

NORTHLEW NEWS

May 2019

May's birth flowers are Lily of the Valley and Crataegus monagyna and its birthstone is emerald which is emblematic of love and success.

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Note from the Editor

It is excellent to have the papers restored to the village shop. Thanks to Paula for sorting this out. This is a very important service to our community and one supported by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council election was uncontested this year and we still have two vacancies on the council. If you would like to know more about the Parish Council or the role of a Parish Councillor please do not hesitate to contact me or any members of the council. There will be an update on the Parish Council in next month's edition. We are currently advertising for a new clerk too. Please see page x.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Northlew News – all very much appreciated. The deadline for copy for June's edition is Monday 20th May. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Northlew News then please email at northlewnews@gmail.com.

Best wishes



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

5th May

9:30 am Reverend Maggie Whitehouse

12th May

9:30 am Service at Boasley

19th May

9:30 m Mr John Hawkins

26th May

9:30 am United service at the Parish Church

6:30 pm United service at Hillside Farm led by Reverend Leigh Winsbury

Saturday 25th May

10:00 am – 12 noon

Cake, savoury stall, coffee morning and 50/50 shop.

Methodist Lunch

Thank you to everyone who supported the Methodist lunch on Sunday 7th April, where there was a large selection of pies and puddings from which to choose. Thanks must also go to all those who provided food, served it and cleared up afterwards. The only expense was the cost of the hall, so we made a grand profit of £1,307 for our funds.

St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church

Services

5th May

9:30 am Holy communion

12th May

9:30 m Morning prayer

19th May

9:30 am Holy Communion

26th May

9:30 am United family service

6:30 pm Rogation service at
Hillside Farm

This year the Rogation Sunday service, when we pray for God's blessing on the crops, will be at Hillside Farm by kind permission of Michael and Tonya Dufty.

Pew Polish

Thank you to all the polishers who turned up to give the dear old church its Easter dose of wax polish on all the woodwork. (Of which there is a lot!). We did all the work in hand, had a cup of tea and the church was ready for all the lovely flowers that were put in on Saturday ready for Easter. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Churchyard

This is an apt time to say 'thank you' to all the mowers and clippers who keep the churchyard so welcoming and peaceful for us and visitors alike. The busy season in just starting and all the effort that is put in by 'the team' is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Dragon Pie Supper

St George's day was celebrated with a super dragon pie supper which Tania cooked and served at Wheelwrights. Who shot the dragon remains a mystery but it was very tasty! Everyone had a jolly good evening and the excellent amount of £245 was raised for the church funds. Many thanks to Tania for what must have been a mammoth pie making session!

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.

Friends of St Thomas (FOST)

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 1st May

7:30 pm

Church Room

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. If you can come along to the AGM 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.

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

Women's Guild and Fellowship

Wednesday 1st May 2:30 pm

Women's meeting in the Methodist Hall. All welcome.

Daisy Chain Group



Tuesday 14th May

7 pm 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 – by Colin Jarvis

Another grandfather, prisoners, death and loose ends.

Princetown

Princetown was developed and named by a very enthusiastic man when he built his home at Tor Royal about 130 years before the First World War. This was one of the achievements of a Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt! The name for the hamlet was to honour the Prince of Wales of that period. Thomas had high hopes for the area including trying to tame the local moorland to grow crops that may not have exactly been suitable.

He may have failed at the wheat growing plan but he created Dartmoor Prison and built several roads on the moor. He also became Member of Parliament for Okehampton. Some road schemes may not have been completed and many roads and tracks needed improving including the track alongside Tor Royal Stud farm and across to farms in the moor. What was to happen in 1916 and 1917 regarding the roads and tracks would have pleased locals and Arthur Hurn who was busy breeding new horses from stallions

including Eliza's Dwarka at Tor Royal.

Family connection

By strange coincidence my grandfather, Walter, [father's side] was sent to Dartmoor Prison in or around 1916! It wasn't until I was 15 that my father divulged this family secret. Walter was a member of a strict and fairly extreme religious sect even at the age of 17! He was called up to fight in the Great War along with 15 more young men from the sect. They refused to take up arms and were prepared to face a firing squad so I was told. He and his friends were going to uphold the commandment to the last letter..... *Thou Shalt not kill*. They became some of the early conscientious objectors and eventually the authorities decided to put Walter and the others into Dartmoor Prison. As I have mentioned some of the tracks around Princetown, notably alongside Tor Royal, needed rebuilding or extending. My grandfather was a strong man and loved the outdoors and I could imagine him joining the hard work parties to do this work involving rock breaking in a quarry and laying out tracks. This would have been far better than being indoors or

solitary confinement! Who knows...he may have seen the horses in the adjoining fields and the stud manager Arthur Hurn busy at work in, or around, 1917/18.

Conchie Road

The track in question is now named Conchie Road and was given a plaque last year to remember its history. My grandfather never talked about this episode in his life. Tor Royal is tucked away about half a mile south east from Princetown and offers Bed and Breakfast and a wedding venue. Why not stay in the Wallace Room with its appropriate king size bed?

After the war

Three years after the war in 1921, the stud decided Dwarka should be put down by one of the vets. He was a good age at 29 years and no doubt Eliza was fully informed. Because of his history of achievements, Prince Edward let the Natural History Museum in London have his body for educational and scientific purposes and apparently is still there in the mammal research section. All there except his front hooves....Edward sent these from the taxidermist down to Devon for Eliza as a

keepsake; Dwarka, her amazing stallion.

Northlew

There has been speculation as to why Eliza came to Northlew but it could be because of a friend, the veterinary surgeon William MacDougall who was working with the cavalry in India when Eliza lived there. He saved countless horses from death from war injuries in France and Belgium during World War I.

I understand that MacDougall may have lived next door to here at Morth Grange so when our cottage became empty Eliza moved in. Eliza had entrusted the vet to bring Dwarka to the UK in 1901. There is one elderly resident of Northlew old enough to have met Eliza here in our cottage over 80 years ago...Les Friend from Wadland. He also remembers her riding side saddle around the village. Most records show that for a period our cottage was called Morth Grange Cottage but most Northlew residents know it as Cary Cottage. Eliza's mother's maiden name was....Cary! Eliza may have changed the name towards the end of her stay here late 1920s/early 1930s so as to remember her mother. The name changed again between 2006 and

2012 to Little Acorns by the owners previous to us but to maintain the connection we intend to name a small woodland we have planted here Cary Copse.

Additional research

From research done by a friend, Paul Callan, we found out that Eliza moved to Tedburn St Mary near to Exeter and passed away in 1941. She was born in India 1864. Because Paul discovered records of Eliza we were able to discover what is in a name! He found out that our cottage like so many older houses has been home to many residents....all will have a story to tell! Thank you Paul.

Thank you

Thanks to Virginia Pope, well known artist at Exbourne for much of the historic information. Her excellent book, Hooves in the Heather, is still available and would be very interesting to anyone who enjoys Dartmoor, horses and ponies. www.virginiapope.com

Many thanks to Colin for this fascinating three-part article about Dwarka, Eliza and Little Acorns. If anyone has any similar stories or research about the history of Northlew please get in touch – thank you.

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



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 and 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 except Saturday

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

Quiz Nights

Look out for the The Green Dragon quiz nights.

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

Northlew and Ashbury Primary School PTFA



Northlew & Ashbury
Primary School

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 1 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

- **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**

Preparations for the Village Show are well underway and we are delighted to say that Tarpaflex have very generously agreed to sponsor the printing of the certificates and the children's medals. Many thanks for this!

This year, for the first time, we have a new category for children and young people aged 9-16 years. This gives children the opportunity to illustrate one of two poems. The poem should be handwritten on a sheet of paper, and then illustrated with drawings or paintings of your choice. We hope you have lots of fun doing this.

We are offering the choice of these poems (you could do both!)

Once upon a time

Once upon a time ago,
When fairy tales were true,
And make-believe was in the air,
And winged dragons flew.
When just around each corner lay
Adventure and delight,
Hours were spun from rainbows
And dreams fit snugly tight.

And life stretched all around us
As far as eye could see,
And wonders there a-beckoning
And scrumptious treats for tea.
Adapted from Tricia Sturgeon

Let's preserve our nature

The sun is shining,
The sky is blue,
The birds are flying,
And the breeze is so cool.

Mother Nature is trying her best
To give nothing but beautifulness,
But what do we do?
Make her a mess.

Let's make her the best
By polluting less and less,
And preserve her green dress
For our kids and the rest.

By Arjun

Craft Classes

The adult Craft Section of the Show is always very well supported. This year, we have made some changes and will be asking exhibitors to produce specific items for display.

The first is any article of knitted or crocheted baby wear, to fit a child up to two years of age. Let your imagination run wild and make a jumper, hat, booties, a cardigan or

any other item. This is a great opportunity to create something special for a new baby.

The second category is the chance to make a soft toy - this can be sewn, knitted or crocheted. The judge will be looking for cute and cuddly here!

The third category offers a chance to be really creative around the home - a cushion cover in any media. We look forward to seeing quilting, patchwork, knitting, tapestry, embroidery, crochet, silk painting or any other method of your choice.

Picture, painting or drawing

The well supported 'picture, painting or drawing' makes a welcome return again this year and as always there will be an open category for any other craft article not included in the other classes.

Show schedules

The Show schedules, including all categories and information about how to enter the show, will be available from the second week in June, from The Village Shop, the Green Dragon, the Church Rooms and outside the Victory Hall.

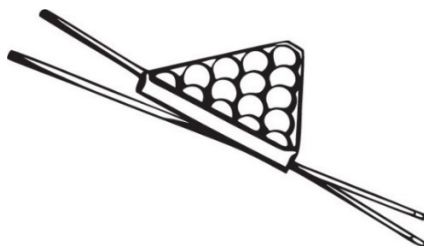
We look forward to another fun, family day.

Remember, if you have never entered a Village Show, this is the one for you!

Next month: more information about the craft section.

The Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show Committee

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

Fairy neighbours for the Northlew Gnomes!

The St Thomas's Company of Mowers have noticed that some fairies have converted a hole at the base of a 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 fairies welcome!

Yoga Classes



Yoga classes are taking a break for the next few months.

We will be back in September.

Thank you to all who have supported them and look forward to seeing you again in the autumn.

Gardening tips for the month



Wind burn

Hopefully May won't see a repeat of the cold winds that caused damage to young leaf growth in mid April. The new growth, brought out early by balmy weather earlier in the month, wasn't toughened up sufficiently to resist wind burn. Most trees and shrubs should recover well though.

Bedding plants

This is always a tricky time, judging when or if to put out bedding plants. The safest rule of thumb is to put them outside on warm days and bring them back under cover at night for a couple of weeks until they are properly hardened off. When the last danger of frost has passed - usually at the end of the month, then they can stay outside permanently.

Weeding

Keep weeding everywhere, especially keeping on top of 'ephemeral' weeds such as groundsel, Fat Hen and hairy bittercress. The latter is the small white flowered job, whose seed pods when ripe, will literally explode when touched..... sending seeds into unwary eyes. It is a wretched nuisance and will go from flowering to ripe seeds in just a couple of weeks during hot weather. There can be 2 or 3 generations of these little sweeties per season...so if you weed out the first lot, you can reduce subsequent numbers hugely. Thankfully they are easy to pull out or hoe off!

Miscellaneous jobs

Other jobs can include earthing up potatoes, especially second earlies and maincrops. You can also lift, divide and replant any clumps of daffodils that you want to increase or that have failed to flower well.

The 'Chelsea chop'

A job you could consider doing if you have tall herbaceous perennials that flop over when flowering, such as Shasta daisies, heleniums, sedums and phlox - you can give them a 'Chelsea Chop'. This basically involves cutting back the plants to about two thirds of their

height in late May (around the time of the Chelsea Flower show).

Yes, you do lose the first flush of flowers, but you end up with sturdier plants that need little staking, plus more albeit smaller flowers. It also prolongs the flowering display, especially if you cut some plants back and leave others unpruned so that they flower earlier.

Happy gardening in 2019!

Harriet

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

Frogs

I am pleased to report that I still have live tadpoles in my pond, despite the recent frosts. Luckily we have only had light frosts, and the lovely daytime sunshine has soon warmed things up. No sign of legs yet, but they are certainly growing. I am pretty sure they are frog tadpoles, as they hatched from a large clump of spawn. Toads tend to lay their eggs in long strands, and newts lay single eggs, attached to the vegetation. Strangely, the other day I spotted a half size frog in amongst the vegetation. It can't have been one of this year's

hatchlings, but if it had been last year's, why was it not fully grown? Any ideas anyone?

Green algae

I am starting to get a lot of a slimy green growth on the surface of the pond, and amongst the vegetation. I am concerned that this may be reducing the oxygen levels in the water, and ultimately may cause the tadpoles and other wildlife in the pond to die.

According to RHS these are the possible causes :

- The pond is getting too much direct sunlight
- Too little vegetation to provide shade
- A build up of organic matter at the bottom of the pond, possibly due to fallen leaves in Autumn.
- Fertiliser leaching into the pond
- Using tap water to top up the pond

So, what can be done to reduce the problem?

- Continue to fish it out.
- Float a straw bale on the pond, or for small ponds add a 'straw extract' liquid

- Do not change the water, as it may come back even worse when you re-fill the pond
- Add a pond dye, to reduce the effect of ultra violet rays from the sun
- Ultrasound. This works by shaking apart the cells of the algae. It will be expensive, but might be worth a try.
- Add a waterfall or fountain, to improve water aeration.
- Add a pond filter

Add goldfish, but not carp or tench, as they stir up the bottom, making the water cloudy. If you want frogs, and invertebrates, don't add fish.

Add Ramshorn snails. Avoid other snails, as they may eat your plants

Other wildlife

I am starting to see pond skaters (family name Gerridae) on the surface of the pond, living up to their names. They are also called Jesus bugs for obvious reasons. They have hairs on their legs, whereby they use the effect of surface tension to 'walk on water'. They spend their lives skimming along on the water's surface

looking for small bugs either on the surface or just under the surface to feed on. According to Wikipedia there are at least 1700 different species of these creatures.

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 £10.

Criteria to qualify:

1. 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 £10 covers the hall and use of the kitchen for drinks only. If food preparation and serving is required, then an additional £15 is essential to cover our extra costs.

www.northlewvictoryhall.co.uk

Northlew Walking Group

Our first walk of the 'Summer' season was supported by the following walkers : Jenny Anderson, Enid Maguire, Paulette Bowman, Pat Richardson, Sue Sanders, Holly Dancer with Alfie, Steve & Diane Hargreaves with Jack, Marion Dufty, Alan Stevens, Pat Carter, Shirley Lloyd and me.



We set off in light rain along the footpath through the new houses, across Kimberlands, and out into the field towards Kimber. After re-

joining the Kimber road, we proceeded along this road until we reached the left turn just beyond Lake Farm. It was here that someone remarked that Steve and Jack were no longer with us. It seems that Jack had not been feeling well, so Steve decided to return to Northlew and abandon the walk.

After turning left just past Lake Farm, we continued up the lane which then became a track heading towards Bogtown. After a quick rest, and a chat with Mark Turley who was laying in new water pipes up to his arboretum, we turned left through Marks Copse, through Marion's field with lots of fluffy lambs, and out onto the road at Bogtown.

Crossing the main road, we took the road opposite, which took us down to Ashbury. It was here we stopped for tea/coffee and lovely cakes. Not to miss out, Steve had walked up to Ashbury to meet us. As I write this, I am pleased to report that Jack is now feeling better and will hopefully join us on the next walk.

Reluctantly, after the break in Ashbury, we said goodbye to Marion and continued on our walk.

So off we set, with the rain still persisting, back down to Northlew via the 'Two Churches' footpath.

Thanks to all for joining us, and hopefully we will be blessed with a sunny walk in May.

Next Walk: No 33

Next month's walk will start the walk at 2 pm from the square. For information please call Chris Baines on 01409 221362

Please come and join us. All welcome.

Theatre Highlights



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Get your tissues ready for the greatest musical ever!

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Northcott @ Exeter
Box Office 01392 726363

6th May – 11th May

The Mousetrap – touring

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

Play Group for Grown ups

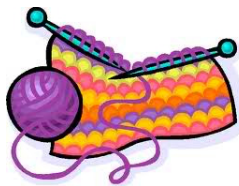
We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing!

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

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.

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

Marathon walk for charity.

SAVE
THE
DATE

Saturday 3rd August

The walk is getting ever closer, and the route has been decided. It's a whopper this year at a rough total distance of 31.5 miles, starting in Barnstable and following the Tarka

trail along the coast to Bideford before heading in-land to Torrington and beyond. We leave the trail just before Petrockstowe heading to the Laurels before cutting across to Sheepwash and then homeward bounds. It's going to be another challenge and training has started, well myself, Mark, Charlie & Tia tried the first 10 miles in the heatwave and well felt quite jaded by the end of it, but the views were stunning. Remember you don't have to do the whole thing, we'll organise meet points along the way so any distance can be catered for. Nearer the time we'll have firmed up transport to get us to the start point, Barnstable station. You know you want to, get training!

Tim Williams 01409 221754

Member of Parliament for Northlew

Mel Stride MP
House of Commons
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Parish Council

Parish Council meetings

Parish council meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the third 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. Questions 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 chair@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Election

Parish Council elections happen every four years and this year the election was uncontested which means there will not be a vote on 2nd May.

Not all the current councillors decided to stand for re-election this year but two new parishioners did stand for election. There will be a full update to the changes to the Parish Council in next month's edition of the Northlew News.

Although the council going forward after the election date in May is

quorate we still have two vacancies and notice of these vacancies and the closing date for expressing interest will be posted on the village notice board. These vacancies are open to any members of the Parish who meet the qualification criteria which is available from West Devon Borough Council.

As the election was uncontested, we can co-opt new councillors if there are no more than two people interested in joining the council. If, however, there are more than two parishioners interested in these two vacancies then we will hold an election.

If you are interested to know more about the Parish Council and the evolving role of Parish Councillor please do not hesitate to contact the chair or any member of the council.

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 chair@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Emails

Councillors & clerk	Councillors in post prior to the election
Joanna Wilson Chair	chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Celia Rundle Vice Chair	crundle@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Jane Colbourne	jcolbourne@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
Bryan Dufty	bdufty@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
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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
Clerk - Vacancy	clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk Whilst this post is vacant please send all emails to the the chair cc vice chair until the new clerk is appointed. Thank you I

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 LC I

£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: 31st May 2019

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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
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- £5 for half page
- £10 full page

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

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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
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2019 Events at a Glance

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 1st 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 9th June: Anniversary Service 2 pm • Friday 21st June: Midsummer safari supper, various venues • Ashbury BBQ and service: date to be confirmed
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 3rd August: Marathon walk • Saturday 17th Aug: Treasure hunt & tea church room • Saturday August 31st: Ploughman's lunch in the Church Room
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 7th September: Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 1st November: Northlew Carnival • Friday 15th November: Concert by Country Rich and the 3 J's in the Victory Hall • Saturday 23rd November: Bring and Buy Christmas Fair in the Victory Hall
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas services; details later
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •



Spring Term 2019

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

Events at Okehampton Library

Thursday 9th May 15:45-16:30 – ‘Fing’ fun

What is a FING?

Come along to find out about David Walliams’ latest character and design your own monster with our fun activity. One lucky attendee will win a copy of the book!

Free event, donations welcome - suitable for children over 5 and their carers

Friday 24th May 09:45-10:30

Elmer Day, fun and games

Celebrating this colourful patchwork elephant. Come along to join in the fun.

Free event, donations welcome - suitable for under 5’s and their carers

Tuesday 28th May 15:00-16:00

Change4Life Sugar Swap

Make some delicious Chocolate Fudge Bites with us and take part in the Great Fruit and Vegetable Library Challenge! Each child attending will receive an activity book and recipe card to take home. (Fudge Bites are gluten, dairy and nut free).

£1 per child, booking essential – suitable for children over 5 and their carers

Regular activities

Adults

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

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

Children and young people

Tuesdays 10:00 - 10:30 – Bounce and Rhyme aimed at over 1 year olds

Free, no booking necessary

Tuesdays 11:00 - 11:30 - Bounce and Rhyme aimed at under 1 year olds

Free, no booking necessary

1st 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

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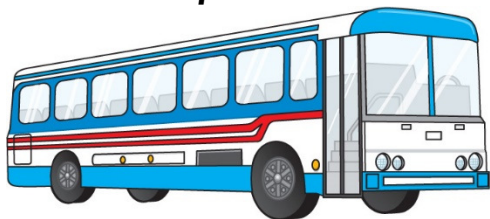


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Bus Routes from Northlew



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
6th May: Sanders Garden World and Weston-s-Mare	£16
27th May: St Ives	£18
16th June: Swanage by steam train	£26
19th June: Les Misérables	£75
25th August: Brixham	£14
21st – 25th October: Gunton Hall Coastal Village near Lowerstoft	£325
2nd November: Bridgwater Carnival	£14
18th – 22nd November: Turkey and Tinsel at Bembridge, Isle of Wight	£350
23rd November: Cardiff Christmas shopping	£20
30th November: Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus, Bristol	£17

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