

NORTHLEW NEWS

December 2019



Merry Christmas and happy & prosperous 2020

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Note from the Editor

It seems hard to believe that another year is nearly over and that we are hurtling towards 2020! Will it be a case of the 'Roaring Twenties' again? The decade last century being described as '.... a period of economic prosperity with a distinctive cultural edge' Sounds promising but only time will tell!

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Northlew News this year. Fantastic articles and information generating really positive feedback. So please keep them coming!

Due to the Christmas break, the deadline for copy for January's edition is **Friday 13th December**. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Northlew News then please email at northlewnews@gmail.com. Copies can also be found on the website.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and peaceful and happy new year.



St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church

Services

1st December

9:30 am Holy Communion

8th December

4:00 pm Christingle Service

15th December

9:30 am Holy Communion

6:30 pm Carol Service at the Chapel followed by switching on the Christmas tree lights and carols

22nd December

6:30 pm Service of 9 lessons and carols

24th December

4:00 pm Crib service and nativity
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9:30 am United Service at the Chapel

29th December

11:00 am Group service at Hatherleigh – no service at St Thomas's

Christingle this year will be on 8th December and it will be the only service in the church that day. The Christmas Eve crib service will be at 4:00 pm and will be led by the Rev John Bell. A short nativity play will take place during this service and if any children would like to dress up as a shepherd (or angel) and join in then they would be very welcome.

Happy Christmas everyone!



Collecting for Okehampton Food Bank

There is a box for donations to the Okehampton food bank at the back of the church with a list of non-perishable goods that 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.

Thank you.

Northlew Methodist Church

Services

1st December

9:30 am Mr Roy Down

8th December

9:30 am Service at Boasley

15th December

6:30 pm Service led by Mrs Angela Banfield and Northlew Silver Band

22nd December

9:30 am Mr John Hawkins

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we have a United Service at 9:30 am at the Methodist Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us on this special day.

We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas, and amid all the festivities may we remember the true meaning of Christmas.

29th December

9:30 am Mr Dean James

50/50 Shop and coffee morning Saturday 21st December

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

Country and western music evening

The Victory Hall was full on Friday evening 15th November for the concert with Country Rich and the 3 Js. We had a wonderful evening of Country and Western, followed by refreshments. We would like to thank all the supporters and helpers and we made a profit of £626 for the Methodist Church funds.

Don't forget our recycling scheme is being improved!



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Northlew Stores C I C.

This December we are encouraging a Pay it Forward campaign, this campaign will support your local shop and the foodbank collection. It's easy, spend a fiver in your local shop and get free entry into our Christmas draw, for every £5.00 spent (excludes papers) we will donate an item to the local foodbank. Christmas draw tickets can be purchased at £1.00 per strip, available from the 1st December - date of draw to be confirmed please look out for details in shop.

An update on change of directors; talks are ongoing and as soon as we know the details we will announce them. It's business as usual in the meantime.

Every Friday is "meal deal" Friday, a bargain for £3.50 (includes; sandwich, drink, crisps, cake & fruit), ideal if you are going out for the day, or pick up for your lunch on the way to work.

A reminder, that with the nights drawing in and temperatures dropping we have now reverted to

Winter opening hours

Please be aware that on rare occasions we may not be able to fully cover the hours and may have to close early – we will give notice where possible.

Day	am	pm
Mon	8 – 12	3 – 5
Tues	8 – 12	3 – 5
Wed	8 – 12	Closed
Thurs	8 – 12	3 – 5
Fri	7:30 – 12	3 – 5
Sat	9 – 12	Closed
Sun	9 – 12	Closed

Bank Holidays: 9:00 am - Noon

Christmas: Closed

Boxing Day: Closed

New Year's Day: Closed

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our volunteers and customers.

Please contact us on:

Paula 07805 427006

or Dan: 01409 221228

Email: Northlewshop@gmail.com,

Facebook: @northlewshop

Northlew Post Office



® The post office is open from 9:30 am to 12 noon in

the Church Room on Monday and Friday mornings.

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

The Hatherleigh and Northlew Training brass band entered the 73rd South West Brass Band Association competition on Sat 2nd November at the Riviera Centre in Torquay. It was a major step for a band that formed about a year ago and most of the current players are only six months into their playing career. The band isn't not just for the younger generation, we now have Mums & retirees who have joined the ranks learning to play brass instruments, but it is mainly about the kids and they were brilliant.



The day itself happened to be the Rugby World Cup final day so most of us arrived very early in Torquay to see England battle in vain against the Boks before gathering in the holding area before

our performance. The set-up was exactly the same as for the West of England finals so was an amazing experience for the youngsters who it must be said showed a lot less nerves than older members of the band.



Onto the big stage with all the bright lights and expectant crowd and we played our three pieces, Fanfare for an Occasion, the hymn Lloyd & the finale, a catchy number A Grand Grand Waltz with Adrian Edwards conducting. The performance was met by rapturous applause, the audience and adjudicators understanding the importance of getting new blood playing brass instruments as well as being impressed by the confident and clean playing.



To top the day off we won a prize, The Mayers & Harrison Cup for coming third in the Training band section – so

on the day we did better than England.....

Congratulations to all who took part and to the helpers and parents and relatives who ferry people to practices every week, a truly impressive result for all. So proud!!!!

15th December 6:30 pm



The silver brass band will be playing at the Methodist

Chapel and at the lighting of the Christmas tree lights

Join us for band practice!

Beginners, every Wednesday in the band hut at 6:15 pm. Full Band, every second 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.

All welcome, for more information please contact:

Tim Williams 01409 221754

or

Martin Perry 01409 221376

Christmas Bingo



Friday 13th December

At the victory hall

Doors open at 7.15

Eyes down at 8 pm

1 line, 2 line prizes

Full house chicken dinner

Admission 50p

Raffle (Of course..!)

In aid of Northlew Skittle Club

Northlew and Ashbury Primary School PTFA



**Northlew & Ashbury
Primary School**

Northlew Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) raises vital funds for the school through various events throughout the year.

Monday 2nd December

Christmas Fayre

Northlew & Ashbury School

6 pm – 8 pm

Please come along and browse the lovely stalls of local hand made crafts. Refreshments available to help you shop!

- Mulled wine
- Teas and coffees
- Mince pies

There will also be a raffle on the night.

If you would like to book a table to sell your goods then please contact Jade Hatt at

hattjade@gmail.com or 07527

554208, Tables cost £7.

Monday 9th December

Creative Christmas Decorations

Evening

6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start

Victory Hall

Please see page 32 for details on how to book your place.

Everyone welcome

If you would like to help support the PTFA then please contact Louise Fewings (07507 301589) or Michelle Hughes.

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 2 pm and 4 pm. Just £3 per session and no yearly membership required, so why not come along and meet our small band of players.

Have a look at the game and try your hand. There are practice woods available for your use.

For more information please call Mike on 01409 220320 or Norman on 01409 221518.

Daisy Chain Group



The timing, venue and dates for the meetings are as follows:

7-9 pm Every second Tuesday of the month at the Church Room until further notice.

Tuesday 10th December

Festive puddings and cocktails evening! Please bring along either a dessert/pudding you have made and/or an alcoholic or non-alcoholic cocktail recipe with samples to share. You don't need to bring enough for everyone!

Tuesday 14th January

Memory evening. Please bring three physical photographs of:

- When you were a baby/young child
- When you became an adult or your favourite era when you were young
- Your favourite event

Perhaps you would also like to bring an object with you, please

feel welcome! This evening we will talk about all the memories and be able to share in the group. Taking time in this fast pace we now all are encouraged to live in.

Tuesday 11th February

Silk Painting demo with Michael and Karen Watkins. Painted scarves will also be available to purchase at a discounted price for Ladies Organisations.

Fees

From January 2020 our fee will raise to £3 per person per session to build up a kitty for our events when we have someone external come in to present etc. We are still regularly welcoming new members, so come along if you fancy meeting some new people.

We are a friendly group, welcome to all.

For more information about each meeting please call Gina Farrow 01409 221238



Victory Hall



Victory Hall Committee.

We are still short of committee members so if you would be interested in helping out at the hall then please get in touch. The current committee members and contact details are listed on page 28.

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.

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 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

Play Group for Grown ups

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

Join us in the Methodist Chapel rooms on the on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. We play cards, do board games and jigsaws, drink tea and eat biscuits for £1.50. All are welcome.

If you need more information or to arrange transport please call Chris Scadeng on 01409 221797

December: 3rd and 19th



The Green Dragon



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

Opening times

12 – 2 pm lunch is served every day except Saturday

6 pm except Sunday when opening is at 7pm. Food served from 6 pm - 9 pm except Sunday

Events in December



Saturday 7th December

7:30 pm
Christmas Jumper party

Thursday 19th December

12 for 12:30
Self employed Christmas Lunch
Please contact Dan to book

Saturday 14th December



Christmas Quiz
7:30 for 8 pm

Christmas Carol evening TBC
please look out for posters

Tuesday 31st December



New
Year's Eve
party

Charity evening with food and disco.

For more information please pop into the Green Dragon to find out more or call Dan on 01409 221228.

And at the Crossways, Follygate

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Friday 20th December



Meet Santa Claus
7 pm for 7:30 pm

Followed by live music with
Eat the Rich
9 pm



From the Parish Archive

Thanks to Parish Councillor Judy Jones for compiling these fascinating articles from the books recording the minutes of the parish council meetings.

If you have any information about the history of Northlew including old photographs that you would be happy to have included on the Memory Bank page of the Northlew Parish Council website please get in touch with Judy Jones.

100 years ago this month, December 1919: a death, a memorial and a most unusual gift!

Setting the national scene:

Just to give you a flavour of what was happening on the national scene a century ago this month....

3rd February 1919 Éamon de Valera, the leader of Sinn Féin, and two other prisoners escaped from Lincoln Prison in England in a break personally arranged by Michael Collins and Harry Boland.

31st July the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act 1919 provided government subsidy for the provision of council houses, with the target of completing 500,000 houses by 1922.

15th August the Restoration of Pre-War Practices Act provided

for returning servicemen to get their old jobs back

11th November the first Remembrance Day was observed with a two minutes silence at 11:00 hrs.

1st December Nancy Astor (Viscountess Astor) became the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons having stood at the Plymouth Sutton by-election to succeed her husband as a Unionist member.

15th December meat rationing ended.

22nd December a bill ‘...to provide for the better government of Ireland’ was introduced into the House of Commons, proposing two parliaments: one for the six counties of north-east Ulster and one for the other twenty-six.

Changes for women

And for women there was a particularly important event; on

23rd December the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act removed legal impediments on women entering the secular professions stating that...

‘A person shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from the exercise of any public function, or from being appointed to or holding any civil or judicial office or post, or from entering or assuming or

carrying on any civil profession or vocation, or for admission to any incorporated society (whether incorporated by Royal Charter or otherwise) ...'

It's hard to know what real difference this made to the women of Northlew and how it impacted upon the Council in the short term. I could have missed something, but it seems from my review of the Parish Minutes that the first woman Councillor (Mrs. Lacey) wasn't appointed until 45 years later in 1964. Can anyone in the Village tell me if this is correct, or give me any information about Councillor Mrs. Lacey? If you can please send me an email on jjones@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk - I'd love to find out more about what is potentially a landmark event.

Northlew 1919

So, having set the scene a bit let's find out more about what was happening right here in the village during 1919.

The first meeting of the year was held on 4th February 1919. It was attended by Councillors John Brooking, William Brooking, Henry Pellew, Albert Pascoe, Henry James Adams, John Adams, Roger Jackman and Henry James Friend. Chairman Reverend John

Worthington was unable to attend due to illness, so the meeting was Chaired by Henry Pellew. This wasn't a particularly exciting meeting; discussions focussed on footpath repairs (a regular topic), the 'Housing of the Working Classes Act' and the need for Workmen's Cottages. It was resolved to ask Okehampton Rural District Council for 6 cottages to be built, land being '*no doubt available*' if Government assistance could be obtained.

By the time of the next meeting on March 17th 1919 Reverend John Worthington, a long-standing servant to the Parish (first became Chair in 1897), had died and Henry Pellew was in the Chair.

Discussions focussed on a letter to Okehampton Rural District Council about the proposed construction of the railway between Torrington, Okehampton and Moretonhampstead...

'We the members of the Northlew Parish Council do hereby heartily support the proposal for the construction of the Railway from Torrington to Okehampton and thence to Moretonhampstead. And would urge on all parties concerned the necessity of the scheme being carried out at an early date.'

The question of a War Memorial was also raised, and it was agreed to discuss this further at the Annual Parish Meeting (where it was agreed to hold a joint meeting for the United Parishes of Northlew and Ashbury on 23rd April 1919.)

Also, on this day, the Election of Councillors for the coming year resulted in the following candidates being elected:

- John Adams, Middle & Overlake
- Henry James, Kesterfield
- William Brooking, Crowden
- Alfred Edward Bickle, West Kimber
- John Friend, Church Gate
- Henry James Friend, Rutleigh
- Roger Jackman, Higher Whiddon
- Albert Pascoe, Village
- Henry Pellew, Harpers Hill

At the next meeting, on April 15th 1919, Henry Pellew was elected Chairman of the newly elected Council.

For some reason, that's not at all obvious from the records, the next meeting didn't take place until December 17th 1919. This was a very interesting meeting! The Council had been offered a 'German Machine Gun' as a War Trophy and instructed the Clerk to accept it. It

was also agreed that, should a Village Hall be built (and we know how that turned out) the trophy should be deposited there for safe keeping.

I've looked for more detail about this machine gun and I haven't found very much at all. And so, dear reader, do you know anything about it? Was it ever deposited in the Victory Hall, or elsewhere in the village for safe-keeping? If you know anything about it please send me an email on

jjones@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk

Of course, the usual more mundane matters were also discussed. Councillors were unhappy at the standard of work previously carried out to clean the gullies in the village, so the Clerk was instructed to write to the Sanitary Inspector requesting that any new appointee should be '*fully advised as to his duties*' and that the Parish Council should be approached before the appointment is settled. There was discussion about the visit of the Inspector of Weights and Measures (be still my beating heart) and there was an apparently lengthy discussion about a recurring theme, the state of the roads in and around the village. On this occasion the focus of attention was the

roads leading to Okehampton between Gorhuish Down Cross and Hilltown and Councillors agreed to send a resolution to the Okehampton Rural District Council...

'That this Council begs to call the attention of your Council to the disgraceful state of the Road from Gorhuish Down Cross to Hilltown, the said Road being practically impassable for motor traffic and very dangerous for horses. The rate payers of Northlew are seriously aware of the ever-increasing demands made upon them for the upkeep of the Roads etc and now feel the time has arrived when they are entitled to some consideration and therefore hope your Council will give the matter attention.'

So, there you have it; 100 years ago this month the Parish Council's focus was on a Trophy from World War I, sanitation, weights & measures and the state of the roads around Northlew.

Next time: the early years, from the Council's inaugural meeting in 1895 to December 1905. Find out what was decided about rating and valuation, the commissioning of a 'parish chest', elections, appointments of overseers, local education, the diamond jubilee, telegraph to the village, restoration

of the old village cross and (you guessed it) the state of roads and paths around the village.

Badminton Club



The club has been running now for just under 3 years, and in that time players have come and

gone. Up until recently, we have managed to make up teams of 4 players for Mondays and Thursday, between 5 pm and 7 pm.

Our emphasis is to have fun, and not to take the game too seriously, although it's always good to win. If you have your own racket, that's great, but we do have spares in the hall.

If you think you would like to give it a try, even if these times don't suit you please get in touch.

Chris Baines:
chrisbaines63@btinternet.com or

01409 221362

Theatre Highlights



Theatre Royal @ Plymouth

Box Office 01752 267222

<https://theatreroyal.com/whats-on>

(Only a selection of performances at both theatres is listed. Please check the theatre websites for more information)

2nd – 7th December

We Will Rock You

3rd December – 18th January 2020

The Elves and the Shoemaker

10th December

That'll be the Day Christmas 2019

13th December

BBC Big Band: Nat King Cole

20th December – 18th January 2020

Cinderella with Brian Conley

20th – 25th January 2020

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Northcott @ Exeter

Box Office 01392 726363

www.exeternorthcott.co.uk

30th Nov – 5th Jan 2020

Beauty & the Beast

21st Dec – 5th Jan 2020

Hansel and Gretel

6th December

Only Fools The (Cushty) Dining Experience

12th December

Pip Utton Reads- A Christmas Carol

15th – 18th January 2020

The Great Gatsby

22nd – 25th January

Ghost the Musical

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



Northlew Walking Group

On our penultimate walk of the year we were blessed with fine weather, and a great turn-out of 19 walkers. Along with us for the ride this month were, Robin & Dee Gantt, Paul Bowman, Shirley Brookman with her rescue Border Collie Cross, Margaret Conkey, Richard & Ann Rossiter-Stead, Jenny Anderson, Marion Dufty, Paulette Bowman, Angela Baines, Sue Sanders, Brigid Richardson, Pat Richardson, Pat Carter, Susan Jones, Keith Ellis with his two Poodles, and a welcome to a new walker, Jackie Titchen.



Starting from the square at 1 pm until spring arrives again, we set off down by the side of the school, crossing the little bridge, over the field beyond, continuing on to eventually reach Ashbury, with great views over the rolling fields towards Dartmoor. Some of us

went for a look in the church, after which we continued down the lane to stop and admire the views over the typical Devon fields towards the Friends farm, and to pose for the compulsory photoshoot.

Turning left along the lane towards Durdon Cross, we crossed the bridge over the river Lew, and then turned left onto 'Shorts' lane. This eventually brought us out by Rockey Cottage at the bottom of Harpers Hill, just by another bridge over the river Lew. Passing Wistful Cottage, Angela and Pat Carter left us at this point, to leave us to climb back up to the square. What better way to complement a great walk, than to sample some liquid refreshments in the Green Dragon.

The last walk of 2019: Walk 39

Please note the later date.

20th December

1 pm in the square

This walk will be followed by some festive treats!

Hope to see you there. For more information please call Chris Baines on 01409 221362



Please support the SeaMoor lottery



**SeaMoor
Lotto** is a
weekly lottery
that is a fun
and effective
way for you
to win prizes
for just £1 per

week at the same time as raising money for good causes in South Hams and West Devon. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week with a top prize of £25,000. Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the jackpot. Northlew Parish Council is now set up as a fundraiser with its own dashboard so if you become a supporter you will also be contributing to future Northlew village community projects which we all decide upon. Please follow the link for more information:

<https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/northlew-parish-council/buytickets>

Gardening tips for the autumn and winter months



This is the end of season omnibus to take you through till the beginning of next year.

Many thanks to Harriet for all her gardening tips this year. She will be back with more gardening tips in February 2020

Early autumn jobs

Early autumn jobs include planting out wallflowers, forget me nots/any hardy annuals.

If you have bareroot wallflowers, always plant them deep and firm them well in; being related to brassicas, they too appreciate being protected from windrock.

Winter pots can be planted up with 3 layers of bulbs (largest bulbs furthest down the pot). Or you can do separate pots with a mix of winter pansies/violas, primulas, trailing ivies, cyclamen or winter heathers. As a change from trailing

ivy, I'm using a variety of Ajuga reptans called "Burgundy Glow", which is variegated, pale green and white with pink tinged younger leaves. The flowers are denim blue and very attractive to insects. Ajuga (Bugle) is in fact, a perennial evergreen that is often used as ground cover in borders. I've planted it up with Muscari (grape hyacinth) "White Magic" and "Pink Sunrise".

Garlic and onions

Get garlic cloves in if you haven't already and plant over-wintering Japanese onion sets. If you can, get the more expensive heat treated sets as these are less likely to bolt if the weather turns dry in May/early June as it did this year. Red onions are also more likely to bolt or become bull necked than white varieties.

Making leaf litter

Leaves are already starting to fall. If you want to collect them to make leaf litter, try stuffing them loosely into mesh nets like those used for bulk onions. The leaves will rot down much more quickly than in dustbin bags or an open bin (they tend to become compacted and dry in these).

Preventing the spread of mould

Keep checking on any pelargoniums/tender perennials that have been brought inside, for botrytis (fuzzy grey mould). This can spread like wildfire to other plants, so remove any infected leaves or stems and don't leave any stubs as these are particularly susceptible to rot and mould.

For the benefit of wildlife

Traditional garden advice has always been to cut perennial herbaceous plants down in late autumn to make the garden look neat. To an extent, I still do this - smaller mound forming plants such as alchemilla mollis, hardy geranium and astrantia all benefit from a final haircut. Increasingly though, I'm leaving certain plants alone for the benefit of wildlife. Over the years, I've discovered dormice hibernating in nests under the leaves of crocosmia (montbretia) and ladybirds sheltering in the hollow stems of echinops and tall acanthus grasses. So, I leave these types of plants alone until early spring and new growth starts again.

Bulb planting, dividing perennials and mulching

Before mulching (probably the biggest autumn job), make sure all your bulb planting is done and any

digging up and dividing of large clumps of perennials. Once the borders are ready, mulch thickly (at least 3-4" deep) with homemade compost, well rotted manure or (my preference) green waste soil conditioner available in bulk. Being generous with mulch pays huge dividends..... the difference in the following season is remarkable. A thin mulch won't suppress annual weeds or keep in moisture. Make sure the soil isn't frozen or too dry before you apply the mulch.

Dahlias and cannas

Wait for the first frosts to blacken dahlias and cannas before cutting them down and lifting, prior to storing in a frost-free place. I've actually left cannas in the ground all winter, mulching heavily with straw and found that they come up much more strongly the following spring, than the ones that were lifted as 'insurance'.

Happy gardening for the rest of 2019.

Harriet



Communication from Devon County Council regarding Ash Die Back

(This communication has been adapted for the Northlew News)

You may have heard through various media outlets that our much revered native ash trees are currently at a high risk of infection from Ash Dieback disease which may affect their health and eventually the stability of the whole tree in some instances. Devon County Council (DCC) are currently leading the way in the county with positive actions to encourage tree owners to take responsibility for their ash trees and to have them inspected by a qualified arborist where they present a risk to the Highway network.

DCC have produced a general information leaflet (please see page 41) which they are distributing to householders around the county and have also created a highly informative website about the disease and who is responsible for infected trees. This can be viewed at <https://www.devonashdieback.org.uk/>.

If any parishioner has concerns that Ash trees within our parish that grow alongside highways, byways, bridleways or footpath may be infected by Ash Dieback, these trees need to be reported to Devon County Council highways via their website at https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/hzt/.

If parishioners or tree owners require assistance in finding a suitably qualified and insured arborist, information is available via the following link: <https://trees.org.uk/Help-Advice/Public/Choose-your-Tree-Surgeon>

Furthermore if trees suspected of being infected are located within a Conservation Area or are subject to a Tree Preservation Order, an arborist should be able to advise whether the tree owner should apply for recommended works by the normal 6 or 8 week process or under a 5-day notice for emergency works to dead trees or trees which pose an immediate threat to persons or property. In either scenario, the tree owners or their appointed agent are responsible for following the

required procedures for works to protected trees.

Further information on the tree works application procedure is available here: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3490/Protected-Trees> or <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3487/Tree-Preservation-Orders> or contact Tracy Webb Case Manager (Trees) trees@swdevon.gov.uk



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 10 am – 6 pm and bank holidays

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

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For information about the nominations of candidates for our constituency i.e. Central Devon then please see page 28 or the parish council website.

Free Energy Saving Advice to Help Tackle Fuel Poverty in Devon this Winter

Devon Communities Together is working in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver this winter's Big Energy Saving Network (BESN) programme.

BESN wishes to help domestic consumers get good value from their expenditure on energy, to use energy effectively and have warm, comfortable homes. We want to reach those who would most benefit from our help: people on low incomes or with homes that are difficult to keep warm. However, our advice and help is relevant to all those who want to reduce their energy costs and to use energy more efficiently.

Our offer to you

We want to help those in Devon's rural communities, away from the towns where help and advice is more often available. We are offering to come to your community to talk to groups and individuals about:

- getting the best price from your current provider

- the pros and cons of looking for a cheaper supplier
- our oil purchasing scheme
- how to use energy effectively in the home
- measures that can be taken to make homes more energy efficient
- the supplier services available to vulnerable customers

We also invite people to bring along their energy bills for some confidential advice on how they might reduce their costs. We are also able to offer advice via a telephone session to any individuals who may prefer this method of contact.

To find out more or to arrange a visit please contact our advisors:

Aggie Szpinda
aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk
 01392 248919

Martin Rich
martin@devoncommunities.org.uk
 07984 001542
www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/big-energy-saving-network
 See page 42

Improving business efficiency for small business – research trial opportunity

Are you a rural micro business or sole trader? Are you interested in shaping the future of business support? Then the Engaging Rural Micros project wants to work with you!

Engaging Rural Micros is a research trial to learn how to stimulate positive mindsets towards improving business efficiency.

Micro businesses, freelancers and sole traders (less than 10 employees) make up 90.1% of Devon's rural economy*. Research suggests that there is a need for these rural micros to overcome their tendencies towards overworking, and increase time working *on the business* rather than *in the business*.

Are you a business owner who can relate to this? Is your dream to increase efficiency within your business, free up time, and reach that elusive 'work-life balance'? Then get involved in this new research trial!

The trial will look at different ways of providing support to these businesses. All participating businesses will receive:

- business monitoring for up to 12 months, completing three business analysis surveys over the course of the trial
- a business insight report at the end of the project
- information on the trial outcomes and future support
- an invitation to an event at the end of the project, which will be a great networking opportunity for local businesses.

The trial will be based in rural areas of Devon (outside of settlements with a population over 10,000).

If you are a micro business owner, freelancer or sole trader, sign up online at www.engagingruralmicros.com or contact engagingruralmicros@devon.gov.uk before the end of December 2019.

*statistics excluding Exeter

Parish Council

Clerk to the Parish Council

Sue Main is the clerk to the Parish Council. Sue's contact details can be found on page 27.

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions for the Parish Council or you have noted something in the Parish that needs to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council please contact the clerk, chair or any member of the parish council. We welcome your input. Contact details are on page 27.

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.

Please note, we request that notice of intent to ask questions/make comment during the public session be made to the clerk, Sue Main, by the Friday prior to the date of the

meeting. Please advise the clerk of the topic you wish to raise.

Questions not answered during the public session may 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 27. Please use these email addresses, not their private email addresses, for all matters relating to the parish council or parish. Thank you.

Minutes

The agenda for next month's meeting and the minutes of last month's council meeting can be found on our website at least one week before the next meeting.

<http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/>. A hard copy of both

documents will also on the parish notice board.

Please contact Sue Main for further information or if you would like to raise a topic at the public session of the parish council meeting. Sue can be contacted by phone or email – see page 27.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website can be found at:

<http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/>.

Please check out the parish 'Noticeboard' with information about what's going on in the parish and also notifications from West Devon Borough Council (and Devon County Council as appropriate). The Noticeboard is updated on a monthly basis.

If you have any community-related news for inclusion on the Noticeboard or if you have any feedback, comments and/or suggestions about the website or if you are organizing an event in the parish that you would like to be advertised on the website, then please contact:

Sue Main at
clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk
or
Joanna Wilson at
chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk

Thank you

Reporting a problem on our roads to Devon County Council

For example: Potholes!



Please report any potholes or other problems on our roads, such as flooding and blocked drains, hazardous or fallen trees, overgrown vegetation, to name a few, to Devon County Council using the following link.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Parish Council Emails

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Northlew Victory Hall Trustees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role on the committee</i>	<i>Contact details</i>
Colin Jarvis	Chairman	07980457976 01409 220268
Trevor Miller	Vice Chair	07514561431 01409 221164
Jackie Ellis	Secretary	07952071809 01837 658750
Jayne O'Connell	Bookings	07815418126 01409 221225
Janet Millership	Treasurer	01409 221409
Bryan Dufty	Committee member	
Neil Oxley	Committee member	
Gemma Dufty	Data Protection Officer	
Mark Turley	Committee member	

Northlew Victory Hall
Station Road
Northlew
Devon
EX20 3NP

Community Contacts

Organisation	Contact details
Okehampton Medical Centre	01837 52233
Okehampton Community Hospital	01837 658000
Blake House Surgery, Black Torrington	01409 231628
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Okehampton Crime Stoppers	0845 2777444 or 101 (non emergency)
Okeford Vets	01837 52148
North Park Veterinary Group	01837 658777
mydentist, Okehampton	01837 52745
Okehampton Cinema	01837 658586
Inkprint, Okehampton	01837 52937
West Devon Borough Council	01822 813600
Devon County Council	0845 1551015
Reporting a power cut	Call 105 (https://www.powercut105.com)
Floodline Telephone Number	03459 881188
Citizens Advice Bureau	08444 111444

Okehampton & District Community Transport Group



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

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

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

Sue Wonnacott, Co-Ordinator
Okehampton District Community Transport Group
Unit 3, Okehampton Business Centre
Higher Stockley Mead
Okehampton
Devon
EX20 1FJ

www.odctg.co.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okehampton-District-Community-Transport-Group/165867586926940>

Information about the persons nominated as candidates in the general election.

Apologies for the small type but this is a copy of part of this document. A copy of the full document is on the parish council website

STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED, NOTICE OF POLL AND SITUATION OF POLLING STATIONS

West Devon Borough Council

Election of a Member of Parliament for the Central Devon Constituency

Notice is hereby given that:

1. A poll for the election of a Member of Parliament for the Central Devon Constituency will be held on Thursday 12 December 2019, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.
2. One Member of Parliament is to be elected.
3. The names, home addresses and descriptions of the Candidates remaining validly nominated for election and the names of all persons signing the Candidates' nomination paper are as follows:

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Names of Signatories Proposers(+), Seconders(++) & Assentors		Names of Signatories Proposers(+), Seconders(++) & Assentors		Names of Signatories Proposers(+), Seconders(++) & Assentors	
EDEN Alison Margaret	(address in the Newton Abbot Constituency)	Liberal Democrats	Keable Steve(+) Tysoe Carolyn Allen Karin Haigh Gordon Devonport Patricia Anne	Swain Nicholas(++) Allen Anthony Goodhue Julie Northcott John Farrand-Rogers John	(+)	(++)	(+)	(++)
ROBILLARD WEBB Lisa Collette	Bramley House, 37A Fore Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9AD	Labour Party	Parker J A(+) Wellens Ian Honor Susie Robillard Chris Parkinson E	Howard Patrick(++) Newton Sally Dixon Ruth Webb Paul Parkinson K L	(+)	(++)	(+)	(++)
STRIDE Mel	(address in the Central Devon Constituency)	The Conservative Party Candidate	Davies M(+) Male S F Samuel Lois Yelland Julie Wreford Mike	Kemp C(++) Short E Penny Stuart J Ingram Denise L Heal Peter Doe Gillian	Eginton Clive J(+)	Squires Margaret E(++) Coren Derek R Colthorpe Felicity Webb Daniel Squire John	Midgley John(+) Kenswell Avril Ashford Jon Parker Rhona Parker Paul	Midgley Jane(++) Christophers Jeremy Dennis Charlie Parker-Khan Sarah Jackson Peter
WILLIAMSON Andy	(address in the Central Devon Constituency)	Green Party	Testa Ruth(+) Congreve Norma Leonard-Williams Ruth Simcock Emily Macdonald Pam	Hanbury Virginia(++) Burley Mark Riggs James Macdonald Paul Harris Philippa	(+)	(++)	(+)	(++)

Advertising in the Northlew News

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

Business advertising rates:

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

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

Items for sale advertising rates:

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





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December Events at a Glance

- **Monday 2nd December:** Christmas Fayre in aid of PTFA held at the school. Doors open 18:00 – 20:00
- **Monday 9th December:** PTFA Creative Christmas Decoration Evening, Victory Hall
- **Sunday 15th December:** Christmas lunch in the Victory Hall
- **Sunday 15th December:** Switching on of the Christmas tree lights in the square
- **Green Dragon events:**
 - **Saturday 7th December** Christmas jumper party
 - **Saturday 14th December** Christmas Quiz
 - **Thursday 19th December** Self Employed Christmas Lunch
 - Christmas carols evening – date to be confirmed
- **Tuesday 31st December:** New Year's Eve party at the Green Dragon

2020 Events at a Glance

<i>January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 7th January: All pupils return to school •
<i>February</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February (inclusive): Half- term
<i>March</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April (inclusive): Easter holidays





Autumn Term 2019

Friday 20th December Last day of term

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

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January: Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 7th January: All pupils return

Half Term: Monday: 17th February –
Friday 21st February inclusive

Monday 24th February: All pupils return

Friday 27th March: Last day of term

Easter holidays: Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April inclusive

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 14th April: All pupils return

Monday 4th May: May bank holiday

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive

Monday 1st June: All pupils return

Monday 20th July: Non-pupil day

Tuesday 21st July: Non-pupil day





Okehampton Library,
4 North Street,
Okehampton
EX20 1AR

01837 52805

Events at Okehampton Library

2nd – 23rd December *Surprise Reads*

Fancy trying a different author or genre? Take your chances on one of our surprise reads! Pick up a hand-wrapped book and ask a member of staff to issue it on to your library ticket. Will you wait until Christmas morning to unwrap it?? Free

Friends of Okehampton Library Christmas Quiz & Hamper Draw

Christmas Quizzes are available during December, £1 per entry, return completed entries by 3rd January. First prize £10 book token, Second prize £5 book token

Hamper Draw Tickets £1 each. Winner to be drawn 20 December

Wednesday 11th December 16:30 *'Boo to a Goose Theatre - Christmas Show'*

An interactive and multi-sensory show. Ages 2-8 and their families. A jolly old couple, with help from some cheeky elves and the Gingerbread Man, share their memories and stories, singalong songs and festive activities.

Tickets in advance, £5 per child. Under 2's free if accompanying an older sibling

Thursday 12th December 10:00 - 11:30 *Christmas Coffee Morning and Choir*

Come and join the staff for coffee and mince pies. For this festive occasion the school choirs of Exbourne and Bridestowe Primary will kindly be performing. Free, donations welcome

Calling All Young Volunteers!

Are you aged 14-19? Do you love reading? Would you like to help your local community? Why not help out in Okehampton Library on Saturday mornings? Collect an application form in branch

Regular events

Adults

Every Tuesday 13:30-14:30– 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 & 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

2nd Tuesdays 15:45-16:45 – Lego Animation Club for children aged 7+
£1 per child in advance, booking essential

Wednesdays 09:30–10:15 - Duplo Builders & Storytime for ages 0-5
Free - no booking necessary

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 okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Monday	09:00-17:00
Tuesday	09:00-18:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00
Thursday	09:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-18:00
Saturday	09:00-13:00



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Ash dieback disease is spreading throughout Devon

Losing one of our most abundant native trees will have a massive effect on our landscapes, hedges and the wildlife they support. Dying trees adjacent to highways and other public places also pose safety risks to people.

The time for action is now!

Over 90% of ash trees in Devon are likely to be infected with the disease. **448,000** ash trees are within falling distance of a highway in Devon. **99%** of these trees are the responsibility of **private landowners**.



**My Tree?
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Contact:

martin@devoncommunities.org.uk

aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk

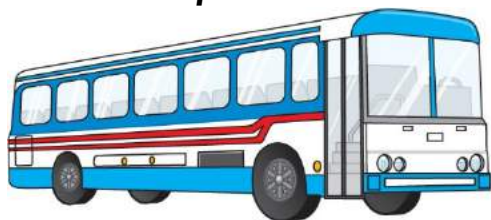
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www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/big-energy-saving-network



**1 in 10 households in Devon are classed as 'fuel poor'. Help us
support communities to fight fuel poverty this winter.**

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



Date and venue	Cost
<i>Wednesday 8th January</i> Cinderella pantomime with Brian Conley Plymouth Theatre Royal Leaving Northlew at 4.30pm	£25

**For more information about our trips planned for 2020
or to book your seat
please call Libby 01409 221237**