



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A reminder that the APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES: Following the nominations for the new parish councillors, unfortunately there are three vacancies. Would you like to become more involved in what happens in the Parish? Do you feel you could give something back to the community? If you do, now is your chance. Please contact the Parish Clerk or one of your Parish Councillors for more information or attend a meeting and see what it involves.

SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU! The North Curry Speedwatch Group is looking for a volunteer to assist the team in monitoring speed in the Wrantage area of the Parish. If you have a small amount of time to spare and an interest in improving road safety in the Parish please consider joining others taking on this duty. Anyone wanting more details or interested in taking on the role should contact the Parish Clerk.

NEWPORT ROAD AND WHITE STREET ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS: Please note the following road closures. Newport Road at the junction with Oxen Lane on 1st May for up to 3 days and Meare Green Lane from the junction with Langport Road on 21st May for up to 3 days.

SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON COUNCIL – CONTACT CHANGES (TDBC). Somerset West and Taunton Council, email addresses have changed to this format: Initial.lastname@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk postal address, Somerset West and Taunton Council, PO Box 866 Taunton, TA1 9GS. The offices at Deane House, Taunton and West Somerset House, Williton will remain open as usual. Tel **0300 304 8000** 8am - 6pm Mon - Fri Website: www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

WELCOME BOOKLET/NORTH CURRY DIRECTORY: The last update on the North Curry Directory was 4 years ago so we are updating the existing booklet. Please contact the webmaster@northcurry.com if any changes affect you.

Are you a Parish advertiser, existing or otherwise?
Please contact the parishcouncil@northcurry.com

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

Wed 1 st	Annual Parish Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed 8 th	Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 29 th	Planning Meeting	7:30 pm

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



Dido and Aeneas mosaic pavement

On Wednesday 15th May, David Elkington gives an outline of Britain under and before the Romans: a sample of the civilisation they found - some remaining 'pre-Roman' throughout. Home and military life, art, religion, towns and villas will all feature, encouraging further visits to sites and museums.

Born and schooled in Bristol, David has taught in Somerset since the 1960s. He studied Classics and Classical Civilisation at Durham, digging at Hadrian's Wall, and took a Master's in Roman studies. He gained a scholarship to study and photograph in Rome and Pompeii. David last came to NCS in 2015.

Meetings are held monthly in North Curry Village Hall at 7:30pm for coffee and chat, the talks begin at 8:00pm. Membership costs £5 a year; visitors are very welcome on payment of a small entrance charge (currently £1). We look forward to welcoming you.



Barn Dancing Club

A reminder that our session will be a week **later** this month on **Wednesday May 8th 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 & Kathryn on 490623.

**Church of St Peter & St Paul
North Curry Parish Church
Coffee Mondays**



Starting on 6th May (Bank Holiday Monday) we are experimenting with coffee mornings each Monday in the parish church 9:30 to 11:30am. Just drop in: whether you are a walker with dogs, or a mother with toddlers, or would like to chat with friends, you will be welcome.

We have an improved ramp outside the west door, so access is now much easier.

Mondays are when the village coffee shop in Town Farm Community Stable take a well-earned rest to prepare for the following week, so this will be an additional facility in North Curry.

**Please come to a fundraising
Poolside Lunch with Jazz**

played by Jazzical Swing
at the Pophams, Highcroft House,
Knapp Lane
on
Sunday 16th June at 12 noon

RUN Dental is a Not for Profit charity in Uganda providing free dental clinics to communities in remote parts of the country, it may seem incredible to us but poor dental hygiene can be fatal if not properly treated. This summer Kathryn and Robin Popham are going over to help build 3 rooms for visiting dentists from Europe and America who volunteer their time and expertise to help with this worthwhile project. Kathryn and Robin will be paying their own expenses but are trying to raise £3,000 to buy materials for this project

Tickets to include 2 course lunch and a glass of wine £12 from Joh Popham (tel.490264) and the Post Office from 16th May onwards.

!!!Mobile Library!!!

**Queens Square – Wednesday 22nd
May - 1:45 – 2:30pm**

All the more important to keep it going now that Langport library has gone self-service! Please use it if you can.

Tuesday Club

Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to cook a luncheon for up to 30 very nice people? We are the Tuesday Club and we meet on a Tuesday once a fortnight in the Village Hall. The lovely people who cook for us do so once every eight weeks but sadly we now have a need for an equally lovely person to join so that the eight week rota can continue. The cooking can either be done at the Village Hall or at the person's home. Contact Joanne in the first instance on 01823 491083.



**North Curry
W.I.**

On the first of May we meet for our AGM, when not only will we be electing a new committee, but also discussing our resolutions for the year which have been decided on by WIs throughout the country. From more than 105,000 shortlist selections two topics were chosen –‘A call against the decline in local bus services’ (especially in rural areas) and ‘Don’t fear the smear’ (to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening). All WI’s nationwide will be voting for or against each resolution and these results are sent to NFWI for a final debate and vote at the Annual Meeting held at Bournemouth in June. If these topics are adopted, this then means our voice can be heard and can make a real difference as they become part of local and national campaigns.

Look out for us at the **May Fair** - we'll be there again with our popular tombola and prizes wrapped (this year in yellow and green).

If anyone enjoys walking, do join us for an approximately two mile charity walk on Thursday 16th May at 2pm - meeting at 1, Longs Field, North Curry (TA3 6NN) and returning there for tea afterwards. Money raised will benefit ACWW (a charity donating to women in less-developed countries for use in projects designed to improve the lives of themselves and their families).

This is open to everyone and if a group of you decide to take part just let us know so that we have enough cake! (telephone 490363).



North Curry Village Choir presents

Spring concert 2019

Gloria - Vivaldi

Aesop's Fables – Chilcott

Easter Hymn – Mascagni

Maiden Fair - Haydn

Keyboard and vocal solos

String quartet

11th May at 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

Miles Quick – Musical Director

Tickets £10 (£5 for under 21) will be available from: North Curry Post Office, members of the choir or at the door



**North Curry and District
Amateur Gardeners**

Our next meeting is in Thursday 2nd May when our speaker will be Brigit Strawbridge talking on “Bees”. We all know how essential these little creatures are to our environment, be they wild or domesticated, and I think it will be most interesting.

This will be the last talk before our summer break.

We do however have other interesting things going on! On Wednesday 15th May, we're off to Sherborne Castle and Gardens in Dorset. Forms are available at the next meeting if you haven't already picked one up. Member's friends, family or anyone at a loose end is welcome to join us!

On Saturday 25th May, we have our usual fabulous Plant Sale with coffee and cake at the Pavilion 10:00 - 12 noon. We'll have our usual selection of gorgeous perennials plus anything else our members have managed to grow for us to sell!

There will also be two additional daytime outings, an NGS garden to visit and an evening outing so watch this space!

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Greenway playing fields Pavilion at 7:45 for 8:00pm. New members and guests are always welcome.

Please come to a
Coffee Morning



**Saturday 18th May
from 10am-noon**

in the **Methodist chapel garden**,
foot of Windmill Hill, North Curry



in support of
Christian Aid Week
Sun 12th - Sat 18th May

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th 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 noon 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 in this country and across the world affected by poverty, discrimination and natural disasters is dependent on your continued generosity. Last year North Curry raised in excess of £500.

Benefice of Athelney – Service Rota (as at 14th March 2019)				
MAY – 2019				
5th May	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
8:00am	North Curry	Holy Communion		Rev'd John Tyler
10:00am	North Curry	Eucharist		Rev'd John Tyler
9th May	<i>(Thursday)</i>			
10:00am	North Curry	Little Angels		Mrs Jenny Satchwell
12th May	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
10:00am	Stoke St Gregory	United Benefice Eucharist		Rev'd John Tyler
19th May	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
8:00am	North Curry	Holy Communion		Rev'd John Tyler
6:00pm	North Curry	Evensong		Dr Robert Dunning
26th May	ROGATION SUNDAY			
8:00am	North Curry	Emmaus Eucharist		Rev'd John Tyler
11:00am	Stoke St Gregory	Short service		
2:30pm	Burrowbridge	Short service		
3:15pm	Burrow Mump	Blessing		
4:15pm	Athelney Abbey	Blessing		
5:30pm	Lyng	Short service, and blessing from the tower		
30th May	ASCENSION DAY (Thursday)			
7:00pm	North Curry	Holy Communion		Rev'd John Tyler
2nd June	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
8:00am	North Curry	Holy Communion		Rev'd John Tyler
10:00am	North Curry	Eucharist		Rev'd Martin Mudie



The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the North Curry Branch will be at the Bird in Hand at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd May.

We are holding a bottle stall at the May Fare and any donations for prizes would be much appreciated and can be left with Ken Tate, 34 Greenway, North Curry 01823 490755. We are also holding a raffle. We hope it will be a successful day and look forward to seeing you there.

New members are very welcome, just come along to our meeting. You do not have to have military connections to become a member.



North Curry Sport 200 Club

Congratulations, Winners for April 2019

Geoff Golder	£25
Youth Football Club	£15
Diane Alford	£10

NORTH CURRY PAVILION
& PLAYING FIELD

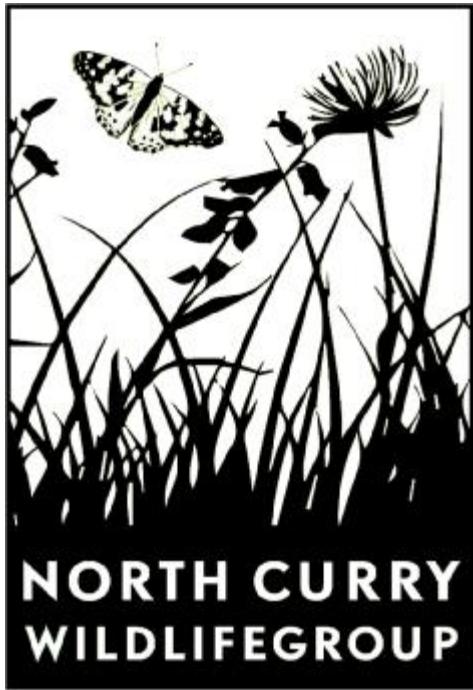
Available to hire as a venue for parties (children's and adults), meetings and celebrations. With a large outdoor area ideal for bouncy castles and games, in addition a multi-use games area (MUGA) for children and young people to have fun and let off steam.

To book see calendar and booking form at www.ncpavilion.co.uk or email pavilion@northcurry.com

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

North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall go to
hallbookings.northcurry.com
no internet? then phone 491424
Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298
villagehall@northcurry.com



NORTH CURRY WILDLIFEGROUP

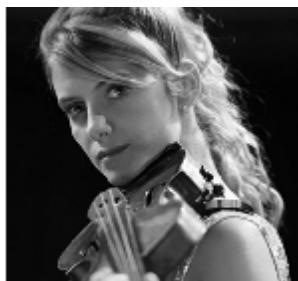
Do come along to our stall at the May Fair on 11th May, join in our competition and find out about all the good things you can do to help wildlife in your own garden. We hope to have lots of ideas to inspire you.

We are busy using our award from the National Lottery Community Fund to benefit local wildlife and to enhance people's enjoyment of the natural areas of the village. Look out for the new bird boxes we have put up in the churchyard, Queen Square garden and around the school grounds. The re-lined pond at the Community Woodland is filling up well and is being planted with aquatic plants. We hope soon to unveil an information board at the woodland, very kindly designed for us by Kate and Simon Mears. For this and all our other projects, please see our website: www.northcurrywildlife.com

And do take a stroll around the Community Woodland, listen to the birdsong and enjoy spring bursting into life. Young children may like to explore the willow tunnel.



On Wednesday 22nd May we are showing the hilarious comedy, **Le Concert**.



Thirty years ago, Andrei Simonovich Filipov, the renowned conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra, was fired for hiring Jewish musicians. Now a cleaning man at the Bolshoi, he learns by accident that the Châtelet Theatre in Paris invites the Bolshoi orchestra to play there. He decides to gather together his former musicians and to perform in Paris in the place of the Bolshoi orchestra. As a solo violin player to accompany his old Jewish and Gypsy musicians he wants Anne-Marie Jacquet, a young virtuoso. If they all overcome the hardships ahead this very special concert will be a triumph. In French & Russian with sub-titles.

The Village Hall doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members & £5 for guests. Anyone can be a guest – just come along!

More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



Saturday 11th May 2019 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
BBQ Pimm's and Prosecco
Coconut Shy
Children's Entertainment

Parking in Manor Field £1.00
Contact Information: Vicky Day 490482 & Debbie
Curtis 491085

