



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## Easter Egg Hunt



### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at North Curry Village Hall

Come and join our first Easter Egg hunt for children aged 4 to 11 years old. The hunt will be at the village hall and surroundings. Each child needs to have signed up between 10:15am and 10:40am, on the day, so that the hunt can commence at 10:45am. Entry is £1 per child. The object is to collect as many eggs as you can, with a prize for the child collecting the most. Of course, you get to keep all the eggs you find. There will be two age ranges, 6 & under and 7 - 11. Free tea, coffee and squash will be provided in the Village Hall for parents, children, grandparents and all.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT AND ENJOY A BIT OF EASTER FUN.

### North Curry Parish Council

**FOOTPATHS REMINDERS:** Unfortunately, we've received several complaints about the footpaths recently so would like to issue some reminders, to help keep the footpaths enjoyable to all. To walkers: please remember to stick to the footpath route and keep dogs under control. Please also ensure to pick up after your dog, especially in grass fields! To landowners: a reminder that it is an offence to obstruct a footpath, so if placing electric fencing across a footpath you must ensure that the fence is easily openable by the public.

**MARCH LITTER PICK:** The community litter pick event will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 10:30am at the Village Hall. Litter pickers, bags, and Hi Vis jackets are provided. Please wear sensible shoes, hopefully there won't be a need for raincoats! It is always wonderful to see so many of you attend to help keep the parish tidy and free of rubbish, we hope for a great turnout again this year.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** We are currently planning this year's Annual Parish Meeting (APM), to be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We are very excited that this APM will also host the launch of our Neighbourhood Plan - there will be information stands for you to learn more about what's going on. We are arranging for some interesting speakers to come, and will be providing not just teas and coffees, but cheese and wine! If you have any suggestions for what you'd like to see at our APM, please email us and we'll see what we can do.

**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 MARCH 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 Village Hall Management Committee

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the Meeting Room of the Hall  
on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024  
starting at 7:30pm

All residents of North Curry are cordially invited to attend and to nominate and participate in the election of new management committee members. The committee comprises five parish members, representatives from hall user groups and up to 3 co-opted members.

Jenni Protherough, VH Secretary - 01823 490426

## Big Breakfast

Can it be March already! Yes! and it's time for another fantastic BIG BREAKFAST on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March from 8:30am to 1:00pm (last orders 12:30pm) at the village hall.

If you haven't been before then you will be in for a great breakfast for only £6.50 (same price as a year ago!) a chance to meet old and new friends, play the human fruit machine, guess the sweets and a new addition this time with the Film club holding a film quiz with the winner receiving a voucher to see 3 of the Film Club films.

All in all it will be a great BIG BREAKFAST. Please come along and we'll see you there.

Village Hall Committee

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

## The Sedgemoor Rebellion



1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Monmouth

Who would choose to battle on the sodden Somerset Levels? What were they fighting about?

After a career in the military, steeped in battlecraft, Richard Peters became a Battlefield Guide. In this talk he probes the history of our own local military engagement, the last set-piece battle fought on English soil.

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.



Please look out for information on our upcoming Launch Events.

The first will be at the **Annual Parish Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May**. There will be a series of Stands on different aspects of the Parish with a chance to ask questions and put forward points of view and ideas.

The second event will be a stall at the **May Fair on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. It is important that as many people have their say as possible. After these 2 events a survey will be sent out to all residents.

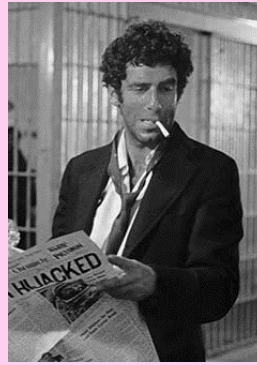
In the meanwhile, please keep checking in with our website [www.northcurryplan.org](http://www.northcurryplan.org)

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June*



Over the years several actors have played the role of Phillip Marlowe, private investigator, such as Dick Powell, Humphrey Bogart & Robert Mitchum. Last year, Liam Neeson joined the list. One of the best will star on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** as Elliott Gould plays the laconic detective in a 1970s version: **The Long Goodbye**. Not to be missed!

The Village Hall opens at 2:30pm with the film starting at 3:00pm.

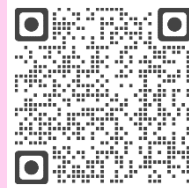
Entry £5. We also have intermission for tea & cake (donation requested).

By popular demand, on **27<sup>th</sup> March**, we are re-showing the wonderful **Cinema Paradiso**. A heart-warming story and gorgeous music by Morricone. A film to watch again and again...

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.



## North Curry Youth Football Club fixtures for March 2024

Spring is just around the corner and nature is beginning to wake from winter, so why not enjoy a walk to the White Street or Fivehead pitches and support our young teams or watch them training on Saturday mornings and where available enjoy something from the refreshment van.

NCYFC requires a volunteer Secretary for the 2024-25 season, mentoring can be provided by our current secretary who retires at the end of this season, the role requires about 2-3 hours input per week. The club is unable to function without this role, please contact Jon Carter for more information on 07852007299 or [Jonathan.carter@hotmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.carter@hotmail.com)

The below fixtures are scheduled for March, a refreshment van is available at some training and matches.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 pm

NC U14 v Isle of Wedmore U14

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm

NC U15 v Bridgwater Wolves U15 **Cup match**

NC U15 Herons v Wembdon U15 **Fivehead pitch**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

NC U8 v Galmington U8

NC 10 Mixed v Bishops Lydeard U10 mixed

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm

NC U14 v Woolavington U14

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Fivehead pitch

NC U15 Herons v Tone Youth U15

## Produce Market

The next market is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March we have our regular stalls cakes, veg, bread and a few new ones. Our bacon butties with a cup of tea or coffee for £3 is a bargain.

Thank you all who came to the February produce market. There was a lovely atmosphere and a lot of new faces.

If you would like to have a stall, please contact Anne on 07531 382078 or 01823 490319. The market is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month £4 or £8 in the village hall 9:30 to 11:30.



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be held in the village hall on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7:30 to 9:30pm.**

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.

## Happy Hookers' Crochet and Knitting Group

If you crochet or knit and would like to meet up with like-minded people in the village, please come along and join us.

First Tuesday of every month evening  
7:00pm – 9:00pm

North Curry Pavilion, Greenway

Refreshments provided

£5 per session

Next sessions will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
March & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

\* Please bring your own materials and project to work on as this is not a taught session \*

To reserve your place please call or message Tracy Rumary on 07919 543260.

'Learn to Crochet' workshops are available - please contact Tracy for further details.



## Anyday

### Max Calaf Sevé

A circus show like no other and a day in a life like no other! Max lives on a trampoline, with only his little pet bird for company. Every day his life is the same, but Max decides he wants a change, so they embark together on an adventure.

Follow the two friends in their funny, bouncing daily routine, with breathtaking trampoline skills and hilarious clowning, in a brilliant and unique new show for all the family.

Set to an original score by Matt Huxley, **Anyday** is a charming tale that transmutes the clangs and boings of unbearable hope to make our spirits soar.

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

6:30pm North Curry parish church  
(doors open at 6:00pm)

Tickets available from the Post Office £15, students £10, accompanied under-12s free. Ticket includes a welcome drink.



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

### 200 Club

Congratulation to these winners: M Steer, Cricket Club member and M Leach.

### Big Bash 2024

Planning is underway! 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](mailto:whitestreet@northcurry.com)

Keep the dates free!

## North Curry Music Festival 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Folk Group  
The Mellstock Band – 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**International classical trio  
Kosmos Ensemble - 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Free Families Event  
Magic Flute Reduced - 16<sup>th</sup> June  
and much more!**



## North Curry W I.

Do you love chocolate?

We are welcoming 'Gilbert and Swayne' to our meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

They are artisan Chocolatiers – and their talk is entitled 'From Kosovo to chocolate'.

Intrigued?

Why not come to North Curry Village Hall for 1:30pm, and find out more?

Not sure about the W.I.? We are a group of ladies of all ages, who come together for friendship, to socialise and to educate and entertain.

You don't have to make jam, but we do sometimes eat cake! We would love to see you.

## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

**Our second meeting of 2024 is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March in North Curry Village Hall. 7:45 pm for 8:00pm.**

**Our speaker is Richard Horswood whose subject will be "Alpines in Troughs".**

He will be showing how to put together an alpine trough, what plants to use, the most suitable compost and where to position your plants.

A trough can be a really useful feature for a smaller garden or a corner that you would like to brighten up and make more interesting.

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 are always welcome. Membership £12.00 p.a. payable in September. Visitors £3.00 per visit.

Need more info? Telephone Sue on 01823 491658 or email - [northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com)



## Services at the Parish and Methodist Churches

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist  
10:00am Eucharist  
11:00am Methodists Service

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

9:00am Morning Prayer  
5:00pm Stations of the Cross

### 10<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

10:00am Eucharist  
11:00am Methodists Service

### 17<sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist  
11:00am Methodists Service  
4:00pm Evensong

### 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

9.40am Liturgy of the Palms and procession from Queen Square  
10:00am Eucharistic Liturgy of the Passion  
11:00am Methodists Service

### Monday of Holy Week

6.30pm Holy Communion at Burrowbridge

### Tuesday of Holy Week

6.30pm Holy Communion at Lyng

### Wednesday of Holy Week

6.30pm Holy Communion

### Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Holy Communion, foot washing, stripping of altars

### Good Friday

2.40pm United Benefice Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm Ecumenical Taizé Worship at Methodist Church

### Easter Eve

8:00pm Benefice Easter Vigil & Fire, blessing of Paschal candles

### 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Day

6.30am Sunrise worship at Burrow Mump  
10:00am Eucharist  
11:00am Methodists Easter Day Celebration and Communion

### 7<sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter

8:00am Prayer Book Eucharist  
10:00am Eucharist  
11:00am Methodists Service

### North Curry Village Hall Committee is looking for a volunteer.

We are looking for someone who will take the lead on specific projects and see them through to the end.

What sort of project? Possible tendering for suppliers applying for grants, complying with legislation...

Would this be right up your street? We would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in this role. For more information, please contact [ncvhsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ncvhsecretary@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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)

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## Village Litter Pick 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The Parish Council is organising a Litter Pick on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. We're meeting at the **Village Hall at 10:30am**; 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.

## The North Curry Calendar 2025

**SOLD OUT!** Not the above but the 2024 edition! The search is now on for images with impact and atmosphere to grace the walls of our homes throughout 2025. If you live in the parish then we want your photos of the village and village life taken throughout the calendar year. Great images can be achieved in all weather conditions, and we look forward to receiving the fruits of your creativity. A panel of judges, appointed by the PCC, will select the 14 photographs we need after the closing date of **31<sup>st</sup> August**. Your submissions are eagerly awaited!

### Rules and Conditions

1. Photos **must** be in landscape format (longer edge at the base!).
2. Photos must be high-resolution digital images (not less than 200 dpi) to enable quality printing at A4 size. NB *most* mobile phone cameras provide this level of definition.
3. Individual files must be accompanied by the name and address of the photographer, the location of the image, and preferably, but not essentially, a title and the month the image was shot. The photographer must declare possession of the copyright.
4. Mail files to [magazine@athelneybenefice.com](mailto:magazine@athelneybenefice.com) by the closing date (31<sup>st</sup> August 2024).
5. Please note that no fees will be paid to entrants and that the proceeds of the sale of the calendar are to the benefit of the parish church. Selection of the images will be based on photographic merit and suitability for the requirements of the calendar.



**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>