

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

OVERGROWN HEDGES AND SHRUBBERY- PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: Please ensure any hedges or shrubs on your property that are adjacent to paths and roads are kept cut back and do not overhang the highway or pavements / footpaths. Thank you.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS: Please note the following road closures. Solomon's Hollow, Lillesdon and Lillesdon Lane 2nd September for 3 days (9:30am-3:30pm). Moore Lane 5th September for 1 night (9:00pm-6:00am). Queens Square, The Shambles and Knapp Lane 5th September for 1 night (9:00pm-6:00am). Knapp Road 9th September for 3 days (all day). Meare Green Lane, West Hatch 16th September for 3 days (all day). Full details of these closures are displayed on the Parish notice board or online at www.roadworks.org

A MESSAGE TO ALL CYCLISTS, HORSE RIDERS OR CARRIAGES & RUNNERS: The Parish is a hive of activity for many types of road and path users. In order for all to enjoy the Parish, please do take care and be diligent and responsible when using the roads and paths be mindful and respectful of others.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY EDUCATION SESSION: Information Sessions are run by Dementia Friends Champions to help you understand what it's like to live with dementia and the actions you can take. The Parish Council have organised for a talk which is free and open to all offering information and advice on dealing with Alzheimer's. The session will take place on **12th September 2019 in the Meeting room at the Village Hall from 3:00 to 4:00pm.** Please come along.

VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: The Parish Council are looking for ideas to celebrate VE day next year from 8th to 10th May and we would welcome suggestions from parishioners whether we organise an event to celebrate this occasion and how we do so. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@northcurry.com

SPEED WATCH: In July we monitored 2 sites, Canterbury Drive and Windmill Hill. As would be expected the Windmill Hill site provided a large number of vehicles travelling well in excess of the limit with 19% of all traffic being in excess of 30mph. We have five recognised sites, which we monitor. Barcroft Crescent in Wrantage, Windmill Hill, Canterbury Drive, Stoke Road and recently added Moor Lane. We could undertake more sessions but we need volunteers who would like to give an hour of their time once a month - will you help us? Please contact our Speedwatch Coordinator Andrew Meehan 01823 491380

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

Wed 11 th	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wed 25 th	Planning Meeting	7:30pm

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

North Curry Village Hall

The Village Hall is an institution we all value and it would be sadly missed if it had to close. It provides the space for dance, bridge, badminton, parties, film shows, meetings, the Produce Market and the Village Show. We would all be the poorer without these things.

The Hall is run by a small, friendly Management Team who are Hall Trustees, with the support of delegates from the groups who use it. Fleur White who currently deals with Hall Bookings wishes to step down from this role as she is also the Chair. As the bookings can now be done online the task has become easier.

Liz Gibbs willingly took over as Secretary when Michael Griffiths was ill but on the understanding that this would not be a permanent position.

Neither are prepared to go on indefinitely in these tasks. The threat is real and we, the Committee and hence the Hall activities, will not be able to continue as we are for much longer.

We need two extra people to join the Committee, and Fleur (01823 491424) and Liz (01823 490191) would be delighted to discuss these roles with anyone who was interested.

Thank you!



On **Wednesday September 25th** we are starting our **new season** of films with the tense drama **Red Joan** starring Judi Dench & Sophie Cookson. In a picturesque village in England, Joan Stanley (Judi Dench), lives in contented retirement. Suddenly her tranquil existence is shattered as she's shockingly arrested by MI5. For Joan has been hiding an incredible past; she is one of the most influential spies in living history. Not to be missed! Come along and join – still **only £25 for 12 films**. There is such a variety – from the brand-new Ken Loach to the classic "The Post". We have comedies, dramas and a documentary. Programmes available from the Post Office and the Coffee Shop. Our Saturday afternoon, 'Winter Warmers', will start in October.



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

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



On 18th September, Keith Gibbs describes Chinese physics, places and people.

An experienced teacher, in 2017 Keith was invited to join a group to run a course in Beijing for able 17 and 18-year-old Chinese students. He returned in 2018 and again earlier this year.

Three days of sightseeing each year form the background of Keith's talk: the Great Wall, temples in Beijing, Tiananmen Square, traffic and air pollution, Suzhou gardens, chopsticks, Chinese restaurants (not like we think of a Chinese meal here), Shanghai city (24m people and an impressive waterfront), Hanzhou with its world heritage lake and Buddhist shrine, shopping in traditional shops and shopping malls, travel (trains, maglev and motorways), some language... and finally the Chinese people.

We meet in the Village Hall at 7:30pm, talks start at 8:00pm. Membership costs £5/year - if not yet a member, come as a visitor and join next month at the AGM.



We Need Help With Dog Control

We encourage community use of the fabulous White Street grounds, including walking dogs on leads. Unfortunately, a few people continue to disregard the signs that ask for dogs to be kept on leads and to be walked around the edge of the fields. The reason is simple: we need all sports grounds to be safe and healthy for the many children and adults that use them. Some people seem to think that letting dogs run free and then picking up after them is ok; some don't even pick up. This is not acceptable. Some sports bodies are considering not supporting activities unless dogs are banned. We need to show that dogs do not use sports areas. We want our sports grounds, the community-at-large and dogs-on-leads to share the space, so we are trying to get everyone to co-operate. If you happen to see anyone not managing their dog properly, could you please remind them of the simple rules? Thank you.

North Curry Sport 200 Club

Congratulations to the recent winners:

August

- North Curry Youth Football £25
- Matthew Jewell £15
- Maria Perry £10

September

- Nick Bradstock £25
- Youth Football £15
- Cricket Club £10



North Curry W.I.

Drumming, floral decorations, a magician, Hanna Somatics and straw-craft are just a few of the varied items included in our new programme for the next twelve months – with theatre visits, hands-on workshops and outings also on the agenda.

After a summer break, our first meeting in the village hall is on Wednesday, 4th September at 2:00pm, when we welcome Sheila Colton speaking on the subject of 'Changing Careers'. Sheila, herself a WI member, has worked for the Metropolitan Police in London and she actually stepped in to fill a gap during one of the recent County speaker introduction days; we found her so interesting and entertaining that we booked her straight away. If you are not a member, visitors are welcome to join us for a small entrance fee, listen to our speakers and take part in the afternoon, which includes tea and social time.

Later in the month, within our group of local WI's, we are holding a movie evening as we Sing-A-Long to South Pacific. Our plans are to create a cinema atmosphere including usherettes, popcorn and ice creams, with Hawaiian dress optional! Members from our 7 group WI's have been invited and we hope they will come along, sing-a-long and enjoy 'Some Enchanted Evening' followed by lots of 'Happy Talk'!

Mobile Library

The Library Van will be in Queen Square, North Curry on

Wednesday 11th September
from 1:45 – 2:30pm

Hopefully it won't have broken down again! Please use it or we'll lose it.

North Curry Produce Market

August was another lively market. Lots of new faces, which is good for the market and the village.

The next market is on 7th September.

The market could do with more stalls, so if anyone is interested in having a stall, please get in touch with me on 01823 490319.

If anyone has any ideas for the market, please get in touch on the number above.

Somerset Artweeks

21st September - 6th October

Three North Curry artists will be exhibiting their work during the Artweeks fortnight at Trevarrick House, The Pavement, North Curry, opposite The Coffee Shop:

Kim Varley's lino prints and 'linolites' (subtly illuminated lino prints in simple box frames)

Jo Butcher's intricate framed hand embroideries on painted backgrounds and linens

Kate Mears' watercolours inspired by local architecture, interiors and gardens.

Also for sale: prints, cards, books and Jo's embroidery kits.

Opening times: 1:00 - 5:00pm Closed Mondays and Tuesdays



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 5th September** when our speaker will be **Elizabeth Holman** on "**Rejuvenating a tired garden**". I think many gardens are feeling quite tired this year after all the dryness and heat so hopefully this talk will fill us with enthusiasm to sort them out!

Meetings are held in the Pavilion of the Greenway playing fields on the first Thursday of the month at 7:45 for 8:00pm start. Guests are always welcome so please do feel free to come and join our friendly group for an interesting talk and stay for coffee and a chat afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you all again!

Apple Day Celebration

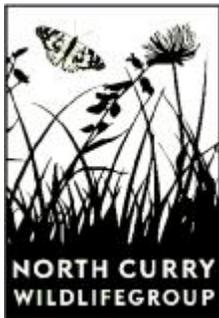
20th October, 2:00pm to 5:00pm
White Street playing fields and
community orchard

Join us in a feast to celebrate Apples and the Autumn, Orchards, our Village, our produce and our flora and fauna, the entrance fee is a local apple! Please bring food and produce to share and your apples to juice.

There will also be fruit variety recognition, seasonal games, music from the village band, singing, face painting, kids craft, cooking, wildlife and fauna walks and talks, information on bee keeping and how to care for fruit trees and much more. The event is organised by the village Wildlife Group, in association with Transition Athelney.

If you would like to help with this and future events contact Tim at milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk, (Tim lost some contacts from the wassail earlier in the year so do please get in touch again).

We will be holding another Wassail in January too.



The Community Woodland at White Street now has a splendid information board thanks to the kind generosity of Kate and Simon Mears who gave us their wonderful artwork and design. Our award from the National Lottery Community Fund meant that we could make this up as the finished board now on site. If you haven't had a walk around the woodland recently, do come and have a look.

We are discovering more about the woodland by doing some moth-trapping thanks to the help and expertise of new resident Stephen Locke. On his advice, we have purchased a Skinner moth trap with our lottery award and have so far recorded 37 species of moth visiting the woodland, including some large and impressive Drinker, Lappet and Oak Eggar moths.

We have also made a new bank near the pond which we are calling our 'bee bank' as it is planted with flowering plants suitable for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Please see our website: www.northcurrywildlife.com

North Curry Village Choir

Rehearsals start again

on

Thursday 12th September 2019

at 8:00pm

in the

North Curry Village Hall

Our next concert is on

Thursday 12th December 2019

in North Curry Parish Church

We welcome new members and if you wish to join us, please contact the chairman, Keith Gibbs on 01823 490191



Quilting exhibition

North Curry Parish Church

Saturday & Sunday 21 - 22 September
12 noon to 5:00pm

We are a group of friends who have been quilting together for 30 years and are celebrating with an exhibition of work at the parish church.

Meeting in each other's houses fortnightly, we work collectively on patchwork quilts for each other to celebrate and mark momentous occasions and to raise money for charity.

Our early quilts are made of recycled fabrics from favourite items mixed with jumble sale finds: latterly the construction has gone up market and we buy new, specialist quilting cottons which are longer lasting.

There will be a great variety of patterns and fabrics on show – some are made up of traditional American eight inch square blocks while others are complete, all-over designs.

We are grateful to the church for allowing us to be part of their harvest thanksgiving weekend. Entry is free but donations accepted for the church and we will offer light refreshments, again in aid of the church.



Barn Dancing Club

Our barn dancing club meets in the village hall from 7:30 to 9:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, our next session being on **Wednesday 4th September**. This will be the start of our new year and will be an excellent opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of approximately £20 will be collected. If you're not sure about membership yet but would like to have a go then your first visit will be free of charge; non-members will pay £3.50 per session thereafter. No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher who brings CDs for the music and helps to make it a real fun evening. He sometimes tries to get us to take it seriously but invariably fails! We do a mixture of old and new, English and American. We have total new beginners and folk who have spent their whole life dancing. We enjoy good company, good cheer and good exercise, both mental and physical, with refreshments and a rest at half time. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

North Curry Art Classes

If you are someone, who has always wanted to draw and paint, but needs encouragement and advice or someone, who is already creatively active, but would like to share a couple of hours (and a coffee and biscuits), with like-minded people and improve their skills, then these classes are for you. We cover all aspects of drawing and painting, such as tone, composition, perspective as well as using a variety of media, including pen and ink, water colour, acrylics, gouache, pastels and maybe some collage. We also look at other artists and styles of work. A very comprehensive learning experience.

North Curry Art Classes

Every Thursday, term time

The Meeting Room
North Curry Village Hall

9:45 to 11:45am

You are very welcome to come along to our very friendly, relaxed group. For more information, please contact Claire on 07900 095222 or email clairejeanes@hotmail.com

Services at North Curry parish church in September (as at 10th August 2019)

1st September The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Eucharist

Revd John Tyler
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8th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am at **Stoke St Gregory** United Benefice Eucharist

Revd John Tyler

12th September (Thursday)

10:00am Little Angels

Mrs Jenny Satchwell

15th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

Revd John Tyler
Dr Robert Dunning

22nd September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am Harvest Festival Eucharist

Revd Martin Mudie

29th September Michael and All Angels

10:00am at **Burrowbridge** United Harvest Festival Patronal Eucharist

Revd Martin Mudie

Parish Church survey: please have your say

With Athelney Benefice now in Vacancy the four parishes have coordinated a survey to discern the needs of the benefice, included as a loose insert to this Newsletter (if not, pick one up from the parish church or the village post office). The process allows everyone to have the opportunity to have their voice heard and achieve a good appointment. Please return the form anonymously to the church or post office within the next two weeks.

The parishes will be summarising the results and intend to report back to the community on the morning of Saturday 28th September (10am at Stoke St Gregory Village Hall) to hear what you said and reflect on what needs to be done next. Everyone will be welcome to come and join in.

Mary Piers 491434 and **David Akerman** 490234, Churchwardens, North Curry Parish Church

September events at the Parish Church

The parish church welcomes Ride and Stride, a Bath & Wells initiative to visit churches in the Diocese on bike or foot (possibly on horseback even) on Saturday 14th September, one of more than 100 Somerset churches that will be open that day. The morning is also clean-up time for the church and churchyard – bring your shears and dusters. In the evening from 7:00pm Taunton Military Wives Choir give a concert – tickets will be on sale at the Post Office from the beginning of September.

We celebrate the harvest on the weekend of 21st/22nd September with Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on the Saturday and a Festival Eucharist in church on the Sunday. Also on the festival weekend (except at the Sunday service time) North Curry Quilting Group, celebrating their 30th year, will be exhibiting quilts they have made over the years.

Taunton Military Wives Choir



On Saturday 14th September from 7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm) Taunton Military Wives Choir give a concert in the parish church – tickets will be on sale price £10 at the Post Office from the beginning of September.

Their programme includes old favourites such as Don't Sit under the Apple Tree, Water of Tyne and a medley from Les Misérables.

Taunton Military Wives Choir was formed just over six years ago and is part of the Military Wives Choir Foundation. Within the choir there are wives and girlfriends of both serving and retired military personnel, mothers, sisters and daughters, also several ladies who have served within the armed forces themselves.

Their Musical Director is Edward Goater, a tenor and music teacher living in Wells. He studied conducting with Norman Barnes MBE and for many years was a member of the BBC Singers. Ed is also musical director of Taunton Choral Society.

The Season of Mellow Fruitfulness!

It's that time of year again - apples and lots of other fruit ripening all around us. We can help you to make the most of your crops of apples and pears by pressing them into juice which can then be pasteurised for you to keep or give away.

We will be doing this from time to time at Knappwoods Farm according to requirements, in other words as the crops ripen and people need the service. Please make contact as soon as possible if you think you're likely to want to take part so that we have an idea of demand.

The kit can also be hired for a modest fee for people who wish to do it themselves.

Also, if you like **cobnuts**, there are lots in the wooded area beyond the football pitch off White Street and they're there for the taking; help yourselves, but please don't be greedy - there may be a strong local demand for them, if only from the squirrels! While you're there, take a good look at all is being done by the Wildlife Group to enhance biodiversity in and around the plantation.

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



towards a greener community



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

www.hallbookings.northcurry.com

no internet? then phone 491424

For issues other than hiring
Secretary: Liz Gibbs phone 490191
villagehall@northcurry.com