



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Please make sure you check your electoral registration details are up to date, so you are registered to vote; letters are being sent out from Somerset Council with details on how to do this. Also, a reminder to parents and carers of children due to start school or move to their next school in September 2024 need to apply before the deadline of 31st October 2023.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT: This is a great opportunity to influence change and gain valuable skills for young people aged 11-17 who live in Somerset or go to a school, college, or youth club in the County! Those interested will need to nominate themselves by Sunday 12th November at midnight.

HOSTS FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES: If you have a spare room and feel able to help a family from Ukraine settle in and find sanctuary in the UK, please consider hosting, and visit the Somerset Council website to find out more. Over 1,500 Ukrainians have already been welcomed to date!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE: We look forward to seeing you for the annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November, meeting at the War Memorial at 10:40am. Please can all residents of Queen Square and Church Road kindly ensure their vehicles are clear of the War Memorial area from 10:15am to 11:30am.

TREE PLANTING SCHEME: There has been a great response to the Parish Council's tree planting scheme, with 14 residents coming forward so far wanting to plant native trees and shrubs. This scheme aims to replace the many trees in the Parish that have been lost to disease and age. If you believe you have a suitable site for one or a group of trees please contact Phil Stone (phil.stone7@icloud.com or 07826 489523) to discuss the variety of native trees and shrubs available; the plants are 50cm high and protective tubes or spiral guards can be provided free if needed. Planting will be the landowner's responsibility, but Phil can advise on planting and maintenance. The plants are likely to be available from late November and December, but the planting season extends through to March 2024.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY LITTER PICK: A special thank you to those that came and got involved with the community litter pick in October; your help in keeping our Parish tidy and litter free is very much appreciated.

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 NOVEMBER 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 15th November

The Coleridge Way

Chris Sidaway returns to The North Curry Society with an exploration of The Quantock Hills following in the footsteps of the Romantic Poets. An evening of landscape and literature not to be missed!

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.

Big Breakfast

Another good turnout for our second Big Breakfast event. Thank you to all who supported. Some of the comments made were... 'Fantastic Breakfast', 'Friendly atmosphere', 'Great food, good to meet friends', 'Brilliant!' The games were a big hit again with both children and adults. So onwards and upwards to the next one on Sunday 10th December. Get your festive season off to a jolly start with The Big Breakfast, and a chance to win a Christmas hamper. Look forward to seeing you there.

Produce Market

We enjoyed the October Market; a lot of people came and created a lovely atmosphere.

We welcomed back Jamie with his bread and a wide range of cakes.

I have now got help in the kitchen so the bacon baps will be back in November.

Do come along and support your village market.

If you have anything you would like to sell, please phone Anne on 07531 382078 or 01823 490319.



Our Saturday film is on **11th November**, and we are showing the classic war drama **Ice Cold in Alex** starring John Mills, Sylvia Syms and Anthony Quale. Set in North Africa, a medical field unit must cross the desert in their ambulance to reach the British lines in Alexandria, where their dream is ice cold beer.



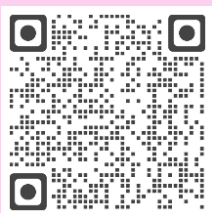
The Village Hall opens at 2:30pm with the film starting at 3:00pm. Entry £5. We also have an intermission for tea & cake (donation requested).

Next, we are showing **After Love**, which we couldn't show last year due problems with our DVD player. This has been sorted and we are pleased to show this film on **22nd November**. It is a powerful film with an outstanding performance by Joanna Scanlon.



Doors & bar open at 7:00pm, with the film starting at 7:30pm. 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.



White Street News (North Curry Sport Ltd.)

Big Bash news: we raised £6,000 at the event. Thank you! And congratulations to Chris Golding and his team for organising such a popular event. We are planning to do it again in 2024, so watch this space. The funds will be used for important maintenance and repairs such as fencing, equipment fuel and mowers.

You may notice a large tank on site. This is for our Rainwater Harvesting project to take advantage of water that runs off the large roof. Thanks (again!) to Chris Golding for organising this.

Congratulations to this month's **200 Club Winners**: P Westhead, M Jewell and M Baxter. Still some openings in the 200 Club – still only £12 per year! Easy to set up: just email whitestreet@northcurry.com



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Friday 3rd November 8:00pm** at North Curry Village Hall. Our speaker is Gilly Hayward and the topic is "Pruning, when, why and how"

Is pruning a mystery to you? The rules can seem complicated. Why do we prune some plants in summer and some in winter? How do we prune for maximum flowers, fruit or growth? Which plants can I cut back hard and when? Gilly will talk through the practicalities of pruning, explaining when and how and why it benefits the plants. Do come along if you'd like to learn more.

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.

Any queries or questions, contact Sue on 491658.

The Chalke Newton Band North Curry Methodist Church. November 23rd 7.30.

Tickets £10/£5 under 18, with refreshments

The Chalke Newton Band recreates the musical world and sounds of the early Nineteenth century. The trio draw on the music of village, militia, town and theatre bands, Sounds that that people danced to, sung along with, marched to and heard in the theatre, fairs and the circus. The band features fiddle, C Clarinet and the lost sound of England, the Military Serpent.

The band play music found in musicians manuscript books of the time, including the band led by George Mathews in Leighland on the edge of Exmoor and the Hook manuscript in Dorset. Phil Humphries is one of the country's leading serpent players, playing with the London Serpent Trio, The New London Consort and The Gabrielli Players., Along with clarinettist Tim Hill, he also plays in the Mellstock Band, providing music for TV productions like Pride and Prejudice and Tess of the D'Urbervilles. Colin is a member of The Scorpion Band and one of the South West's finest folk fiddle players. Together they make a rich and authentic sound and tell stories of village bands, musicians, fairs, celebrations and protests.



Christmas Concert

Fauré Requiem (extracts)
Soloists
Audience & Choir Carols

Thursday 7th December
7:30pm

North Curry Village Church

Tickets £10 from Village Post Office,
Choir Members or online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk

www.northcurryvillagechoir.org



NORTH CURRY WI

Wednesday 1st November at 1:30pm
in North Curry Village Hall

We're going to get 'hands on' at our meeting in November. Mandy Webb is making a welcome return to us, but this time, she will demonstrate how some simple Christmas decorations can be made from Withies. Mandy has been running Withy Weaving Workshops around the area for a while now, and she will teach us how to make something for ourselves. If you want to have a go, please bring some small secateurs and an apron when you come to the hall. We will only have an hour, so we need to get crafty!

If you would like to know more about the WI in North Curry, and would like to come and see for yourself, you will be very welcome.



Our winter menu commenced on 24th October, homemade soup will be freshly made and delivered daily, and we are continuing to offer our very popular cheese scones! Also from 24th October we will be closing half an hour earlier at 4:30pm with last orders at 4:15pm. From Tuesday 7th November our shelves will be adorned with Christmas gifts and decorations, all handmade locally, so please pop in for a browse as we have some new suppliers this year. We look forward to welcoming you.

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

Friends of North Curry School Mouse Racing Evening

Saturday 18th November 7:30pm

North Curry Village Hall

All are welcome to join us for a hilarious night of entertainment raising money for our village school.

Tickets £10 - available from North Curry Post Office - includes homemade chilli, jacket potato and pudding.

Bar available. Cash prizes!

Adults only.



Calling All Veterans

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

Happy Hookers Crochet & Knitting Group

We are now in our 3rd term 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 refreshments (cash please on the night)

Please message Tracy Rumary on 07919 543260 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.

'Learn to Crochet' workshops are also available.

Next beginners workshop is on Saturday 18th November from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

£15 including refreshments. All materials provided.

Please contact Tracy to book a place.

North Curry Youth Football Team White Street fixtures November 23

November is a busy month for North Curry Youth Football Team, so take a stroll down to White Street and support our teams whilst they play at

5th November 2:30pm

North Curry U 18 v Westlands Sports

11th November 10:00am

North Curry U9 v Ruishton

12th November

2:00pm North Curry U15 Herons v Wellington town, Fivehead pitch

10:00am North Curry U15 v Bridgwater Wolves

18th November

10:30am North Curry U11 Girls v Yeovil Town, **Fivehead pitch**

10:00am North Curry U10 Mixed v Ruishton

10:00am North Curry U8 v Spaxton

19th November

2:30pm North Curry U18 v Staplegrove Saints

10:00am North Curry U14 v Bishops Lydeard

25th November

10:00am North Curry U13 V Bridgwater Eagles

26th November

2:30pm North Curry U18 v Wincanton Town

2:00pm North Curry U15 Herons v Minehead, **Fivehead pitch**

10:00am North Curry U14 v Minehead

NORTH CURRY PAVILION



& PLAYING FIELD

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>

Another Year in
North Curry

Village Calendar 2024

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
Parish Church



The
Children's
Society

Village Advent Christingle Service

Families are invited to the Methodist Church
on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm,
to share the meaning of the Christingle.

Come and complete a Christingle to take home with you
and light a candle in the darkness!

Church Services at North Curry November 2023

(as known at 10th October)

2nd November (Thursday) All Souls' Day

7:00pm Parish Church Benefice All Souls' Service

5th November All Souls' / All Saints' Sunday

8:00am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am Parish Church Commemoration Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship
6:30pm Rowbarton Meth Ch Circuit Commemoration Service

12th November Remembrance Sunday

9:30am Parish Church Eucharist
10:40am War Memorial Remembrance Worship
11:10am Methodist Church Morning Worship

19th November Second Sunday before Advent

8:00am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship with Holy Communion
4:00pm Parish Church Evensong

26th November Christ the King Sunday next before Advent

10:00am Parish Church Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship

3rd December Advent Sunday

8:00am Parish Church Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am Parish Church Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship
4:00pm Methodist Church Village Advent Christingle (United 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.

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