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January 2024

# 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 very happy new year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and hope 2024 will be a great year to us all.

**TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE:** The Parish Tree Planting Scheme, providing free trees and native shrubs, as well as protection for them, is still open to applications. There have been about 15 applicants so far and schemes have been agreed for many of these. Further funding has very kindly been provided by a donation from the North Curry Community Coffee Shop, so even more planting can now be done! Please contact Phil Stone on 07826 489623, or [phil.stone7@icloud.com](mailto:phil.stone7@icloud.com).

If you are interested in planting more ornamental or larger trees, we have an arrangement with Greenshutters Nursery at Fivehead, who will provide a 20% discount for your first tree. Please speak to Phil Stone regarding this; he will then write you a note to enable you to receive the discount.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Apologies for the confusion in the last issue, but we can confirm that in this issue the information on the Neighbourhood Plan is definitely now on the back page! Please have a good read through, the Steering Group behind the plan have put in an incredible amount of work already to get this project going and will need input from as many of you as possible.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS:** We have been seeing steady use of the EV charging points in the Village Hall car park, but just wanted to remind you all that they are open for use to anyone, including visitors to the village and those passing through. We would love to see them being used even more!

**FLOODING:** With the volumes of water we have seen recently, it is even more important to keep gulleys clear and report those that you can't clear to Highways. You can do this yourself easily online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/)

### THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE OPENING HOURS ARE:

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

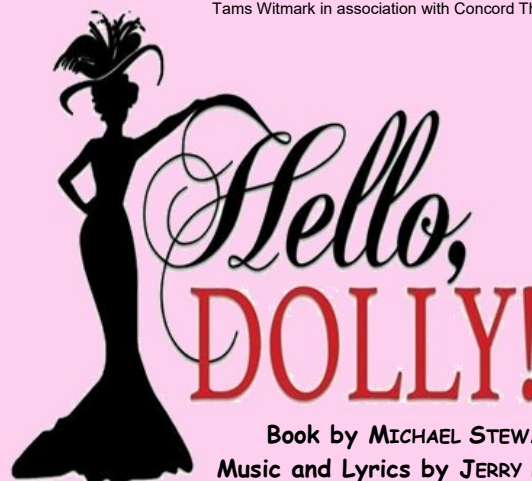
Telephone No: 01823 490136 or contact us at [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR JANUARY 2024:** 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.

## ARGYLE PRODUCTIONS @ NORTH CURRY

'Hello Dolly' is presented on behalf of  
Tams Witmark in association with Concord Theatricals



Book by MICHAEL STEWART  
Music and Lyrics by JERRY HERMAN  
Based on the play 'The Matchmaker' by  
Thornton Wilder

**DIRECTED BY GREG PHILLIPS**

North Curry Village Hall

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February  
2024**

**Eves 7:30pm Mat 2:30pm  
at North Curry Village Hall**

**Tickets £10 / £8 from  
North Curry Post Office  
or**

**Call the Box Office on  
07905 156958**

**CASH ONLY BAR open 30 mins before performance**



**A Big thank you from North Curry Village Hall  
Committee, to all the villagers who joined us for the  
Big Breakfast in 2023.**

**Here's to 2024!**

## Big bash 2024

Following the success of the 2023 Big Bash there will be a repeat performance in 2024 on the August bank holiday weekend. The organisers are keen to understand how people would like to see the event improve. Although tickets are limited to 350, we are very eager to provide the best experience possible. So, if you have ideas on how you'd like BB24 to develop please send them to [whitestreet@northcurry.com](mailto:whitestreet@northcurry.com)

We are thinking about how to provide food next year and a particularly interested in your opinions.

1. Do you want food to continue to be included in the ticket?
2. Would you like a broader choice of food options?
3. Would you like us to arrange several different vendors so you can choose and pay on the day?

Thanks for the first suggestion to include an ice cream van for dessert, we think that's a great idea.

Look forward to hearing from you,

BB24 Organising Committee



## North Curry W I

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1:30pm**

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

We're giving you another week to wave your family off, and to finish the turkey leftovers before we have a Tai Chi session, to wake us into a New Year.

Andy Spragg from the Sangha House in Taunton is coming to take us through a gentle exercise session, at 1:30pm in North Curry Village Hall.

If your New Years Resolution is to get out and meet some new people – why not come to our meeting?

You will be very welcome to join the group of ladies of all ages and all interests – just good company!

### North Curry Youth Football Team fixtures January 2024

North Curry Youth Football Club wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

We are looking for a volunteer secretary for the 2024/25 season following the retirement of our current secretary, please contact our Chairperson Jon Carter on 07852 007299 or at [jonathan.carter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.carter@hotmail.co.uk) for any further information.

### Home fixtures January 2024

- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> NC U10 v Staplegrove Colts / Grove - 10am  
NC U11 girls v Bishops Lydeard - 10am  
NC U13 v Bridgwater Wolves - 10am
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> NC U14 v Bridgwater Wolves - 2pm  
NC U15 v Watchet Town - 2pm  
NC U15 Herons v North Petherton @ Fivehead - 2pm
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> NC U18 v Ashcott - 10am
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> NC U8 v Wembdon Saints - 10am  
NC U10 v Tone Youth Hornets - 10am  
NC U13 v Staplegrove - 10am
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> NC U10 v Tone Youth - 2pm
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> NC U9 v Wellington Wanderers - 10am
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> NC U15 v Galmington Dragons - 2pm



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

## The Evolving Parish Registers of North Curry and the Stories They Tell



In this talk local historian Angela Dix takes the audience along a 400-year journey from the introduction of Parish Registers in England in 1539 to the beginning of the 20th century, explaining how and why they evolved and illustrating the rich sources of information they can provide by using examples from North Curry.

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.

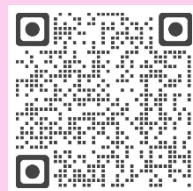


This month our Saturday film is on **13<sup>th</sup> January**, and is the film **Bicycle Thieves** directed by Vittorio De Sica. Set in post-war Italy, a working-class man's bicycle is stolen, endangering his efforts to find work. He and his son set out to find it. A simple, authentic story - even after 75 years, it is still a powerful social drama (film made in 1948).

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).

Our Wednesday film will be on **24<sup>th</sup> January** and is the historical drama **Mr Jones** starring James Norton as a journalist investigating the conspiracy behind the Ukrainian famine in the 1930s. His work inspired George Orwell's "Animal Farm".

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



Please see our website for trailers: [www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk](http://www.northcurryfilmclub.org.uk) or use the QR code.

We also have a Facebook page.

### 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.

If you are interested and would like to know more about what the position entails, please contact the treasurer on [NCVHTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NCVHTreasurer@gmail.com)



## The North Curry Wassail

January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
White Street

Join us to wassail to trees, earth and each other at White Street. We will gather at the Gather at White Street Pavilion and then we process to the Orchard at the back of the Community Woodland and have a celebration. We will dance around and toast the trees and each other, sing songs, make wishes for the New Year and make a joyful noise together. BYO warm drink and food. You could dress up or wear a wassail hat, bring things to bash and bring wishes for the New Year.

There will be music, fire bowls and song sheets. Organised by Tim and Amy with the North Curry Environment Group. Contact Tim if you want to help [milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:milton3hill@yahoo.co.uk)



We hope everyone has had a lovely time over the festive period. We will be re-opening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, our opening hours will be 10:00am – 4:00pm for the months of January and February. Maybe now we are entering into 2024 you would like to try something new, if so, please consider joining our team of friendly volunteers. You can work as little or often as suits you and a donation will be given to your chosen charity for the hours you work. Please contact the coffee shop on 01823 491414 and leave a message for Alison Stone or email: [coffeeshop@northcurry.com](mailto:coffeeshop@northcurry.com) for more information.

Greenshutters Nursery can be found at the top of Mile Hill in Fivehead for those who don't know of it.

Discount available until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 only.

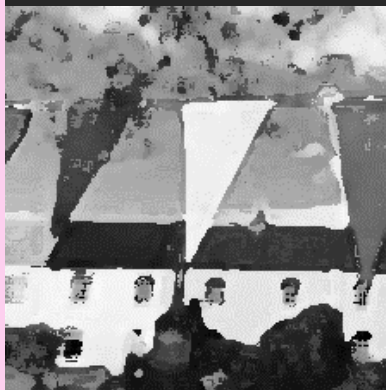
### North Curry Village Hall

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)

## NORTH CURRY MAY FAIR 2024



**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**\* Stallholder Booking Now Open \***

Anyone wishing to run a stall at this year's May Fair, or if you need further information, please contact Jacky on 490456 or send an email to:

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



### Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be held in the village hall on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 7:30 to 9:30 pm**, when we will be having our Christmas party. Please bring a plate of food to share; drinks will be provided. Ladies, we have decided to wear long skirts for this just to make it special! If you have not been before but would like to have a go, then your first visit will be free of charge. Do come along and join in the fun – it's good exercise for the brain as well as the body and we often have a good laugh! No previous experience is necessary as we have a superb and very patient caller. Singles, couples or groups are always welcome.

### Quiz Night and Supper

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**7:00pm for 7:30 start  
in North Curry Village Hall**

Martin Baldock returns as Quizmaster. Teams of 6 - Tickets £12 per person to raise funds for North Curry Music Festival weekend in June.

B.Y.O. drinks and glasses.

To reserve tickets ring Jenny Satchwell on Tn. 490463.



### White Street News (North Curry Sport Ltd.)

#### 200 Club

Congratulation to these New Year winners: F Perry, Youth Football Club and Cricket Club



### NORTH CURRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SAVE THE DATES**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

Following the success of the North Curry Musical Festival this year, there will be another on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.


Watch out for details of Festival events across the Village and don't plan to be away that weekend!

### Village Tree Planting Scheme

To enable and encourage residents of North Curry to support the planting of new trees in the Parish area, Phil Stone, Tree Warden, has negotiated a special discount on the purchase of your tree.

Greenshutters Nurseries and Garden Centre will give a 20% discount off the full price of your tree, on the production of the current issue of the Pink Sheet – so only one discount per household!


For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



**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](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

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

# North Curry Neighbourhood Plan

## Coming Soon - Advance Notice

North Curry Parish Council has decided to explore the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and has appointed a **steering group** of 8 local volunteers to do this. The steering group is now meeting once a month to agree a list of tasks needed to prepare the plan and to carry them out. With funds made available by the parish council, we have engaged a planning consultant experienced in the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans to help us.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is a statutory planning document prepared in consultation with all residents and other consultees to guide and inform decisions on planning applications made within the plan period affecting the plan area. If an adopted neighbourhood plan supports the use of land in the plan area for development, there is a presumption that a planning application consistent with the plan will be approved. If an adopted neighbourhood plan requires protection from certain forms of development, there is a presumption that such development will not be permitted.

The Neighbourhood Plan must be consistent with the **Local Plan** for the parish (currently being the Taunton Deane Core Strategy). A plan for the new unitary area of Somerset is also under preparation and the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to influence that plan and how it is implemented.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is not just about housing but is an opportunity to consider a wide number of issues relevant to our parish.

**Consultation** with all residents and other interested parties is essential for the successful preparation of a neighbourhood plan. We will consult with residents at several key stages in the plan. First, initial views will be sought about the issues facing the parish. From this we will develop the main aims and objectives of the plan. We will then prepare a first draft plan and share it with residents for comment. We may commission work to be carried out to make sure any proposals are workable. Then we will consult again on the draft with residents and a wider list of consultees outside the parish. After that consultation we will submit the plan to Somerset Council for examination by an independent Examiner. It will also be the subject of a local referendum. This process may take up to 2 years from start to finish.

We will **record** the results of our surveys and consultations so that there is a full evidence base of local opinion.

The first part of the consultation will start in **May 2024** at the **Annual Parish Meeting**. We hope as many people as possible will come along. We will be issuing questionnaires to help you provide your views. You can also expect to see us at the May Fair and other village events following the launch.

We have launched a web-site – **Northcurryplan.org**. This contains details of the steering group and will be updated with progress and be accessible for you to make your comments and provide ideas.

North Curry is a great place to live, work and play. The Neighbourhood Plan will not be able to achieve every improvement we may want to see but it will help to set out our priorities. Please do join in the consultation to help us make sure North Curry remains a great place for all of us living, working, and visiting here in the future.

## North Curry Plan Steering Group January 2024

### Stoke St Gregory Tennis Club Incorporating North Curry

The Tennis Club is open for play throughout the Winter, but please be careful in slippery or icy conditions, as you then play at your own risk. Visitors welcome to join in at our regular club sessions: Mondays 10:00am, Wednesdays 2:00pm & Sundays 2:00pm. Our Rusty Rackets also play on Fridays 10:00am & Sundays 11:00am.

Pay & Play available as usual. If interested in coaching, please contact the Club.

Please look out for the Stoke Stampede raffle run by the Tennis Club on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Offers of raffle prizes gratefully received.

Advance notice of the Clubs "Frostbite" event on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January. All players welcome to this fun tournament!

For more information on any of the above, please contact Stuart Mark 01823 490541/07956 981679 or see our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StokeStGregoryTennisClub>

### Church services at North Curry

<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
8am	Prayer Book Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
11am	Methodist Church Morning Worship
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>
10am	Eucharist
11am	Methodist Church Morning Worship
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>
8am	Prayer Book Eucharist
11am	Methodist Church Morning Worship
4pm	Evensong
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ</b>
11am	United Covenant Service at Methodist Church
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>
8am	Prayer Book Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
11am	Methodist Church Morning Worship

**Ecumenical Prayer Time** 9:30am on the fourth Saturday each month (next is 27<sup>th</sup> January) a gathering in the parish church for about an hour of people from different denominations, giving thanks for God's goodness, reflecting on our own lives, praying together for our community.

**Morning Prayer** (The Daily Office) is said each day at 9am on weekdays in the Athelney Benefice 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.

**The Revd Dr Simon Bale** [vicar@athelneybenefice.com](mailto:vicar@athelneybenefice.com) 07970 936325 | 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, TA3 6HN

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Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit 01823 334854

**CHARITY  
JUMBLE  
SALE**

**NORTH CURRY VILLAGE HALL**  
TA3 6NQ  
**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**2PM-4PM**  
FOR  
**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**

**TOYS, CLOTHES, BOOKS  
BRIC-A-BRAC ETC  
50P ENTRY**