



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

A BIG THANK YOU! - Thank you to everybody for keeping to the requirements during the Coronavirus. Thank you to all the community and the volunteers at this time and to Noel and Alison our valuable shop and post office keepers. Keep safe everyone.

KNAPP FOOTPATH: The Parish Council has improved the footpath along the ridge to Knapp so that it is more suitable for less able people who find climbing high stiles difficult. The most direct footpath route starts at the stone steps on Moor Lane opposite the Old Rectory. From here take a route straight on across several squeeze stiles and four kissing gates which will take you to a Bristol gate back onto the road at Knapp, opposite Rose Cottage. We hope that this will be useful to all the residents of Knapp.

For those who can manage a longer walk you can turn right from Rose cottage down past the Rising Sun to Haymoor End, through another Bristol gate and head to the river bank. Turn right here along the river bank to New Bridge, straight on then right again in the second field from the road, walking towards N Curry Church. This route through Haymoor has no high stile either so you can get back to the village via easy to use footbridges and kissing gates

BREAK INS: It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there have been a number of break-ins in North Curry and surrounding villages recently. Please take all necessary precautions to ensure your house and outbuildings are secure at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

SPEEDWATCH: Speedwatch are unable to perform their normal sessions but those of you who have to perform essential travel, please continue to obey the speed limit for the safety of others

CHANGE OF CLERK: We would like to give our thanks and best wishes to Wendy our Clerk who has now moved to Devon. A new Clerk has been selected and the new contact details will be listed on the website and in the next newsletter, meanwhile, please continue to send any enquiries to parishcouncil@northcurry.com

The Parish Council Office is closed so please contact the Clerk by email.

Parish Council diary for May - Please see the website and parish notice board for any updates. Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

Notice from the Village Show Committee

We are very sorry to announce that the Village Show (planned for 15th August) will not take place this year. It is a great shame but it would be impossible to guarantee people's safety. We are hoping to hold it in 2021.



NORTH CURRY SOCIETY

Summer update

North Curry Society is a local history society and our objectives are to promote the appreciation, study and recording of the history, archaeology, natural environment and the people of North Curry and the surrounding area. We are affiliated to the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society, which gives us learned society credentials, though our proceedings are friendly and welcoming.

We have a lively programme of meetings, in normal times once a month on the third Wednesday in the Village Hall, with some outdoor events in the summer. After refreshments at 7:30pm, the talks start at 8:00pm. Annual membership £5 (new members) includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments; visitors pay £1. Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you when social events resume. Alan Billinghurst, Chairman.

Big Bash 2020

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the cancellation of "The Big Bash" this year due to the restrictions placed on us by the COVID 19 virus.

I'm sure it will come as no surprise to you given the current circumstances but rest assured that we will be back bigger and better in 2021.



North Curry Sport: White Street Grounds

Covid-19 Restrictions

During the Covid-19 restrictions, you are welcome to walk around the border of the site and through the Community Woodland. But all pitches and facilities remain off-limits. You may see workers maintaining the pitches or doing other jobs, but please respect their space and safety.

Cricket Activities and Facilities

Following revised guidelines from the England Cricket Board, North Curry Cricket Club is preparing limited use of facilities during organised sessions. All equipment remains out-of-bounds for casual use.

Opportunity to be our Treasurer

After many years of sterling service, Gavin Brown needs to step down due to work commitments. You could be our next Treasurer if: you are interested in helping us manage our fantastic 14-acre site, can commit a few hours a month and are reasonably well-organised. You don't need to be an accountant; we'll train you. If you're new to the village, this would be a great way to get to know people. If you might be interested, please give Laurence Leader a ring on 490474.

200 Club

Congratulation to this month's winners:

Wilfred Burt: £25

Emma Quinn: £15

Cricket Club: £10



North Curry W.I.

North Curry Women's Institute held its very first meeting on the first Wednesday in February 1928. Since then, apart from the odd snow drift nothing has prevented us from holding our meetings, not even the Second World War, until March this year.

Then along with every other association in the village we were forced to cancel all future events and meetings because of a different kind of war, Covid-19. So here we are still in lock down, still keeping our social distance, some in self isolation and some staying completely isolated by shielding.

But the Women's Institute is still active in North Curry doing its best to keep in touch with every member making sure they are being looked after, asking if they need help or just for a chat via a Telephone Tree with each committee member telephoning four or five members. But in the true spirit of the W.I. members have formed little groups of their own all keeping in touch with each other on a regular basis.

The W.I. ever ready to learn new skills have taken to technology setting up a WhatsApp Group, video telephone calls and Zoom conference calling.

The County News, our monthly news magazine, is being sent to all members electronically by our secretary, Gill Cox and, for those who don't have access to email, Gill is printing them at home and delivering them to members.

I'm hosting Zoom committee meetings and I am delighted that every member of the committee has been able to join me from their home. These allow us to keep up to date with national and county policy and any possible future events.

At present we have no idea when any of us will be able to meet up again, I hope some restrictions may be lifted in June, but you can be sure as soon as it is safe to do so North Curry Women's Institute will be back in the village hall the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm.

Until then stay safe.

Kate Roberts President

North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall go to

www.hallbookings.northcurry.com

no internet? then phone 07967 139636

For issues other than hiring
villagehall@northcurry.com

North Curry Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

Public services are still suspended. The Government announced that from mid-June you are able to independently pray in a church or other place of worship. The parish church has been aired and cleaned and is now open daily 9:00am to 5:00pm. **Welcome Back to Your Church.** Please visit it to pray and find Peace. **Please** use hand sanitizer, observe social distancing and close doors on exit. In line with Government policy the toilet and kitchen are closed.

As we have seen, the policy could be changed at any time. The Government are continuing to review when it might be safe to ease other restrictions on places of worship, including for communal prayer. Although (at the time of writing) the church buildings are all still closed for public worship, the Church itself remains fully open and the care of our ministers and churchwardens for us all continues.

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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

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