



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 go to [www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-help/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-help/) to access the details.

**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION:** This will be held Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. To enable this to go forward, volunteers are required to help with events. Could it be you? Please contact our Parish Clerk, details below, in readiness for our next Parish Council meetings in November and December. Many thanks.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:** The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021, gathering at 10:40am. We hope that the service will be carried out under normal circumstances as we return to "normal lives" after the pandemic; we look forward to seeing you there. Residents of Queen Square and Church Road are requested to kindly ensure that vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am until 11:30am on that day. Many thanks.

**FLOODING MATTERS:** As the autumn sets in, drains and gullies are being increasingly blocked with leaves and other debris. Please help by clearing the grating if this is something you are able to do. Otherwise, could you contact the Clerk so that it can be reported to Somerset West and Taunton Council for clearance. Many thanks.

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021:** Come along and help keep your village litter free. Meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10:00am, bring gardening gloves, a Hi-Viz jacket and litter pickers if you have them, although litter pickers and Hi-Viz jackets can be provided. Please come and join in, the more the merrier, even if it is just for a short time. Please call the Parish Office for more details 01823 490136.

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

Tuesday: 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday: 1pm to 4pm

Thursday: 10am to 1pm

The Clerk can be contacted by telephone, post or email. Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

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

## Produce Market

The October market was in a sombre mood following the sudden death of Frances Case. Her happy smiling face will be missed by us all. The next market will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

We have a few new stalls, Pottery and Christmas wreaths, along with our regular stalls cake, honey, meat, jams and books. Also, Kelly's chocolate and Sue's wine from her orchard. We also welcome back Dave Burt with his antiques.

Do come along and enjoy time with friends and family, have a bacon butty and cup of coffee.

See you there



17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

After postponements, Somerset County Council's Road Safety Team can now bring us their workshop **Driving Safer for Longer**, giving us a run through on the latest techniques to keep us safe on our roads. It addresses both how vehicles have developed over the years, and how our own driving skills and habits may have changed, suggesting how we can update those skills.

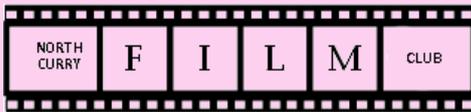
The workshop lasts approximately 60 minutes and there will be opportunities to raise driving or road safety concerns during and afterwards.

North Curry Society generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 8pm with refreshments at 7.30pm. Annual membership £5 now due, visitors pay £1. Whether a visitor, new to the Society or an established member, we look forward to welcoming you to our lively programme of meetings. The continued use of masks, hand sanitising and distancing is encouraged.

## Ken Hutchins

It is sad to record the passing of Ken, who was such a well-known and popular member of the North Curry community, for so long. Either because you bought your sweets from him in the shop, or he delivered your newspaper, or you saw him in the pub - so many memories. Thank you, Ken. We will miss you.

Editor.



November brings you 2 excellent but diverse films. The first, an Oscar-winning Winter Warmer "Little Women" on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, tells of 4 sisters in the aftermath of the American Civil

War. Doors open at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome only, £5 pp + donation for interval refreshments.

The second a gritty portrayal of the Gig Economy by Ken Loach. "Sorry We Missed You" follows a family trying hard to create a decent life with the cards stacked against them. Loach delivers. Don't miss this on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Doors open at 7:00pm. Film starts at 7:30. Open to non-members also at only £5 pp.



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Covid guidance is to wear a mask when not seated. Ventilation will be provided so please **bring something warm to wear** as doors will be left open. [www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk) or

[www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk) or

 North Curry Film Club

## Village Litter Pick 6<sup>th</sup> November

The Parish Council is organising a **socially distanced** Litter Pick on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. We're meeting at the **Village Hall at 10:00am**; 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.

## A.358 Improvement Taunton to Ilminster

National Highways (formerly Highways England) have completed their review of proposals for a dual carriageway between the M.5 motorway and the Ilminster bypass. Before a planning application is submitted, the proposals will be on display to enable the public to make their views known. Details will be available from 12<sup>th</sup> October (until 22<sup>nd</sup> November) on the website [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a358-taunton-to-southfields](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a358-taunton-to-southfields). Public consultation events are to take place at Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL on 19<sup>th</sup> October (2:00pm-8:00pm), Monks Yard, Ilminster TA19 9PT on 23<sup>rd</sup> October (11:00am-6:00pm) and the Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Avenue, Taunton TA1 2UA on 3<sup>rd</sup> November (11:00am-6:00pm).

The main impact for North Curry residents will be a double roundabout system at the A.358/A.378 traffic light junction and a Henlade bypass. Villagers are encouraged to view the proposals for the whole scheme and to make their opinions known. The Parish Council will be making a submission, but National Highways need to know that there is a strength of feeling about ensuring ease of access to Taunton and other nearby settlements.



### VOL NTEE S

#### What's missing? U R!

Would you like to contribute to the life of our community? Or do you regularly use the Playing Field, Play Park or Multi Use Games Area? Please consider joining our Committee. We meet monthly, hold a couple of fundraisers each year and help maintain the Pavilion, MUGA and Playing Field area. We particularly would love to find someone who has young children (or grandchildren) and could represent the views and needs our younger users who enjoy the playing field.

Coming up to Christmas, do you want to host a get together with family and friends, but your home is too small? The Pavilion has recently been refurbished so if you are looking for a venue it makes a fantastic alternative. Look at our website ([www.ncpavilion.co.uk](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)) for further information and photographs or contact us if you would like to view the Pavilion in person.

Please contact John Quinn 07766 282397 for further information.



## North Curry Youth Football Club

We have now restarted our season and hoping that this year is not as interrupted as last.

We have a development Squad which is children from the age of 4-8 and we have 5 teams from Under 11 to Under 15, where we are currently looking to enhance our 2 Under 13 teams and our Under 15 with more players, if you feel this would be of any interest then please get in touch.

We are also looking for help running our refreshments on a Saturday morning from 9 – 12, we serve sausage rolls, hot and cold drinks and snacks to our teams and away teams during the morning. It's a great social time.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to Drew Harris who kindly came and took all our grass away from the field.

Our Chair and Youth Secretary are stepping down from April, so we are looking to replace them, if you feel that you have some free time and would like to get involved, please get in touch with Ali Sutton on [northcurryfcyouthsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:northcurryfcyouthsecretary@gmail.com)

Here's to a great season.



**Taunton Military Wives Choir** are back! Following their sell-out concert here in 2019, TMWC bring their unique blend of familiar songs and anecdotes of life for women within the services: wives and girlfriends of serving or retired military personnel, mothers, sisters, daughters and several ladies who have been in the armed forces themselves. Their musical director is Ed Goater, who also directs Taunton Choral Society. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm at North Curry Church. Tickets will be available at the Post Office from the beginning of November, at our standard rate: £15 including a glass of wine.

**Choral Evensong** for Remembrance-tide sung by *In Ecclesia*, North Curry Church 4:00pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November; retiring collection to defray expenses.

### Until 10<sup>th</sup> December

Online silent auction for the Appeal of Bells

[app.galabid.com/bellsauction/items](http://app.galabid.com/bellsauction/items)

Choose from dinners, teas, dog-walking, experiences, Aga servicing, car valeting, newspapers, artwork, MOTs, accommodation, and more – all given free of charge by local businesses and individuals.

Help by asking people and suppliers that you know if they would donate an auction item. They benefit too, from the publicity that a listing brings\*

Contribute by donating an item or service of your own. Can you: walk a dog for a week; bake a special cake; knit a jumper; give legal advice; lend your Ferrari for a day or your holiday home for a week; tutor a child; paint a portrait? Every item counts.\*

Spread the word about the auction: so that every item gets bids and every donor knows their gift was appreciated.

Support the businesses that have contributed despite these hard times.

\* Please send details (contact name, email address, a description of the item) to Tony and Penny, who will organise the posting online. Email us too with any queries: [ncbellsauction@outlook.com](mailto:ncbellsauction@outlook.com)

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

#### **What did you do in Lockdown, Grandpa?**

An evening entertainment by Julian Comrie FRPS. Starting with all the things people have done during this period of boredom and fear, followed by diversions into the past and present, the whole supported by (next slide, please) a collection of very interesting photographs

Village Hall, 7:30 (drinks) for 8:00pm (talk)

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine

Book online via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/appeal-of-bells/t-gdmdvg](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/appeal-of-bells/t-gdmdvg) or buy at the Post Office. In aid of the Appeal of Bells.

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November

North Curry Quiz and Buffet Supper Evening - **Sorry: sold out!**



**SALE**  
of  
Marmalades, Jams,  
Chutneys, Preserves,  
Pickled Onions...

Saturday, February 5th 2022  
10 - 12 noon  
North Curry Pavilion  
Refreshments  
In aid of the village flower show

### **North Curry Church Worship Rota November 2021 (as at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021)**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
8:00am	BCP Eucharist	Revd Simon
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Martin
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
10:00am	Little Angels	Jenny
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	
9:30am	Eucharist	Revd Simon
10:40am	Joint Remembrance Service @ <b>NC Memorial</b>	Revd Simon
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
7:00pm	Installation @ <b>Stoke St Gregory</b> of Revd Dr Simon Bale as Vicar Bishop Brian	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
8:00am	BCP Eucharist	Revd Simon
4:00pm	Choral Evensong with <i>In Ecclesia</i>	Revd Simon
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Simon
3:00pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service @ <b>Lyng</b>	Revd Simon
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00am	BCP Eucharist	Revd Simon
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Simon
3:00pm	Christingle service	Revd Simon

## **At the heart of Christmas**



'At the heart of Christmas' is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2021. Advent this year begins on the last Sunday in November, when the Benefice will have a service of Advent Carols at Lyng Church in the afternoon. We have a Christingle service at North Curry the following Sunday. Other Christmas services will be announced in the December issue of the Pink Sheet.

The Revd Dr Simon Bale

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## **Wednesday Coffee Club**

Villagers and Visitors are invited to our new Wednesday Coffee Club at St Peter & Paul's church from 3rd November between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

There will be the usual coffee, tea and cake, but also activities; a Giant jigsaw for you to put a piece or two in; hand massage and nail manicure; knitting squares for charity, wool will be on tables for you to do a few lines; a new library; jewellery cleaning; or just a good natter with friends.

If you have an idea for activities, please phone Anne on 01823 490319 Look forward to seeing new faces The Heating will be on to keep us all warm on these chilly mornings.

### **North Curry Village Choir**

Our next concert is on

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

in North Curry Parish Church

**Messiah – Handel (excerpts)**

and other music

**Rehearsals Thursdays at 8:00pm**

in the

**North Curry Village Hall**

We welcome new members and if you wish to join us please contact the secretary Helen Griffiths on 01823 491298

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

or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)



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