



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 790 6275 go to www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-help to access the details.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7:30pm in the main hall at North Curry Village Hall, ALL are welcome.

LITTER PICKING: Our Annual Spring Litter Pick took place on Saturday 9th April 2022 at 10:30am. Thank you to all those who attended to make our Parish a tidier place to live.

QUEENS JUBILEE PLATINUM CELEBRATION: The Parish Council looks forward to the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 and we ask Parishioners if you could kindly send us any photographs of the Celebrations for our records. We hope you ALL have a wonderful time marking this momentous occasion. Enjoy.

AGE 40-74? GET YOUR FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK: The NHS Health Check is available every five years for anyone between the age of 40 and 74 years, who does not have a pre-existing long-term condition. This is an important step for many people towards improving their health and becoming more aware of what they can do to lead a healthier life. It can help lower people's risk of developing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of dementia.

Attending a free NHS Health Check helps people be better prepared for their future. It identifies risks early on, giving people the opportunity to take steps to reduce them and improving their chance of staying healthy as they age.

Please call 01823 261794 for more information or book online at the Somerset Health Checks website <https://somersethealthchecks.co.uk/locations>

BEWARE! COUNCIL TAX ENERGY REBATE SCAM: Residents are being warned that criminals are calling people and asking for their bank details in order to receive the [Council Tax Energy Rebate](#).

The Government announced the extra support amid the rising cost of energy bills, with payments being administered by local authorities. Somerset West and Taunton Council will start making payments to eligible households during April but will never cold call and ask for your personal bank details over the phone (or by email). If you receive such a call, hang up and report it to the Police on 101. You can also call the Action Fraud helpline on 0300 123 2040 or visit their website www.actionfraud.police.uk/how-to-report-fraud if you have concerns about fraud or have fallen victim to a possible scam.

OUTREACH MOBILE 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 is

confirmed and they will be in North Curry Village Hall car park on Tuesday 17th May 2022 from 10am-2pm. Please note that, due to a problem with the bus, a car and gazebo will be set up in the Village Hall car park.

AVIAN FLU OUTBREAK: Avian Influenza confirmed near Ilminster, Somerset: All poultry and livestock keepers please be aware, if you have any poultry on your farm, even just a few chickens in the garden (this makes you a poultry keeper) and you should follow government guidelines. www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity

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 May 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.



Kate Lynch: **Traditional Crafts of Somerset** 18th May



Tom Dunbar, thatching at Muchelney

For our May talk, illustrator Kate Lynch will introduce her studies of some traditional crafts still practised here, proving that rural crafts are very much alive and kicking. Kate has captured the timeless arts of bee skep coiling, paper making, glass blowing, thatching, sieve and riddle making, and others, in her new book *CRAFT: SOMERSET PORTRAITS AND VOICES*. She is currently exhibiting at the Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury, until 5th June.

Our meetings start at 8pm (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 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.

Produce Market

Another friendly market we had in April. Thank you all who came and joined us; the money raised all goes to the Church funds.

We have a few new tables joining us, Becky with Soap and Pauline with a lovely craft stall; together with our regular tables, Cake, Veg, Honey, Local Beef, Wine and Chocolate plus lots more.

I am sorry to say that Mr & Mrs Koppa have decided to stop having a table. They will be missed.

Come and join us on Saturday 7th May; the coffee is hot and the bacon butties are fresh.

If you would like a table, please contact Anne on 01823 490319.

Something To Think About

I will be asking the stall holders and villagers if they want a market in June as it's the Jubilee weekend 4th June and people may have plans for that Saturday.



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.

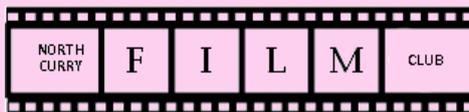
Big Bash Needs New Organiser: As reported last month, we need new organisers for the Big Bash – the great annual parish party. If it going to return this year, we need a new team to manage it. It is great fun and very rewarding. For more information, please contact Richard on: richardperrygardening@outlook.com

200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners:

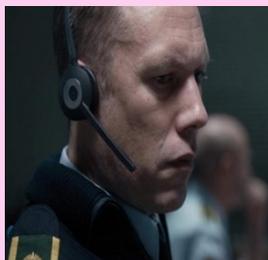
Youth Football, Cricket Club, Adult Football

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!



May sees a double dose of screenings on Wednesdays as we catch up on our delayed schedule.

On 11th May "The Guilty" tells an exciting, tension-laden story of an



Emergency Call handler dealing with a woman who says she has been kidnapped, but then is cut off. With only a phone and computer he starts a race against time to find her safe and sound.

Who is the guilty party? Maybe there is more than one...

25th May brings "The Wife" to our screen.



Behind any great man there is an even greater woman.

Joan Castleman (Glenn Close) has gracefully supported her Nobel prize-winning husband (Jonathan Pryce) for years, ignoring his infidelities and other abuses. Highly intelligent and still a striking beauty it is now her time to shine.

Watch out for fireworks!

North Curry Village Hall, Greenway.

Doors and Bar open at 7:00pm.

Films start at 7:30pm

Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee

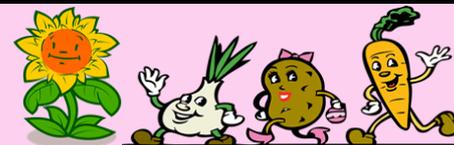


Weekend 4th & 5th June
North Curry Church
hosting

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



NORTH CURRY FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

ARE OUT!

Now on sale in the Post Office
TIME TO PLAN THOSE ENTRIES
PLANT, PAINT,
BREW, STITCH...

SHOW DATE
AUGUST 13TH, 2022



The Linarol Consort of Viols

On Thursday 19th May, Claire Horáček will bring a consort of viols to the church. Many of you in the village will remember Claire (née Harrison), some may have even gone to school with her!

Claire is now part of a professional group of musicians - with Alison Kinder, Timothy Lin and David Hatcher - who play treble, tenor, bass and great bass viols, a stringed instrument originally made by the 16th century Venetian, Francesco Linarol. They will accompany soprano Héloïse Bernard in music from the songbooks of Marguerite of Austria: **Epitaph for a Green Lover**.

The concert starts at 7:30, doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale from www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT or at the Post Office: £15, including a drink (no charge for under-18s). The event is sponsored by the Continuo Foundation, in aid of church fabric and facilities.

North Curry Village Choir CONCERT

Saturday 7th May 2022
at 7:30pm
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

Worship at North Curry parish church
(as at 10th April 2022)



1st May	3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00am	BCP Eucharist
10:00am	Eucharist
8th May	4th Sunday of Easter
10:00am	United Benefice Eucharist at <i>Lyng</i>
15th May	5th Sunday of Easter
8:00am	BCP Eucharist
6:00pm	Evensong
22nd May	6th Sunday of Easter
10:00am	Eucharist
26th May	Ascension Day (Thursday)
7:00pm	Eucharist
29th May	Sunday after Ascension Day
10:00am	Family United Benefice Eucharist
3rd June	(Friday)
time???	Service to celebrate the Jubilee
5th June	Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
8:00am	BCP Eucharist
10:00am	Eucharist
5:00pm	Pentecost Praise <i>Jointly with NC Methodists</i>

Daily Prayer at 9:00am on weekdays in the parish churches: Mondays at North Curry, Tuesdays at Stoke St Gregory, Wednesdays at Burrowbridge, Thursdays at Lyng, and Fridays on Zoom.

The Revd Dr Simon Bale vicar@athelneybenefice.com
07970 936325 | 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, TA3 6HN



Barn Dancing Club

We have now been meeting each month since January – our usual time and place is **7:30pm** in the **village hall** on the first Wednesday of the month **but please note that in May we will be there on Monday 2nd.**

Do come along and join the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience needed. Your first visit will be free of charge; thereafter non-members pay £3.50 per session, reductions for members.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623 or email bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk



NORTH CURRY W.I.

Having elected a new committee, made up of very new and not so new members, we are looking forward to some exciting times ahead.

At our meeting on WEDNESDAY 4th MAY, we will welcome Edwina the Florist from the Willows and Wetlands Centre, who will take us through some aspects of 'FLOWERS AND FLOWER ARRANGING'

If you have never been to a WI meeting and wonder if you would like it, why not come to North Curry Village Hall for 2:00pm on Wednesday 4th May?

Or if you are a Mum picking up children from the school next door, why not come over for 2:00pm and join us to hear from Edwina?

There will be lots of ladies of all ages, looking forward to meeting you!

APPEAL of BELLS

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2-6pm GARDEN (RE)TREAT

Visit the gardens. Glass of pink fizz and strawberries & cream

at

THE OLD RECTORY MOOR LANE

Tickets £10 per adult (accompanied children under 12 free) **from the post office or** www.ticketsource.co.uk

No dogs except guide/assistance dogs

Access - from moor lane

Friday 27th May at 7:30pm

Cider Tasting

with the Taunton Cider Company

Hear about how cider is made and the history of the Taunton Cider Company and sample their products!

Cheese & biscuits provided.

North Curry Village Hall

(doors open at 7:15)

Tickets £10: North Curry Post Office or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

JustGiving

You can now donate to the Appeal of Bells by credit/debit card at www.justgiving.com/pcc-northcurry

Future Dates

18th June – Picnic in the Paddock
Live music, 6:00pm, Knapp Lane

16th July – Halfway round the world at 17mph John Clarke describes travelling in a bulk carrier from London to New Zealand, 7:30pm Village Hall

Thank you!

A big thank you from the whole of North Curry to the faithful few who came on 9th April for the Litter Pick; between us we covered the whole village and some the roads going out for quite a distance including a fair stretch through Lillesdon towards the A378, along New Road towards the A361 and through Knapp and down thirteen bends.

It's now over to everyone to aim to maintain what has been achieved; if you're not already doing so, please take a bag with you when you're out and about to collect litter wherever you see it – bearing in mind your personal safety as you do so.



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd June: 7pm Beacon Lighting Party in our Big Tent on the hill.

All profits towards the Parish Church Jubilee Bell.

To make this as accessible as possible for all Parishioners, there will be a tractor taxi departing from Queen Square every 30mins to the site via Overlands Lane from 6:30 - 8:30pm and offering a return service from 10:00pm. We would ask those coming on foot to use the footpaths leaving the Overlands Lane for the tractor. Torches are advisable as is suitable footwear and clothing.

CASH Bar – Beer, Cider, Lager, Wine & soft drinks. BBQ – Beltie beef burgers, hot dogs & vegan burgers.

Live music. There will be a Big Tent & Toilets.

We respectfully ask all coming to only consume food and drink bought at the event.

9:45pm Official lighting of Beacon

Friday 3rd June: Church Service of Thanks Giving (time to be confirmed).

Saturday 4th June: A day for friends and family to celebrate.

Sunday 5th June: Big Jubilee Lunch.

12 noon onwards at Greenway Playing Field, Pavilion End.

Bring your own tables, chairs, gazebos, bunting, food and drinks and other decorations but not dogs as they are not permitted on the playing field.

There will be a prize for the best dressed table and a competition for the best U12 Crown AND over 12 Crown.

There will be live music from Kingfisher and children's entertainments.

Please come prepared to take away all your rubbish and recycling. No disposable BBQs please.

Attendance Hotline 490831 (daytime): Please ring to confirm the numbers attending for both events, to book your place on the tractor taxi and any specific needs or concerns that you may have by 22nd May.

Help us make this a weekend to remember!

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



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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