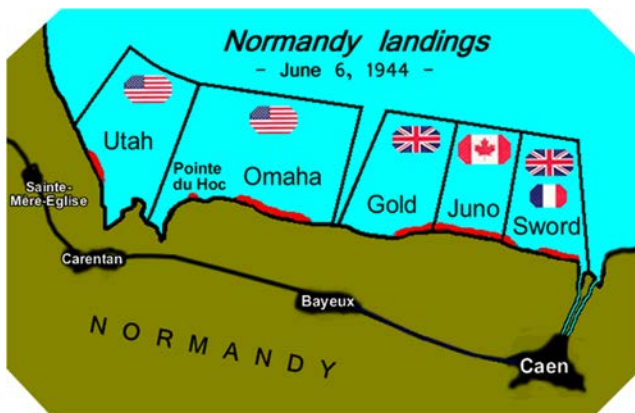


# NORTHLEW NEWS

**June 2019**

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**75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944**

## **Your Parish Councillors**

<b>Chair:</b> Joanna Wilson: 01409 220254	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Celia Rundle: 07432 512499
Mark Rundle: 01837 53314	Bryan Dufty: 01837 871256
Kate Hawkins: 07775 621756	Terry Hatt: 07811 383397
Holly Dancer: 01409 221881	Steve Smith: 01409 221677
Vacancy: see page 20	Clerk: to be appointed
Cllr James McInnes: 01837 861364	Cllr Patrick Kimber 01837 810057

## **Note from the Editor**

Northlew Parish Council would like to invite all parishioners to a strawberry tea at 2:30 pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please help us celebrate the retirement of Janet Millership after 42 years of service as clerk to the parish council. If you would like to give a donation to Janet's present then please contact me or Celia Rundle (07432 512499). Please see page 28 for more details about the strawberry tea

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Northlew News on a regular basis. This month thank you too for the tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Woollcombe and we also remember the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day – all very much appreciated. The deadline for copy for July's edition is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Northlew News then please email at [northlewnews@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **A Summer of local**

### **Northlew shop events**

Here's hoping for a lovely summer, and Northlew Shop has a few events planned throughout, all details will be posted on our facebook page so please follow us to keep up-to-date, we will also have more information in the shop. Come along and get involved.

### **Meal deal**

Every Friday is "meal deal" Friday, a bargain for £3.50 (includes; sandwich, drink, crisps, cake or fruit), so give yourself a break and pick up your lunch on the way to work we are open from 7.30 on Fridays. You won't find a better meal deal offer in Northlew – guaranteed!

### **Fresh fruit, vegetables and flower days**

Fridays are also fresh fruit, veg & flower day, so pop along and see what's available, get something for the weekend.

### **Volunteer week**

Week commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> June is volunteer week, where we will be celebrating our current volunteers and having a volunteer drive to get more to join us! We need volunteers on a casual basis who

can cover absences so that we can maintain the opening hours. So, if you would like to volunteer with or without the commitment of a regular session please pop in and have a chat.

Did you know? If you volunteer for a charity or a not-for-profit organisation you can register online to get discounts on a variety of goodies; days out, theatre tickets, holidays and insurance, we know this isn't why people volunteer – but every little helps!

### **13<sup>th</sup> June Alzheimer Society Cupcake day**

We will be holding our cupcake event, so whether you are a baker or a faker, and would like to donate cupcakes, please bring them along on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or before 09:30 on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. More details will be available in the shop nearer the time.

### **Supporting local organisations**

If you are an organisation which is holding a local event and would like a flyer to go in the Okehampton Times, please speak to Paula as we are happy to pop a leaflet in each paper – free! It must be an event which is being held in the parish of Northlew & Ashbury.

A free opportunity for local crafts/charities/organisations – if

you would like to have a “pop-up” event outside the shop we will be happy to accommodate you. This is only available for those who live in the parish of Northlew & Ashbury, giving you a chance to show off your skills, highlight your organisation and/or promote yourself. Sorry no knife throwers, sharp shooters or fire eaters!

### **Pop-up events**

We will be having a series of “pop-up” outside the shop events (always weather permitting!), including; a clothes sale, plant sale, bric-a-brac, bbq and lot’s more. So follow our facebook page and lookout for flyers in the shop for more details.

### **Foodbank collection point**

We now have a collection point for the local foodbank, so if you have any items you would like to donate please pop them in the box under the reserved papers. There is a list of items needed on the notice board outside the Church rooms. Opening times, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June opening hours will be changing to summer hours, open all day Monday – Friday 8:00-5:00.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all customers for your continued support of the village shop.

### **New Summer opening hours**

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June the shop will have new opening hours and will open all day Monday to Friday – see below

Mon – Fri:	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am – 12 Noon Closed
Sunday:	9:00 am – 12 Noon Closed

For more information about the shop, events or volunteering please contact:  
Paula 07805 427006 or Dan: 01409 221228

Email: [Northlewshop@gmail.com](mailto:Northlewshop@gmail.com),  
Facebook: @northlewshop

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## **Northlew Methodist Church**

### **Services**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> June**

9:30 am Mr John Hawkins

#### **9<sup>th</sup> June**

2:30 pm Mrs Angela Banfield  
Followed by afternoon tea

#### **16<sup>th</sup> June**

9:30 am Reverend Jerry Cook

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> June**

9:30 am Reverend Maggie  
Whitehouse

#### **30<sup>th</sup> June**

9:30 am Readings and favourite  
hymns

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

##### ***Dance in the Victory Hall***

7:30 pm Victory Hall  
With Simon playing the keyboard

#### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

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

## **St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church**

### **Services**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> June**

11:00 am Family service with  
baptism

#### **9<sup>th</sup> June**

9:30 m Morning prayer

#### **16<sup>th</sup> June**

9:30 am Holy Communion  
6:30 pm Ashbury Church

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> June**

9:30 am Family service

#### **30<sup>th</sup> June**

11:00 am Group service at  
Jacobstowe (none here)

#### ***Rest in peace***

3<sup>rd</sup> May Raymond John Cole aged  
75. Ray will be very much missed  
by so many of us. The best of  
neighbours, always made time for a  
chat and always with a smile, even  
when life got tough. The very large  
number attending Ray's funeral  
bore testimony to the affection and  
respect in which he was held. We  
offer love and sympathy for Lyn  
and the Rundle Family. Maybe Ray  
will meet Fred for a chat – who  
knows?

## **Church Festival**

This year our Patronal Festival falls on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Thomas Becket, to who our church is dedicated, gave us a fine example of duty to follow and, after 800 years, we still respect and honour it. So, the afternoon will start with the festival service in church and poor Becket will be brutally slaughtered. We will bear again the story of Archbishop Becket, sing some hymns and then proceed to the church gate for the fete (Victory Hall if wet). There will be the usual stalls, games, Maypole etc and we would be grateful for items for the stalls as in real bric-a-brac such as toys, plants, cakes, books, bottles, tombola prizes, art work etc. In fact anything you would like to donate would be very welcome. Proceeds from the day are for the church funds. Items for the stalls can be left in the church room on the table next to the book stall. Thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you there!

## **Safari supper**

The summer safari supper will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please see the posters for details or speak to Tania 01409 220053

## **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.

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## **Northlew Post Office**



® The post office is open from 9:30 am to 12 noon in the Church Room on Monday and Friday mornings.

## **6<sup>th</sup> June 2019: the 75th Anniversary of D-Day**

The 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy will be observed this month. While many of us will know something about this historic event from films or books, the following shortened abstracts from '10 things you need to know about D-Day' (from the Imperial War Museum

(<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-10-things-you-need-to-know-about-d-day>) may be of interest.

### **1. D-Day was the start of Operation Overlord**

On D-Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, Allied forces launched a combined naval, air and land assault on Nazi-occupied France. Codenamed Operation 'Overlord', the Allied landings on the Normandy beaches marked the start of a long and costly campaign to liberate north-west Europe from German occupation. Early on 6<sup>th</sup> June, Allied airborne forces parachuted into drop zones across northern France. Ground troops then landed across five assault beaches: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. By the end of the day, the Allies had established a foothold along the coast and could begin their advance into France.

### **2. Overlord opened the second front against Germany**

The defeat of Germany was acknowledged as the western Allies' principal war aim as early as December 1941. Opening a second front would relieve pressure on the Soviet Union in the east and the liberation of France would weaken Germany's overall position in western Europe.

### **3. D-Day required detailed planning**

A command team led by American General Dwight D. Eisenhower was formed in December 1943 to plan the naval, air and land operations. To build up resources for the invasion, British factories increased production and in the first half of 1944 approximately 9 million tonnes of supplies and equipment crossed the Atlantic from North America to Britain. A substantial Canadian force had been building up in Britain since December 1939 and over 1.4 million American servicemen arrived during 1943 and 1944 to take part in the landings.

### **4. D-Day was an international effort**

D-Day required unprecedented cooperation between international armed forces. By 1944, over 2

million troops from over 12 countries were in Britain in preparation for the invasion. On D-Day, Allied forces consisted primarily of American, British and Canadian troops but also included Australian, Belgian, Czech, Dutch, French, Greek, New Zealand, Norwegian, Rhodesian and Polish naval, air or ground support.

### **5. *The largest naval, air and land operation in history***

The invasion was conducted in two main phases – an airborne assault and amphibious landings. Shortly after midnight on 6<sup>th</sup> June, over 18,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped into the invasion area to provide tactical support for infantry divisions on the beaches. Allied air forces flew over 14,000 sorties in support of the landings and, having secured air supremacy prior to the invasion, many of these flights were unchallenged by the Luftwaffe. Nearly 7,000 naval vessels, including battleships, destroyers, minesweepers, escorts and assault craft took part in Operation Neptune, the naval component of 'Overlord'. Naval forces were responsible for escorting and landing over 132,000 ground troops on the beaches.

### **6. *German defences in Normandy varied in effectiveness***

Germany tried to defend the northern coast of France with a series of fortifications known as the 'Atlantic Wall'. The Allied deception campaigns succeeded in convincing the Germans as late as July 1944 that the main invasion force would still land elsewhere. The threat of this larger, second invasion kept German reinforcements tied down away from Normandy. However, the Allies faced a number of setbacks both on 6<sup>th</sup> June and in the months that followed. On D-Day, the Americans came close to defeat on Omaha partially because the preliminary air and naval bombardment failed to knock out strong defence points, but also because they faced highly effective German troops who had gained hard-earned experience on the Eastern Front.

### **7. *D-Day was possible because of Allied efforts elsewhere***

In planning D-Day, Allied commanders drew important lessons from previous failures at Dieppe in France and Anzio in Italy. The Allied strategic bombing campaign, which began in 1942, weakened German industry and



forced Germany to commit manpower and resources away from Normandy to home defence. Securing air superiority allowed the Allies to carry out aerial reconnaissance, giving them vital intelligence on German coastal defences. D-Day also depended on Allied control of the Atlantic, which was finally achieved in 1943 through victory in the Battle of the Atlantic. Ten weeks after D-Day, the Allies launched a second invasion on the southern coast of France and began a simultaneous advance towards Germany.

#### **8. *There is more to Normandy than D-Day***

The importance of D-Day often overshadows the overall significance of the entire Normandy campaign. In the three months after D-Day, the Allies launched a series of additional offensives to try and advance further inland. These operations varied in success and the Allies faced strong and determined German resistance. Yet the bloody and protracted Battle of Normandy was a decisive victory for the Allies and paved the way for the liberation of much of north-west Europe.

#### **9. *North-west Europe was the most significant campaign fought by the Western Allies***

'Overlord' did not bring an end to the war in Europe, but it did begin the process through which victory was eventually achieved. By the end of August 1944, the German Army was in full retreat from France, but by September Allied momentum had slowed. The Germans were able to regroup and launched a failed but determined counter-offensive in the Ardennes in December 1944. This defeat sapped German manpower and resources and allowed the Allies to resume their advance towards Germany.

#### **10. *There were many 'D-Days' throughout the war***

'D-Day' is a general term for the start date of any military operation - the 'D' stands for 'day'. It is often used when the exact date is either secret or not yet known. Some people thought soldiers serving in Italy were avoiding 'real combat' in France and called them 'D-Day Dodgers'. But troops in Italy had faced their own D-Days at Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio and were engaged in a dangerous and difficult advance up the Italian peninsula.

## **Daisy Chain Group**



### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

7 pm Victory Hall

Crafty session

Tracey Annette will be demonstrating beading, with the chance to make a Daisy Chain bracelet.

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

7 pm Church Rooms

Speaker session

Jack the Ripper presentation by Julia. One lady in the group has already seen this talk and says it is really good.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

7 pm Garden Party

A group member has kindly offered to host in her garden.

More information to follow.

Sessions, as always, are £2 towards our kitty. We are a friendly group, welcome to all and growing in numbers!

For more information please call  
Gina Farrow 01409 221238

## **Northlew Silver Band** *Devon's only Village Silver Band over 100 years old*



### **Join us for band practice!**

Beginners, every Wednesday in the band hut at 6:15 pm. Full Band, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Anyone wanting to try to play an instrument please get in touch  
Training band numbers are up again. We've had 13 at the practice for the last few weeks which is amazing and means with helpers we've out grown the band room and have popped over to Hatherleigh to the new band room there behind the new doctors surgery.

First gig of the year at the Rogation service at Hillside which was lovely, lovely, lovely. Great progress and we hope to make an outing at the duck race.

All welcome, for more information please contact:

Tim Williams 01409 221754

or

Martin Perry 01409 221376

## The Green Dragon



This historic 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Curry night with PTFA

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

For more details please see page 29

## 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

- **Curry night: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Duck Race: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** (reserve date Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July in case of bad weather)
- **Band in the Hall Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> September**

The bank holiday weekend has provided some superb weather and light for brilliant photographs, so this seems a good time to flag up the new categories for the Photography Classes in this year's show.

All of the photographs should be unframed, with a maximum size of 22.5 x 15cm. All categories can be in either black and white or colour. Entrants can submit a maximum of two entries for each class, so a total maximum of eight photographs.

This year the categories are quite broad and therefore allow photographers to use their imagination and creativity to interpret these in their own way.

## **Northlew architecture**

Firstly, we would like you to capture an aspect of 'Northlew architecture'. With so many superb historical buildings around, there is something to inspire everybody - or perhaps you will decide to

photograph some modern building work around the village.

## **Still life**

The second category is the classic 'Still Life' - feel free to recreate the composition of an old master, or design something more contemporary to photograph - glassware, wine bottles, flowers, fruit or a selection of themed natural objects can all feature in this class.

## **Water and animals**

The third and fourth photography categories are 'Water' and 'Animal' - offering photographers opportunities to share their favourite photos from aspects of the natural world. Will it be the sea, a babbling brook, a magnificent waterfall or driving rain? The animal could be a domestic pet, a farm animal or something captured in the wild by a lens - the choice is yours.

So, while you are out and about, walking around our picturesque local countryside or further afield, don't forget to get snapping!

Finally, here are some notes from this year's judge about the beverages section of the show - these should be helpful for this

very well supported element of the show!

### ***Tasting notes***

**33 Sloe Gin:** A good red colour preferred over merely pink; this usually indicates that the sloes have been well steeped. Clear and not overpoweringly sweet, but warming and rich.

**34 Liqueur:** Should reflect the base ingredient(s). Not too syrupy or be dominated by a spirit alcohol. Something delicious to enjoy after a good meal.

**35 Cider:** Lively and refreshing but not too acidic or astringent; 'bitter-sweet' is the ideal. Cloudy is fine but not chewy!

**36 Beer:** A good balance between malt and hops but any type (pale, brown etc), that can be consumed with relish. Should be clear and have a lively bead (natural bubbles).

**37 Wine:** The flavour of its main ingredient should show through but without being over-powering or cordial-like. Neither too acidic nor sweet and a pleasing fresh or tangy finish.

**38 Non-alcoholic fruit drink:** Fruity obviously, and reflect the

base fruit. Not musty tasting and not overly sweet.

### ***Thank you***

This year's show kindly sponsored by Tarpaflex

This year's nominated charity is the Salvation Army, charity number 214779

The full show schedules will be available soon in The village shop, the church room, the Green Dragon or outside the Victory Hall.

Start planning for your entries for this fun event now!

*The Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show Committee*

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### ***Gardening tips for the month***



Harriet will be back next month with her gardening tips

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

### **Frogs**

I still have tadpoles, but from what I can see, no legs yet. There are changes though, as they are starting to look more frog shaped, and changing colour from black to greeny/brown. No idea what they are eating, but there is a lot less algae in the pond (see last month), so maybe they are eating that. I believe at some point they turn from eating vegetation to become carnivores. Hopefully they will find enough food in the pond, as I have heard that they can start to eat each other!!

### **Green algae**

As stated above, there is a lot less algae, either down to being fished out at regular intervals, or being eaten by the tadpoles. Either way, the pond water is looking nice and clear, and the plants are growing well.

### **Other wildlife**

Still plenty of Pond Skimmers, skating around, but now also seeing Damselflies landing on the pond plants.



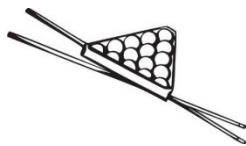
Damselflies belong to the Zygoptera sub-order, which means “paired wings”, and there are 20 species to look out for in the UK.



Unlike Dragonflies, when they land, they usually fold their wings into their sides. The ones you are likely to see around your pond at this time are Beautiful Demoiselle, Banded Demoiselle, Large Red, and one or more of the Blues. They will have spent around a year as a nymph in the pond before crawling up a pond plant, out of the water, to hatch out into their adult form. After a couple of weeks flying around, they will have gained their full breeding colours. Their only goal in life then is to find a mate, and breed. Once mated, the female will lay her eggs on a pond plant, just under the surface, and the whole life cycle will start again. Once breeding is over, the adults have completed their purpose and will die soon after. In the adult stage, a Damselfly may only live a few weeks

More next month.  
Chris Baines

## **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

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## **Coffee 'n' Chat Outing**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Outing to Falmouth



We will leave Northlew Square at 9:00 am.

Tickets for adults cost £7 and £3.50 for children

Please book with Marlene 01409 221 508

## **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!

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## **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

# **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](http://www.northlewvictoryhall.co.uk)**



## ***Northlew Walking Group***

Our walk in May saw only 5 of us turn up in the Square. Joining us today were Holly Dancer with Alfie, Pat Richardson, Brigid Richardson, Alan Stevens and myself.



We set off from the square in dry weather, and headed down by the school. Following the footpath through the next field, and then straight on, we continued along the track to eventually bring us up to Ashbury. After visiting the church, we decided that as there were only 5 of us, we could all fit on a 'selfie'. After admiring the Dartmoor views, we continued down the lane to bring us round to the bottom of Waterhouse Hill. Here we turned left onto the Bridleway at the end of Shorts Lane. Continuing on to the lane we eventually came out onto Rockey Lane, and turned left over the bridge to bring us back to Wistful Cottage.

What better way to finish a walk, than with a cup of tea, and homemade cake!

### ***Next Walk: No 33***

Our next walk on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, will be something different. We intend to walk a section of the Pegasus Trail, recently opened by the Devon County Council and a lot of lobbying by South West Riders. Either meet us in the Square at 2pm or drive up to Castle Cross and walk back down to the start of the trail.

For information please call Chris Baines on 01409 221362

Please come and join us. All welcome.

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## ***Friends of Okehampton Hospital***

***Tuesday 25th June  
8.30 - 12 noon***

Coffee Morning in the Old Schools room, Hatherleigh  
Home made cakes & bacon baps!

## **Theatre Highlights**



### **Theatre Royal @ Plymouth**

Box Office 01752  
267222

#### **4<sup>th</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Matthew Bourne's Romeo & Juliet  
Ballet

#### **8<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon – 10.30 pm**

Funky Llama Festival on Plymouth  
Hoe

Music & dance for deaf, disabled &  
learning disabled

#### **11<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Les Miserables Only a few tickets  
left

#### **25<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June**

September Tide (Tamaritans  
Amateur Co.)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Kinky Boots the musical

#### **23<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug**

Calendar Girls – the musical

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Aug – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Motown – the musical

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Aug – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**

The Bodyguard (Alexandra Burke)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Buddy – The Buddy Holly story

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Sept – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept**

On Your Feet (Emilio & Gloria  
Estefan story)

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Sept – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**

The Entertainer (with Shane Richie)

#### **30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

The Girl on the Train

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Oct – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct & 15<sup>th</sup> Apr –**

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Apr (2020)**

Welsh National Opera

More on the website

[www.theatreroyal.com](http://www.theatreroyal.com)

### **Northcott @ Exeter**

Box Office 01392 726363

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Amelie – the musical

#### **18<sup>th</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Dead Dog in a Suitcase

#### **24<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Educating Rita

#### **5<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

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## **Woollcombe Memorial Service Ashbury Church Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Woollcombe**

Geoffrey Harley Douglas Woollcombe was born on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1898 at Cranmere, Newton Abbot and was a second cousin to the Ashbury branch of the Woollcombe family. He was well known to the Woollcombe family and would have worshipped in this church. His father worked as a solicitor in Newton Abbot. From what we know he enjoyed country pursuits. On leaving school with the First World War raging he joined the second battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> King Edward Seventh's Own Gurkha Rifles in India to where they had recently returned from the trenches of the western front where they had suffered very heavy casualties especially in British Officers. With them he was quickly involved in fighting on the North West frontier and in repelling the 1919 Afghan invasion of India. After the end of WWI he remained with 2/2GR and in January 1941 assumed command of them training for desert warfare prior to joining the British desert

army fighting Rommel in the Libyan desert.

Although the RAF had won the Battle of Britain in 1940 thus reducing the chance of Nazi Invasion 1941 was a critical one for Britain. Nightly heavy bomber raids were destroying large areas of London, Coventry, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter and other major cities. U-boat sinkings of vital Atlantic convoys were threatening the ability of Britain to fight on and the attempt to assist Greece in resisting Nazi invasion failed with heavy losses in men, material and naval shipping. As if this was not enough Japan showed every sign of joining the Nazis and attacking Malaya, Burma and Singapore. As a result Geoffrey Woollcombe was probably not too surprised to be told to stop training for the desert and move in August 1941 with two other Gurkha battalions to Malaya which was mainly jungle. On arrival all were surprised that so little had been done to prepare against invasion which came on 7<sup>th</sup> December with a simultaneous Japanese attack on the USA at Pearl Harbour and Malaya. The battle ships Prince of Wales and Repulse attempting to intercept the invasion convoys were assailed by swarms of Japanese dive and torpedo bombers and swiftly sunk

and obsolescent RAF fighters attempting to assist shot out of the sky. So that by the time Geoffrey Woollcombe's battalion along with the two other Gurkha battalions deployed to blocking positions on the Thai-Malayan frontier the Japanese had achieved total command of sea and air and any aircraft sighted could be reliably assumed hostile.

Despite British military planners assuming Malaya to be too heavily jungled for tanks to be any use the Japanese attacked with large numbers straight down the main road axis the Gurkhas were defending. With no heavy anti-tank guns after 48 hours desperate fighting two of the three Gurkha battalions were reduced to half their original numbers with only Geoffrey Woollcombe's 2/2GR still able to muster a coherent order of battle albeit with heavy losses. During the next month's heavy fighting Geoffrey Woollcombe's Gurkhas occupied a series of blocking positions down the main west coast route towards Singapore. Continually reinforced and with total air and sea command the Japanese relentlessly forced back the defenders who finally reached the causeway connecting Malaya and Singapore which was blown up behind them. It was at

this stage when his battalion was taking up position to defend Singapore Island that in early February 1942 he was forced to hand over command owing to ill health brought about by the stress of continual command in action manifesting itself in suppurating jungle sores.

As someone who had first hand knowledge of fighting the Japanese he was selected to join an all ranks group of specialists, engineers, intelligence, signals who were to return to India to brief GHQ on the disastrous campaign.

Unfortunately, their departure was so delayed by Japanese bombing that there were no naval vessels available so they had to take harbour launches and try and get to Sumatra; still in Dutch control. Leaving his beloved 2<sup>nd</sup> Gurkhas after all they had gone through together was a hard wrench as they closed into the final defensive perimeter, blazing oil tanks covering the sky in black oily ash and the last vital water reservoir already under direct Japanese fire. Geoffrey was never to see them again. Two days after his departure they were ordered to surrender. The Japanese immediately separated Gurkhas from their British officers and initially treated them well hoping to cajole them

into joining the Japanese sponsored Indian National Army. When they refused the treatment became brutal as it had already for their British officers .

Meanwhile Geoffrey's launch had run out of fuel short of Sumatra but luckily it was discovered by a Dutch patrol boat which landed its crew and passengers on Sumatra. They then made their way to the small port of Padang where a small Dutch freighter called SS Roosboon was just getting up steam to leave; news of Japanese landings on Sumatra having been received. Some 140 embarked on SS Roosboon including nurses from Singapore; Geoffrey now too ill to walk was amongst them. 500 miles short of Ceylon ( today Sri Lanka) and safety it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and quickly sank. There was only one lifeboat on which as many survivors as could boarded. The waters were shark infested and in the end only four people out of all on board survived. They were two Javanese seamen, a Eurasian nurse and a Lieutenant from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They drifted back towards Sumatra and were recaptured by the Japanese. The Javanese managed to escape, the nurse was shot and the Lieutenant finally went into the

same POW camp in Singapore as were officers of Geoffrey's old regiment 2/2GR.

However it was not until the Japanese had been defeated that Major Robertson the officiating CO of 2/2GR was able to write to Violet Woollcombe to tell her how her son had died in a letter that starts with the line 'It is with the greatest regret that I have to tell you I fear there is no hope for Geoffrey.'

So, this evening family, regiment and local congregation 77 years after Geoffrey's death remember him in his family church and, in a manner, welcome him back home.

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## ***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

## ***Fundraising lunch for North Devon Hospice in remembrance of Chris Laughton***

Many thanks to everyone who supported our recent lunch. We fed 115 people, most came to the Victory Hall but we also did a few take-aways for those who were not able to get to the hall. We made £1,119 profit and had donations of £134.73 which including gift aid (with the government bit) totalled £168.4, the grand sum of £1,287.41 was raised for the hospice. I am constantly amazed by the support in this village and I know that some of you didn't know Chris, even though he worked for a number of years for Carmel Coaches but I have to tell you that he would be so very happy with the money raised.

Such a wonderful man, so sorely missed.

If you ever see a collection box for North Devon Hospice, please just pop in whatever you can, any pennies are better than no pennies. Thanks again xx

## ***North Devon Hospice***

For those who are not familiar with the work of North Devon Hospice here is some information about the incredible work it does and the support it gives to terminally ill patients and their families and loved ones.

Since starting 35 years ago in 1984... with just one community nurse....North Devon Hospice now provides specialist care at no cost to over 2,000 patients and their families each year who are facing life-limiting illnesses from across North Devon ... not just those who have cancer but other life limiting illnesses such as motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), liver failure and renal failure. They need £6.1 million every year to provide their care and support, like most hospices, they only receive a small amount of funding from NHS Devon, last year this came in at £1.2 million but in the main, they have to rely on the support and generosity of the local community to help them fund the care. They generate the majority of their income through fundraising activities, charity shops and the

hospice lottery. Their services include community services, inpatient care in their Bedded Unit and a Supportive Care service that includes bereavement support.

### ***The Bedded Unit***

The Bedded Unit provides specialist palliative inpatient care for adults with complex problems associated with advanced progressive illnesses. This support is available to patients who have complex end of life care needs and require treatment for pain management or other distressing symptoms. They give this care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They offer accommodation in their seven room Bedded Unit. They have a high nurse to patient ratio, allowing them the opportunity to give dedicated support to patients with a variety of symptoms associated with a life-limiting illness. The Bedded Unit is located within the main hospice site at Deer Park in Newport, on the outskirts of Barnstaple. The Unit overlooks the hospice gardens and from most rooms there are far reaching views across the Taw Valley.

### ***Additional support is needed***

It is thanks to fundraising in the local community that they were able to open the Bedded Unit in 2005, unfortunately, at this time they are only able to open up 3 of these rooms to patients, as there is insufficient funds to employ enough nurses care for the patients in house.

### ***Supportive Care Services***

As for Supportive Care Services, this is for patients and their families, who are living with the knowledge that time might be short. The Supportive Care team offers a wide range of individual sessions and group workshops. Together with each family, including children and grandchildren, they give space and time to explore what is important to them and discuss what may support their wellbeing and quality of life. Over the years, they have found that sometimes it is easier to talk more freely to someone who is not a family member and that being with people in a similar situation can really make a difference. Individual sessions allow for confidential one to one support with counsellor trained staff. They also have a team of complementary

therapists who provide a range of different therapies. They facilitate group activities and offer them in six-week programmes, they are able to vary the content of each programme to meet the specific needs of the patients and their families that they have at that time. Past programmes have included well-being days, support groups for patients, support groups for carers and people who have been bereaved, 'Making Memories' workshops, mindfulness workshops, seated exercise, gardening, information sessions on How to Talk to the Children, nutrition, coping with anxiety and breathlessness.

The Hospice itself is beautiful, the staff are amazing. It is beyond clean and the people are friendly and caring. The inhouse café provides lovely tasty food at a price that just seems to cover costs. The gardens are beautiful and well kept, the balconies look out over them, I believe these are maintained by volunteers. All in all, it's a calm and peaceful place to be and we as a community are so lucky to have such a place.

## ***Play Group for Grown ups***

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

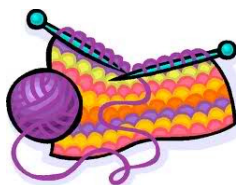
Rediscover the fun in cards, games, jigsaws and having a good old chat! If there is something you particularly enjoy playing, bring it with you!

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

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## ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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## ***Marathon walk for charity.***

### ***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August***

I hear good news about people's training sessions, I must admit my knees are not feeling great.... it's only 32 miles..... starting in Barnstable and following the Tarka trail along the coast to Bideford before heading in-land to Torrington and beyond. 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. Don't forget it's for the charity Something to Look Forward To and also for boasting rights! It'll be an amazing personal achievement! You know you want to do it, keep training!

For more information please contact Tim Williams 01409 221754

## ***Member of Parliament for Northlew***

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

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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 24. 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@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk)

### ***Parish council election update***

#### ***Jane Colbourne and Simon Dufty***

A huge thank you to both Jane Colbourne and Simon Dufty who stepped down from the Parish Council at the election after 16 and 9 years as parish councillors

respectively. Many thanks to them both for their support and contributions to the parish council and to the community.

#### ***Holly Dancer and Steve Smith***

Welcome to Holly Dancer and Steve Smith who joined the parish council following the uncontested election.

#### ***Kate Hawkins***

Kate Hawkins was unanimously co-opted back on to the council at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May as it was clear following a discussion with her that it was her ill-health and hospitalisation which prevented completing her application to remain on the council at the time of the election.

#### ***Vacancy***

Two parishioners to date have had informal discussions with members of the parish council with regards to the current parish councillor vacancy. Of these two parishioners, one has confirmed their interest to take their application forward. Co-option of a new councillor will take place at the next parish council meeting as it falls within the 35 day period post the election when co-option may take place without an election.

## Parish Council Emails

<b>Councillors &amp; clerk</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Joanna Wilson Chair	<a href="mailto:chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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Bryan Dufty	<a href="mailto:bdufty@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">bdufty@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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Holly Dancer	<a href="mailto:hdancer@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">hdancer@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
Steve Smith	<a href="mailto:ssmith@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">ssmith@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
Vacancy	A new councillor to be co-opted at the June meeting
Clerk - Vacancy	To be appointed in June <a href="mailto:clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a> Whilst this post is vacant please send all emails to the the chair cc vice chair until the new clerk is appointed. Thank you



## ***Northlew Parish Council***

*would like to invite all parishioners of Northlew to a  
strawberry tea*

*on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to help us celebrate the  
the retirement of*

***Janet Millership***

*after 42 years of service to the community  
as clerk to the Parish Council.*

*2:30 pm - 4:30 pm*

*in the*

*The Victory Hall*

*To help us organise the catering please register your interest in  
attending in the book in the church room or contact Celia  
Rundle or Joanna Wilson.*

*If you would like to make a donation to the gift for Janet please  
also contact Celia or Joanna by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.  
Blank cards are available in the church room to write a  
message to Janet and should also be returned to any parish  
councillor no later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June for collation.*

*Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.*

*Celia: 07432 512499 or [crundle@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:crundle@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk)*

*Joanna: 01409 220254 or [chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk)*



Northlew  
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3. Beef Madras, tender beef in a rich hot madras gravy served with a choice of baked indian rice or plain basmati rice £7.50
4. Chicken Tikka Masala, chicken breast cooked in a mild masala sauce served with Indian baked rice or plain Basmati £6.50
5. Vegetable Curry, mixed vegetables in a medium curry sauce served with plain basmati rice £6.30

**Optional sides**

- Poppadoms with dips; onion, lime pickle, mint yogourt and mango chutney £1  
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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  
Unit 3, Okehampton Business Centre  
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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

## **2019 Events at a Glance**

<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Anniversary Service 2 pm</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Dance in the Victory Hall with Simon playing the keyboard</li> <li>• <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:</b> Midsummer safari supper, various venues</li> <li>• <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:</b> Strawberry tea to celebrate Janet's 42 years as clerk to the parish council</li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Friends of Okehampton Hospital coffee morning, 8:30 am – 12 noon, Hatherleigh</li> <li>• <b>Ashbury BBQ and service:</b> date to be confirmed</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Duck race in aid of PTFA (reserve date 12<sup>th</sup> July)</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Patronal Festival (Victory Hall if wet)</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Lunch and games 12:30 pm</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Bandamonium</li> <li>• <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Band in the hall in aid of PTFA</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Summer concert 'Blues in the Pews' in the Parish Church</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:</b> Marathon walk</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug:</b> Treasure hunt &amp; tea church room</li> <li>• <b>Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>:</b> Ploughman's lunch in the Church Room</li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October:</b> Harvest Festival</li> <li>• <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:</b> Harvest Supper, Victory Hall</li> <li>• <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October:</b> Harvest Festival 2:30 pm</li> <li>• <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:</b> Harvest Festival 7:30 pm</li> <li>• <b>Ashbury Festival of Light:</b> date to be confirmed</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November:</b> Northlew Carnival</li> <li>• <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:</b> Concert by Country Rich and the 3 J's in the Victory Hall</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:</b> Bring and Buy Christmas Fair in the Victory Hall</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas services;</b> details later</li> </ul>



## **SummerTerm 2019**

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (inc)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: All pupils return

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July (inc): Non-pupil days

## **Term dates 2019 – 2020**

### **Autumn Term 2019**

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

**Half Term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 inclusive

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October All pupils return

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term

**Christmas Break:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 Inclusive



**Events at Okehampton Library*****Book Trust Pyjamarama – Car, car, truck, jeep******Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10 am – 11 am; Read and Rhyme Time***

As part of Book Trust's Pyjamarama, join in our themed Bounce & Rhyme story and craft session and take home a copy of the book (subject to availability). This activity replaces our normal Bounce & Rhyme sessions. Suitable for children under 5 and their carers. Free event

***Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 am – 10:15 am, Duplo Storytime***

Come along to our themed Duplo storytime session, make some vehicles with Duplo bricks then use them in our storytime. Take home a copy of the book (subject to availability) . Suitable for children under 5 and their carers. Free event.

***Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Volunteer Coffee Morning***

Volunteers week: To celebrate all our wonderful volunteers who help to give added value to the library service. If you are interested in volunteering to help us, come along and have a chat over a free cup of coffee.

***Wed 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 10 am – 12:30 pm, Basic computer training***

Are you confused by computers? Sign up for our free IT sessions for beginners! The sessions will be delivered by Elite Training South West. The course runs over two sessions and booking is essential.

***Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 6 pm – 8 pm, Artist's Workshop; Glass painting***

Local artist, Vicki Highet, will be teaching the art of glass painting. Create a uniquely decorated wine glass to take home. Vicki will be bringing some of her artwork available for purchase. £7 per person, places limited. Booking essential and must be paid for in advance.

## Regular activities

### **Adults**

**Tuesdays 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, 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 am - 10:30 am – Bounce and Rhyme** aimed at over 1 year olds. Free, no booking necessary

**Tuesdays 11 am - 11:30 am - Bounce and Rhyme** aimed at under 1 year olds. Free, no booking necessary

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm** – Bookworms book club for ages 7 – 11 (except Aug/Sept) . Free, no booking necessary

**Wednesdays 9:30 am – 10:15 am, Duplo Builders and Storytime**

For ages 0-5. Free, no booking necessary

**2nd Thursday of each month 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm, Bunala Book Club for ages 12+**

Free -ask staff for further details

**Saturdays 10:30 am – 11:30 am 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.

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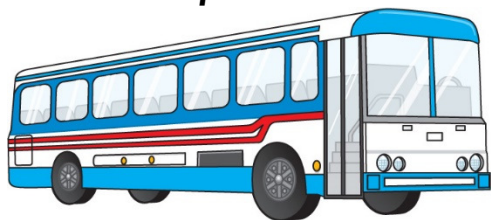


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## **Bus Routes from Northlew**



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
16 <sup>th</sup> June: Swanage by steam train	£26
19 <sup>th</sup> June: Les Misérables	£75
25 <sup>th</sup> August: Brixham	£14
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October: Gunton Hall Coastal Village near Lowestoft	£325
2 <sup>nd</sup> November: Bridgwater Carnival	£14
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November: Turkey and Tinsel at Bembridge, Isle of Wight	£350
23 <sup>rd</sup> November: Cardiff Christmas shopping	£20
30 <sup>th</sup> November: Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus, Bristol	£17

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