



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

Articles of not more than 150 words, regarding village events of a voluntary or charitable nature, are accepted in good faith, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion via email to [Newsletter@northcurry.com](mailto:Newsletter@northcurry.com) or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

## North Curry Parish Council

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** We would like to wish all parishioners a happy new year; we hope it will be full of happiness and great things! We also hope you all had a wonderful Christmas; and it has been brilliant seeing all of your Christmas lights on display in the Parish.

**WARM ROOMS:** A warm space will still be provided at the Parish Church in the coming months; each Wednesday from 10am to 1pm you can come along and enjoy soup and good company. The Village Agent will also be present for any advice or support needed. Any volunteers would be very warmly welcomed too!

**GRIT BINS:** Grit bins are available throughout the Parish; let us know if any need topping up. Please stay safe while roads and pavements are icy.

**EV CHARGERS:** We are excited to see the electric vehicle chargers up and running at the Village Hall. We have already spotted several people using them and hope to see lots more!

**WELLBEING:** Times are particularly difficult at the moment; from the cost-of-living crisis to cold weather blues and isolation. If you need any support, please know it is available from The Samaritans on 116 123 for free 24/7 who will listen to any issue you are facing; or, if your worries are financial, you can also speak to the Citizens Advice Bureau Debt Helpline on 0800 240 4410 available 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday. *There is no shame in asking for help - please don't struggle alone.*

### 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](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

Parish Council Diary for January 2023: see the Parish notice Board, our Website and Facebook.

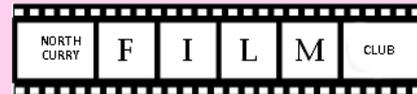
**OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** are the second Wednesday of each month, plus just for any extra planning meetings needed the last Wednesday of the month, both in the Meeting Room of our Village Hall at 7:30pm.

## CENSUS 2021

Details from the 2021 Census are starting to appear on the Office for National Statistics website. The Census counted 1,770 people living in 770 households across North Curry, an increase of 130 persons since the previous count ten years before, reflecting housebuilding in the parish. ONS had been tracking population change using administrative records - registering births, deaths and moves into and out of the area - and ageing the population on by ten years, but the census gives an accurate fix as well as providing collective details of our economic and social circumstances.

Some 40% of North Curry parish residents live outside the village: in Wrantage, Knapp and other hamlets or in more scattered farms and homesteads.

The smallest areas for publishing Census data are known as "output areas", of which there are six covering the parish. Great care is taken to protect the identity of individual people and households; the aggregated figures provide a fascinating record of how we live and work as well as assisting in the provision of public services and developing policy. More detail will be released over the coming months.



This month we have two very contrasting films.

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January** we have a 'Saturday Special' (where we have an intermission with tea & cake). The film is the classic 1964 drama **Zulu** about the battle of Rorke's Drift. It stars Stanley Baker as Lt. John Chard (who is buried in Hatch Beauchamp) and brought fame to Michael Caine.

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

**Please support the Saturday films, if you want them to continue.** We only had 7 attend the last one on 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Jaws) and 5 of them were Committee members! We pay a licence of £100 to show each film, so need at least 20 to attend for them to be sustainable.

On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** we have the Oscar winning, **Nomadland** with Frances McDormand as a woman in her sixties, who after losing her job and home, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.



Doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm. Also open to non-members (£5 on the door).

Please see our website: [www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk) or Facebook page [North Curry Film Club](https://www.facebook.com/NorthCurryFilmClub) for updates.



ARGYLE PRODUCTIONS  
**Aladdin – The Panto**

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at North Curry Village Hall

Evenings at 7:30pm with a Saturday  
Matinee at 2:30pm

Is it that time again.... oh no it isn't....  
oh yes it is! And we are off on an  
unforgettable journey into the Land  
of the Magic Lamp, let this "in-genie-  
ous" panto make all your wishes come  
true! Well at least let it give you a  
good night out.

We are back in North Curry Village  
Hall for another evening of good fun  
and laughter, singing and dancing, and  
a trip on the magic carpet from China  
to Egypt! This original and humorous  
interpretation of this famous  
oriental rags-to-riches tale will  
delight. Come along and support our  
talented bunch of actors who, for  
one week only, have transformed  
North Curry into Widow Twankey's  
"Wash and Nosh", where the fun  
unfolds for her lovable wastrel son,  
Aladdin who has ideas way beyond  
North Curry! We look forward to  
seeing you there or Huítóu jiàn ...if  
you are already in China.

Tickets are available from the Post  
Office in North Curry or by calling  
the Box Office on 07905 156958.  
(Adults £8 and Under 12s £6)



Thank you to everyone who supported  
the coffee shop during 2022, we are  
looking forward to a busy 2023. Our  
opening hours for January and  
February will be 10:00am – 4:00pm  
and we will re-opening after the  
Christmas break on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January.



### West Country Carnivals

On 18<sup>th</sup> January Chris Hocking tells us  
about the popular regional tradition that  
grips communities in the months  
leading up to Carnival weekend in  
many west country towns.

Chris has been involved in Bridgwater  
Guy Fawkes' Carnival since 1967 and  
had responsibility for delivering an  
entry in Her late Majesty's Platinum  
Jubilee Pageant in June last year. The  
Bridgwater float show-cased the  
tremendous skills and remarkable  
ingenuity of hundreds of dedicated  
people who produce spectacular  
entries in the parade, year-in, year-out.

North Curry Society meet at the Village  
Hall, generally on the third Wednesday  
each month (but on the fourth  
Wednesday 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.

### North Curry Village Choir Spring Rehearsals

We resume on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, at 8:00pm  
in the

North Curry Village Hall  
**New Members Welcome**

If you would like to join us, or discuss the  
possibility, please contact us by  
telephone or website contact form as  
below

**Our next concert is on  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Tel: Barbara Lancey 01458 252657

Website: [www.northcurryvillagechoir.org](http://www.northcurryvillagechoir.org)



### 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  
things in-kind, all to be recognized at  
the Big Bash.

Contact [whitestreet@northcurry.com](mailto:whitestreet@northcurry.com)

#### 200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners: J  
Boddy, G Brown and M Spearpoint.

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](mailto:whitestreet@northcurry.com) All  
proceeds support the running of the  
White Street site. Thank you!

Happy New Year!

### NORTH CURRY W.I.

Is your New Year Resolution to get out  
and meet new people – or to keep in  
touch with existing acquaintances?

Well, there's a group of ladies who  
meet in the Village Hall on the first  
Wednesday of the month and they  
would be delighted to see you!

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Vanessa  
Linnell from the St. Giles Animal  
Sanctuary will be talking all about their  
work.

The get-together starts at 1:30pm and  
lasts for about two hours, so if you  
have children to pick up from the  
school, the timing should work out for  
you. We would love to see you.

Next month will be a special one, as we  
will be celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> birthday as  
a group.

More details next month. Happy New  
Year!



## NORTH CURRY MAY FAIR



### \* NEW COMMITTEE SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED \*

Since 2020, this much-loved annual event has been unable to run due to Covid and a struggling committee. Plans to re-establish the fair are being considered but, like many other groups, it is dependent on individual support coming forward to make it happen.

Getting involved is not difficult and there are many varied roles to fill. Find out how you can help put this village event firmly back on the calendar! Further details available from Jacky on 490456 or by email at [northcurrymayfair@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrymayfair@gmail.com).

## Warm space in North Curry parish church



### Hot drink, soup, warm welcome

Wheelchair/buggy accessible, toilet, child-friendly CCS Village Agent support and advice available each week

10:00am to 1:00pm Wednesdays  
from January

Registered with SPARK Somerset



so that even more people can find the warmth, company and support they need this winter and beyond

## Village Wassail, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm

Join us to toast the apple trees and welcome the new year, at the White Street Playing fields and Community Woodland

Meeting at the Pavilion for a procession to the community orchard where we will wassail the trees and each other and make wishes for the new year.

Dress warm and bright and bring torches!

If you would like to help, contact Tim at [milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk)

## Christmas in the Square

The Committee of the North Curry Pavilion and Playing Field would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who made Christmas in the Square 2022 possible. After two years away, it was great to be back, and we hope you all enjoyed it. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support us and to all the wonderful people who made it all happen, particularly Alison and Noel from the Post Office and the residents of Queen Square. There are too many people to name, but you know who you are - and thank you!

## Worship at North Curry parish church January 2023

(amended 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

**1<sup>st</sup> January**      **Second Sunday of Christmas**  
10:00am      Eucharist

**8<sup>th</sup> January**      **Baptism of Christ)**  
10:00am      Eucharist

**15<sup>th</sup> January**      **Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
8:00am      BCP Eucharist  
4:00pm      Evensong

**22<sup>nd</sup> January**      **Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
10:00am      Eucharist

**29<sup>th</sup> January**      (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
10:00am      United Benefice Eucharist at **Lyng**

**5<sup>th</sup> February**      **Candlemas (transferred)**  
8:00am      BCP Eucharist  
10:00am      Eucharist

**Daily Prayer** at 9:00am on Fridays

For **Weddings, Baptisms** and **Funerals**, see the Vicar: **The Revd Dr Simon Bale**

[vicar@athelneybenefice.com](mailto:vicar@athelneybenefice.com)

07970 936325 | 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, TA3 6HN



## 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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