



# 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

**A BIG THANK YOU!** – Our continued thanks 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.

**LITTER PICKING:** The Autumn Litter Picking has been organised for next month on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10am. Any Parishioners that wish to volunteer, please meet at the Village Hall Car Park. Please can you wear your gloves and where possible a Hi-Vis Vest and litter pickers and bags will be provided. Social distancing rules will be adhered to.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** The Annual Remembrance Service 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, held in Queen Square, by the Memorial regrettably has been cancelled. This is due to Covid-19 guidelines not being able to have large gatherings. The Poppy Wreath will be laid, in private to show our respect. There will be no house-to-house poppy collections this year, but they will be available in the usual supermarkets.

**PARKING:** We have received several complaints about the way people are parking around the village; this includes Greenway and in Queen Square, making it difficult and dangerous for other drivers. Some people have been parking on the pavements also causing danger to Pedestrians. Please can you all park sensibly and of course where permitted.

**FACEBOOK:** The Parish Council have proposed to use Social Media such as Facebook as another form of communication to all Parishioners. Facebook will run alongside our current website; this will be for a trial period initially to see the response and the usage of the page.

**DRAINAGE:** It was highlighted that with recent heavy rainfall, there are some hotspots of flooding around the village and Parish. It would be appreciated if Parishioners keep an eye on manhole covers near them and remove any debris on them. Please do not try to flush anything into the drains as this could cause a blockage. Thank you.

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

**Parish Council diary for October 2020 – Please see the website and parish notice board for any updates. Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)**



## Update

Charles Townshend, one of our longstanding Society Members passed away over the summer. Charles was a former vicar of North Curry, and a good supporter of NCS as well as other societies, CATS in particular. We will never forget him as a 6ft dwarf in Snow White, and the producer's fury when he disappeared down the pub in the interval with all seven dwarfs in full costume!

With regard to NCS, we are solvent and with no money going out we can withstand a reasonable siege. We have booked the Village Hall and, provisionally, speakers for next year, so we are as ready as we can be. We will delay the AGM and hope to give members more news next month.

Meanwhile, stay safe and carry on with the jigsaws.

Alan Billinghamurst  
Chairman

## ARGYLE PRODUCTIONS TREASURE ISLAND – THE PANTO

February 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021

at

North Curry Village Hall

Well, this time last year I was just contemplating the start of rehearsals for our very successful show "Anything Goes". Seemingly a good crowd pleaser, as we had a great week playing to capacity audiences. This year, and what a year it has been so far, leaves me contemplating rehearsals in quite a different way.

In the hope of regaining some normality, we are having faith and proceeding with rehearsals for this year's extravaganza, "Treasure Island - The Panto". Rehearsal dates are booked and last year's cast members are 'on board' but we would like to invite new members to join us, as we set sail, again, for pastures new. It is a fun script with lots of 'Aaaaah Jim Lad, and yo-ho-ho and a bottle of lemonade!' Everyone is welcome, no previous experience necessary, just a good sense of fun and community spirit.

We welcome children and adults, especially anyone with a parrot (just kidding), to come along to our first rehearsal on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 7:00pm, at the Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory. If, in the meantime, you would like further information, please contact me on 01458 741433 or by email to [greg.phillips2@btinternet.com](mailto:greg.phillips2@btinternet.com)



## North Curry Sport 200 Club

**Congratulations to these winners:**

### August

Adult Football Club	£25
Andy Olie	£15
Youth Football club	£10

### September

Margaret Morgan	£25
Youth Football Club	£15
Tim Walker	£10

## Big Bash 2020

Reminder: we have had to cancel "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.

### 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.

### Improvements

We have been able to improve access by installing a new footpath (for when we can use the pavilion again) and driveway to access the garage. Imminent work includes paths, fencing and hedge work in the junior football field and putting in a storage container to house equipment we have accumulated due to increased participation. All of this work has been funded by a West Somerset & Taunton Council Section 106 grant.



## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

The annual Poppy Appeal remains the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund, providing lifelong support for the Armed Forces community – serving men, women, veterans and their families.

Regrettably, this year, which marks not only the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War but also the 99<sup>th</sup> Poppy Appeal, there will be no collections in the Parish of North Curry due to national Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, the Legion confirm that its corporate partners; major supermarkets, banks and other national and regional retail stores, will be offering poppies directly to the public. Additionally, a small pack of poppies can be ordered through the Legion's website from 22<sup>nd</sup> September:

[www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)

Enquiries regarding the 2020 Appeal may be directed to the Honorary Organiser, Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.

'To the memory of the Fallen and the future of the Living.'

## Autumn Litter Pick

You are invited to the Parish Council Autumn Litter Pick on 10<sup>th</sup> October starting from the Village Hall car park at 10:00am for as long as you can manage – but no more than 2 hours. Please dress warmly, especially gloves and high-vis jacket and sensible shoes/boots – equipment will be provided. Thank you.

No reward except a warm civic glow!

Any questions, please get in touch with Maria Perry, the parish council clerk [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com) or call Helen Griffiths on 491298

## Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club

### Incorporating NORTH CURRY

**It's time to Play Your Way!**

From now on, it's tennis on your terms. So grab a racket, big or small, and get hitting!

The LTA have launched a national campaign Play Your Way to get people to play tennis and we want to encourage you to play your part and to pick up a racket - we have a court waiting for you to book!

Please take this opportunity to book a court, or become a member on the following link: -

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StokeStGregoryTennisClub>

Both Pay & Play bookings and Club memberships are available, so why not give it a try! Winter 6 month discounted membership available from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**SPECIAL OFFER** for anyone making a booking for a Pay & Play Court for the first time!

You will receive a **FREE** gift, while stocks last, of a new tube of 3 Wimbledon tennis balls. Offer is limited to 1 tube per household.

After booking please email [ssgtennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssgtennisclub@gmail.com) with your contact details, to arrange hand over of the tube of balls.

If anyone is interested in **Junior Tennis Coaching**, please get in touch. Existing junior players and those new to tennis all welcome!

Updates and news will be posted on Facebook and the Stoke Village website.

For more information, contact Stuart Mark 490541

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or [ssgtennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssgtennisclub@gmail.com)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stokestgregorytennis>



## Services at NC parish church October 2020 (as at 10<sup>th</sup> September)

### 4<sup>th</sup> October      **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

8:00am    Holy Communion  
10:00am    Eucharist (*followed by APCM*)

Revd John Tyler  
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### 11<sup>th</sup> October      **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

6:00pm    Evening Prayer

Revd Martin Mudie

### 18<sup>th</sup> October      **Luke the Evangelist**

8:00am    Holy Communion  
6:00pm    Evening Prayer

Revd John Tyler  
Mr Ralph Roberts

### 25<sup>th</sup> October      **Bible Sunday** GMT starts (clocks go back one hour)

10:00am    Eucharist

Revd Martin Mudie

### 1<sup>st</sup> November      **All Saints Day**

8:00am    Holy Communion  
10:00am    Eucharist (with All Souls)

Revd John Tyler  
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Services subject to Covid-19 regulations.

The deferred Annual Parochial Church Meeting (our "AGM") will be held following Eucharist on 4<sup>th</sup> October, to receive the annual reports and when Churchwardens, Deanery Synod reps and PCC members will be elected. If you are not yet on the Church Electoral Roll you are still welcome to attend, and your name can be added after the meeting.

## North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall go to

[www.hallbookings.northcurry.com](http://www.hallbookings.northcurry.com)

no internet? then phone 07967 139636

For issues **other than hiring**  
[villagehall@northcurry.com](mailto:villagehall@northcurry.com)



**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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

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