



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED: As you are aware, finally, the COVID restrictions were lifted on 19th July 2021. However, the Parish Council ask all Parishioners to remain responsible and safe as we hopefully return to "normal life". Thank you and take care everyone.

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE: A reminder, if you need any help or have any questions regarding Coronavirus, Somerset County Council have a dedicated helpline; call 0300 790 6275 or <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-help/> to access the details.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION: This will be held Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022 as an extended Bank Holiday and will provide an opportunity for communities and people to come together throughout the United Kingdom to celebrate. At our August Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to put together a small Committee of both Parishioners and Parish Councillors to organise celebrations for North Curry Parish. To enable this to go forward volunteers are needed. Could it be you? Also, your ideas are essential, both for daily events etc. and suggestions for an outdoor memorial to reflect this memorial event. Please contact our Parish Clerk, details below, in readiness for our next Parish Council meetings in September/October.

PLANNING INFORMATION: The Parish Council would like to draw Parishioners' attention to the use of agricultural land, which has been added to gardens, may need planning permission if used for domestic purposes.

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING: Tick warning: With the warmer weather come ticks, which thrive in woodland, long grass and even urban parks. SCC has put together a "tick list" to follow to reduce the risk of being bitten; walking on clearly defined paths, wearing light coloured clothing, using insect repellent, wearing long trousers and long-sleeved tops to reduce the skin exposure and carrying out regular checks for ticks on themselves. Being bitten by a tick does not usually require hospital treatment; people are advised to dial NHS 111 if they start to feel unwell.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PANDEMIC: The Somerset Library Service is inviting people to share their experiences of the last sixteen months to be recorded for future generations. As part of "Reflections", a county-wide creative response to the pandemic, libraries will host a series of drop-in sessions throughout August and online via social media. The collaborative artwork and film will be given to the South West Heritage Trust as a 'record' of the experience of Somerset people during the pandemic. The Film and artwork will then be showcased at the evening 'Reflections' event to be held on 10th September. This initiative forms part of Somerset Libraries' response to initiative, funded by the BBC and Arts Council England.

The Parish Council Office is now open to the public; the opening hours are:

Tuesday: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am to 1:00pm

The Clerk can be contacted by telephone, post or email: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

Parish Council Diary for September 2021 – Please see our website, Facebook and Parish notice board for any updates.

North Curry Village Hall Management Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the Meeting Room of the Hall
on Tuesday 5th October 2021
starting at 7:30pm

All residents of North Curry are cordially invited
to join in this AGM and to nominate and
participate in the election of new Management
Committee members.

Jenni Protherough, VH Secretary:- 01823 490426

Please help if you can!

Once again, we are putting out an appeal for distributors for the Pinksheet in the Wrantage area.

I understand that we need someone to deliver in the Newport area, as well as someone to help with the Wrantage to the bottom of Rock Hill distribution round.

Please contact me, Barbara Drakeford, Editor, if you can help your community. Contact details at the top of the front page.

The Pinksheet is a long-standing, and popular, way of getting to know what is going on in your area - and better than an email because you can pin it on your notice board!



North Curry Sport 200 Club

Congratulations to this month's winner: Gillian Akerman!

Produce Market

A big thank you to all the people who supported the Produce Market in August. It was the first we have had with the kitchen open.

We have new stalls; Sue, with her Wine, and Kelly, with her delicious home-made chocolate, along with our regular stalls; veg, cakes, honey, fresh farm meat and not forgetting Betty with her Marmalade and pickles.

Come along and have a cuppa and try one of our delicious bacon butties.

See you on 4th September, 9:30 to 11:30am. If you would like a stall, contact Anne on 01823 490319

Tuesday Lunch Club restarts

We're now happy to confirm that the lunch club will restart its eighth year on 7th September, then every fortnight. All the "old" but young in heart members have been contacted and without exception say they are keen to see us all together again. For all the well-known reasons numbers are currently less than twenty so new members who enjoy the best food you can eat on a Tuesday in the parish are most welcome. There is an annual joining fee of £5 to cover the cost of insurance, then just £5 for the scrumptious meal. We're delighted that a willing rota of excellent chefs has been secured. The hall doors are open at 12 noon and the meetings finish before 2pm. So, if you won't see 60 again - and are likely to be hungry on a Tuesday, please contact either our treasurer Joanne Preston (491083) or organiser Dave Patten (490782).

Inside the Royal Household: My 35 Years of Memories Mary Stewart-Wilson

whose late husband, Lt-Col Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson KCVO, was Deputy Master of the Household and Equerry to Her Majesty the Queen

A talk in honour of HRH Prince Philip and in aid of the Appeal of Bells

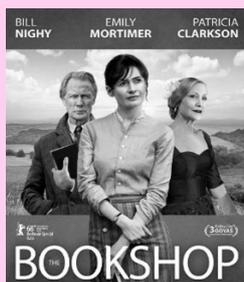
North Curry Village Hall

Wednesday 8th September, 7:30pm

£10, to include a glass of wine.
Tickets from the Post Office



We are back!



At the time of writing, it looks like we will be able to re-open on **Wednesday 22nd September** with **"The Bookshop"**. It is England 1959 and in a small East Anglian town,

Florence Green decides, against polite but ruthless local opposition, to open a bookshop. It is a beautiful and poignant film.

Doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7:30pm. Also open to non-members (£5 on the door).

We are meeting in August to make the final decision about the re-opening and to decide details of covid precautions. We will maintain covid hygiene and may recommend masks be worn when not seated.

For updates, please see our website: www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk or our new Facebook page (North Curry Film Club).

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Having canvassed our members about meeting later in the year we have booked the Stoke St Gregory Village Hall for our meetings in October, November and December. This will allow us more space to socially distance indoors.

Speakers will be:

Thursday 7th October – Jenny Short on "Ponds"

Thursday 4th November – Sally Morgan on "Coping with too much water"

Thursday 2nd December – Stephen and Nina Locke "In search of the Black Iris; a journey through Jordan."

We will be publicising these dates and topics around the villages nearer the time. We are currently booking speakers for 2022 and will also look at a programme of outings. We plan to return to the Pavilion in North Curry from February 2022.

Life seems to be returning to the village at last! We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Ah ha, me hearties...

Treasure Island – The Panto is getting underway

Here we are in late August already and the first rehearsal for Treasure Island - The Panto is just around the corner - 17th September, 7:30pm at the Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.

We are hoping for some new recruits this season and are inviting children aged 8 years and above to come along and join in the fun.

Having said that, we are also looking for as many grown-ups as possible for the show too. Whether on stage or behind the scenes come along and join in the fun.

And it will be fun... Oh no it won't... Oh yes it will. Panto always is.

Although rehearsals are at the Williams Hall, the show itself will take place in NORTH CURRY Village Hall during half term week, 22nd to 26th February 2022. For further information contact Greg on 07914 668915 or by email to greg.phillips2@btinternet.com

The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul North Curry



Welcomes you and your family
and friends to

Harvest Supper 2021

in the Village Hall
Saturday 25th September
7:00pm for 7:30

Tickets on sale at the village Post Office
£10 for adults, £5 children under 12
Please buy your ticket before 23rd to
enable us to ensure that we have
enough Delicious Food for you all

There will be Entertainment

You are welcome to bring your own
drinks; **cider & soft drinks provided**

CAR BOOT SALE Saturday 25th September, 9.00 - 12.30

North Curry Playing Field, Greenway

Refreshments

Car £5, van £7 - pay at the gate



Tales from the Quarter Sessions

On 15th September, Liz Grant from the Somerset Archives and Local Studies service (part of the South West Heritage Trust) brings us tales of Somerset's criminal past, exploring scurrilous deeds heard at the Quarter Session Courts. The Quarter Sessions began in the 14th century and were the former magistrates' courts. Overseen by Justices of the Peace, the sessions met four times a year to try the more petty crimes and settle domestic matters.

Our meetings start at 8:00pm (gathering and refreshments from 7:30pm) in North Curry Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday of each month with a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker afterwards. There is a pleasant, sociable atmosphere; visitors are very welcome. No charge this month; annual Membership will restart for the year beginning October.

Whether you are a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you.

North Curry Baby and Toddler Group

The North Curry Baby and Toddler Group has restarted. We meet on a Monday morning (term time only) 9:00am-11:00am in the Village Hall. Parents, Grandparents and all carers are very welcome to join us for a chat and cuppa whilst children play. A healthy snack for the children is served around 10:00am.

Dates for the Autumn term up to half term are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September and 4th, 11th and 18th October.

For further details please contact Anna on 07793021072.

The Baby and Toddler Group are fundraising to cover running costs, please visit our fundraising page for more information

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/north-curry-toddler-group

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
email villagehall@northcurry.com

Getting ready for action

With the IPCC report in the news lately, our two forthcoming events are very topical.

On **Thursday 9th September at 7:30pm** we are showing a **forward-looking film, 2040**, in **North Curry Village Hall**. This looks at how the world could appear if we all grasp the issues and take urgent action **now** to curtail climate change and the consequential environmental catastrophes which even now we see occurring around us with an increasing frequency.

Just two days later on **Saturday 11th September** in conjunction with the **Stoke St Gregory Environment Group** we're running an **Eco-tour** in the local villages where people with existing and planned improvements to their properties will be sharing their experiences and results. Nearer the time you'll find details of what can be seen and where on posters, on our website, www.climateactionathelney.co.uk and on social media.

Autumn is nearly upon us!

For several years now we've helped many people press apples, producing lots of apple juice to take away. This normally takes place at our home on various days through the Autumn with several people coming on each occasion; last year, however, was an exception due to Covid resulting in very little being done in that way.

This year we hope we'll be able to do more but we are also still encouraging as many as possible to hire the equipment to press their own at home, perhaps working with others.

Everything you need from the apple mincer to pasteurisers can be hired for £25 per day. Bottles can also be supplied if needed.

Please get in touch if you'd like to take part, letting me know roughly when you think your fruit will be ripe so that I can do my best to coordinate you with others.

For more information contact: Brian on 490623 or email bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk

CLIMATE ACTION North Curry Burrowbridge
towards a greener community *Athelney*
Lyng Stoke St Gregory



North Curry WI

Although the slowly easing of restrictions over the last few months has been welcome for many of us, it has not been easy for everyone to think of meeting in large groups again. We made a start by getting together in small groups in relaxed and informal surroundings and last month our meeting happily included almost all of our members, several catching up for the first time in 18 months.

We now feel able to go ahead with our first indoor meeting in the village hall in September, which, following County suggestions, will have to be our AGM as this should have taken place in May. Then, formalities dealt with, we can look forward to recommencing our programme for the year, originally planned in 2020, with our usual agenda of diverse and varied speakers and much social time.

Visitors will be most welcome to join us – our first meeting being on Wednesday October 6th at 2pm, when our speaker for the afternoon will be a representative from Taunton's Open Door Charity describing all that is involved in this busy Day Centre for the homeless community. The following month we have a talk/presentation entitled 'Colour Me Beautiful' which involves all things 'colour' in style, clothing, make – up etc. Watch this space!

Diary date:

What did you do in lockdown, Grandpa?

Julian Comrie reveals his thoughts

Friday 12th November, 7:30pm

North Curry village hall



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

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

Worship at North Curry Parish Church

September 2021 (as at 12th August 2021)



5th September Gregory the Great (transferred)

8:00am BCP Eucharist Simon
10:00am Eucharist Simon

9th September (Thursday)

10:00am Little Angels Mrs Jenny Satchwell

12th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

10:00am United Benefice Eucharist at *Lyng* Simon

19th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am BCP Eucharist Simon
6:00pm BCP Evensong Simon

26th September Michael and All Angels (anticipated)

10:00am Harvest Festival Eucharist Revd Martin Mudie

3rd October 18th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am BCP Eucharist Simon
10:00am Eucharist Revd Martin Mudie

Note: BCP services follow the Book of Common Prayer

Other services follow Common Worship

Bible study following the Letter of James, Thursday evenings in September (time and venue TBA)

Coffee and chat continues Wednesday mornings in the church starting 10:30

Produce Market Saturday 4th September at the Village Hall 9:30 to 11:30am

Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson is giving a talk at the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September starting 7:30pm (tickets from the village Post Office)

Harvest Supper at the Village Hall Saturday 25th September 7:00 for 7:30pm

NEXT MONTH The **Resurrection Choir of St Petersburg** return for a public concert in the church in the evening of Thursday 14th October

The Revd Dr Simon Bale

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