

# 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

**PARISH CLERK VACANCY:** Please see separate item

**NEW VILLAGE AGENT:** We have a new Village Agent, Linda Burton, who works for the Community Council for Somerset. She offers free and confidential practical support to local people and community groups, including advice on benefits, energy issues, local services, elderly concerns etc. She can be contacted by phone: 01823 331222, mobile: 07931 018019, or email [linda@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:linda@somersetccc.org.uk).

**SOMERSET INDEPENDENCE PLUS:** This is a one-stop shop for equipment, home improvements and advice to help people live independently at home for longer. It is based at Unit 17, Knights Rd., Chelston Industrial Park near Wellington and is open to the public on Mondays from 9:30am - 4:00pm. Alternatively appointments can be booked by contacting Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. It can offer advice and financial assistance that covers a number of improvements, adaptations or repairs that might need to be carried out on your home and staff will be on site to provide advice and information.

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK THANKS:** Many thanks to all who turned out for the autumn litter pick, all support is much appreciated.

**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 it of any leaves or debris (particularly on windy recycling days). 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 2224 (choose the "Roads and Transport" option), or report it online at: [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk), choose the "Roads, Parking & Transport" option then "Problems on the Road".

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING?** Whilst no training is necessary before using the defibrillator as it gives instructions as you use it, if you think you would be more comfortable about using it following training and would like to attend a 90 minute course please let the Parish Clerk know. If there is sufficient interest a training course will be arranged.

**WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS:** Please note that (with the exception of Monday collections) in the Christmas week all collections will be two days later than usual and in the New Year week all collections will be one day later than usual. There will be NO garden waste collections from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. All waste collections will be back to normal from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm  
There will not be a planning meeting in December

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



On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, we are showing the comedy **Maggie's Plan** starring Greta Gerwig, Ethan Hawke and Julianne Moore. The acting is top notch and the dialogue very witty. The standout performance is Greta Gerwig who plays Maggie. Her big doe-eyed innocence and naivety about the ways of the world make her scheming utterly

forgivable. Maggie wants to have a baby, raising it on her own, but when she gets romantically involved with John, a married man, things get complicated and all the balance of Maggie's plans may collapse.

The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members and it isn't too late to join (£25 for 9 films) or come as a guest (£5). Anyone can be a guest - just come along!

There is no **Winter Warmer** in December. The next one is Michael Caine's **My Generation** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

More information on our films on [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk)

## North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**

in the

North Curry Village Hall

**Fantasia on Christmas Carols  
Excerpts from Gloria (Vivaldi)**

Soprano solo  
Baritone solo  
Trumpet solo

Carols for choir and audience

Light supper

Bar

Tickets (£10) will be available in early December from members of the choir and North Curry Post Office.

## VACANCY

### Clerk to North Curry Parish Council

Applications are being sought for the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. This part-time post will put you at the heart of this thriving local community and involve a varied workload. Hours of work (typically 62 hours per month) are to some extent negotiable to accommodate the needs of the applicant, but will necessarily involve working at the Parish Office several part-days a week and attending meetings at the Village Hall on an average of two evenings a month. The successful applicant will have a keen interest in understanding local issues and the workings of the District and County Councils, an ability to take minutes and manage the Council's correspondence and accounts, a flexible approach to work and a resilient and outgoing character capable of dealing face-to-face with the public. Computer literacy with knowledge of Word and Excel is required. He or she is likely to live in or close to the Parish.

Remuneration will be in accordance with Local Council pay scales starting in the region of £10.10 per hour plus expenses, dependent upon experience and aptitude.

Written applications should be made to the Chairman at The Parish Office, Town Farm Community Stable or emailed to [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com) by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018. For further information or an informal discussion please contact the current Clerk, Barbara Wellwood, on 01823 490136, the Chairman, Mrs Tina Stodgell, on 01823 480629 or by e-mail as above.



## North Curry & District Amateur Gardeners

The next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December when our talk will be on "Going wild in the garden" by Dr and Mrs Bebbington.

Join us for **mulled wine and mince pies** at the slightly earlier time of **7:30pm** and the talk will start at 8.00pm as usual.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Greenway Playing fields and guests are always welcome so feel free to come along.

There will be no meeting in January

## Police Presence in North Curry Village Hall

As part of their initiative to increase the visibility of local policing, our two Community Support Officers, **Dave Rowe** and **Claire Escott** are using the Village Hall as a "Police Hub" on an occasional basis.

They are, from time to time, working in the Meeting Room or the Games Room, and are very happy for anyone to drop on them unannounced— to raise queries or concerns of any nature, or simply to have a chat.

The nature of their duties means that they will not be operating to a fixed schedule, but their presence is signalled by their marked police car in the Village Hall car park.

**Please feel free to introduce yourselves to them.** The quality of the service they offer to the community depends largely how many local people that they know, and on the extent of their local knowledge.



## North Curry W.I.

If popularity can be judged by the number of times you get invited back to a party then our entertainers this month certainly meet that criterion. For the third (or maybe fourth) time we are delighted to welcome the Avalonian Free State Choir from Glastonbury who will be joining us in helping to make our festive Christmas meeting a joyful one. The Choir is an unaccompanied natural voice choir and has an incredible enthusiasm to translate music into a wonderful experience. We look forward to hearing some of their wide repertoire of songs and especially to them joining with us in the rendering of Jerusalem which this month should make a stirring sound 'in North Curry's green and pleasant land' (or at least in the village hall!)

Over the following days we meet with local groups for a united carol service at Hatch Beauchamp Church followed by tea in the village hall and finally, a fitting highlight of our year, we join other W.I.'s throughout Somerset for our annual carol service in Wells Cathedral.

As Christmas approaches, we send special greetings to everyone for a happy and peaceful time.



## 'Tales from a Somerset Country Copper'

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



Brian Phelps will talk about his village Bobby PC 19 H.C. Weaver 1952-1959, (affectionately known as 'Tiny' throughout his career) from his induction into the force in 1934, until 1945.

Brian was born in Bishops Lydeard in 1947, he was involved in the building trade until 1963 when he returned to college and gained a HND in Social Care, a Teaching Diploma and a degree course in Social Care Management. He then taught at the college until 2001, when he retired. He and his wife now enjoy gardening and wandering the country to enjoy the national heritage.

**This month festive drinks and nibbles will be served from 7:30pm.**

The Society meets on the third Wednesday each month in the Village Hall at **8:00pm** (drinks and socialising from **7:30pm**). Annual membership £5, (visitors pay £1). All welcome.

## CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
from 6:00pm

In Queen Square Gardens

Come and start the Christmas  
Season with our Annual Carol  
singing in the Square.

Carol sheets are provided.  
Dress up warmly and bring a  
light.

This is always good fun.

Do not miss out!



## Winter Planning

At the Health Centre we are reviewing our contingency plans for bad weather. So far, we have always managed to keep some level of service going, even in the worst conditions and we are very grateful to all those who have helped in the past. We are keen to ensure we can keep the show on the road, whatever the winter throws at us!

From previous experience, when we have had heavy snow, our only option has been to close the carpark, to prevent the snow becoming compacted and forming an ice rink.

We wonder if there is anybody in the parish with access to a tractor and yard scraper, or similar, who might be willing to be called upon to help with clearing the car park in the event of heavy snow.

If you might be able to help, please contact the practice manager, Mrs Sarah Keen, on 01823 490505 (Mon-Thurs) or at [reception.northcurryhc@nhs.net](mailto:reception.northcurryhc@nhs.net).

Many thanks.

Drs Hickman and Chapman



Remember the coffee shop for that last minute Christmas gift or decoration, we have a diverse range of unique handmade items including pottery, wood, needle felted, glass and fabric. New for this year are "Linolites", backlit images from original hand pulled lino prints! Merry Christmas to everyone and we hope to welcome you soon.

## North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths  
phone 491298

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

To hire the hall contact

Fleur White 491424

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

## Advent and Christmas services in North Curry 2018/ 2019 (at Parish Church, unless indicated elsewhere)

### 27<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday)

6:00pm Brownies Nativity at Methodist Church

### 2<sup>nd</sup> December ADVENT SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Eucharist

### 6<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday)

10:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Holy Communion at Woodlands

### 7<sup>th</sup> December (Friday)

7:00pm Advent Taizé Service at Methodist Church

### 9<sup>th</sup> December THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00am United Benefice Eucharist at Lyng

### 13<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday)

10:00am Little Angels

### 16<sup>th</sup> December THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Carol Service

3:00pm Carol Service

4:00pm Carol Service

at Baptist Church  
at Methodist Church

### 17<sup>th</sup> December (Monday)

6:00pm Carols in the Square Queen Square Garden

### 23<sup>rd</sup> December THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00am Morning Prayer

### 24<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Mass

### 25<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Christmas Eucharist

10:30am Thanksgiving Service at Baptist Church

### 30<sup>th</sup> December THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:00am United Benefice Eucharist

### 6<sup>th</sup> January THE EPIPHANY

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Eucharist

### 10<sup>th</sup> January (Thursday)

10:00am Little Angels

### 13<sup>th</sup> January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10:00am United Benefice Eucharist at Burrowbridge

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas)

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Eucharist

4:00pm Christingle Service



## The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the British Legion will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Bird in Hand.

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

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



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

# *Christmas in the Square*

*Continuing the tradition of the village  
getting together just before Christmas*

***Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 – 6:00pm***

*Festive fun for all ages*

***Christmas Tree in the Square  
with switching on of the lights***



***Guest Singers and musicians***

*Children's Games; Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls  
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,  
'Rhum au Chocolat' and Raffle*

***Father Christmas,  
if we are all very good .....***



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