

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

THE CRIER - Editorial/Advertising

Editorial

All reports, notices and letters are printed free of charge and at the discretion of the Editorial Committee. **Deadline for editorial is 20th of the month**, for following month.

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Private adverts - Adverts for residents are free, as are charitable inserts, subject to editorial approval.

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Quarter page	£5.00
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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.



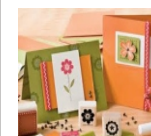
TAI CHI

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 404 (November 2016)

Below is current news from the Parish Council

Birmingham Airport

The September and October meeting was attended by a number of residents who continue to experience problems with low flying aircraft from Birmingham Airport. Representatives from the Airport as well as County Councillor Joan Lea will be attending the November meeting to discuss residents' concerns. It is our understanding that there will shortly be a public consultation regarding changes in flight paths from Birmingham Airport and details of this will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard. We would encourage residents to respond to the consultation.

Football pitches

The football pitches continue to be used by a number of teams with ongoing enquiries from other teams interested in hiring our facilities.

Dog fouling

There continues to be problems in the village with dog fouling and we would like residents to either use the dog bins around the village or take faeces home with them to dispose of. The Parish Council has ordered an additional dog waste bin which will be located in Farthing Lane. The lane is in regular use by school children and we have noticed an increase in dog fouling in this area.

Patient Participation Groups

Cllr Simkin attended the recent meeting at the Hazelwood Practice in Coleshill and Cllr Evans attended the last meeting at Satis House in Water Orton. Cllr Evans reported that despite rumour the surgery is to remain open and that

new staff are being recruited.

High Speed Rail 2

The Clerk reported she had received a letter from North Warwickshire Borough Council Planning stating that once the hybrid Bill before Parliament is enacted, planning permission will be granted for the construction of this railway line. The Council has agreed that it will become a Qualifying Authority for the purposes of consequential planning applications ie applications dealing with structures such as bridges and viaducts. As a consequence of this NWBC will only have eight weeks in which to determine the applications. If they remain undetermined after this period then planning permission will have been deemed to have been granted by default. In order to adapt to this NWBC has given delegated powers to a small sub-Committee of the main Planning Committee so that meetings can be called quickly.

The letter also pointed out that the remit of NWBC is limited to preserving the local environment or local amenity, reducing the prejudicial effects on road safety grounds or the free flow of traffic as well as heritage impacts. HS2 have indicated that NWBC can expect up to around 164 planning applications phased over the next 3 to 4 years with the first being submitted in Spring 2017, which will include applications in connection with the Delta junction at Water Orton.

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

Louise Baudet, 47 St Pauls Crescent,
Coleshill, Birmingham, B46 1BB
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Email : curdworthpc@hotmail.com

Website : www.curdworth-pc.org.uk

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

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH CURDWORTH

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Beautiful themed trees will be on display in our lovely old church

Tues 22nd November to Sat 26th November
Tuesday to Friday: 2pm-5pm and 7pm-9pm
Saturday 2pm-5pm



Children Free
Adults £3



Entrance fee includes
Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Tea/Coffee etc.

Craft Stall

Raffle

Come and browse over 30 individually decorated trees

This year there's "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party" and
"Votes For Women!" to name but two
so it may take you a while to Vote for your Favourite Tree



Curdworth @ Christmas 2016

*Come join us for a wonderful start to
the Christmas period*

Sunday 4th December at 3:00 p.m.

On the Village Green

Traditional Carols

Mulled Wine

BBQ

DJ Pete and fabulous vocalist Nicola.

The big light turn on by a special guest

*We would love to light up the entire village at the
same time and so are asking everyone to have
their lights up and ready to turn on at 5pm. If you
need help setting up lights, timers or remotes then
please get in touch with the events committee.*

'STRICTLY.....' Comes To Curdworth W. I.

At our October meeting we were treated to a wonderful display of dancing by 8 members of the The Zig Zag Dance School, all of whom are competing, at both National and International level, at the British Championships, Blackpool. And then, led by Richard Heeley, it was everyone up on the dance floor to be taught both the waltz and the cha cha cha by this amazing group of dancers with a good time had by all.

Not a lot of business this month but our President, Laura Heeley, did thank Ann Withey and Jean Eady for their beautifully creative flower arrangement depicting the Niagara Falls, Canada, in the annual church Flower Festival held in September and also reminded us to pick up our tickets for the forthcoming Group Meeting with guest star Don McLean. Our next meeting will be the AGM in November when new Committee members will be needed as several of the present Committee have fulfilled their five year term and will now be standing down. Coming into the festive season we have much to

DIGITAL TV?

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Curdworth Community Heartbeat

Curdworth Community Heartbeat is an initiative by a group of volunteers within the village, supported by the Parish Council, whose aim is to purchase and operate a Defibrillator for local residents. These are becoming more and more common, particularly in rural areas, and can literally make the difference between life and death.

Linking up with the national Community Heartbeat Scheme, the cost to purchase, install and train volunteers is in the region of £1300, with a very small ongoing annual maintenance cost. With the support of residents in the village, this is achievable. Below are some of the ways you can help either raise funds or help run the scheme :

Fundraising
Very shortly a letter, along with a donation form and envelope will be delivered to every household - you will be able to either donate through a 'Just Giving page', paying in at a bank or by posting a cheque. There will also be collection tins at the forthcoming events being organised by the Curdworth Events Committee.

Perhaps you would like to organise a fund raising event?

look forward to; a Christmas party for our December Meeting, our annual Carol Service on 15th December, then dinner at Walmley Golf Club in January, not forgetting our participation in the annual Christmas Tree Festival. This year our tree,entitled "Votes For Women", will be all decked out in traditional Suffragette memorabilia and their colours.



uniquely themed and decorated then the Christmas Tree Festival will be from Tuesday 22nd until Saturday 26th November, commencing at 2pm each day, in St. Nicholas Church, Curdworth.

As we understand it and please note we are not the experts - 4G mobile uses 800MHz to transmit which is the old analogue signal, when the Government gave out the licences to the operators they made them put aside monies to use to correct the problems 4G might cause, so providing you go about reporting your problem correctly the cost of fixing the problem will be paid for by the mobile phone operators, please note **YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYONE** to fix the problem.

This could be something in the village or just something simple like a cake sale at work or sponsored run. You may even ask your employer if they would be willing to contribute.

Volunteer

We have a strong group of 7 volunteers at the moment and it would be great to have some more. There are lots of roles - you can become trained to use the equipment or there are lots of administrative and fundraising tasks that need to be done.

If interested, please initially contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.- Email curdworthpc@hotmail.com or 07503 002948.



Coleshill and District U3A “7 years in Australia? Rather harsh, m'lud!”

On 17th October, Hugh Sharp gave a very informative talk on the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Many of us have heard of the martyrs, but what do we really know about them?

We were shocked to discover the harshness with which the legal establishment, in 1834, treated these six men, impoverished agricultural labourers from the village of Tolpuddle in Dorset. Their crime? To establish a Friendly Society by swearing a secret oath. For this, they were tried at the assizes in Dorchester, and sentenced to transportation to Australia for 7 years.

Many people thought this punishment too severe and campaigned for a lesser sentence. Their sentence was reduced to two years. Money was collected to assist them on their return. This money was used to lease two farms in Greensted, Essex. Persecuted by their new community, 5 of the martyrs and their families emigrated to Canada, and settled in London, Ontario. Only 1 returned to Tolpuddle.

Facts at a glance:

- * the six men were Thomas Standfield, John Standfield, George Loveless, James Loveless, James Brine and James Hammett.
- * they swore a secret oath - illegal at the time - to defend themselves against the threat of increasing mechanisation.
- * in 1830, 'Captain Swing' riots took place in Sussex and Kent, during which hayricks were burned in the blackness of night. (An example had been set, in 1811, by the Luddites in Nottinghamshire who had destroyed mill machinery.)
- * originally, Maryland or Virginia in America was the destination for convicts. After the loss of these colonies, Botany Bay in Australia became their destination.

Our remaining event for 2016 is not to be missed. The speaker will be telling us about the secret life of a magician! Why not join us? It's never too late to learn! To discover more about who we are and what we do, visit our website www.coleshillanddistrictu3a.org.uk

CRAIG TRACEY, MP - CURDWORTH SURGERY

**Craig Tracey, MP is running an open surgery on 19 November 2016 at Curdworth Village Hall
from 10.30-12.30. All residents who wish to attend and speak to him about local issues are welcome.**



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Floodlighting Curdworth Church

**St.Nicholas Church will once again be floodlit from
the end of October until the end of March.**

Floodlight sponsorship only costs £5.00/night.

Barbara Kelsey has once again kindly volunteered to oversee the scheme and you can either contact Barbara directly, or put your sponsorship money in an envelope together with your name, the dates you would like, and any details of who you would like remembered if that is appropriate. This can then either be given to one of the churchwardens or delivered to:

Barbara at - 3 Oaklands, Curdworth.

For any more information Barbara can be contacted on 07793 458122.

A list of sponsors and their dedications will be published in the Threeline Parish Magazine, Curdworth Crier for March and a list put up in the church porch.

Thank you very much for your contributions, we appreciate your support.

WARWICKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

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The village of Curdworth is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1087 and the historic church of St Nicholas is itself now over 850 years old. Our church is used by Curdworth residents and other local people for baptisms, weddings, funerals and of course regular Christian worship. It is a busy place and the centre of much activity.

St Nicholas is a listed building and subject to frequent inspection. The latest published report highlighted significant problems with damp. Urgent repairs are needed to replace damaged or missing roof tiles, defective flashings and inadequate gutters and downpipes. The tower in particular needs urgent attention.

Our Vicar and church officials are attempting to secure grants from various outside agencies to fund the necessary repairs and that work is continuing. We are spending our own money to replace the lighting and heating within the church to reduce energy costs.

Some Curdworth residents currently help the church by monthly standing order. The benefit to the longterm future of the church is enormous. These donations are 'gift aided'. If you are a taxpayer, then under current HMRC rules your donations are tax deductible.

This is your village and your church. If you believe St Nicholas is worth preserving for future generations, will you please help us to do so. You may donate any amount that you feel comfortable with. Standing order forms can be obtained from the Vicar, Rev Dr Joshva Raja (01675 470384), Churchwarden Alan Vaughton (01675 470062) or Churchwarden Eric Dance (0121 351 1780). We very much look forward to hearing from you.

The beautiful church of St Nicholas with its churchyard well tended by volunteers is a place of peace and reflection. Why not come to church once in a while, you never know you may enjoy it.

