

Groups in Curdworth



CURDWORTH WI

Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, unless otherwise stated.



POETRY READING GROUP

Meets monthly 2nd Thursday, 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Cheese and wine/soft drinks are shared in an informal 'armchair' setting. Contact Canon Paul Wilson (Reader) 470071



JUJITSU

Meet every Monday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and 8.30pm



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Meet weekly every Monday during term-time at 10.00am in the Village Hall



CURDWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

Mon - Fri 9.30am to 12.30 (optional lunch club until 1pm). Enquiries contact 07443 467197. For more information visit website - www.curdworthpreschool.org.uk

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CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1.45pm at St Nicholas Church Hall (except August)



CURDWORTH ART CLASS

Meet weekly every Friday at 1.45pm in St Nicholas Church Hall



KICK-OFF FOOTBALL

Fun based football for children at King George V Playing Fields. Contact Andy on 07518 518966 for details.



TAI CHI

Meet weekly every Thursday at 10.15am in the Village Hall



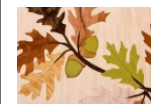
CHURCH CHOIR

Meet weekly every Wednesday 7.15pm in Church Hall
No meetings in August



CURDWORTH CRAFT CLUB

Meet every fourth Wednesday, 2pm to 4pm at St Nicholas Church Hall. For more details contact 01675 470079 or 01675



MARQUETRY GROUP

Meet third Thursday, 8pm at St Nicholas Church Hall

CURDWORTH BROADBAND CHAMPION

Richard Heeley - 07984 717 604

Curdworth Village Hall



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CURDWORTH CRIER

News and information from Curdworth Parish Council

Edition 401 (July 2016)

Below is current news from the Parish Council and also a summary of the May minutes which were approved at the June meeting :

Cllr Weatherley was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Vaughton as Vice-Chair.

Playing Fields

With regard to repairs to equipment the Clerk reported that the connectors/bushes on the cradle swings had now been replaced, but that the bushes on the flat swings would also need replacing and a quote would be obtained for this. Table/bench - following contact from a resident regarding replacing the picnic table and bench, the Clerk would obtain costs and look into grant funding available. Updated quotes would also be obtained for the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Buildings of Special Interest

The Parish Council agreed to compile a list of Buildings of Special Interest in the Community for submission to the Warwickshire Heritage Forum. Councillors identified a number of local buildings which could be included such as the remains of a medieval moat at Hall Farm, Ashleigh Lodge and Curdworth Canal Bridge.



Village Green

Councillors authorised expenditure to tidy up the Village Green as it was very overgrown, the peripheral undergrowth required cutting back and thinning and the pathway clearing, along with some Ivy which needed cutting back by residential properties.

Update on Village Defibrillator

The Parish Council hosted the first meeting with a group of volunteers, at which it was agreed to look at joining the Community Heartbeat Scheme. As well as becoming part of an established registered charity, the scheme also provided support in obtaining a Defibrillator. There were numerous other benefits including banking facilities, fundraising support, insurance cover, full training and counselling support. The use of the Village Telephone Box was also discussed and it was felt this would be a convenient central point to house the unit.

Any residents wishing to volunteer to become part of the Heartbeat Scheme are welcome to attend the next meeting which will be held on Sat 16th July 2016 at 10am at St Nicholas Church Hall.



Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church Hall

Contact details

Parish Councillors are always pleased to hear from local residents and can be contacted as follows (prefix 01675) :
Mark Weatherley 470714 (Chair)
Alan Vaughton 470062 (Vice-Chair)
George Bullivant 470079
Anne Rimmer - 475003
Paulette Simkin - 464667
Bill Thomas 470207
Carol Evans - 470401

Parish Council Clerk

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Minutes available on the Parish Council website and noticeboard

Local Councillors

Cllr Joan Lea - 0121 329 2852
(County and Borough Councillor)

Cllr Terry Waters - 01675 481457
Terencebwaters@gmail.com
(Borough Councillor)

Craig Tracey MP - Tel 020 7219 7179
- or Constituency Office on 02476 315 233

Curdworth’s 60+ Lunch Club a great success

Do you know about the fantastic lunch club that has been meeting in the village for the past six months? Apologies to all the youngsters reading this, but you have to be at least 60 years young to come along.

The 60+ Lunch Club started in January this year and meets on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall from 12.30 pm – 2pm. All are **very** welcome, as long as you are at least 60.

At the club you get a fabulous meal, hot and cold drinks, entertainment and the opportunity to sit and chat with friends and new friends. Most notably, there is absolutely no charge for any of this.

A programme of events for each month is currently being put together which will include light hearted ones like singing and also those of a more serious nature, for example, advice about how to avoid being scammed.

If this sounds good to you – simply turn up to the village hall on the last Friday of the month at 12.30pm where you will receive a warm welcome. It may be that you would like to come, but are unable to get there under your own steam. If that is the case a lift in a car is easily arranged from your home to the hall and back again afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you!

If you would like more information please contact Alan Vaughton on (01675) 470062.

CONGRATULATIONS 200 CLUB WINNERS



June - No 95 J Hunt



**Flower Festival - Sat 24th and Sun 25th September 2016 -
St Nicholas Church, Curdworth**

The theme of this year's flower festival at St Nicholas Church, Curdworth will be “A World of Colour” - a depiction of countries in flowers. The annual flower festival is a major fundraiser for St Nicholas, helping raise money towards the cost of the upkeep of this beautiful ancient building. We are hoping that the church will be a riot of colour and we will welcome offers of arrangements large or small to decorate the church, please. Once again the flower festival will coincide with our Harvest Festival, which will take place on Sunday 25th September at 11:00 a.m.

There will be fundraising stalls on the Saturday afternoon, so we would be grateful for offers of raffle prizes, tombola gifts, bottles for a bottle stall and plants for a plant stall. As ever we will be asking for cakes for the refreshments in the hall. Sunday afternoon will see the welcome return of the teddy parachute jumps. Look out for further details in the September edition of the magazine. For more information or to make offers of help, donations or to sponsor one of our flower arrangements, please telephone Sandra 470079 or Isabel 470043.

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Curdworth Women's Guild - June

The speaker at our June meeting was Mrs Sheila Davies who talked to us of her 'Life in Malawi'. One of seven children, Sheila was born and brought up there, living on a farm in the South of the country. Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) was originally under British rule but there were many protests against this and eventually in 1962 Britain agreed that the country should have its independence. This finally happened in 1964 and Dr Hastings Banda became the Prime Minister. Malawi finally became a Republic in 1966.

Under Dr Banda Malawi thrived, however his rule was harsh and, after declaring himself President for life the country became a dictatorship. The gulf between rich and poor was huge and there was naturally much unrest. In 1992 Malawi suffered a severe drought and some counties suspended foreign aid in protests at his rule so Banda was forced to hold a referendum. The people voted for Democracy and Bilki Muluzi became the new president.

Mrs Davies told us something of her education against this political background. She and her siblings were sent to Boarding School in what was then Southern Rhodesia. It took three days to reach from the family farm, housed 400 pupils and was run by German nuns.

The East side of Malawi is bordered by Lake Malawi which is 365 miles long and many people make their living by fishing. There are also many subsistence farmers and white owned plantations. As well as farming sheep and cattle Malawi's

crops include tea, tobacco, sugar and peanuts.

When Mrs Davies met and married her English husband they made the move to settle in Britain, although she pays frequent visits to her homeland. Malawi is still a poor country but in recent years has achieved strong economic growth. Her talk was full of detail and extremely interesting. It was very much enjoyed by those present.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday July 20th when Geoff Grewcock from The Wildlife Trust will be talking to us about their work, and will be accompanied by a furry or a feathered friend!

Please come and join us if you can at St.Nicholas Church Hall at 1:45p.m. You would be most welcome.



Curdworth Crafters

We meet in St.Nicholas Church Hall every 4th Wednesday in the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

We are always happy to welcome new members or visitors.

You can work on your own crafts or join in with our workshops or projects, either way it is a very sociable way to spend the afternoon!

Meeting dates for 2016 are :

27th July
24th August
28th September
26th October
16th November



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