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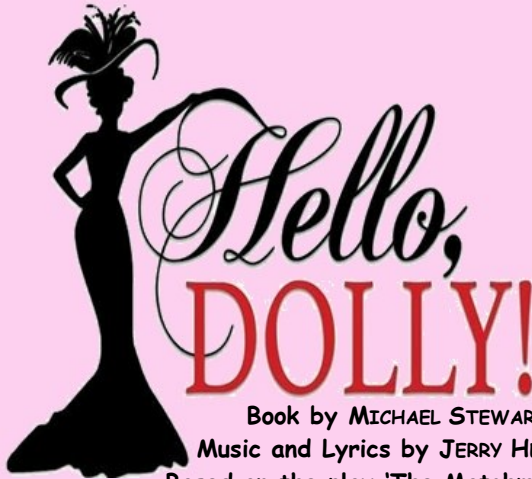
February 2024

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 12th of the preceding month for inclusion via email to Newsletter@northcurry.com or to the Editor Barbara Drakeford, Chorlton, Lillesdon, North Curry (Tel 490811)

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 13th to SATURDAY 17th February 2024

Evenings 7:30pm Matinee Saturday 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 the performance

North Curry Parish Council

VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL APPEALS PANEL: Somerset Council are desperate for volunteers to become Independent Panel Members for School Appeals. This role involves listening to and deciding on admission, exclusion, and transport issues at schools in Somerset. All meetings are held online, no qualifications are needed, and full training is provided. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding role and giving back to your community, please contact neil.milne@somerset.gov.uk for more information.

FLY TIPPING: Unfortunately, several instances of fly tipping have been brought to our attention recently. Please be aware that this is a criminal offence that can lead to an unlimited fine and up to 5 years in prison! If you happen to spot anyone fly tipping, note down whatever details you can and report to the police.

KEEPING DRAINS CLEAR: With recent storms and likely more to follow in the coming months, it is vitally important to ensure drains are kept clear. If you see a blocked drain, please be a local hero and do your best to clear it. Everyone can do their bit to help ensure flood water can clear.

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 FEBRUARY 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.

North Curry Neighbourhood Plan

Please be aware of our Launch Date which will be on 1st May as part of the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be an opportunity for people to find out more, ask questions and raise any issues that are important.

We will also be holding a stall at the May Fair on 11th May to give you all another chance to engage with the process.

Following on from these two events a survey will be sent out to all residents of the Parish.

In the meantime, you can keep up with developments by visiting our website – www.northcurryplan.org.

Quiz and Supper Evening

Saturday 2nd March at the Village Hall

A FEW tickets left

Contact Jenny Satchwell for details

01823 490463



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be held in the village hall on **Wednesday 7th February from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.**

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.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.

North Curry Youth Football Club

North Curry youth football club is seeking a volunteer secretary for the 2024-2025 season following the retirement of our current secretary, for further info please contact Jon Carter chairperson on 07852 007299 or at Jonathan.carter@hotmail.co.uk

A refreshment van may be available at some of the White Street fixtures below, it would be lovely to have your support.

Saturday 3rd
NC U13 V Ascot U13

Sunday 4th
NC U18 V Staplegrove Saints U18

Saturday 10th
NC U13 V Bridgwater VP Eagles U13
NC U15 V Wembdon U15

Sun 11th **Fivehead Pitch**
NC U15 Herons V Berrow U15

Saturday 17th 10 am
NC U8 V Bishop Lydeard Pumas U8
NC U10 V Wellington Lions U10
NC U10 Mixed V Wellington U10 Mixed

Sunday 18th
NC U14 V Nether Stowey U14
NC U 18 V Street U18

Saturday 24th 10 am
NC U9 V Bishop Lydeard Pumas U9
NC U13 V Bridgwater Wolves U 13

Sunday 25th **Fivehead Pitch**
NC U15 Herons V Huish Tigers U15

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



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Village Agent news

The Talking Cafe for February will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 9th February from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. The change of date is because the hall is booked out for 'Hello, Dolly!' the following week. Usually, the Talking Cafes are held on the third Friday of each month.



North Curry W.I.

On Wednesday 7th February, we're going to celebrate our birthday - this time it's 96 years. We're welcoming Natalie Clayton to give us a 'Musical Entertainment'. If you're curious about that, why not come along to North Curry village Hall at 1:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, and join us for a celebratory afternoon - there'll be a light 'bring and share' tea too.

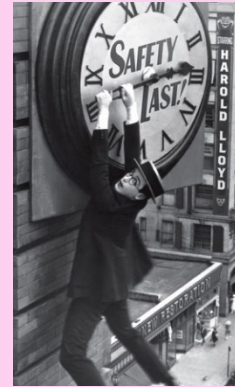
We are a group of ladies of all ages, who come together for some social time; sometimes learning about something completely new; sometimes a new activity. If you would like to find out more for yourself- come and visit us- you'll be very welcome!

(Very) Belated Thank you!

A big thank you from the whole of North Curry to those who came out on 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 and 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 is being dropped (we can always hope so!) or whether more is being collected as people go through their daily lives.

We're now looking forward to our next foray in March but in the meantime 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.

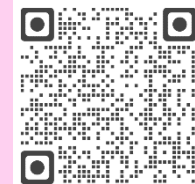
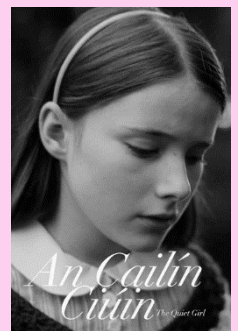


We have a treat for you on **Saturday 3rd February** as we are showing **Safety Last!** - a Harold Lloyd film made over 100 years ago. It is an absolute hoot and amazing given he did his own stunts, for real.

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).

Later in the month, on **28th February**, we have a very contrasting film: **The Quiet Girl**.

This is a beautiful film and is in Gaelic (with subtitles). It is set in rural Ireland in 1981, when a quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with foster parents for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one.



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 or use the QR code.

We also have a Facebook page.

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>

ANNUAL SALE of MARMALADE AND PRESERVES

is moving to the
PRODUCE MARKET
Village Hall

3rd February 9:30-11:30



Come and Stock up!

All proceeds go to fund the
Summer Village Flower Show
on 10th August



White Street News (North Curry Sport Ltd.)

200 Club

Congratulation to these winners: Youth Football Club (2) and K Sutton.

Big Bash 2024

Please let us know what you think of the Big Bash (our main fund-raising event) and any suggestions you may have. Just drop a note to:

whitestreet@northcurry.com



North Curry Toddler Group

**Come and join us every
Monday morning. For music,
singing; crafts, story time
and free play!**

Babies, toddlers, preschoolers
and all care givers welcome

Where - North Curry Village Hall
When - Every Monday from 9am -
11am

Price £2.50 per family



Volunteers Needed!

Could you spare two hours every few weeks to help at the North Curry Toddler Group?

Toddler Group takes place every Monday in the North Curry Village Hall from 9 to 11 am and we are seeking some more helping hands to:

- Serve teas and coffees.
- Chop up snacks
- Wash up cups and bowls
- Bake cakes

No knowledge of fancy coffee machines required - we don't have one! You just need a friendly smile, a can-do attitude, and a willingness to chat.

If you're interested, please call Karina on 07786 436 599 or email:

nctoddlergroup@gmail.com

North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

**Our first meeting of 2024 is on
Friday 2nd February in North Curry
Village Hall. 7:45pm for 8:00pm.**

**Our speaker is Greg Morter on
"From Seed to Fork".**

A talk in two parts. First Greg explores the 450-million-year evolution of plants and the inventive ways they've solved the problems arising from the move onto dry land. Then the focus shifts to how humans have adapted this bountiful heritage - how, why and where agriculture was invented.

**The talk should provide a new
perspective on the plants that we
grow in our gardens.**

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

From September to May, on the first Friday evening of the month we meet at 7:45pm in North Curry Village Hall, when speakers entertain us on a variety of gardening and related topics. Many bring plants to sell.

Coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat round off the evening.

In the summer months we visit gardens near and far, either by coach to the furthest or by car to those nearer.

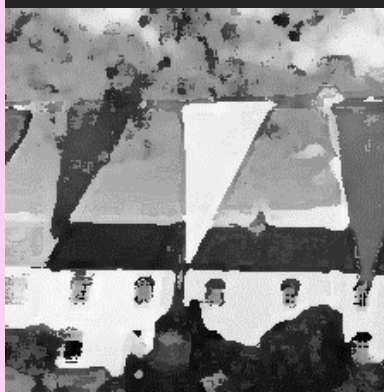
Sociable, fun, knowledgeable – something for everyone with an interest in gardening and plants.

Why not join us? New members and visitors always welcome. Membership £12.00 p.a. Visitors £3.00 per visit.

Need more info? Phone Sue on 01823 491658 or email -

northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com

NORTH CURRY MAY FAIR 2024



Saturday May 11th 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:

Saturday 16th March 7:30pm

North Curry Parish Church

SAX-22



Five brilliant musicians (four saxophones and a bass guitar) who play a variety of music from Bach to Blues, Jazz Standards to Ragtime.

Tickets £15 on sale at North Curry Post Office

*Any profits will go towards funding the upcoming North Curry Music
Festival 14th-16th June*

Church services at North Curry

4th February **Second Sunday before Lent**
8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship

11th February **Sunday next before Lent**
10:00am Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship

14th February **Ash Wednesday**
7:00pm Eucharist with Ashing

Friday 16th February
5:00pm Stations of the Cross

18th February **First Sunday of Lent**
8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship
4:00pm Evensong

Friday 23rd February
5:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th February
9:30am Praying Together

25th February **Second Sunday of Lent**
10:00am Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship

Friday 1st March
3pm United World Day of Prayer service at Stoke St Gregory
5pm Stations of the Cross

3rd March **Third Sunday of Lent**
8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist
10:00am Eucharist
11:00am Methodist Church Morning Worship

New: **Stations of the Cross** Friday afternoons at North Curry during Lent. A more complete listing of services across the four Athelney parishes will be found in the monthly Athelney Magazine, which is delivered to subscribers. **We are in need of a volunteer distribution manager for North Curry**, not an arduous job: speak to Mary Piers 491434 or Paul Scott 490679.

Ecumenical Prayer Time 9:30am on the fourth Saturday each month (27th January, then 24th February) 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 9:00am 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 07970 936325 | 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, TA3 6HN

Reverend Deborah Kirk Superintendent Minister
deborah.m.kirk@googlemail.com Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor
Methodist Circuit 01823 334854



George Marston, told by Stephen Locke

Wednesday 21st February



George Edward Marston grave monument (www.gravestonephotos.com)

Stephen Locke explores the life and accomplishments of George Marston – Antarctic explorer and official artist on Shackleton's expeditions. Trained in fine arts, Marston became handicrafts adviser, subsequently director, at the Rural Industries Bureau, dying in office, and is buried in Lyng churchyard.

Stephen retired to North Curry after a career in The Hampshire Museum Service and gave a much-appreciated talk to the Society in 2022 on 'Somerset Fossils and Fossilists'.

We meet in the Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday of each month for talks on the environment and heritage of the village and its surrounds and the wonderful people who live and have lived nearby. With refreshments from 7:30pm, talks start at 8:00pm. Members (Annual Subscription £15) and visitors (your £5 entrance fee will be credited to you if you decide to join) are assured of a warm welcome.