



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Thank you to all who attended the Service, it was wonderful to see so many of you. Many thanks to all those involved in organising and delivering the Service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: We would like to wish all the Parishioners a very Merry Christmas and would like to extend special thanks and Christmas wishes to the wonderful volunteers who distribute the Newsletter each month, thank you all for what you do. Also, we would love to see everyone putting up their Christmas lights and creating a fantastically festive North Curry! **Christmas in the Square** is finally back up and running this year on Sunday 11th December - we hope to see plenty of you there celebrating its return!

COST OF LIVING CRISIS: How will you manage the cost of living increases this winter? You may be eligible for help from a variety of sources. Your Parish Council has put together a guide to benefits and local support schemes that may help. We are also working with local organisations to provide warm spaces, information on this can be found further on in this Newsletter.

AVIAN INFLUENZA: Unfortunately, Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) is still around, it is a legal requirement (from 7th November) for all bird keepers to keep their birds housed and follow stringent biosecurity measures. This applies to keepers who have flocks and those with just a few birds in their garden. Please see the Parish Council Facebook Page for more information.

The Parish Council Office opening hours are:

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Telephone No: 01823 490136 or contact us at parishcouncil@northcurry.com

Parish Council Diary for December 2022: see the Parish notice Board, our Website and Facebook.

Our Parish Council Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, plus just for any extra planning meetings needed, the last Wednesday of the month, both in the Meeting Room of our Village Hall at 7:30pm.



This month we have two contrasting films.

On **Saturday 3rd December** we have a 'Saturday Special' (where we have an intermission with tea & cake). We are showing the 1975 American classic film **Jaws**. It won three Oscars including for John William's music.

The Village Hall doors open at 2:30pm. The film costs £5 + a donation for refreshments.



Our Wednesday film on **16th December** is a very British film, a modern take on the Charles Dicken's story **The Personal History of David Copperfield**, with Dev Patel in the title role. It also stars Peter Capaldi, Hugh Laurie and Tilda Swinton. The story is semi-autobiographical. From his unhappy childhood to the discovery of his gift as a storyteller

and writer, David's journey is by turns hilarious and tragic, but always full of life, colour, and humanity.

Doors & bar open at 7:00pm, with the film starting at 7:30pm. Also open to non-members (£5 on the door).

Please see our website: www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk or Facebook page for updates.



A Lady with Altitude

On Wednesday 14th December (2nd Wednesday!), we bring you the oft-postponed story of Taunton's intrepid flyer Jackie Moggridge (also known as the Spitfire Girl) remembered by her daughter Candy Adkins. We are looking forward to hearing at last about this remarkable lady. As we approach Christmas, the talk will be preceded by festive snacks.

North Curry Society meet at the Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday each month (but on a different Wednesday this December, and in February). Doors open at 7:30pm for refreshments and chat, with a chance to engage in further discussion with the guest speaker afterwards. Casual visitors always welcome - the charge for visitors is £5 for the evening, but it's worth becoming a member at £15 for the rest of the year up to our AGM in July.



White Street News (North Curry Sport)

Sponsorships

This is a great opportunity to promote your business. We have a limited number of sponsorships for the Big Bash 2023 – the high-profile annual village event. You can donate funds or thing in-kind, all to be recognized at the Big Bash.

Contact whitestreet@northcurry.com

200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners: C Hayllar, A Pike and the Youth Football Club.

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 coffee shop is looking very festive and fully stocked with local handmade crafts and jewellery. We have needle felted, wooden, knitted, fabric and pottery decorations from £1.50. To commemorate North Curry's new church bells, we have some special pottery bells made in North Curry dated 2023 for just £5. Pet themed gifts new for this year include paw print Christmas stockings, dog neckerchiefs in many designs from £2 and poo bag keyrings! Our regular glass supplier has created lots of new designs including some of Glastonbury Tor which are proving very popular. We look forward to welcoming you in for a browse and maybe a light lunch or coffee and cake. Opening hours Tues-Sun 9:30 - 4:30. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alison Stone (01823) 490282 or email: aj.carterstone@gmail.com.

Carols in the Square

Monday 19th December
From 6:00pm

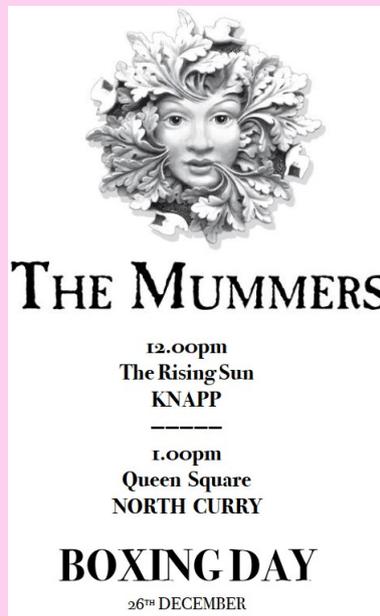
Queen Square Gardens

Carol Sheets provided

Come prepared to sing lustily

All ages welcome.

Wrap up warmly and bring a torch!



North Curry Youth FC

New Chair, Secretary & Treasurer needed!



As you are all probably aware by now, the current positions will be stepping down at the next AGM in April/May next year 2023.

Ideally, we would like to have these positions filled before that time, so they are able to shadow the current people, more so the Secretary position.

These positions can be filled by more than one person, so the roles in each position can be split between different people.

So now comes the horrible part!

If these positions are not filled then it would mean the club would have to close, as to be an accredited club with the FA and play league football this is a minimum requirement by them.

So it basically comes down to, if you do not want to see this fantastic club close then people will need to step forward.

Ali (Secretary & Treasurer) and I (Chair) have been here from the start nearly 12 years ago, we have no children at the club and never have but it's time for us to step down. We have given it 2 years more than we planned due to covid as we wanted to see the club through and out of the pandemic to secure its future.

There are 140 children playing football at this brilliant club which started with one team and I am sure with that many children and adults linked we can find a minimum of 3 people to step up and enjoy the running of this club and continue the success.

Please don't hesitate to contact us to find out more.

Many Thanks Shawn Sutton (Chair)
Ali Sutton (Secretary & Treasurer)

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on Friday 2nd December in North Curry Village Hall. 7:45pm for 8:00pm.

To celebrate the beginning of the festive season please join us for mulled wine and mince pies.

The topic and speaker have changed from that published in our membership card earlier this year. Our speakers will be Martin and Jill Jones from Postbox Cottage, which we visited back in August. They will give a short talk on Snowdrops and will also be bringing a gardening related quiz.

New members and visitors always welcome. Contact Sue on 01823 491658 for more info. We are hoping for a sociable, fun evening. See you there!

Lunch Club Christmas Magic

Thanks to Covid the Tuesday Lunch Club wasn't able to have their usual summer outing but to make amends, a splendiferous Christmas lunch will enable all the chefs and helpers to get together again on 13th December in the village hall. A small surplus is often made at each fortnightly meal which helps not only to subsidise this feast - but will provide bewitching entertainment by way of James Brown professional magician and illusionist of this parish. As we have a small rota of chefs who otherwise rarely meet, this is a nice occasion to thank them all for their commitment and hard work. Altogether helpers and guests will total nearly forty this year who will enjoy turkey plus all the trimmings, Christmas pudding plus wine and not forgetting the funny hats.



North Curry W.I.

Instead of Christmas we celebrated Advent at our party on 30th November, when some children from the school came to sing for us. Thank you so much to everyone involved - it was much appreciated. We hope our members will be enjoying this festive time of year.

Our focus for December is the Carol Service in Wells Cathedral on Weds. 7th, where we are proud to say that two of our members will be doing a reading during the service.

We will then be looking forward to the first Wednesday of the New Year when Vanessa Linnell from St. Giles Animal Sanctuary will be coming to talk to us.

Please make a note of Weds 4th January at 1:30pm in the Village Hall and come to our meeting - you are warmly invited!



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 7th December from 7:30 to 9:30 pm** in the village hall. If you're not sure about membership yet, but would like to have a go, then your first visit will be free of charge. Do come along and join in the fun! No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher. Singles, couples or groups are always welcome. For those of you who may be expecting the Christmas party we decided that the first week in December is too early so we will be having it in January.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

Another Year in North Curry Village Calendar 2023

created by the Parish Church from photographs taken by local residents

£10, with envelope

All profits go to support the Parish Church
On sale at Village Shop, Produce Market and Parish Church

Worship at North Curry & Curland Methodist Church

Sun 4th Dec, 11am *2nd Sunday of Advent* - Miss Virginia Pearson

Fri 9th Dec, 7pm *Advent Taize Service* - readings, music and reflection

Sun 11th Dec, 11am *3rd Sunday of Advent* - Revd Peter Thomas

Sun 18th Dec, **3pm** Carol Service led by Revd Deborah Kirk, refreshments to follow

Sun 25th Dec no service - the Peace of the Christ Child be with you all!

Sun 1st Jan, 11am *2nd Sunday of Christmas* - Mrs Elaine Dew

Contact: Revd Deborah Kirk, Circuit Superintendent 01823 334854

Thank you!

A big thank you from the whole of North Curry to those who came on 29th October for the Litter Pick; between us we covered the whole village and some of 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.

Once again, the total collected was down on April when we last did this which we think is encouraging as an indication of the area getting generally cleaner over the months.

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. If you need a litter picker, please contact the Parish Council clerk, Lisa Williams, on 490136.

VOLUNTEERS for Warm and Social events

We are aiming to offer a warm space with coffee soup to those in the village who would welcome some social chat with others in the village. We need some volunteers to help on a Wednesday between 11am and 2pm in the Parish Church. We are aiming to offer this social event during December through to March and we need to set up a rota so that we can offer the warm space every week during the winter months. If you feel you could offer 3 hours occasionally we would love to hear from you Telephone **Owen on 07917 445215** If we can get this running we could possibly extend to a second session in the week from January. Come and join us.

INVITATION to Warm and Social

As the winter days draw closer and the days get colder why not come and enjoy a social chat in a warm atmosphere at the Parish Church in North Curry. You would be made very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and or some lunchtime soup with local people between the hours of **11am and 2pm every Wednesday** through to March. We have been holding regular coffee mornings for some time and it is always well attended by people from the Parish Community. Please do come along and join us we would love to see you. We are also pleased that our village agent Tina has kindly agreed to come to these events to help with any practical advice or signposting and will be available on **Wednesdays between 11am and 2pm.** Owen and Anne

Produce Market 3rd December

What a lovely market we had in November. It was very busy with lots of people and smiling faces.

I did a vegetable table as Stan Case is not well and unable to drive at the moment. If anyone would like to take on doing the vegetable table in his absence please let me know as I cannot do it every month.

We had a few more tables this month and more next month so come along and buy your Christmas presents. We have our regular tables; Carole with her eggs, cakes and pickles, Simon with his delicious honey and Gloria with her Bread. Wine, Chocolate, and meat are there too.

Do come along and meet up with friends have a coffee and bacon butty or sausage or both. If you would like to have a table please get in touch with me 490319 or annemarie.williams61@yahoo.com

Music at the parish church in December

Thursday 1st December, 7:30pm

Village Choir: Christmas Concert, with some audience participation (*ticketed*)

Saturday 10th December, 5:00pm

Somerset Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitors (*ticketed*). The journey of the Magi to visit the infant Christ, told in drama and song in a darkened church.

Tickets: North Curry PO - 01823 490261 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/somersetoperagroup

Sunday 18th December 6:00pm

Traditional service of **Lessons and Carols**

Monday 19th December 6pm

Carols in Queen Square Garden

Bring your own torch, and wrap up well

Saturday 24th December

5:00pm **Crib Service** especially for children
11:30pm **Midnight Mass** taking us into Christmas Day: more for grown-ups



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>

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

Worship at North Curry parish church
(as at 28th October 2022)



4th December Second Sunday of Advent

8am BCP Eucharist
10am Eucharist
3pm Benefice Christingle

11th December Third Sunday of Advent

10am Eucharist

18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am BCP Eucharist
6pm Carol Service

19th December (Monday)

6pm Carols in the Square

24th December Christmas Eve

5pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th December Christmas Day

10am Benefice Christmas Eucharist (*said*)

1st January Second Sunday of Christmas

10am Eucharist

Morning Prayer at 9am on Fridays

Please ask about **Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals**

The Revd Dr Simon Bale vicar@athelneybenefice.com

07970 936325 | 01823 491587

Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, North Curry, TA3 6HN

**Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club,
Incorporating North Curry**

 **Christmas Tennis Fun Days** 

Join us for some Xmas fun and games this December!
Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club - Monday 19th December

🕒 9am - 3pm 🏠 £20 per person

- ✓ For ages 5-16
- ✓ Xmas gift for every participant
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Equipment can be provided
- ✓ Qualified coaches
- ✓ HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!

How to book: Call/email Luke Andrews on:

☎ 07437 404242 ✉ Latennis@hotmail.com

Dan is also continuing to provide coaching each Saturday during term time. Sessions at:

1:30pm - under 10 years

2:30pm - 10 years & over

We are able to offer a 50% reduction on the normal rate for a term time block booking, thanks to support from Somerset Community Foundation.

Pay & Play for one-off lessons is possible, but will be charged at the normal rate.

Or enquiries to: ssgtennis@gmail.com 07956 981679

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Stokestgregorytennis

In the event of bad weather necessitating cancellation of any session, you will be contacted by the coaching team.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

It's the return of North Curry's Christmas Celebrations, brought to you by the North Curry Pavilion & Playing Fields and supporters.....

Sunday 11th December 2022

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Queen Square, North Curry



Fun for all Ages:

- ❖ Entertainment by our School Children, Choir and Guitar Group
- ❖ Father Christmas in his Grotto
- ❖ Children's games and treats
- ❖ Local North Curry Burgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers, Mince Pies
- ❖ Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Soft Drinks

See the Christmas Tree lights grand switch on by **Father Christmas**.
The tree and lights are kindly supplied by **North Curry Post Office & Stores**

All funds raised will go to supporting North Curry Pavilion & Playing Fields

Please note the event is **CASH ONLY**

Charity Registration Number: 304593



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop



North Curry Village Hall
Wed 30 Nov at 8pm

£45
Email nctoddlergroup@gmail.com to book

This is a fundraising event for the North Curry Toddler Group in partnership with Edwina's Flowers of The Willows & Wetlands Visitor Centre

BYOB!