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Newspapers/Magazines —update

We are pleased to confirm that Newspaper deliveries to the shop will return on **Saturday, 6th April 2019.**

We have placed our order with Smith's News, and, if you had newspapers previously these are included in the new order. If you have decided to discontinue your newspaper order, we understand, just let us know and we will cancel your order.

If you didn't previously have an order for newspapers or magazines and would now like to, then please pop in or message on FB and we can update our order via app.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to welcoming you back and welcoming new customers.

Note from the Editor

Excellent news that a new contract has been put in place to ensure that the daily papers will, once again, be stocked at the shop. This is a very important service to our community and one supported by the Parish Council.

Parish Council elections are being held this year. If you would like more information about the role of a parish councillor or how put your name forward for election, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the parish council. Emails on page 26.

Thanks to everyone for this month's contributions. This month is a bumper edition of 40 pages with some fascinating articles. Please keep them coming, they are much appreciated by all! The deadline for copy for May's edition is Wednesday 24th April due to Easter. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Northlew News then please email at northlewnews@gmail.com.

Best wishes

Banna.

Northlew Stores C I C.

Fresh bread, cakes and savouries

We are delighted to offer our customers a range of delicious bread, cakes and savoury pastries from Ellis Bakery of Tavistock. We are also offering an ordering service from the bakery. Please ask as the counter for details. Orders will be available for collection on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please place your order before 12 noon the day before you would like to collect, thank you. The village shop stocks milk and other dairy products as well as having a good selection of frozen food including ready meals, pizzas, pies, sausages, vegetables, fish and desserts.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at the shop to work behind the counter, help with stock taking or general admin then please contact Paula in the shop or email:

northlewshop@gmail.com

Window display

If you would like to display anything in the shop window then please contact Paula.

Prescriptions

You can arrange for your medicines to be delivered from Okehampton Medical Centre to the village shop. You will need to place your prescription in the box in the shop by 10:00 am on Thursday to get a delivery the following Thursday. We also take in prescriptions for Black Torrington Surgery. For more information please ask Paula.

Opening hours

Mon:	8:00 am – 12 Noon
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Tues:	8:00 am – 12 Noon
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wed:	8:00 am – 12 Noon
	Closed
Thurs:	8:00 am – 12 Noon
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Fri:	8:00 am – 12 Noon
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sat:	9:00 am – 12 Noon
	Closed
Sun:	9:00 am – 12 Noon
	Closed

Thank you

Thank you to all customers for your continued support of the village shop. For more information about the shop or volunteering please contact Paula: northlewshop@gmail.com

Northlew Methodist Church

Services 7th April No service – pie lunch

14th April 10:30 am Mrs Deidre Madders

21st April

9:30 am Mr Roy Down – everyone welcome as we celebrate the story of Easter

28th April

9:30 am Mr Peter Webb

Saturday 27th April

10:00 am – 12 noon Cake, savoury stall, coffee morning and 50/50 shop.

Annual Sunday Lunch 7th April 12:30 for 1:00 pm

Victory Hall Selection of pies, roast potatoes, vegetables, sweets, cheese and biscuits, teas and coffees. Adults £12, children under 13 £5, under 5s free. Please book with Dorothy Cole 221782 or Bet Spry 221003 by Thursday 4th April. All welcome.

St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church

Services

7th April 9:30 am Holy communion

*I4th April*I0:30 am United Palm Sunday
Service at the Chapel

21st April

9:30 am Easter family communion and egg hunt

28th April 9:30 am Family Service

Decorating the church for Easter

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 20th April. Any spring flowers you can spare will be very welcome!

Pew Polish

We will be doing our annual 'pew polish' at the beginning of April. Details of the pew polish will be on the table in the church room for anyone who fancies a bit of chat whilst polishing. Please help if you can as many hands make light work!

Holy Week Monday 15th April 7:00 pm

To open Holy Week, St Thomas of Canterbury Church presents a free film evening:

'The Case for Christ' Certificate PG

The true story based on the worldwide bestselling book. To be followed by discussion and light refreshments

All welcome

Book Table

Many thanks to our 'book buyers' and those who donate the books. We've just sent off another £100, this time to the 'Farming Community Network'. This is an organization that helps farming families when trouble strikes, which can happen in so many ways to livestock or through floods, illness, accidents to name but a few examples.

The book table is in the church room and there is a good selection of books (mostly fiction but not all). Besides fiction, gardening and cookery books pop up quite often as well as a few children's books. (Do they still actually read books?). The previous donation we sent to Shelter Box and there have been several other donations before that so please keep reading! Each £100 takes 6-7 months to accumulate but it's surprising how small amounts add up, so thank you!

Events and fundraising for 2019

Please see Events at a Glance for details.

Collecting for Okehampton Food Bank

At a recent meeting the PCC decided to collect donations of food for Okehampton Food Bank. A box is now at the back of the church with a comprehensive list of items that are needed in the box. Donations of non-perishable goods are needed such as:

- Tinned food: tomatoes, beans, tuna etc.
- Packet foods: rice, pasta, couscous, cereals, porridge oats, tea and coffee.
- Cleaning products and toiletries.

We hope that you are able to support this project.

Thank you.

St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church

A unique and historical building in our midst – part 2

A previous article (January 2019) outlined how the maintenance of our much-valued church building was managed through the 'Friends of St. Thomas'(FOST) – a group of Northlew residents with a common interest in the preservation of the church building. Funding comes largely from bequests; the use of which is overseen by the 'Friends'.

The 'Friends 'are in need of new members who would be willing to serve on the committee. The task is not an onerous one, involving only two meetings a year. The next AGM of FOST is upcoming – Wednesday Ist May at 7.30 pm in the church room. If you can come along you would be warmly welcomed, and your involvement greatly appreciated. It should be stressed that membership of FOST in no way implies a faith or a desire to worship.

The people of Northlew have always taken a pride in the conservation of their ancient church, and we trust that this will long continue.

The church building and its fabric are rich Northlew heritages. Try the following very short quiz to test your familiarity with that heritage.

- Some parts of the church, notably the west doorway and the lower part of the tower date to the 12th century, but which century does the main body of the church as we know it today date from?
- The font, used in the baptism of many of today's Northlew residents, was re-instated in the church in 1870. It is much older than this however, probably dating to the 12th century, but was removed from the church in the 17th century. Where did it spend the interval between its removal and 1870?
- 3. The pew ends have carvings that symbolise people or events. Three of them bear the symbols of: a mitred head; a hair shirt and the cup of martyrdom. Whose story is being told by these symbols?
- 4. The tower has a peal of 6 bells. The latest bell was installed in 1925. In which century was the first bell installed in the tower?

- 5. 'The Bell Ringers' is a traditional song collected by the Revd. Sabine Baring Gould. The song gives an account of a bell-ringing competition. How was the ringing of the men of Northlew described?
- 6. What connects the church organ and a F.A. Cup final tradition?

Answers can be found on page 22.

I hope you have found these snippets of the history of the church interesting. Membership of FOST offers you the opportunity to help preserve the best of the past and influence the future of this great building.

For more information about becoming a member of FOST please contact Malcolm James.

Women's Guild and Fellowship

Wednesday 3rd April at 2:30 pm Women's meeting in the Methodist Hall. All welcome.

Daisy Chain Group



Tuesday 9th April 7pm in the Victory Hall **Desserts and cocktails**

Bring along a scrummy pudding and/or cocktail (alcoholic/nonalcoholic) for a taste session! Don't forget to note any allergies and bring the recipe to share.

Tuesday 14th May

7pm in the Victory Hall Seed swaps & garden tips Bring along any seeds or cuttings to share. Also, any good garden tips and knowledge.

For more information please call Gina Farrow 01409 221238

Northlew Post Office

The post office is open on Monday



and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 12 noon in the Church Room.

Arabia to Princetown via Northlew

The artist, her grandfather and the foals.

By Colin Jarvis



Dwarka the stallion had now been taken by an army captain to the Tor Royal Stud at Princetown in 1916.

'Who do you think you are?' and 'Heir Hunters' have been popular TV programmes because people are curious about their own and other people's family story.

Enter Virginia Pope. Virginia is a talented Horse and Countryside artist who lives only 7 miles away in Exbourne. Wanting to complete her book, Hooves in the Heather, including her family history, last year, she needed information relating to Eliza and the Arab stallion Dwarka and by chance we linked up. Virginia's grandfather, Arthur Hurn, was Head Groom for Edward, Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle. The period was just before the First World War so the King at the time was obviously George 5th (I just checked!). This would mean the Edward mentioned was to become the abdicating King of Mrs Simpson fame.

Arthur Hurn, 37, like Dwarka, was destined to end up at Tor Royal Stud in Princetown. His skills of horsemanship made him more than suitable to head up a team to breed and provide the horses needed by the British Army. He arrived in 1917 and got to work straight away.

Redundant polo ponies had already been sent down to Devon from Windsor, not sure how but probably by train. Dartmoor ponies were there too as HRH Prince Edward had successes at shows with these moorland stalwarts. They were all considered worthy to breed with and of course Dwarka was there very busy with the mares!

A particular mare, Blackdown Bessie, from the Dartmoor Prison Farm up the road was 'covered' by Dwarka in 1917. In June 1918 a foal was born and called The Leat. The name was inspired by the channel of water running across Princetown from the Prison right down to Plymouth. The Prince of Wales would have been a regular visitor to this remote horse heaven.

Apparently, as horse lovers will know, registered Dartmoor ponies can all be traced back to The Leat and consequently Dwarka's fine features of curved ears, big eyes and strength to name just a few.

The Royal Stud Farm continued its good work beyond the end of the First World War up to 1930. Funding was stopped and the head man Arthur, whose valuable work produced many, many quality horses and ponies, was made redundant. He began a totally new career as Landlord at the well known inn high up on the moor, the Warren House Inn. You can imagine him having to deal with all those horse breeding questions from customers over a pint!

By then, Dwarka was no more except....yes his genes 'live on' but his end was more than unusual. In the next edition...Death, another grandfather, prisoners and loose ends.

Northlew Silver Band Devon's only Village Silver Band over 100 years old and counting



The year continues to be quiet for the big band, but the training band is growing from strength to strength. I would never have believed we'd be hearing the melodic tones of a Metallica tune coming from the band room on a Wednesday night - but we have! We've been trying individual lessons as well as band & the experiment is paying off some of the improvement over the last few weeks has been amazing, culminating is last week's Come Alive (The Greatest Showman...). Keep practicing!!!!! Anyone of any age is welcome, drop me a line or just turn up on a Wednesday evening from 6:15 pm. If it's quiet and there's no lights on

we might have had to cancel, but the pub will be doing pizza night. All are welcome so please if you're interested get in touch with me or anyone in the band and we'll see you one Wednesday evening for a little tootle. Thank you everyone for your support of the Silver Band.

Join us for band practice!

Beginners, every Wednesday in the band hut at 6:15 pm Full Band, every 2nd Wednesday in the band hut at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Anyone wanting to try and play an instrument please get in touch All welcome - Your Devon Village Silver Band needs you! For more information please contact:

Tim Williams 01409 221754 or Martin Perry 01409 221376

Bandamonium Saturday 13th July

The first Bandamonium event, brass bands going from pub to pub not marching but playing. The Green Dragon has been selected as a venue and it should be a fun afternoon watching a number of bands (line up will be confirmed along with timings nearer the time) as they roll in an out during the afternoon. See page 29.

The Green Dragon



This historic 18th century inn is located in the village square at the heart of Northlew.

The Green Dragon is open: Lunchtime: 12 – 2 pm Lunch is served every day

Monday – Saturday: open 6 pm Food served from 6 pm - 9 pm Sunday: open 7 pm (no food)

Quiz Nights

The Green Dragon quiz nights are returning. **Saturday 6th April** Lucy's quiz night! 7:00 pm

Easter bank holiday

Live music at The Green Dragon over the Easter bank holiday

Pop into the Green Dragon to find out more or call Dan on 01409 221228.

Northlew and Ashbury Primary School PTFA



Northlew PTFA raises vital funds for the school and is in the process of buying a touch

screen (the same as the one for class 2) for class I so that they can learn more efficiently. Another example of PTFA support, is that it recently paid for a coach to take the children to Rosemoor Gardens for a learning activity day. Fund raising activities include

- Easter Activity Sheets: The sheets are on sale in the village shop and cost £1 each.
 Completed sheets must be returned by 6th April to be eligible for one of the prizes.
- Duck Race: Friday 5th July (reserve date Friday 12th July in case of bad weather)
- Band in the Hall Friday 19th July
- **Bingo:** date to be confirmed
- **Carnival:** date to be confirmed
- **Shopping evening:** date to be confirmed

If you would like to help support the PTFA then please contact Louise Fewings or Michelle Hughes. Thank you

Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show 2019 Saturday 7th September

We are pleased to advise that preparations for this year's Produce and Craft Show are well underway. We are delighted to welcome two new members of the organising committee -Simone Gentnes and Jackie Ellis. Thanks to both for their support, ideas and enthusiasm.

This year's nominated charity will be The Salvation Army, registered charity number 214779.

There will be several new classes at this year's show and more details about these will be shared over the next few months. As always, there will be five categories for each age group of children and young people.

Children aged eight and under will have the opportunity to exhibit the following:

- cress in a decorated egg shell
- a homemade necklace
- a decorated jam jar
- a painting or drawing of friends or family

Young people aged 9 to 16 years will be asked to produce a handwritten and illustrated copy of a poem – more details of this new class will be printed in next month's Northlew News. Additionally, there will be categories for jewellery making, photography and decorated pebbles.

This year, for the first time, all children and young people up to the age of 16 will be invited to design a black and white illustration which will be used for the cover of next year's show schedule.

So, there will be lots to do and adults aren't missing out either with new categories including an 'Autumnal Wreath', a 'Pressed or Dried Flower Arrangement', 'Edible Flowers' and the ever popular 'Sausage Rolls' and 'Apple Pie' back on the show schedule.

The full Show Schedule will be available in hard copy and on The Northlew and Ashbury Facebook Page in May.

Next month: more information about the craft section. The Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show Committee

Marathon walk for charity.



Saturday 3rd August

More details to follow in next month's edition

Fairy neighbours for the Northlew Gnomes!

While the St Thomas's Company of Mowers were getting the church yard ready for Mothering Sunday, they noticed that some fairies have converted a hole at the base of a



fairies welcome!

lime tree into a very comfortable looking home.

We hope that everyone in the village will feel as honoured as we do and will make the

Gardening tips for the month



Well I'm saying this very quietly again...but we do seem to have had the mildest winter in many years and far more light and sun than usual.

Sting in the tail?

April could still have a sting in the tail in terms of cold temperatures, but hopefully not...the blossom on the plum, apricot and peach trees here in Cornwall is twice the volume of last year and it would be a shame to lose what potentially could be heavy crops. Even the blackthorn is fantasticand 3 weeks early.

Vegetables

The soil has stayed workable, so the first and second early potatoes are all in. Even the autumn sown broad beans and peas are flowering. Of course, this means that the weeds are emerging with a vengeance - so I'm doing a reasonable impression of a headless chicken trying to keep up with the earlier than expected spurt of growth.

Peas and broad beans can go in now. I still haven't been able to get hold of the 'Canoe' pea - one of the sweetest and most productive varieties, for a couple of years now. A reasonable substitute is Hurst Greenshaft. I'm also trying a new variety of sweet corn this year called Minipop; mini cobs that can be used in stir fries. Hopefully they will taste better than the utterly pallid specimens in most supermarkets.

Hardy annuals

It is exhilarating though..and by the beginning of April, seeds of hardy annuals such as sweet peas, cornflower and calendula can still be sown if the weather is kind. If you have autumn sown sweet peas in pots, plant them out now.

Hanging baskets

At the end of the month, you can start planting up hanging baskets, but keep them sheltered in a cool greenhouse or conservatory to begin with and harden them off gradually.

Cutting back perennials

Less robust perennials such as penstemons that have had their foliage left up over winter to protect the crowns from frost, can be cut back at the beginning of April..right to the base. If left untrimmed, the overwintered stems will be lax and floppy and frequently break at the base anyway when they start to flower.

Spring flowering shrubs

Spring flowering shrubs such as Chaenomeles (Japanese quince) and forsythia, can be pruned back immediately after flowering. The Chaenomeles in particular, is happy to be clipped back tightly into a hedge or trained as a wall shrub if desired.

Daffodils – snap the seed heads off!

Most daffodils will have finished flowering now. If you have time, snap the seed pod heads off to conserve the plant's energy.....and do try to resist tying or knotting up the leaves or worse still, mowing them down and depriving the bulb of its ability to build up its reserves. Live with the leaves until they go yellow in June if you can......it's worth it.

Lawns

Lawns will appreciate a high nitrogen feed or a combined lawn feed and moss killer can be applied if necessary. Now is also the best time to sow grass seed. However, if you're struggling with grass versus moss under a tree or in a shady area for instance...why fight it?

Look at the beautiful moss gardens in Japan and consider allowing the moss to take over. You can plant ferns or hardy cyclamen and snowdrops into the area to provide interest and colour.

Sometimes it's far more effective to work *with* plants and allow them to dictate how your garden develops. Happy gardening in 2019!

Harriet



Yoga classes are back. They are held on Wednesday at 7 pm - 8.30

pm in The Methodist Hall

Further information contact Angela on 01409 221110 / 07809427991

Nature Watch: a year in the life of a pond - March

You will recall last month, that I was hoping to see tadpoles in my pond by now, and sure enough, the clump of jelly is now covered in tiny black wriggling tadpoles. So far, we have not had any significant frost, so I am hoping for the best, and that I may get frogs this year.

Adaptability

It's quite incredible that these little creatures are able to control their rate of development, based on external conditions. If we get a prolonged dry spell, they can accelerate their development, and leave the pond before it dries up. Conversely, sometimes they inhibit their development, and stay as tadpoles until the following year. From what I can see so far, they are starting to explore the pond, and avoiding the newts hopefully.

Newts

I am not sure which type of newts I have in my pond, as there are three found in the UK.

Common or Smooth Newt (Lissotriton vulgaris). The smooth or common newt in breeding season has spotted flanks and throat.

Palmate Newt (Triturus helveticus). The palmate newt, commonest in slightly acidic areas, has an unspotted throat; breeding males have webbed hind feet.

Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus). The great crested newt is our largest species, breeding males have a ragged crest along their back.

All three are found in garden ponds, although the Great Crested Newt is quite rare. One saving grace for frogs is that newts generally start breeding around a month later than frogs, so hopefully my tadpoles will have developed sufficiently to avoid getting eaten. When it comes to working out the difference between frog tadpoles and newt tadpoles, newts get their front legs first, as opposed to frogs that develop their back legs first.

Plant life

The plant life is starting to show signs of new growth, and when spring finally arrives, some of the invertebrates that have spent their winter at the bottom of the pond will crawl out of the water and take wing.

More next month. Chris Baines

The Victory Hall Regular events

The Victory Hall use on weekdays is booming and includes:

- **Badminton**; Monday and Wednesday
- **Skittles**; Tuesday and Thursday
- Short Mat Bowls; Thursday
- Table Tennis; Friday
- Toddlers Group; Friday

In addition, the walking group, Northlew Amateur Dramatics Society (NADS) and the Parish Council to name but a few also use the Victory Hall.

Come along and join in.

Simon Dancer Chair, Victory Hall Committee

Short mat bowls



The fastest expanding indoor sport in the UK, we now have short mat

bowls in the Victory Hall every Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. We would like to increase our membership, so why not come along and meet our small band of players and take a look at the game.

There is a small yearly membership fee and just £3 per session to play. You are invited to play 3 sessions at £3 before making your decision on membership.

For more information please call Mike on 220320 or Norman on 221518.

Booking a charitable event at the Victory Hall

Any event must meet all 5 criteria to be granted the booking price of $\pounds 10$.

Criteria to qualify:

I. Any event for which all the profit will go to the named registered charity.

2. Registered charity name & number required when booking and must be on all advertising for the event.

3. The organiser is a parishioner.

4. It must be a public event open to all. This offer is not for private functions.

5. The $\pounds 10$ covers the hall and use of the kitchen for drinks only. If food preparation and serving is required, then an additional $\pounds 15$ is essential to cover our extra costs. www.northlewvictoryhall.co.uk

Northlew Walking Group

Fortunately, the 'mini' heatwave we enjoyed at the end of February, held out for our last walk of the winter period. Joining us on this walk were Robin & Dee from Broadwood Kelly, Brigid from Bow and from Northlew Holly & Alfie, Shirley, Pat, Marion, Sue, Enid, Angela and myself.



As it had been relatively dry for the last couple of weeks, we decided to venture out through some of the farmers' fields around Northlew.

From the square, we walked a short way along Station Road, before taking the footpath that led through the new housing estate, across Kimberlands, and into the field beyond, crossing a footbridge, and particularly tall stile. Continuing straight on down the field, we crossed the small brook, and then headed up the next field, to bring us out on the road towards Kimber. It was here we paused for the customary photoshoot, providing great views back towards Northlew.

We turned right on this lane, admiring the beautiful show of daffodils bursting out of the Devon banks. After approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile we reached a footpath leading off the lane on our right, alongside Lake Farm, which brought us out into a field via yet another tall stile. We skirted around this field, following the footpath signs, and came out onto a short track, passed Gratton Farm and out onto Crowden Lane. At this point, Pat was tempted to turn right, and make a hasty retreat, back home, but after gentle persuasion, she decided to stay with the rest of us. and turn left down towards Crowden Farm. Just beyond the farm we turned right, taking the footpath on the right immediately after the bridge over the river.

After passing through two more fields, and into a large field, the footpath took us uphill to Norley Farm. After a short break, and a chance to admire the views over Northlew and Dartmoor beyond, we walked into the farmyard, to be met by a herd of cows giving us a thorough scrutiny. They looked pretty friendly, but looked like they would have loved to come with us, out into the green fields. Following the footpath signs around the farm, we gingerly negotiated a steep downhill slope, to bring us out by Norley bridge. From here we walked up the lane and back to the square.

Time for a well-earned drink, so we headed into the Green Dragon, at which point we were joined by John Maguire and Trevor Miller. Trevor is recovering well from his recent operation, but unfortunately, due to his medication, could not sample the alcoholic drinks available.

Next Walk: No 32

Next month we will start the walk at 2pm, as the clocks will have gone forward and spring will be in full swing!!!

For information please call Chris Baines on 01409 221362

Please come and join us. All welcome.

Theatre Highlights



Theatre Royal @ Plymouth Box Office 01752 267222

STOP PRESS Les Miserables in Plymouth Get your tissues ready for the greatest musical ever! *I* Ith June – 6th July

3rd April – 6thApril Welsh National Opera 9th April – 13th April The Worst Witch - 7 yrs and up 22nd April – 27th April Hair - the musical More on the website www.theatreroyal.com

Northcott @ Exeter Box Office 01392 726363

I Ith April – 13th April Room on the Broom for 3 years up

6th May – 11th May The Mousetrap – touring

More details from Martin Perry 01409 221376 and possible free lifts!



Dangerous Corner

by J B Priestley Directed by Alan Payne Lewdown Victory Hall Thursday *I Ith April – 13th April*

Just like Brexit – time is running out to get tickets for the Red Spider production of J.B. Priestley's play Dangerous Corner

Rehearsals are well in hand and costumes are ready – this is going to be a humdinger of a production! A pistol is fired on the radio, or wireless as it was then, and what follows just escalates into a family drama the like of which you may never have seen before - tempers flare, relationships crumble and you can cut the atmosphere with a knife at times. The story is set in 1932 and the audience should be aware that

times were very different then. Four years later the King had to abdicate because his future wife had been divorced. Homosexuality was illegal and not spoken of. One dressed for dinner and ladies used cigarette holders! Bad language was rare. It all begins so innocently with a musical cigarette box but conversation leads down a very dark path and family ties are torn apart, there are tears and hysteria as a dangerous corner in the plot is turned.

The question is left hanging – do we need to turn dangerous corners in our lives? You will leave our production with that thought.

Tickets are £8 from 01837 871625 or 871110 or on the door if not sold out



Saturday 13th April At the Victory Hall Doors open 7.15 eyes down at 8 I line, 2 lines, Full house prizes

In aid of village shop. If anyone would like to help or donate raffle prizes please leave names and prizes at the shop.

Thank you. Turn out your dabbers...!!

Play Group for Grown ups

We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing!

Rediscover the fun in cards, games, jigsaws and having a good old chat! If there is something you particularly enjoy playing, bring it with you!

We meet on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month. 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Methodist Chapel Room.

For more information or to arrange transport please call Chris Scadeng on 01409 221797

Knit and Knatter



The Knit and Knatter group are knitting and crocheting for good causes and

everyone is welcome to join us! We meet in the Methodist Church every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

If you have any spare wool that you can donate to support the Knit and

Knatter fundraising activities, please let me know and I will arrange to collect it. Your help is very much appreciated.

For more information or to donate wool please call Eunice Peck on 01409 221187

Northlew and Ashbury Snooker Club



Come and join us! We currently have vacancies for membership and we would be pleased to see new faces over the newly refurbished tables. One team plays in the Bude league each winter. New members are very welcome. There is a small membership fee to join.

For more information about the club please call 01409 221919 or Simon on 01409 221881

The Old Wheelwright's Private Dining in Northlew

Relaxed private dining with a very personal touch. For that special dinner why not let me welcome you with a glass of wine, then serve a three-course dinner (previously ordered) with a bottle of wine to complement it.

A log fire (for more wintery nights), soft music and discreet service, the evening is yours. Relax after dinner with coffee knowing you can walk home at your leisure.



Private Dining available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Prebooking only.

Please contact Tania on 01409 220053 or email at <u>haycocks3@aol.com</u> for a sample menu and bookings.

HOF Gallery and Cottage



The HOF Gallery is a small space devoted to all things arts & crafty. The gallery also has a selection of fine ceramics, paintings, prints, locally crafted sculpted & hanging feltwork. A 'rustic' framing service is also available.

The studio opens most weekends 10am - 6pm and bank holidays

Badminton Club



We play every week on Monday and Wednesday in the Victory Hall.

All abilities welcome. Please contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 for more information.

Answers to the Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury Quiz (page 7)

- It is likely that there was a church in Northlew at the time of the compilation of the Domesday Book (1086). However, the main body of today's church dates to the 15th century.
- 2. The Norman font was removed during the time of the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. It lay filled with rubbish in the South West corner of the churchyard until discovered, repaired and reinstated in 1870.
- These symbols tell the story of the martyrdom of St. Thomas of Canterbury (Thomas A'Beckett) to whom the church is dedicated.
- The first bell was installed in 1772 (18th century). The tenor bell, installed in 1779 bears the ominous inscription" I to the church the living call, and to the grave I summon all"
- The men of Northlew (the victors of the competition) "rang so steady and true, that never was better in Devon I hold"

6. The church organ was previously installed in King's College London, and it is thought that it may have been used by the organist there, William Henry Monk, in composing the tune to the hymn 'Abide With Me'; the hymn sung before kick off at every F.A. Cup final.

Pocket Companion to the Countryside



The proceeds from the sale of Pocket Companion to the Countryside are going to Compassion in World Farming, a

leading charity campaigning for better farm-animal welfare. (Charity No: 1095050)

The Pocket Companion to the Countryside is priced at \pounds 12.50 and is available at the village shop, The Green Dragon or from Mark.

Member of Parliament for Northlew

Mel Stride MP House of Commons London SWIA 0AA Tel: 020 7219 7037

Parish Council

Parish Council meetings

Parish council meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the main hall of the Victory Hall.

At 7:30 pm prior to the start of the formal meeting, there will be a public session (if required) which, at the chair's discretion may last up to 15 minutes, to enable members of the public to ask questions of and make comment to the council. We request that notice of intent to ask questions/make comment be made to the clerk by the Friday prior to the date of the meeting. Ouestions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next appropriate parish council or committee meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or

questions to three minutes. This section is not part of the formal meeting of the council. Any member of the parish can attend the formal part of the meeting but may not contribute to it unless specifically invited by the chair.

All parish councillors and the clerk have parish council email addresses found on page 26. Please use these email addresses, not their private email addresses, for all matters relating to the parish council or parish. Thank you

Minutes

The minutes of last month's council meeting can be seen on the parish notice board.

Until we have recruited a new clerk, please contact the chair 01409 220254 for further information or by email <u>chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.u</u> <u>k</u>

Parish Council Election

Parish Council elections happen every four years and this year is an election year. This means that all current councillors will have to stand again if they wish to stay on the Parish Council. The election is, of course, open to any members of the Parish who meet the qualification criteria. All candidates, whether past parish councillors or new candidates will have equal standing. If the election is contested then those parishioners who are eligible to vote will decide which candidates are elected to the Parish Council via the ballot box at the local elections on Thursday 2nd May.

Each candidate must complete the nomination forms and be proposed and seconded by two supporters who are electors in the Parish.

The deadline for receipt of nominations by is 4:00 pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the office of the Returning Officer between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00pm on week days.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

Please see the advert on page 24 If you would like to have a chat about the evolving role of the clerk please call Joanna Wilson, chair of the parish council on 01409 220254 or email at <u>chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.u</u> <u>k</u>

Northlew Parish Council

Northlew Parish Council is seeking a new Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

The post is home based (approximately 25 hours a month to be confirmed once in post) and the hours are flexible with the exception of council meetings.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person with good interpersonal, verbal, written and IT skills.

Experience is preferable but in job training will be provided to gain a certificate of local council administration (CiLCA)

It is important you have internet access at home. A laptop and printer will be provided.

Salary will be in accordance with National Association of Local Council guidelines Scales LC1

£9.80 - £10.95 per hour dependent on experience and qualifications.

If you wish to apply, would like a copy of the job description or just have a chat

about the role then please email the chair at

chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 30th April 2019

Published by the Parish Council April 2019

Parish Council Emails

Councillors & clerk	
Joanna Wilson Chair	chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
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Jane Colbourne	jcolbourne@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Bryan Dufty	bdufty@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Simon Dufty	sdufty@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Terry Hatt	thatt@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Kate Hawkins	khawkins@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Mark Rundle	mrundle@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Vacancy	To be filled at the election in May 2019
Janet Millership Clerk	clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk

Okehampton & District Community Transport Group



Okehampton & District Community Transport Group have been serving the community for 28 years. We cover 274 square miles of rural Devon. We provide accessible, door to door

transport for the frail, elderly, disabled and rurally isolated to access both healthcare and social appointments. We have a Ring and Ride bus service which takes passengers into Okehampton for shopping or to meet friends. We run a Volunteer Car Service for healthcare transport, we have two wheelchair accessible vehicles and also a 15 seat community minibus which we use for lifestyle trips during the week and weekends and is also available to groups and societies. All our fares are subsidised.

If you would like any further information, please ring Sue or Liz on 01837 55000 or 07484 525577

Sue Wonnacott, Co-Ordinator Okehampton District Community Transport Group Unit 3, Okehampton Business Centre Higher Stockley Mead Okehampton Devon EX20 IFJ

www.odctg.co.uk https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okehampton-District-Community-Transport-Group/165867586926940 <u>In aid of North Devon Hospice</u> and to remember Chris Laughton

<u>Roast Lunch</u>

Sunday 28th April 2019 At Northlew Victory Hall Doors open at 12.30 for 1pm Bookings <u>must</u> be in by Thursday 25th April Adults: £10.00 Children (11 & Under): £7.50 Roast Beef or Vegetarian option, please state when booking



Bar

Raffle

For bookings call: Jayne on 01409 221225

North Devon Hospice Registered Charity No/: 286554

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Advertising in the Northlew News

If you would like to advertise in the Northlew News please contact Joanna Wilson.

Business advertising rates:

- £2.50 per advert (business card size) per month or £25 per annum
- £5 for half page
- £10 full page

Please note there may be a one off charge of $\pounds 15$ if your advert needs to be reset by the printers. All cheques to be made payable to The Northlew Parish Council.

Items for sale advertising rates:

- £5 per advert for half page with picture
- £1 per advert (text only) per month







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Community Contacts		
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Blakehouse Surgery, Black Torrington	01409 231628	
Okeford Vets	01837 52148	
North Park Veterinary Group	01837 658777	
mydentist, Okehampton	01837 52745	
Okehampton Cinema	01837 658586	
Inkprint, Okehampton	01837 52937	

2	019 Events at a Glance
April	 Sunday 7th April: Annual Sunday Lunch, Victory Hall Tuesday 23rd April (St George's Day): Dragon pie supper at the Old Wheelwrights
May	 Wednesday Ist May: Annual General Meeting of Friends of St Thomas' (FOST) Sunday 6th May: Rogation Service (venue tbc) Saturday 25th May: Ploughman's lunch in the Church Room
June	 Sunday 9th June: Anniversary Service 2 pm Monday 10th June: Concert in the Victory Hall Friday 21st June: Midsummer safari supper, various venues Ashbury BBQ and service: date to be confirmed
July	 Friday 5th July: Duck race in aid of PTFA (reserve date 12th July) Saturday 6th July: Patronal Festival (Victory Hall if wet) Saturday 13th July: Lunch and games 12:30 pm Saturday 13th July: Bandamonium Friday 19th July: Band in the hall in aid of PTFA Saturday 20th July: Summer concert 'Blues in the Pews' in the Parish Church
August	 Saturday 3rd August: Marathon walk Saturday 17th Aug: Treasure hunt & tea church room Saturday August 31st: Ploughman's lunch in the Church Room
September	• Saturday 7th September: Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show
October	 Sunday 6th October: Harvest Festival Monday 7th October: Harvest Supper, Victory Hall Sunday 13th October: Harvest Festival 2:30 pm Monday 14th October: Harvest Festival 7:30 pm Ashbury Festival of Light: date to be confirmed
November	 Friday Ist November: Northlew Carnival Friday I5th November: Concert in the Victory Hall Saturday 23rd November: Bring and Buy Christmas Fair in the Victory Hall
December	Christmas services; details later



Spring Term 2019

Easter Holiday: Monday 8th April - 22nd April (inc)

Summer Term 2019 Tuesday 23rd April: All pupils return Monday 6th May: May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May (inc) Monday 3rd June: All pupils return

Friday 19th July: Last day of term Monday 22nd July to Thursday 25th July (inc): Non-pupil days

Term dates 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September Non-Pupil Day Tuesday 3rd September Non-Pupil Day Wednesday 4th September All Pupils Return

Half Term: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 inclusive

Monday 28th October All pupils return Friday 20th December Last Day of Term

Christmas Break: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020 Inclusive

Devon Libraries

Okehampton Library, 4 North Street, Okehampton EX20 IAR

01837 52805

Events at Okehampton Library

Tuesday 2nd April 14:00-15:00 - Handa's Surprise, story and activity Celebrating 25 years of this modern classic, 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne.

There will be a chance to win a copy of this brilliant book.

£1 per child. Booking essential. Suitable for under 5's and their carers

Tuesday 2nd April 19:00 – Permaculture talk

Using permaculture design, North Devon Permaculture will show you how to establish and maintain low maintenance, abundant growing systems which work closely with nature and help to provide individual and social benefits for wellbeing.

Tickets \pounds 3 in advance or \pounds 3.50 on the door, to include refreshments.

Monday 29th April 10:30-11:30 – We're Going on a Bear Hunt, story and activity

Special 30th anniversary of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. Will you come too?

Join us for this special story and there will be a chance to win a copy of this wonderful book.

 $\pounds I$ per child. Booking essential. Suitable for under 5's and their carers

Saturday 6 - Saturday 20 April during library opening hours - Easter Egg Book Hunt

Find the ten egg related books that are hidden in the library and fill in their missing titles. Pick up an entry form from the counter. 20p per entry - all entries will receive a small Easter treat and all correct entries will be entered our prize draw.

Regular activities

Adults

13:30-14:30 Every Tuesday – Knit & Natter

Bring along your knitting, stitching, crochet or other portable project, for a chat withlike-minded crafters. Tea and coffee available at 50p a cup.

Children

Tuesdays 10:00 - 10:30 - Bounce and Rhyme for over 1 year olds Free, no booking necessary Tuesdays 11:00 -11:30 - Bounce and Rhyme for under 1 year olds Free, no booking necessary Ist Tuesday of the month 15:45 - 16:45 - Bookworms book club for ages 7 - 11 (except Aug/Sept) . Free, no booking necessary Wednesdays 09:30 - 10:15 - Duplo Builders and Storytime For ages 0-5. Free, no booking necessary 2nd Thursday of each month 15:45-16:45 - Bunala Book Club for ages 12+ Free -ask staff for further details Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 Lego Builders For ages 5+ Free, no booking necessary

Book Track

For ages 6+ during library opening hours. Free, ask staff for further details Children under 8 must be accompanied to all events by a responsible adult.

See our website or call us <u>okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk</u>



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Bus Routes from Northlew



Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday there is a morning service to Okehampton. The bus will be parked for 2-3 hours outside Waitrose where you can leave your shopping whilst you visit

Okehampton. There is also a service to Bideford which is convenient for Morrisons.

Changes to the Thursday service: Please note that the Thursday 630 service has changed so it now goes to Okehampton via Hatherleigh. It still leaves the square at 9:45 am.



Also, by contacting the office you can book our services to Crediton or Barnstaple on Tuesdays, to Trago Mills and Newton Abbot on Wednesdays and Exeter or Tavistock on Fridays. And in the school holidays we also have services to Barnstaple (Tuesdays) Holsworthy (Wednesdays) Tavistock (Fridays) from Northlew.

With 10 buses per week Northlew has excellent public transport for a village of our size

These services mainly use scenic routes ideal for showing off the area to friends that may be visiting. Bus passes are accepted at all times and if you are not lucky enough to have one then the fares are low. Let the bus take the strain out of driving and no parking charges to pay or spaces to find! Most importantly, if you live on the route then the bus stop is your front door.

From Easter day trips from the village commence for the summer as outlined on the back page and there will also be 3 short break holidays this year leaving from the village. For more information please contact Libby

Carmel Coaches Excursions for 2019

Date and venue	Cost
12 th April – 15 th April: Lakeside Village Hayling Island	£275
19th April: Otter nurseries and Sidmouth	£15
22nd April: Padstow and Port Isaac	£15
6 th May: Sanders Garden World and Weston-s-Mare	£16
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I 6 th June: Swanage by steam train	£26
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21 st – 25 th October: Gunton Hall Coastal Village near Lowerstoft	
2 nd November: Bridgwater Carnival	£14
18th – 22nd November: Turkey and Tinsel at Bembridge, Isle of Wight	£350
23 rd November: Cardiff Christmas shopping	£20
30 th November: Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus, Bristol	£17

For more information or to book your seat please call Libby 01409 221237