



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**KING CHARLES III CORONATION MUGS:** You will all be very pleased to hear that the mugs have now arrived at the Parish Office! Have you reserved yours and/or your child's? They will be available to pick up on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10:00am – 1:00pm or Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1:00pm – 4:00pm. If you can't make any of these times, email us and we can arrange an alternative time. We also have some spare, please email to reserve yours, we have a limited supply! You need to email and reserve a mug to be given one. Mugs for children under 12 are free. Mugs for adults and children aged 12 and over are £6 each.

**CORONATION BIG LUNCH:** The Coronation Big Lunch (referred to earlier as Afternoon Tea) will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Pavilion and Playing Fields, starting from 12 noon. Please bring your own picnic and drinks, tables and chairs, and gazebos if you have them! BBQs will not be permitted, and remember dogs are also not allowed on the Playing Field. The Pavilion will be open for access to toilets.

**MAY FAIR:** Congratulations are given to see the May Fair is going ahead this year, a valuable and well-loved event. We hope to see a great turnout and success celebrating its return!

**ANOTHER PARKING REMINDER:** Unfortunately, the parking problems seem to be continuing - we have received further complaints including from residents coming to Parish Council meetings about this issue. Please can we make a big effort to park considerately and in accordance with the Highway Code. The PCSOs are aware of this issue and will be monitoring it.

### 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 MAY 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.

## PRODUCE MARKET

Please note:

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PRODUCE MARKET ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, AS IT IS THE CORONATION.**

Sorry for any disappointment.



This month we have an exciting film based on a true story.



On **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May**, we have the film **Balloon**. In the summer of 1979, in Thuringen, in East Germany, two families put together a crazy plan. They're desperate to leave East Germany for the 'West' and plan to flee in a homemade hot air balloon.

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](http://www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk) or Facebook page for updates.



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### Michael Brown: The History and Mystery of the Freshwater Eel

Eels have been known from prehistoric times as a source of protein for the Somerset lake villages and riverside settlements, and are now known for their economic potential.

Raconteur with a passion for eels, Michael will outline how he first came to be involved with them, what it was like to go elvering, look at the eel's life cycle and consider its importance as a food source through the ages.

With tea or coffee at 7:30pm, the talk will start promptly at 8:00pm. No props or electronics required, just him and the voice!

North Curry Society meet at the Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday each month. Visitors always welcome - the charge is £5 for the evening or become a member for £15. The new Society year starts in September.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY....

## The BIG Breakfast



is coming  
to

### North Curry Village Hall

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
**from 8:30am 'til 1:00pm**

Come and meet old friends and maybe make some new. Enjoy a hearty home cooked breakfast, at a great price, which includes a bottomless coffee or tea. As well as good food, we will have the Sunday papers for you to enjoy or have a flutter on the Tombola. All ages welcome.

Please put this in your diaries.

## Calling All Veterans

The world has changed so much in recent times, and so has the Royal British Legion North Curry Branch.



We are now an informal social group, meeting up once a month to share news and views over a drink (or two!). It can be a lonely place being a veteran, but whether you are currently serving, in the reserves, or have served in the Armed Forces - you, and your family, will always be part of the Veterans' community. So come along, pull up a bollard, ammo box or chock, and be amongst friends.

Muster point - The Bird in Hand on the first Saturday of the month at 19:00. "Standby to standby!"

Want to know more?

Contact Mike Fleming - 07855 454333

## Children's Activity Morning in the Parish Church

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am to 12 Noon**

**Suitable for Preschool and  
Infant/Primary ages**

**All welcome with a parent/guardian**

**Range of Craft Activities**

**Refreshments**

**Come and join us!**



Our lunch specials change each week, for only £5 we are offering homemade quiche and salad, smoked mackerel salad and roll, pork pie and salad, cold sliced turkey salad and roll or Caesar salad and roll. If you still need to decorate your house for the coronation celebrations, we have some lovely handmade bunting for sale in different designs and lengths. Don't forget we also sell some beautiful cards, some by North Curry artists, artwork, crafts, jewellery from £5.50 and books for £1. Opening hours Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 5pm. Please email Alison Stone if you would like any information about joining our team of friendly volunteers: [aj.carterstone@gmail.com](mailto:aj.carterstone@gmail.com)

## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

**Our next meeting is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
May in North Curry Village Hall.  
7:45pm for 8:00pm.**

**Jill Jones will be speaking on "A  
Garden for all Seasons".**

Jill and her husband, Martin, have a lovely garden at West Bagborough which club members visited in August 2022.

Based on their garden which they have created to give pleasure through all four seasons, the talk will consider the importance of structure, the use of foliage as well as flowers to provide colour and choice of plants for successional interest. Each seasonal section will include examples of trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous plants and bulbs. The use of containers and pots to give accents of colour will also be included.

This talk in May is the last before our summer break.

We are enthusiastic gardeners from North Curry and the surrounding areas.

Coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat to round off the evening. Why not join us? New members and visitors always welcome

Membership £12.00 p.a.

Visitors £3.00 per visit.

Our ever popular Plant Sale is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12 noon at the Pavilion, Greenway, North Curry. Coffee and cake as well as bargain plants!

Need more info? Phone Sue on 01823 491658 or email

[northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com)

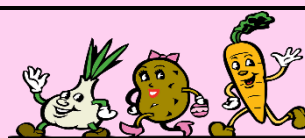
## A New Environment Group for North Curry

I hope that by the time you read this you will have received an invitation to join and support a new environment group centred on North Curry. For some years Climate Action Athelney (previously Transition Athelney) has been trying to raise awareness of Climate Change and encouraging people to reduce their carbon footprints. This could be through lifestyle changes such as (reduced driving and increased active travel or through home improvements such as solar panels, increased insulation, etc. Meanwhile North Curry Wildlife Group has been promoting awareness of the importance of wildlife and how all forms of life on our planet, including the human race, are interrelated and interdependent.

As you will have heard from several sources lately, this whole subject is becoming more and more urgent to address to ensure the survival of a stable and habitable planet and, indeed, a safe home and future for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

To that end we are now actively searching for more like-minded people who are willing and able to help carry this forward. If you are interested in playing a part, however small, please get in touch by filling in the form on our leaflet as directed, or through our website, [www.climateactionathelney.co.uk](http://www.climateactionathelney.co.uk) or directly to me - see contacts details below.

For more information contact: Brian on 490623 or email [bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk](mailto:bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk)



## 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 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**







## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm** in the village hall. (Note this is the **second Wednesday – for one month only!**)

A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3.50 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise, both mental and physical, and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

## Thank you!

A big thank you from the whole of North Curry to those who came out at the end of March 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, along Greenway to Newport and through Knapp & down thirteen bends.

This time the total collected was similar to last October's effort but it did include a few bags of flotsam which were collected along the river banks between New Bridge and Knapp Bridge – not normally covered in our litter picks but done today as we had a very good turnout with more volunteers available to cover the area.

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 to borrow a litter picker please contact the Parish Council clerk, Lisa Williams, on 490136.

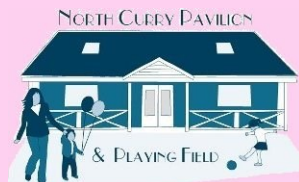
## North Curry Village Hall

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)



We are delighted that the May Fair is returning to North Curry on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along and visit our stall. We will be selling locally made Nythe Farm Belty Burgers, Sausages, Pimm's, Prosecco, Beer and Soft Drinks. This will help us to raise vital funds for the Pavilion and Playing Fields. It will be a cash only stall.

We look forward to seeing you at this much-loved local event!

## Christian Aid Week 2023

Soaring costs are affecting people here and around the world. Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertiliser, and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

A single payment of £10 could pay for a 2kg bag of seeds to plant pigeon peas – a hardy, drought-resistant crop. £50 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family. £100 could help provide a business training session, helping farmers to secure higher, fairer prices for their crops.

Christian Aid Week is 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May. Instead of a door-to-door collection, the Anglican and Methodist Churches are taking a stall at this year's May Fair where you can make your donations. Let's see what we can do to support this work.



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## White Street News (North Curry Sport)

### 200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners of the March draw: C Trim, D Akerman and the Youth Football Club

### Big Bash:

Returns 27<sup>th</sup> August! Featuring high energy band Snappa and our own Andries Geurin. Ticket details announced soon.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**north curry may fair needs  
you!**

Get involved, have fun, and make sure this year's May Fair, on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, is an enormous success. A small amount of your time will make a BIG difference to this popular, and much-loved community event.

We need willing hands in the days leading up to the fair, and on the day too. So, don't be shy, put your hand up and join in! For more details on how you can help, please get in touch by emailing us at [northcurrymayfair@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrymayfair@gmail.com) or by calling 490456.

Thank you!



## Happy Hookers Crochet & Knitting Group

We currently have 11 regular members and have had 6 weeks together as 'Happy Hookers' 🧶

If you knit or crochet and would like to join us, we meet on a Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30pm at The Pavilion, Greenway, North Curry.

£3 for the session which includes a drink and biscuits/cake.

Please message Tracy Rumary on 07919543260 to reserve a place 🧶

Please note you do not have to attend these sessions every week, we just ask that you reserve a place for each week you are able to join us.



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)



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

## Services for North Curry Parish and Methodist Churches May 2023 (as at 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

**7<sup>th</sup> May Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist  
 10am North Curry Eucharist, followed by APCM  
 11am Temple Methodist Church Methodist Service  
 4:30pm Burrowbridge Benefice Coronation service

**14<sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 Start of Christian Aid Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May

10am Parish Church Eucharist  
 11am Methodist Church Methodist Service

**18<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday) Ascension Day**  
 7pm Parish Church Eucharist

**21<sup>st</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 8am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist  
 11am Methodist Church Methodist Service  
 6pm Parish Church Evensong

**28<sup>th</sup> May Day of Pentecost**  
 10am Parish Church Eucharist  
 11am Methodist Church no morning service  
 3pm Queen Square Garden  
 United Pentecost Praise (in Methodist Church if wet)

**4<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday**  
 8am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist  
 10am Parish Church Eucharist  
 11am Methodist Church Methodist Service

**Morning Prayer** (The Daily Office) is said each day at 9am on weekdays in the parish churches: **Tuesdays** at Stoke St Gregory, **Wednesdays** at Burrowbridge, **Thursdays** at Lyng, **Fridays** at North Curry.

The prayer time lasts around 20 minutes and is a peaceful and enriching start to the day. All are welcome; you simply need to turn up.

Vicar of the Athelney Benefice: the **Revd Dr Simon Bale**  
[vicar@athelneybenefice.com](mailto:vicar@athelneybenefice.com)  
 07970 935325/ 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Soke Road, TA3 6HN

For enquiries relating to North Curry and Curland Methodist Church, please contact the **Revd Deborah Kirk**,  
[deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com) 01823 334854



## NORTH CURRY W.I.

We will meet again on the first Wednesday of the month – 3<sup>rd</sup> May – in the Village Hall at 1:30pm.

Michael Malligan will give a talk entitled 'A Writers Life for Me' and judging by all his reviews, this should be an entertaining afternoon.

There will be a little competition 'To wear Red White and Blue' and there will be celebration cake to go with your cup of tea, in honour of King Charles' coronation.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, please bring your preferred method of payment for £44.00 for the year for all our members, cash, cheques or BACS all accepted. We look forward to seeing new and not so new members at the meeting.

W.I. ladies will be having a Tombola stall at the May Fair on the 13<sup>th</sup> and would love donations of bottles, unwanted gifts, etc. for the prizes.

Please bring them to the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### 2:00 – 4:30pm

### Church Road & Queen Square

To be opened by Lady Mary Stewart-Wilson

Horse & Carriage Rides  
 Punch & Judy  
 Angel Art Face Painting  
 Balloon Modelling  
 Art & Craft Stalls  
 Plants, Cakes, and Jams  
 Ice Cream Trike  
 BBQ, Pimms & Prosecco Bar  
 Cream Teas  
 Musical Entertainment  
 Grand Raffle

Parking in Manor Field £1.00

Contact Information:  
[northcurrymayfair@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrymayfair@gmail.com)



## North Curry Music Festival

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June



Friday Evening Folk Concert 7.30pm Parish Church	<b>The Askew Sisters</b> Tickets £15 (£17 on door)
Saturday Morning and Afternoon Parish Church/Queen Square Garden	Amazing "Drain-o-Phone" Children's Workshops (£5) and Parade Free Jazz Picnic with <b>The Little Big Horns</b>
Saturday Evening Classical Concert 7.30pm Parish Church	<b>Ben Griffiths Quintet</b> Includes Schubert's "Trout" Quintet Tickets £18 (£20 on door)
Sunday Choral Events	Choral Eucharistic Service Peal of the Recast Bells Evensong with "In Ecclesia"

More details at [www.northcurrymusicfestival.org](http://www.northcurrymusicfestival.org)

Tickets available in person at North Curry Post Office or Taunton Visitor Centre or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or scan the QR code

