, 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 over 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 and recent Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

Tuesday 8th May 7:30pm. North Curry Methodist Church. North Curry, Taunton TA3 6LX £3. Refreshments available after the talk.

Recycling more & wasting less

Dave Mansell from Wiveliscombe will be talking in the **Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory on 24th May at 7:45** on how recycling has increased in Somerset, how more could be recycled and what else should be done to decrease waste and use natural resources better, including through a circular economy.

Dave has been involved in developing pioneering new recycling services in the UK since 1989 and throughout Somerset since 2003. He worked as Development and Monitoring Manager at Somerset Waste Partnership until last year, when he took early retirement. He was a founder of Wivey Action on Climate & Environment in 2014, is a town councillor in Wiveliscombe and has just been elected as the only Green Party Councillor on Taunton Deane Borough Council. Do come along - all are welcome; no doubt there will be a lively discussion afterwards.

The **May Fair is on the 12th**; do come along to our stall.

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



Services at North Curry Parish Church (as at 8 April 2018)

3 May	(Thursday)		
10.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Vicar
11.00	Woodlands	Holy Communion at Home	Vicar
6 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter			
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Vicar
10 May Ascension Day (Thursday)			
10.00	North Curry	Little Angels	Vicar
19.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Vicar
13 May Sunday after Ascension Day (Rogationtide Walk)			
weather permitting, all services out of doors, picnic lunch			
08.00	North Curry	Emmaus Eucharist	The Rev'd John Tyler
11.00	Stoke St Gregory	Rogation Praise	The Rev'd John Tyler
13.00	Burrowbridge	Rogation Eucharist	MM + The Rev'd John Tyler
15.15	Athelney Abbey	Blessing of the Benefice	Vicar
16.30	Lyng	Rogation Praise	Mr Ralph Roberts & The Rev'd John Tyler
17 May (Thursday)			
10.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Vicar
11.00	Woodlands	Holy Communion at Home	Vicar
20 May Day of Pentecost			
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	Vicar
17.00	North Curry	Pentecost Praise	Vicar and The Rev'd Deborah Kirk
final venue to be decided day before, according to forecast			
27 May Trinity Sunday			
10.00	North Curry	All-age Eucharist	Vicar
31 May Corpus Christi (Thursday)			
19.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Vicar
3 June The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)			
08.00	North Curry	Holy Communion	The Rev'd John Tyler
10.00	North Curry	Eucharist	Vicar



The Royal British Legion

Thank you to all those who attended our annual RBL dinner at the Bird in Hand. Excellent food and company and a chance to see all the people who support our activities through the year.

With May Fair just around the corner, the RBL fundraising team would be very grateful for any prize donations for our tombola. Similarly, if any local company would like to sponsor/donate to our hamper raffle prize, please do get in contact. Mike Fleming - 490456 or Ken Tate - 490755

North Curry Sports Grounds

Everyone is welcome at the White Street grounds. Football continues for children and older ones; drop up on a Saturday morning if you are interested. The wildlife area is about to spring into action, and we welcome walkers (who walk on the sides of the pitches!) and dogs (who arrange for their owners to pick up deposits!). And it won't be long until cricket.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of North Curry Sport Ltd will be on Monday, 14th May at 7:30pm. All are welcome to the AGM, and to the committee meeting immediately following. If you'd like to come, email us at whitestreet@northcurry.com and we'll send you an agenda.

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NORTH CURRY

As many of you will remember an informal group known as **North Curry Community Energy** was formed in 2015, seeking to install PV panels on public buildings in North Curry. In due course they were installed on the White Street Pavilion, School and Village Hall in 2016, following a community fund raising effort by Brendon Energy.

Two years on, we are very pleased to say that comparisons of electricity bills show that the **school is saving around £1800 per annum**. This is in addition to receipts of over £300 per annum through the Feed In Tariff and for electricity exported to the grid.

Savings for the Hall and White Street Sports have been less owing to the nature of those buildings' usage. However, between the three, there has been an impressive saving of over 36 tonnes of CO₂ in just over two years; this is the equivalent of around **113 barrels of crude oil or 11 tonnes of coal so far**. Contact: Brian on 490623 or email bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk



NORTH CURRY MAY FAIR

**Saturday 12th May 2018
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Church Road and Queen Square**

- Punch and Judy
- Horse and Carriage Rides
- Swing Boats
- Ice Cream
- Country Dancing
- Plants, Cakes and Jams
- Cream Teas
- Local Ales and Produce
- Coconut Shy
- Children's Entertainment

Amazing Raffle Prizes!

- 2 Saturday tickets to Gatcombe Horse Trials

Celebration Cake and Signed Book by Fiona Cairns, Royal Cake Baker

Miles Tea Rooms, Taunton Cream Tea
Cut & Finish Combers Hair, Taunton (worth £55)

Living Pretty Afternoon Cream Tea
Devon County Show Tickets x 2

£50 Boden Voucher

£50 Meal for Two Voucher Bird in Hand, North Curry

One Month Membership Spirit Health Club, Taunton

Hamper donated by West Country Firewood, North Curry

Berry's Coaches Superfast to London Day Return Ticket

Tickets available to buy in advance from North Curry School

Parking in Manor Field £1.00

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North Curry Village Hall

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NORTH CURRY WILDLIFEGROUP

Gardens are increasingly important habitat for wildlife, and if you would like to make your garden more wildlife friendly, do come along to our stall at the May Fair where we hope to have lots of ideas to inspire you.

At the Community Woodland, we now have 25 bird, bat and owl boxes around the site and know from pellet evidence that a Barn Owl is a regular visitor. We have been constructing the willow tunnel and have planted a screen of willow at the pond edge. Bumblebees have been making the most of the 'pussy' willow catkins, cowslips are flowering, and hazel, spindle and guelder rose are all bursting into life. Do come and have a walk around the woodland to see all these signs of spring. For our latest news, please see our Twitter page www.twitter.com/ncurrywildlife.



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our session will be a week later this month on **Wednesday 9th May 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 and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian and Kathryn on 490623.

You may also be interested in a Barn Dance being organised by Lynda Kearn to be held on **Saturday 19th May 7:30pm – 11:00pm** in the Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall with live band Fresh Aire to raise funds for St Margaret's Hospice in memory of Julie Priddle who lived in Wrantage. Tickets £12.50 including buffet supper (BYO alcohol) available from Lynda. Tel 01823 480814 or 07969 299755



North Curry W.I.

As usual, we meet in May for our AGM; on the second of the month not only will we be electing a new committee but also discussing our resolution for the year which has been decided on by WI's nationwide. After more than 101,000 shortlist selections, the chosen topic is **Mental Health Matters**. WI's will be asking their members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and take action to make it acceptable to talk about both issues equally and to lobby government for better support for mental illness. Each WI throughout the country will be voting for or against the resolution and these results are sent to NFWI for a final debate and vote at the Annual Meeting held this year at Cardiff in June. If adopted this then will become part of local and national campaigns.

We look forward to the May Fair where once again we will be running our popular tombola stall with many prizes to be won, made more intriguing wrapped in gold and green. Do look out for us amongst the other stalls in Church Road at what is always such a great village event.

Remember the date!

North Curry Primary School 2018 Summer Fayre

Friday 15th June 6-8pm

at the school

Stalls, refreshments, entertainment & games: All welcome



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>