



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE: A reminder if you need any help or have any questions regarding Coronavirus, Somerset County Council have a dedicated helpline call 0300 7906275 or go to www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-help to access the details.

ELECTIONS 2022: As you may be aware, the district councils for Somerset are to become one, as a new Unitary Somerset Council. As well as elections for the new Unitary Somerset Council, the government has proposed that elections to the City, town and parish councils across Somerset are brought forward from 2023, to also take place on 5th May 2022. It is expected that the notice of elections for this date will be issued on 21st March 2022. Could you consider being a Parish Councillor? Further in this newsletter is the second of our series of two articles designed to inform you of what it involves. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk for a Nomination Pack.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This is advance notice that the APM will take place at 7:30pm on Wed. 4th May in the Village Hall. Any community organisation wishing to participate should contact the Parish Clerk by 1st April.

OUTREACH BUS: Somerset West & Taunton have secured some funding to provide mobile support for rural communities in the form of a bus with advisors to help support people into training and employment. The date and venue are to be confirmed for May 2022.

DOG MESS: There have been many reports of dog owners **NOT** collecting dog waste and placing it in the dog bins provided by the Parish Council. This is unacceptable so will dog owners please ensure the waste is disposed in the dog bins provided around the Parish or taken home. The Parish Council pay £30 per week for the dog bin waste to be collected so please, please use them. The plea also applies to public footpaths on farmers land, the Community Sports field and the park in Greenway (**NO DOGS ALLOWED**). We need to protect children who play in the sports field, parks and animals who graze on the land from Toxocariasis, which is an infection caused by small worms found in the faeces of some dogs and can cause serious health problems to children and animals.

LITTER PICKING: Our Annual Spring Litter Pick has been organised for Saturday 9th April 2022 at 10:30am. Any Parishioners who wish to volunteer please meet at the Village Hall Car Park. Please wear gloves; Hi-Vis Vests, litter pickers and bags will be provided.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE: This is to take place Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th 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. We hope all parishioners will be able to attend and participate in the extended weekend of celebrations to mark this special Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The Committee set up by the Parish Council to co-ordinate events in North Curry has now put in place a timetable below of proposed events:

Thursday 2nd June 2022: PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.

**THE NORTH CURRY PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON PARTY
The Fun Starts at 7:00pm**

Live music, food and a bar in our very own "tent on the hill" - funds raised going towards the jubilee bell appeal

Official Beacon Lighting at 9:45pm

Just a short walk down overland lane or a tractor shuttle service from the village centre – All welcome

Watch this space, more details will follow...

Friday 3rd June: A Church Service to celebrate the Jubilee. Times for the service to be arranged.

Saturday 4th June: A day for individual groups/families to celebrate.

Sunday 5th June: BIG JUBILEE LUNCH from 12:00 onwards.
The Big Jubilee Lunch will be on the Greenway Playing Fields, Pavilion end.

Bring your own: tables/chairs/gazebos/bunting/decorations and picnic, posh or not.

There will be a prize for the best-dressed table.

Competition for children- best crown.

Music will be provided.

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.

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

Parish Council Diary for March 2022 – Please see our website, Facebook and Parish notice board for any updates.

The Parish Council monthly meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month, any further considered planning the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at North Curry Village Hall.

North Curry & District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 1st April** when our speaker will be **Jenny Short** and her topic will be **"Reach for the Stars – Climbing Plants"**. Jenny has often done talks for us in the past and for anyone who hasn't had the pleasure yet, I can promise that you'll find her both interesting and informative!

Our meetings are now held in the **North Curry Village Hall** on the first **Friday** of the month at **7:45 for 8:00pm** start. Tea/coffee and biscuits are to be had after the talk and, as always, everyone is most welcome. Come and join us, we have lots of space!

Appeal of the Church Bells from fundraiser Martin Horrox

North Curry Parish Council has voted to sponsor a Community Bell when the peal in the church is renewed. The bell will also commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is sponsored out of the council's own funds, not out of Council Tax.

The Appeal of Bells committee said, 'We are delighted and grateful that the Parish Council has spoken for the whole community in promising this support. Residents recognise that the bells are for everyone, churchgoers or not: far more have supported the appeal than usually attend church services. As Cockneys are defined by being born within earshot of Bow bells, so the bells of our church remind us that we all belong to the community of North Curry.'

It will cost £150,000 to renew the bells and bellframe. With the promise from the Parish Council, the appeal has now raised more than half that sum; over £85,000. The committee hopes to confirm a contract later this year with Taylor's of Loughborough, the last remaining bell foundry in England. Assuming the rest of the money can be raised, new bells will ring out next year in the late summer or autumn.



White Street News (North Curry Sport)

LITTER: It is fabulous that so many people are using the great 14-acre site for sports and walking. Sadly, some people are forgetting to take away their litter with them. The site is maintained by a great crew who cut the grass, trim the hedges, fix fences and manage the pavilion – but not dealing with litter. Taking litter away is the responsibility of everyone who uses the site.

BIG BASH NEEDS NEW ORGANISER: As reported last month, we need new organisers for the Big Bash – the great annual parish party. If it is going to return this year, we need a new team to manage it. It is great fun and very rewarding. For more information, please contact Richard on: richardperrygardening@outlook.com

200 CLUB: Congratulations to these winners: Brian Thomas, Mary Cridge and Matthew Jewell

There are a few places left in the 200 Club. It costs just £12 to enter for the year. Just send a message to: whitestreet@northcurry.com All proceeds support the running of the White Street site. Thank you!

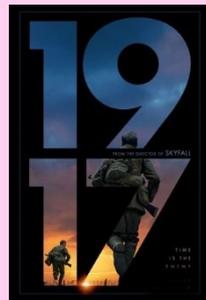


The shadow of Covid-19 is receding; we are emerging back into the light. We are condensing our scheduled programme for 2021-22 over the next few months

Already in March we screened two comedies "My Old Lady", as well as "Misbehaviour".

If you missed either of those and would like to hire them for only £2 each contact Heather Williams on 01823 490355.

April 27th sees the WW1 blockbuster "1917"; the story of two infantrymen on a mission to take a message to an isolated regiment of troops who will be massacred if they follow through on their battle plan. Time is of the essence. They have to cross areas that may be held by the enemy, so their journey is fraught with danger. Can they get the message through in time?



"1917" won three Oscars and seven BAFTAs, including Best Film.

According to Sir Sam Mendes, Director of "1917", his main inspiration was his grandfather's experiences in WWI.

Trivia: a lot of the French battle scenes were shot in Wiltshire. Over 5,200 feet (1 mile) of trenches were dug for the film.

North Curry Village Hall, Greenway. Doors and Bar open at 7:00. Film starts at 7:30

A Successful Fundraising Event!

We would like to give a huge thank you to all those who came to the Craft and Textile Fair held in the VH on Saturday, 12th February. We were thrilled to see so many people there. A lively and friendly atmosphere prevailed for the full three hours, with plenty of stalls to browse and music and refreshments to enjoy.

As a result of so much time and effort given by all those who helped with the organisation and on the day, the event was a really great success.

An amazing total of just over £1,200 was raised, to donate to two charities, the NHS and Appeal of Bells.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity!



A Lady with Altitude 20th April



At last! we can bring you the talk by Candy Adkins about her remarkable mother Jackie Moggridge (aka the Spitfire Girl), a lady with altitude. Having had to postpone Candy's visit three times since 2020, we are looking forward to hearing about this intrepid flyer.

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 and visitors are very welcome.

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

NOTE: There are three places still available on the NCS 12th May excursion to SS Great Britain in Bristol. To book, please contact Colin Trim on 01823 490337 by 9th April.

Treasure Island – The panto! a stonking success? Oh yes it was!

Congratulations to all those who came to see Treasure Island – The panto. What a fantastic run for us after all the doom and gloom. We played to a full house (albeit slightly reduced) every night (and Saturday afternoon) and that's thanks to the tremendous support given to us by North Curry village and surrounding areas.

It's a great testament to the village and village hall that if there's something to go and see, you all pull together and go to support it. What was that saying from the film 'Field of Dreams'... "If you build it, they will come" and that's exactly what the people of North Curry did. So, a huge thank you to all, from the cast and crew of Argyle Productions.

But that other old adage comes to mind too, "Time and tide waits for no man" and that is always the case as one show closes the rumblings of the next one starts. Whether a panto or musical we will be back in 2023 with another terrific show for North Curry.

Thank you once again for making it all so worthwhile.

Greg Phillips and the cast and crew of Argyle Productions

The Parish Council

This is the Final of a series of features designed to introduce you to the work of the Council and encourage you to consider standing for election to the Council next May.

What is a Councillor?

You may become a councillor if you are over 18 and have been a resident of the Parish for at least one year. You will not be a paid employee of the council because the law forbids it. You will be one of approximately 70,000 parish and town councillors in England. You get no financial reward for being a councillor and will be held accountable by local people for things that happen locally, so why get involved? You almost certainly want to do something positive, and like most councillors, you hope to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community. Whilst in some parishes, councillors represent a political party, North Curry Parish Council has a strong tradition of independence from overt party-political affiliations. Your task is to bring local issues to the attention of the council, and help it make decisions on behalf of the local community.

How do I carry out my duties?

The Council meets for 2 to 3 hours on the second Wednesday in every month and the Planning Committee meets every month except December on the last Wednesday. You will be expected to attend these meetings regularly. Members of the Planning Committee take turns to visit sites subject to Planning Applications and report back on the merits or otherwise of the Application. There are also sub-committees and working groups, some permanent and others to deal with specific issues.

You will probably be invited to take the lead on a particular facet of the Council's interests, e.g. planning, footpaths, flooding, Welcome Booklet, speed watch, playing fields, Village Hall Committee, finance, etc. In this capacity you may well have to represent the Council on other bodies, receive representations from parishioners and report back to the Council with recommendations for action.

You will be expected at all times to maintain an awareness of what is going on in the parish, trying to assess the mood and opinions on issues of the day. You must never forget that you are elected as a councillor to represent the views of the parishioners, not just your own personal views. You will be required to behave in accordance with standards laid down by the government in a Code of Conduct.

Do I want to become a Councillor?

In the previous feature we have told you something about what the Parish Council is and what Parish Councillors do. This may have put you off or you may still be thinking about it. You can find out more by

- Contacting the Parish Clerk on 01823 490136
- Visiting the Parish Office in Town Farm Community Stable
- Talking to a current Parish Councillor
- Visiting the Parish Council Website at www.northcurry.com

Do I satisfy the requirements to be a Councillor?

- You need to be over 18 years of age on 5th May 2022
- You must be resident of the parish.
- You must be a local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish, or have, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or have during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area

How do I become a Councillor?

If you have decided that you would like to become a Councillor, you first of all need to be nominated for election. You will be able to obtain a Nomination Form from the Parish Office or Taunton Deane Borough Council. The date for the return of Nomination Forms is expected to be noon on Wednesday 6th April, but please check this nearer the time as at the time of going to press this date had yet to be formally announced.

The election for Parish Councillors is expected to take place on Thursday 5th May and the results are normally available on the following day.

What happens next?

If you are elected, then you attend the first meeting of the Council in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th May. At that meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council will be elected and the life of the new Council begins.

NORTH CURRY W.I.

Are you new to the village?

If you would like to meet a group of ladies, of all ages, who meet for interesting speakers, outings and activities, why not come to North Curry Village Hall on Weds. 6th April at 2 o'clock? We'd love to meet you.

After our Annual General Meeting, we will be chatting over plans for the following year. New ideas and new faces are always welcome.



VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO SAVE OUR PLAYING FIELD

The Playing Field Committee have been operating with a very reduced Committee for two years. We have reached the point where we cannot continue this way and there is a real threat of the Playing Field having to close.

Since our appeal last month, there have been no volunteers or even enquiries about supporting the committee. Please carefully consider what the village would be like without a playing field or playground.

There are many parents, grandparents and carers whose children use the area and play equipment. Surely there are some out there who could spare some time?

Volunteering is not a huge commitment; we all work and have family responsibilities.

If you would like more information about joining our committee, please contact John Quinn 07766 282397.

Indifference will force the closure of the Playing Field and Pavilion. Please contribute to your local village community.

SAVE THE DATE

Appeal of Bells – Future Events

14th May: Quiz Night, rescheduled from last year, 7pm in the Village Hall. A few places left! Contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463 if you wish to join us.

20th May: Talk from Taunton Cider Company, followed by a sampling of their produce, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *

22nd May: Open Garden with strawberries and fizz, 2-6pm at The Old Rectory, Moor Lane. *

18th June – Picnic in the Paddock with live music, 6pm in the field behind Walnut Tree Cottage, Knapp Lane. *

21st October - Julian Comrie's talk What did you do in Lockdown, Grandpa? re-arranged from 2021 so please keep any tickets bought previously. *

* Tickets on sale nearer the time.

Worship at North Curry parish church

April 2022 (as at 10th March 2022)

3rd April	5th Sunday of Lent
8am	BCP Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
7th April	<i>(Thursday in Lent)</i>
4pm	Lent Course
7pm	Lent Course and Compline at Stoke St Gregory
8th April	<i>(Friday in Lent)</i>
5pm	Stations of the Cross
10th April	Palm Sunday
10am	United Benefice Eucharist at Burrowbridge
11th April	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
6.30pm	Holy Communion at Burrowbridge
12th April	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
7pm	Prayers, music and sacrament
13th April	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
6.30pm	Holy Communion at Lyng
14th April	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
6.30pm	Holy Communion & Stripping of Altars
15th April	<i>Good Friday</i>
10am	United Benefice Stations of the Cross
2pm	Good Friday Devotion at Lyng
7.30pm	Taizé Service at Methodist Chapel
16th April	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)</i>
8pm	United Benefice Easter Vigil
17th April	Easter Day
6.30am	Sunrise Service(s) at Burrow Mump
10am	Eucharist
24th April	2nd Sunday of Easter
10am	Eucharist
1st May	3rd Sunday of Easter
8am	BCP Eucharist
10am	Eucharist

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2023 Parish Church Calendar Competition

The competition is open to all amateur photographers who live in the parish, and as last year, the subject is to be the parish month by month – places, events, and so on; no family photos.

Entries are to be submitted to the editor of the parish magazine in digital format in high resolution JPEG files, in landscape format, at not less than 200 dpi, and sent to ncurrymag@gmail.com.

Please add the name and address of the photographer, together with the picture title, location, and month must be identified for each photograph, and the photographer must declare that they hold the copyright.

*****TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE***
IN AID OF THE APPEAL OF BELLS**



From kitchen table to Royal Wedding Cake!

Come along and hear the celebrated baker and author Fiona Cairns describe her fascinating journey.

She will be sharing her special memories, including creating the ultimate cake commission - the wedding cake for Prince William and Catherine.

**Friday 8th April at 7:30pm
(doors open at 7:00)
in North Curry Village Hall**

Tickets £15 including a glass of wine and a sample of Fiona's delicious cupcakes.

Tickets available from North Curry Post Office or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

North Curry Village Choir

CONCERT

**Saturday 7th May 2022
at 7.30 pm**

in

North Curry Parish Church

Messiah – Handel (excerpts)

Cantate Dominum – Pitoni

Benedicite - Jackson

and other music including tenor and soprano solos

Tickets (£10) will be available from North Curry Post Office from late April



North Curry Community Coffee Shop

We are pleased to have returned to longer opening hours of 10:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday to Sunday and as from 5th April our summer menu will be available which will include weekly specials and cream teas. Our cakes, bakes and cookies are all homemade and prices start from 50p, please pop in and have a chat, look at the art, craft and jewellery displays or buy a book or card. We are delighted to now stock cards by North Curry artists, Jo Butcher (embroideries) and Kim Varley (linocut prints). We look forward to welcoming you.

Linarol Consort

The Linarol Consort of four Renaissance Viols (including our own Claire Horáček), with soprano Héloïse Bernard, will be bringing a concert of Early Music to North Curry Church on Thursday 19th May. The programme title is Epitaph for a Green Lover: Music from the Songbooks of Marguerite of Austria. Details to follow, but save the date.

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

Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee

Dates for your diaries



Weekend 4th & 5th June

North Curry Church

hosting

A FESTIVAL OF TRIBUTES

for 70 years of the Devoted service of our Queen

Weekend 18th & 19th June

OPEN GARDENS in North Curry

Come & enjoy a **Blooming Beautiful** experience

More details later



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



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