



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

AUTUMN LITTER PICK: The Autumn litter pick will be taking place on Sunday 21st October, meeting at the Village Hall at 10:00am. Yellow jackets, litter pickers, and bin bags are all provided. Please wear sensible shoes and bring a coat just in case. You can stay as long as you want, but it won't be any longer than 2 hours. We hope to see lots of you coming along to help keep our Parish clean and tidy, and getting your warm civic glow on.

TUG OF WAR 2024: North Curry Parish has been invited to take part in reigniting the old tradition of Tug of War between North Curry, Creech, West Monkton and Ruishton. It is hoped that there will be a Hog Roast and other entertainment. It will likely be around June 2024 and may be over the river Tone, but location is still to be confirmed. We would need to form a North Curry Team and have some volunteers to help organise the event between the four parishes. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested - it sounds like it could be a great day!

REMEMBRANCE DAY: The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in Queen Square on Sunday 11th November 2023, gathering at 10:40am. Residents of Church Road and Queen Square are requested to kindly ensure that any vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am to 11:30am on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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 OCTOBER 2023: see the Parish noticeboard, 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.



Wednesday 18th October 2023
North Curry Village Hall

Barrington Court

Less well-known perhaps than Montacute House, Barrington Court is an atmospheric fragment of old Somerset located but a few miles from North Curry. Peter Clark is an official National Trust guide and will be taking us on an illustrated tour of the 16th Century Manor House and its estate.

With free tea and coffee from 7:30pm the talk will start at 8:00. Both members (Annual Subscription £15) and guests (your £5 entrance fee will be credited to you if you decide to join) will receive a warm welcome.

The Society meets in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month to hear talks and presentations on the environment and heritage of the village and its surrounds.

Defibrillator (AED) Training Session

Saturday 28th October 9:30-11:00am

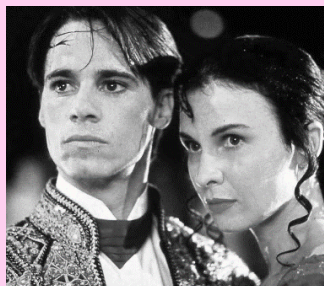
As you might know, a new AED has been installed at the Village Hall; this is to the left of the main entrance and falls within the area lit by the automatic sensor lights, so is easy to see and get at whatever time of day it might be needed. This, of course, is in addition to the one on the Post Office wall beside the telephone box; both are financed by the Parish Council, which is very grateful to the Hall and the Post Office for hosting them.

Whilst they are designed to be used by anyone, even without any prior knowledge, a training session is now arranged for anyone who would like to know more and to gain confidence in how to use these life-saving appliances. The session will cover some basic first aid training, how to administer CPR and, of course, the use of the AED itself.

Do come along to the Village Hall if you can.



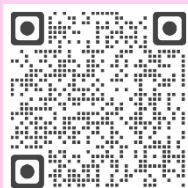
We have two films this month. We start our Saturday films on **14th October** with Baz Luhrman's hilarious comedy/drama **Strictly Ballroom** especially for fans of BBC's TV show! The Village Hall opens at 2:30pm with the film starting at 3:00pm. Entry £5. We also have an intermission for tea & cake (donation requested).



In complete contrast on **25th October**, we are showing the Jack Lemmon film **Missing**. We are showing this to mark the 50th anniversary of the brutal coup in Chile in 1973. It is a powerful film with strong performances from Lemmon & Sissy Spacek.

Doors & bar open at 7:00pm, with the film starting at 7:30. Also open to non-members

(£5). You can also become a member on the door. This works out at only £2.50 per film.



Please see our website for trailers: www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk or use the QR code.

We also have a Facebook page.



North Curry Youth Football Team White St Fixtures

The football excitement continues following the women's World Cup with the following North Curry Youth matches at White St, please come along and support us.

1st October 2:30pm
North Curry U18 v Minehead U18

7th October 10:00am
North Curry U8 v Woolavington U8

14th October 10:00am
North Curry U11 girls v Penmill U11 girls

29th October 2:30pm
North Curry U18 v Bridgwater Victoria Park



White Street News (North Curry Sport Ltd.)

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Big Bash. It was very popular and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. At time of writing, the numbers are not in yet, but it appears we have achieved our fund-raising target while providing a fantastic event for the parish.

Congratulations to the 200 Club winners: Cricket Club member, D Alford, and J Boddy.

Final AGM for Climate Action Athelney

As many of you will know, it has been agreed that CAA should combine with North Curry Wildlife Group to form a new North Curry Environment Group (NCEG). Together they'll become more than a sum of their parts, working to improve and enhance the local and wider environment and to assist people in doing what they can to address the ever-pressing problem of Climate Change.

To that end, we are holding our final AGM on Friday 13th October in the Greenway Pavilion at 7:30pm. CAA will be formally wound up at that point and all its assets and responsibilities will be transferred to NCEG once it is formally constituted, a process which will follow on directly after the CAA AGM.

Do come along if you can, to join in the process and to help launch NCEG.

Apple pressing

In the meantime, apple pressing continues whereby you can turn your excess apples into delicious juice; this can be done at group sessions at Knappwoods Farm or by hiring all the necessary kit and doing it yourselves at home.

Please get in touch if you'd like to take part, letting me know roughly when you think your fruit will be ripe so that I can do my best to coordinate you with others.

For further information contact us through www.climateactionathelney.co.uk or Brian on 490623 or by email bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk



North Curry W.I.

**Wednesday 4th October
1:30pm**

North Curry Village Hall

It's a date! Yes, it's a date for your diary when you can come and hear about the Wildlife and wetlands Trust, of Steart Marshes near Bridgwater. It's a lovely place to visit.

So close to the new Hinkley Point reactor site, but such a haven of peace and safety for so much wildlife, who have learned to live alongside the building site.

Please do come and join us. Our visiting Speaker usually has about 45-60 minutes then we can socialise over a cup of tea and discuss what we're going to be doing for the rest of the year. One of the things we always look forward to is the Somerset Association of W.I.'s Carol Service, in early December, so if you would like to go, come to this meeting and make sure you are on the list – Members only, though!

Our committee are busy planning the programme from next April onwards – ideas and suggestions always welcome.



Barn Dancing Club

Our barn dancing club meets in the village hall from **7:30 to 9:30pm**, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, our next session being on **Wednesday 4th October**. This will be the second of our new year and will be an opportunity to sign up for membership. Annual subs of £25 will be collected. No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient teacher who brings CDs for the music and helps to make it a real fun evening. He sometimes tries to get us to take it seriously but invariably fails! We do a mixture of old and new, English and American. We have total new beginners and folk who have spent their whole life dancing. We enjoy good company, good cheer and good exercise, both mental and physical, with refreshments and a rest at half time. Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

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

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Friday 6th October** when our speaker is Michael Jordan who will talk on "Fungi, The Good, The Bad and the Ugly". Michael is an author and Chair of the Fungus Conservation Trust. This promises to be an intriguing subject and very topical now that autumn has arrived and fungi will soon be making an appearance - maybe on your lawn!

Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start. We are a lively and friendly club and guests and new members are always welcome so do come and join us for the talk and stay for coffee, a chat and biscuits afterwards.

Our AGM will take place before the speaker - starting at 7:15pm.

Any queries or questions, contact Sue on 491658.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

Formed in the aftermath of the First World War to fight for the rights of those who had given so much and come back to so little, Remembrance-tide is always particularly significant for the Royal British Legion as it continues, for more than a century, to stand alongside this country's military, veterans and their families.

The annual Poppy Appeal is the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund, providing lifelong support for the Armed Forces community. This year, the RBL commemorates 70 years since the end of fighting in the conflict in Korea. There will be collection points within the Parish of North Curry between 26th October and 12th November; please give generously. Remembrance Sunday this year is on 12th November.

Enquiries regarding the 2023 Poppy Appeal may be directed to Alex Drake, on 07941 559956.

'To the memory of the Fallen and the future of the Living.'



With Christmas around the corner, we are seeking more quality crafters to sell their wares in our lovely coffee shop! If you or anybody you know within a 10-mile radius would be interested, please email: racheljdavis@btinternet.com for more information. If you have any questions about joining our friendly team of volunteers, please phone the coffee shop on 01823 491414 and leave a message for Alison Stone or email: coffeeshop@northcurry.com

Village Litter Pick 21st October

The Parish Council is organising a Litter Pick on **Saturday 21st October**. We're meeting at the **Village Hall at 10:00am**; please come along to help if you possibly can. All you need is a pair of gardening-type gloves – yellow jackets, sacks and litter-pickers provided.

Many hands make light work and it all helps to maintain a clean, tidy and healthy environment for everyone.

Of course, even if you can't get there on the day, litter can be picked whenever you're out and about in the parish.

For further details please ring the Clerk on 490136 or Brian Jeanes on 490623.

Apple Day PLUS

**Saturday, 14th October
2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Do come along to the White Street Sports Field and join the new North Curry Environment Group, listen to music and sing 'apple' songs and play games.

Bring your own apples if you have some; learn how to press apples and make lovely, tasty apple juice. You can enjoy a walk in the Community Woodland and identify some of its many native trees; learn about wildlife in orchards; the history and care of orchards in our parish.

Also, learn how **solar panels** can help **reduce our energy costs** and lessen our impact on the environment. Refreshments will be available.

An afternoon for all to enjoy and learn; see you there.

For further information contact us through www.climateactionathelney.co.uk or Brian on 490623 or by email bandk@bkjeanes.co.uk



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

OPEN DAY IN THE BELL TOWER

Saturday 28th October
1:00 – 4:00pm

The North Curry Bellringers would like to invite you to come and visit the Bell Tower.

See our amazing new bells in action.

Hear them ringing as you've never heard them before.

You can even have a go at ringing them yourself.

For those who can't manage the stairs up to the ringing chamber, there will be a screen in the church so you can still see the bells above.

Open to all but especially to those who generously donated to the Appeal of Bells.

Church Services at North Curry October 2023 (amended 2nd September 2023)

1st October	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Proper 21
8:00am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am	North Curry	Harvest Eucharist
3:00pm	North Curry Methodists	Harvest Festival (no 11:00am service)
(Monday 2 nd , 6:30pm short Harvest Service before auction and supper)		
8th October	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Proper 22
8:30am	Stoke St Gregory	Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am	North Curry	Eucharist
11:00am	North Curry Methodists	Service
15th October	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Proper 23
8:00am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
11:00am	North Curry Methodists	Service
6:00pm	North Curry	Evensong
22nd October	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	Proper 24
10:00am	North Curry	Eucharist
11:00am	North Curry Methodists	Service
British Summer Time ends		
29th October	Bible Sunday	Last Sunday after Trinity Proper 25 (5 th Sunday)
10:00am	North Curry	United Benefice Service
3:00pm	North Curry Methodists	Favourite Hymn Service (no 11:00am service)
2nd November (Thursday)		All Souls' Day
7:00pm	North Curry	Benefice All Souls' Service
5th November	All Souls'/All Saints' Sunday	
8:00am	North Curry	Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am	North Curry	Commemoration Service
11:00am	North Curry Methodists	Service

Morning Prayer (The Daily Office) is said each day at 9:00am 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.

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