



NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

JUBILEE PLAQUE: Hopefully you have all spotted the beautiful plaque that has been installed on the outside of the Community Stable building commemorating the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Very special thanks to Lady Mary Stewart Wilson for this special gift, and to Mr Duncan Varley for doing such a perfect job of carving and mounting the plaque.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: You will see there is an additional sheet in this Newsletter this month, informing you of the exciting start of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish. This is great news for the Parish and we are very grateful to the excellent team behind this for the brilliant progress they have made so far. Keep your eyes peeled for further information and updates as this project requires engagement from the whole community!

DEFIBRILLATOR REMINDER: It was great to see the defibrillator training session at the Village Hall so well attended. However, it was mentioned that some residents thought the defibrillator outside the Post Office was locked; so, we would like to clarify that **neither of the defibrillators in the parish are ever locked - they are both open access.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Thank you to all who came to the Service, it was wonderful to see so many of you there as usual. Many thanks to all of those involved in organising and delivering the Service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: Lastly, the Parish Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas; we hope you thoroughly enjoy the festive period! Very special thanks and Christmas wishes to the wonderful volunteers who distribute this newsletter each month - you are 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 DECEMBER 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.

A message from Tina Talbot – Village Agent

I will now be running a Talking Café drop-in centre in North Curry Village Hall, on the third Friday of the month, between 2:00 and 4:00pm

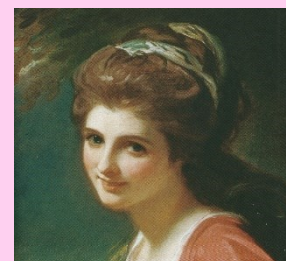
Village Agents can help with a whole range of support and information, from housing issues, to help with Grants and Funding.



It's Chrrrrrristmmmmassssssssss...

No, Noddy Holder won't be at the Big Breakfast on 10th December, but we will have a great breakfast for everybody. Plus there will be a chance to win our Christmas Hamper and Lucky Dip for the younger ones.

Get the festive season off to a good (somewhat early!) start and come and support the Christmas Big Breakfast. Remember this is not a fund raiser as such, just a nice way to meet together with your local community and have a good time. Starts 8:30 to 1:00pm.



Wednesday 13th December

Emma, Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson

The Society's December talk anticipates Christmas with festive snacks, after which Capt. Alex Morrice RN Retd examines a famous relationship, a sad story of wasted talent and "what might have been", set in a time of political turmoil in Europe.

The North Curry Society meets in North Curry 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.

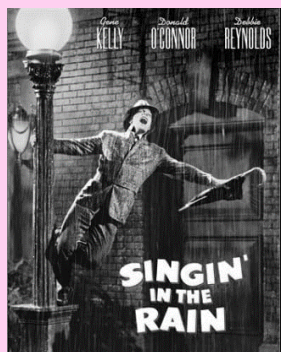
With refreshments from 7:30pm, the talks start at 8:00pm. Both members (Annual Subscription £15) and guests (your £5 entrance fee will be credited to you if you decide to join) are assured of a warm welcome.

Village Hall Treasurer required from next April

The current treasurer will not be standing for re-election at the next AGM in April. If you have some book-keeping experience, could you take over? The hall currently uses Sage but if you are not familiar with this the current treasurer is happy to teach you.



Our Saturday film is on **9th December**, with the musical **Singin' in the Rain**.



This film needs no introduction, but just to remind you, it has Gene Kelly's famous dance 'in the rain' swinging around a lamp post. Pure joy!

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

Next, we are showing **Slumdog Millionaire** on **Friday 15th December** (please note unusual date).

A Mumbai teenager reflects on his life after being accused of cheating on the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" It won six Academy awards and is truly life affirming!



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

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



We also have a Facebook page.



THE MUMMERS

12:00 pm
The Royal Oak
STOKE ST GREGORY

1:00 pm
The Square
NORTH CURRY

BOXING DAY



NORTH CURRY WI

Two Exciting Events This Month

The Annual SCFWI Carol Service in Wells Cathedral take place on Wednesday 13th December and we are taking a coach from North Curry at 9:30am to Wells, returning at 4:30pm.

Would you like a seat on this coach?

Direct travel from North Curry to Wells and back; to take advantage of the famous Market; Christmas shopping; no petrol or parking fees? All for just £17.50!

If you're interested, please contact Barbara Drakeford on 490811 for booking. Admission to the Carol service is by separate arrangement.

Wednesday 6th December at 1:30pm North Curry Village Hall.

It's time for another of our traditional celebrations – our Christmas Party.

While we have our refreshments, we enjoy each other's company, then Bon Accord will entertain us. This will be a welcome return for Bob Foster, clarinettist, and his musical partner Claire. Bob played so well for us in February – we've asked him back!

Members pay £1 for tea and their copy of County News. Visitors are always welcome, for a small fee, so do come along and find out what goes on in North Curry WI.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you!

A big thank you from the whole of North Curry to those who came out at the 21st October for the Litter Pick; as last time, between us we covered the whole village and 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 throughout Knapp & down thirteen bends.

This time it's good to know that the total collected was down on previous efforts; of course, we don't know if this means that less being dropped (we can always hope so!) or whether more is being collected as people go through their daily lives.

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



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 6th December from 7:30 to 9:30pm** 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.

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting is on **Friday 1st December** 7:30 for 8:00pm at North Curry Village Hall.

HEAVEN SENT - THE SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS, Alex Dart.

Clove, cinnamon, orange, frankincense, myrrh - the scents of Christmas... and much more.

Scents evoke memories - of childhood, the seaside, roses in an English garden or night air laden with jasmine and gardenia.

Only 1% of plant species contain essential oils - learn more about who they are and what they do.

Alex will talk about the history of these plants and what parts of a plant may contain oil (leaves, rind, bark, roots, flowers, needles and cones, rind, berries, resin and seeds). Taking an oil from each of those groups, she will explain the differences in composition of various oils - e.g. a flower oil such as rose and say an oil from a root (valerian) or a resin (frankincense /myrrh), or rind (orange, lemon). There will be opportunities for the audience to smell the oils.

Please join us for festive mince pies and mulled wine from 7:30pm.

There is no meeting in January, so our first talk in 2024 is on Friday 2nd February. Greg Morter on "From Seed to Fork".

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 questions? - call Sue on 01823 491658

Church services at North Curry December 2023



3rd December Advent Sunday

- 8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
- 10:00am Eucharist
- 11:00am Methodists Morning Worship
- 4:00pm Village Advent Christingle (United Service) at Methodist Church

8th December (Friday)

- 7:00pm Advent Taizé at Methodist Church

11th December Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00am Eucharist
- 11:00am Methodists Morning Worship with Holy Communion

17th December Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
- 3:00pm Methodists Carol Service
- 4:00pm Carol Service

Monday 18th December

- 6:00pm Carols in Queen Square Garden

24th December Christmas Eve

- 11:00am Methodists Morning Worship
- 5:00pm Crib Service
- 11:30pm Midnight Mass

25th December Christmas Day

- 10:00am Christmas Eucharist

31st December First Sunday of Christmas (5th Sunday in December)

- 10:30am United Benefice Service at Lyng
- 11:00am Methodists Morning Worship

7th January 2024 Epiphany

- 8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
- 10:00am Eucharist
- 11:00am Methodists Morning Worship

Ecumenical Prayer Time: 9:30am, all welcome!

People in the village and beyond who go to different churches gather each month in the Parish Church, giving thanks for God's goodness, reflecting on our own lives, praying together for North Curry. We pray aloud or pray silently, getting our thoughts in order, looking back at what's been happening, looking ahead; we believe God hears what is in our hearts. Normally the 4th Saturday of each month (and our next meeting is 25th November), but then **9th December**. It is refreshing to be with others who want to pray; do come along.

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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Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit

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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



White Street News (North Curry Sport)

200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners:
2 Youth Football Club and N Grant.

Bell Tower Remnants

£1,000 has been raised and donated to St Margaret's Hospice Care.

This money was raised from the sale of craft and folk-art items made from oak remnants of the old North Curry Bell Tower.

North Curry Youth Football Club White Street Fixtures, December 2023

The below North Curry Youth Team matches will be held at White Street.

Wishing all our young players, families, supporters and volunteers a very Happy Christmas.

2nd December 9:00am Refreshments van
Development & Teams training

Sunday 3rd December 2:00pm
NC U14 v Sydenham

9th December 10:00am Refreshments van
NC U13 v Minehead
NC U9 v Tone Youth/ Wasps

16th December 10:00am Refreshments van
NC U8 v Tone Youth Hornets / Tigers
NC U10 mixed v Staplegrave Saints.



Please pop into the coffee shop and have a browse at the selection of gifts and decorations skilfully handmade by local crafters. Earrings from £3, decorations from £1.50, soaps, needle felting, pottery, woodwork, textiles, glass, hand knitted wrist warmers, scarfs, hats and snoods from just £5! Our winter opening hours from 5th December will be 10:00am to 4:00pm, last orders 3:45pm. Homemade soup is brought in fresh daily, with a variety of new flavours this year, just £4 with croutons or add a roll and butter for £4.50. Merry Christmas to everyone from all the volunteers at North Curry Coffee Shop.



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>

Monday 18th December 6:00pm

Start the Christmas week by gathering in Queen Square Garden and singing your favourite carols.

Come well wrapped up and bring a torch or lantern. Carol sheets provided. This is a Family affair - all ages welcome.

Produce Market 2nd December

Thank you all who came to our November market it really was full of lovely people.

Our new stalls went down well and they will be back on 2nd December. The market opens at 9:30 until 12 o'clock

I am thinking of doing a Christmas Fair on 16th December; it won't have as many of our produce stalls as they do Drayton on that day.

If you would like a stall, I don't mind what you sell, hopefully a Christmas theme.

There will be a guess the weight of the Christmas cake and I might find some bottles for a Tombola.

There won't be any bacon butties, but coffee & tea will be on offer and 🍷

Keep this date!

Saturday evening 2nd March 2024

**North Curry Village Quiz
and Supper Night.**

Details to follow in the New Year.

Contact Jenny Satchwell on 01823
490463 for early booking.

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 10th December 2023

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Queen Square, North Curry



Fun for all Ages:

- ✧ Entertainment by our School Children and Big Noise
- ✧ Father Christmas in his Grotto
- ✧ Children's games and treats
- ✧ Local North Curry Burgers, Hot Dogs and Mince Pies
- ✧ Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Soft Drinks

See the Christmas Tree Lights grand switch on by Father Christmas.

The tree is kindly supplied by **North Curry Post Office & Stores**
and the illuminations by **Shaun Moore**

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

Please note the event is **CASH ONLY**