



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

A BIG THANK YOU! Our continued thanks to everybody for keeping to the requirements during the Coronavirus Lockdown. 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.

A WARM WELCOME from North Curry Parish Council to The Revd Dr Simon Bale, following the touching Service of Licensing as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Athelney, by The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton, by remote conferencing on Thursday 4th February. We offer you and your wife a very warm welcome to North Curry and look forward to the time when we will be able to mix freely and introduce ourselves.

LITTER PICKING: The Spring Litter Picking has been organised for next month (subject to Government Guidelines) on Saturday 20th March 2021 at 10am. Any Parishioners who wish to volunteer please meet at the Village Hall Car Park. Please wear gloves and where possible a Hi-Vis Vest; litter pickers and bags will be provided.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: Information held on our website for Groups and Businesses appears to be out of date. The Parish Council rely on you to update us with your current information. Please will those of you who are on our website, check your details and contact the Clerk with updated information where required. Thank you.

SOMERSET SIGHT: is a local charity, which has been supporting sight-impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. One of our services is the Volunteer Visiting Service where volunteers are matched locally with a sight-impaired person for regular visits for company and support, and helps alleviate their loneliness and isolation. Volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits. At the current time, as face-to-face visits are not permissible, the service continues with regular phone calls until a visit is allowed again.

For anyone who is sight impaired and would like to know more about our services or if anyone would like to volunteer for the Visiting Service, please contact us on 01823 333818 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

OLDER AGED DOMESTIC ABUSE: Ten per cent of older people will experience some form of domestic abuse and in Somerset the number of people over sixty-five reporting abuse is on the increase. Social isolation during lockdown has been identified as one of the leading contributors. If you are experiencing domestic abuse, worried about someone you know, or are concerned

about the impact of your behaviour towards others, then help is available: www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk or by telephoning 0800 69 49 999.

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

Parish Council diary for March 2021 – Please see the website and parish notice board for any updates. Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com



Our hopes to restart NCS meetings in the spring were rather ambitious. Outdoor activities may be possible in the summer, but realistically indoor talks will have to wait until later.

The Society does not have contact details for the majority of the membership - until COVID there has been no pressing need! The information would be used by the NCS committee solely to communicate with the NCS membership on Society matters. If you are happy please send your phone number and email address to: Alex Morrice (aandsmorrice@gmail.com 01823 490917 text to 07802 408045). If you are a member and do not wish your details to be held by the committee - that would be useful to know.

We generally meet in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday each month for talks on subjects of local interest. Speakers have been put on standby, and a meetings programme will be published later.

Joint Chairmen: Gill Slocombe and Sherry Keith-Welsh



As you probably know, North Curry Film Club had planned to resume showing films this March. However, we think this is unrealistic. The NCFC Committee considered a re-opening in June but, given the uncertainty arising from virus variants, we have decided to postpone this to September. This is our usual month for opening a new season of films. We earnestly hope, as you do, that life will be getting back to something like normal by then!

Please see our website www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk for updates.



North Curry Sport 200 Club

Congratulations to these winners:

January

Youth Football Club	£25
T Stone	£15
D Alford	£10

February

M Piers	£25
Youth Football Club	£15
B Thomas	£10

March

M Baxter	£25
N Grant	£15
Youth Football Club	£10

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 to the public. You may see authorised users in the pavilion and workers maintaining the pitches or doing other jobs, but please respect their space and safety.

Athelney Benefice

As we continue to live with the pandemic our churches are closed to public worship. However we are now broadcasting a zoom worship each Sunday at 10am. You will find the link and order of service at athelneybenefice.com/church-services. We are continuing to produce a weekly news bulletin of news, distributed by email. If you wish to receive a copy, please ask the vicar the Revd Dr Simon Bale telephone (01823) 490247; email vicar@athelneybenefice.com, or just give him a call for a chat: he'd love to meet you... eventually.

Although parish churches in the Benefice are now generally closed, St Gregory's remains open each Wednesday and Sunday for private prayer 10am to dusk. The grounds at all the parish churches remain accessible each day for quiet and respectful reflection.

Village Litter Pick 20th March

The Parish Council is organising a **socially distanced** Litter Pick on **Saturday, 20th March**, subject to any government guidelines/regulations at the time. We're meeting at **the Village Hall at 10am**; please come along to help if you possibly can. All you need is a pair of gardening-type gloves—yellow jackets and litter-pickers provided.

Many hands make light work and it all helps to maintain a clean, tidy and healthy environment for everyone.

Of course, even if you can't get there on the day, litter can be picked whenever you're out and about in the parish.

For further details please ring the Clerk on 490136 or Brian Jeanes on 490623.

Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club, Incorporating North Curry

At the time of writing we are still unable to play tennis due to the pandemic and imposed Government restrictions. However, we are hopeful that the easing of lockdown restrictions, when announced by the Government, will include allowing the return of play at outside tennis court venues.

Our new tennis season is due to begin on 1st April, when membership renewals are invited and new members can join. If you are interested, then please get in touch and we shall provide you with information, or check out our Club website on the following link: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/StokeStGregoryTennisClub

Tennis is important for people's physical and mental health and the LTA regularly liaise with the Government to ask them to allow players back on court as soon as possible. So we hope that in the not too distant future, play for members and Pay & Play can resume!

For more information, contact Stuart Mark stuart.w.mark@btinternet.com and 490541 or ssgtennisclub@gmail.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Stokestgregorytennis

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



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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