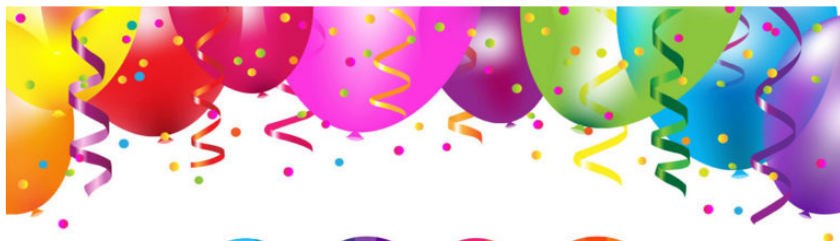


NORTHLEW NEWS

January 2020



2020

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Happy New Year!

Your Parish Councillors

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Note from the Editor

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year as we start a new decade.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributes to the Northlew News, your support is much appreciated. So please keep them coming but please don't forget to let me know of any changes to the regular items so that everything is kept up to date for the readers.

The deadline for copy for February's edition is 20th January but the earlier in the month you can get any contributions to me the better.

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.

With thanks and best wishes,



Editor

St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church

Services

5th January

9:30 am Holy Communion

12th January

9:30 am Morning Prayer

19th January

9:00 am Breakfast followed by the Plough Service at 9:30 am

26th January

9:30 am United Family Service in the Parish Church

Happy New Year!

Whatever our political preferences are recent years of chaos have not been good for our nation. So, at the beginning of a new year we pray for peace in the world and a period of stability for Great Britain. The following, written by Louisa Haskin, seems like a good thought for the new year

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown" and he replied:
"Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall*

be to you better than light and safer than a known way”

King George VI quoted this in his Christmas message to the nation during the war.

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 Post Office



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

the Church Room on Monday and Friday mornings.

Northlew Methodist Church

Services

5th January

9:30 am Rev Maggie Whitehouse

12th January

9:30 am Rev Liz Singleton

19th January

9:30 am Rev Jerry Cook

26th January

9:30 am United Family Service in the Parish Church

Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and healthy 2020.

50/50 Shop and coffee morning January sale!

Every Saturday in January from 10 am – 12 noon there is a half price sale at the 50/50 shop behind the Methodist Hall, so come along, grab a bargain and then join us for a coffee.

Saturday 25th January

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

Northlew Stores C I C.

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.

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

Please contact us on:

Paula 07805 427006

or Dan: 01409 221228

Email: Northlewshop@gmail.com,

Facebook: @northlewshop

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

Firstly, an apology from the band, we just didn't get to having a Christmas concert this year, but there will be one next year so... not long to wait!

What we have been doing is as many carols as possible. On Sunday 15th December we played at the chapel and the Christmas lights turn on (we would have played more but it was a little chilly), Tuesday 17th December we were at Holsworthy Market and Sunday 22nd at the parish church, oh and if we get carried away and it's not raining might persuade a few to amble the streets at some point. At the chapel on the 15th it was great to have Will come along for the first time, a member of our training band and our solo cornet's grandson. A little more persuasion is needed to get his Dad back out to band and complete the three generations, any help gratefully accepted from anyone! Next year I hope to see a few more of our youngsters making an appearance, it's exciting times for the band.

Signing off for this year, but you'll hear us soon.

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

Gardening tips update

Due to an ever-increasing workload, sadly Harriet no longer has the time to write her excellent monthly gardening tips. She has been writing gardening tips for the Northlew News since July 2016 and very kindly continued to do this even when she moved from the village. A huge thank you to Harriet for all her excellent advice over the years. I am sure her informative column will be missed by the gardeners of Northlew.

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.

Christmas Fayre

Thanks to everybody that came along and supported the Christmas Fayre held on Monday 2nd December at the primary school. It was very well attended and in total we raised £411. These funds will go towards school activities and trips.

We look forward to holding another Christmas Fayre next year and once again would like to thank all the stall holders and shoppers for your support of the PTFA.

Christmas decorations fundraiser

The Northlew community came out in force again this year to support the PTFA's Creative Christmas Decoration Evening on Monday 9th December in the Victory Hall. After a warm welcome and a mug of something the tutoring began and all participants created a willow shape

which has later decorated to personal festive taste. All the greenery used had been foraged by PTFA members and our supportive florist professional (who is also a parent at school).

We would like to thank everyone for their support once more and we are pleased to say that £310 was raised to enhance the learning experience for all the pupils of Northlew Primary School.



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

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 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 a friendly group, welcome to all. For more information about Daisy Chain please call Gina Farrow 01409 221238

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

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 23.

Christmas Lunch 2019

Thank you very much to those who supported the Northlew Victory Hall Christmas Lunch...96 people enjoyed the food and atmosphere.

£931.50 was raised to support the refurbishment of the foyer.

Thank you if you helped...ate...had a takeaway or peeled veg on Saturday. Hard work but definitely worth it!

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

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.

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

January: Tuesday 7th and Thursday 16th

February: Tuesday 4th and Thursday 20th

March: Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 19th

Northlew Walking Group

The first walk of the new year will be held on Friday 3rd January.

Walks usually start at 1pm (in winter) from the square in the village. Please contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 to confirm the starting time and place of the January walk.

The Green Dragon



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

Opening times

Lunchtime: 12 – 2 pm

Lunch is served every day except Saturday

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

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.

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.

The early years of the Parish Council from 1894 to December 1905: the Parish ‘chest’, a Diamond Jubilee and the telegraph comes to the village

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Are you curious about why the first meeting of the Parish Council was held on 4th December 1894? I was, so I did a bit of research and discovered that a new piece of legislation (The Local Government Act 1894) reformed local government in England and Wales outside the County of London. It led to the establishment of elected parish councils in rural areas and also entitled women who owned property to vote in local elections, become poor law guardians, and act on school boards. It wasn't exactly equal rights, but it did mean that over 729,000 women were

eligible to vote in local elections in England and Wales. Progress of sorts!

And so, in December 1894, the first Northlew Parish meeting for the election of Councillors was held in the school room. From 14 candidates (all men) the nine who received the highest number of votes were duly elected to represent the Parish. Reverend John Worthington was elected as the first Chair, Samuel Pascoe as Vice-Chair. Their first purchases were 'a proper Minute Book' to record the business of the Council and an oak 'Parish Chest' to use as safe and secure place to store the Parish records.

It's fair to say that things got off to a quiet start. Business in 1895 focused on the appointments of Overseers and a Clerk (at a salary of £10 a year), and the County Rates Committee's Assessment Valuation List for the Parish. In fact it was so dull that I'll skip straight to November 1896.

It may come as no surprise that the state of the roads, paths and bridges around the village has been the focus of Parish Council discussions from the very early days. (And let's face it, it's definitely more interesting than Rates and Valuations!) November 1896 was the first mention of the 'very bad

state' of a Parish road or path, specifically on that occasion the road leading from the village on to Milltown Farm. In 1898 're-pairing' was being carried out on the paths from Southcombe House on to Ashbury copse, and from the Church-yard by Broomfield. In 1902 the pathway from Northlew to Ashbury was 're-paired' (at a cost of £2 5s 6d). In 1904 a new gate was made for the end of the Broomfield footpath.

One of the most interesting events of the early years was the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. In May 1897 the Council agreed to the Chairman's request that Northlew Parish Council should '*...join other Parish Councils in sending a congratulatory address to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria on Her celebrating Her Diamond Jubilee.*' As far as 'technology' is concerned, the earliest reference to getting either a telegraph or telephone connection to the village was at the Council's meeting of November 1899. This initiative moved forward very quickly, and in December 1899 the Council carried unanimously that '*... the Terms of The Postmaster General be accepted by the Council, with this understanding that subscriptions be collected in case there was not enough money take at the Office to pay The Postmaster*

General.' This proved to be a very sensible precaution; at the end of 1901 the Parish paid £2 4s 5d in part payment of the deficit incurred by the Postal Telegraph Office in the village. This rose to almost £5 in subsequent years.

A familiar village landmark received attention in June 1900, when the Council agreed to support the restoration of the Old Village Cross. A sub-committee of Councillors (the Reverend John Worthington of The Rectory, Nicholas Brooking of Millcombe Down, James Breyley of Luckcroft and John Harry of Milltown) was set up to supervise the project. The masonry work was to be carried out by James Shobbrook of Bogtown.

Badminton Club



Running for almost 4 years now, our club offers the chance to enjoy badminton at all levels of ability. The emphasis is on having fun, but it's obviously always nice

to win. We don't play in a league, but just enjoy playing together for an hour or so every week.

All ages and abilities are welcome, although children must be old enough to play unsupervised by a parent.

We play on Monday's and Thursday's, between 5pm and 7pm, and have racquets available for free use until you acquire your own.



4 of our players sporting their new club T shirts.

For more information, and to get involved, please contact Chris Baines on 01409221362 or email chrisbaines63@btinternet.com

Climate Emergency – your help needed!

By Councillor Clare Kemp.

Volunteers are needed to record the effects of climate change. Many of us are concerned that climate change might already be impacting our own towns and environments. We want to know exactly what is happening now and what might happen soon, because with such information we would be more able to protect ourselves. But at the moment we don't know.

Collecting climate change information for our area doesn't mean we have to start from zero because we're lucky enough to have lots of local experts. Over the years they've separately been gathering data about for example, rainfall and river-health. We also have untapped historical knowledge, with lots of people remembering changes to climate, wildlife and agriculture that have happened over the decades.

The suggestion now is that people with this relevant knowledge might want to volunteer as climate change reporters. They could collect climate change information in a more 'official' way about the

area, and combine this information for the good of everyone.

I am one of your West Devon Borough Councillors, representing Hatherleigh, Northlew, Meeth and Highampton. I am very interested in, and involved with, the Borough's climate change emergency response, and am on WDBC's climate change standing committee. Committee members have come to understand that gathering information is a first vital step towards developing strong and appropriate local responses.

WDBC has just launched a Climate Change web site:

<https://www.climatechange.westdevon.gov.uk/>

Here WDBC shows for example, how they're mapping the council's carbon footprint so they can work out how to reduce it. Tools for mapping all of our own carbon footprints are on the site too, so we can review and manage the individual impact we are having on the climate.

I'm writing about this now because recently all four towns in this ward were approached by the North Devon Biosphere (NDB) as part of

their new project covering the whole North Devon region. The NDB is a Unesco supported research-based organisation. They're now asking for volunteer climate change reporters from all towns in the area so they can start gathering information from the whole region.

This will of course be beneficial for us all more widely. But at the same time, I think the information we collect in our four towns offers the chance for us to understand and think about what we need to be doing locally by establishing a local data bank.

I therefore suggest we do both. We can contribute to the big project and also to our ward. I am volunteering to collect and edit ward-based information, and use it to write regular local reports for Hatherleigh, Highampton, Northlew and Meeth magazines (unless someone else would like the job?)

To monitor future climate changes the first thing we need is a clear understanding of where we are now. We need to know about the numbers of local wild birds, animals and insects, alongside evidence showing if these have gone up or

down recently. We need to understand any changes in the health of our streams and rivers. We need to find out if farm yields are increasing or decreasing; what kinds of trees are dying and which thriving; if air quality is changing; if rain, sunlight hours or temperatures are fluctuating.

Please, do you have any expertise in these areas? Can you help by volunteering as a reporter? If so email me (Clare Kemp) by January 7th at:

ckmultimedia@gmail.com

Many thanks.

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

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)

3rd December – 18th January 2020

The Elves and the Shoemaker

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

15th – 18th January 2020

The Great Gatsby

22nd – 25th January

Ghost the Musical

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

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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/suport/northlew-parish-council/buytickets>

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/.

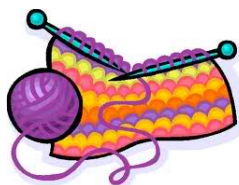
If parishioners or tree owners require assistance in finding a suitably qualified and insured arborist, information is available via

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

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

Member of Parliament for Northlew

Mel Stride MP
House of Commons
London, SW1A 0AA
Tel: 020 7219 7037

For information about the declaration of results from the general election for Central Devon our constituency and Torridge & West Devon please see the notice board in the village 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

Messages

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their cards, gifts and donations for my 70th birthday. The donations amounted to £500 for the Devon Air Ambulance. Thanks to my nieces Jackie and Ros and their helpers for the lovely afternoon tea.

Thanks again to everyone who made my 70th birthday so special.

Winifred

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 22.

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 22.

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 22. 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 22.

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/>

**Don't forget our recycling
scheme is being improved!**



**YOUR HOUSEHOLD
RECYCLING COLLECTION IS CHANGING
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

For more information please go to
www.westdevon.gov.uk

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Clerk – Sue Main	clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk Telephone: 07956 312047

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Community Contacts

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NHS Direct	0845 4647
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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
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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okehampton-District-Community-Transport-Group/165867586926940>

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Ash dieback disease is spreading throughout Devon

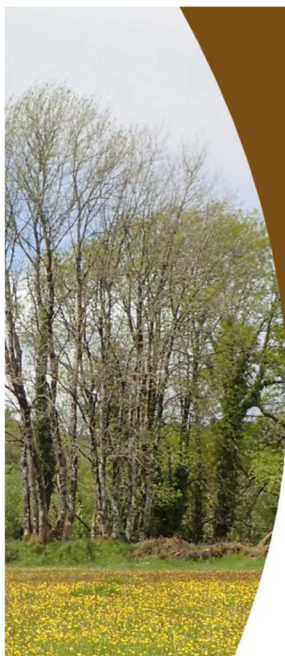
Losing one of our most abundant native trees will have a massive effect on our landscapes, hedges and the wildlife they support. Dying trees adjacent to highways and other public places also pose safety risks to people.

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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2020 Events at a Glance

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 7th January: All pupils return to school
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February (inclusive): Half- term
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 6th March: Beetle Drive at the Victory Hall Doors open 6:30 pm • Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April (inclusive): Easter holidays



**Northlew & Ashbury
Primary School**

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



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01837 52805

Events at Okehampton Library



Active Life Active Mind Month January 2020

Active Life Active Mind is an annual programme of library events focused on health and wellbeing which aims to bring people together and promote healthy lifestyles and positive wellbeing.



Tuesday 7th January 13:30-14:30 Knit and Natter

Every Tuesday from 7th January. Bring along your knitting, stitching, crochet or other portable project and chat with like-minded crafters. During January crafters will be on hand to assist beginners or those having difficulties

with knitting or embroidery. Knit and Natter takes place in the children's area of the library and there will be a small selection of baby toys available during these sessions.

Free event



Friday 10th January 10:30-12:00 Walking Through Time

Take a step back into Victorian times with local Okehampton guide, Tom Soby. A steady walk with Tom highlighting some points of interest. Mugs of home-made soup will be served by the Friends of Okehampton Library when the walk finishes. Please book in advance - £2.50 each to include soup



Thursday 16th January 10:00-12:00 Prostate Cancer Information stand Prostate Cancer UK will have a range of free booklets available dealing with various aspects of the illness. Ken, a volunteer with the charity,

will be there to discuss prostate cancer and any particular concerns that anyone may have. Free event



Wednesday 22nd January 10:00-12:00: Memory Scrapbooks with Learn Devon

A craft based workshop in which learners will be able to make a personal and meaningful scrapbook in which to collect memories about their own lives to pass on to the next generation or to help with memory. Learn Devon will provide the materials for decorating the scrap book. Learners need to bring photographs and newspaper cuttings, certificates or souvenirs – whatever items they would like to include in the scrapbook.

Free event, please book in advance to avoid disappointment



Monday 27th January 10:00-12:00: POA Learning

POA learning are a nationwide Unionlearn initiative, offering fully funded learning opportunities to both individuals and organisations in the community. If you are looking for a change in career, would like to add some qualifications to your CV or would simply like to learn something new, call in for a chat.



Thursday 30th January 10:00-12:00: Meet the Reporter

Come and meet Okehampton Times reporter Sarah Pitt at the library, share your stories and find out about her job.

Discover what makes a good news story and how to present your community stories to the press. Free event

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.

Please note

Children under 8 must be accompanied to all events by a responsible adult

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Monday	09:00-17:00
Tuesday	09:00-18:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00
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1 in 10 households in Devon are classed as 'fuel poor'. Help us support communities to fight fuel poverty this winter.

My name is Charlie Kern, I am 15 and a Corporal Cadet in Okehampton. I take pride in the charity work that we provide for the local community.

I have been selected by Cadets to represent Okehampton on an expedition to South Africa in 2021- the first of its kind for Cadets.

We will be staying in South Africa's St. Lucia Estuary – A UNESCO World Heritage Site immersing ourselves in the Zulu culture by interacting with and educating the children in the rural villages and working with the local conservation team to help gather information & data and assist in various projects.

Managing the conservancy is an ongoing project. From alien plant clearing, snare patrols and fences being removed, to maintenance work on the clinic infrastructure, there is always something important that needs to be done.

Working with the field team we will be helping them with the various tasks related to the rehabilitation and rewilding of wild animals that have been injured or orphaned. Following the process as these animals go from admission to safe release back into the wild.

We will also help gather important data to assist the field team to manage the conservancy better by using various methods (including camera traps, pitfall traps, small mammal traps and individual animal ID kits)

As part of the outreach program we will also be visiting some of the rural schools in this remote area to present a talk on conservation and Rhino poaching in particular.

This will be a life changing opportunity for me, and an amazing opportunity to help and support conservation work in Africa, however in order to partake in this trip I really need your support.

Although the trip takes place at the end of July 2021 I have a deadline to raise funding by March 2020. I am planning some fundraising events - beginning with a beetle drive - and additionally my parents have paid £500 towards the trip. This leaves me with further £500 to raise.

It would be amazing if you could help support me with this fantastic initiative and I would be delighted to come and share my experience with you on my return from South Africa.



If you would like further information please contact me on 01837 871141 or via email sharnkern@btinternet.com

Your sponsorship and support would be so gratefully received.

Thank-you in advance for your support.



Beetle drive coming to you!

Friday 6th March

Advance tickets

£4 per adult

£10 for a family ticket 2 adults+ 2 children

On the door £5

£12 family ticket, with soft drinks and nibbles provided

Please bring you own wine and beer

There will be a raffle at £1 per ticket

Doors will open at 6:30pm

The beetle drive starts at 7pm

Northlew Victory hall

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Thank- you

Bus Routes

Day	Route	Destination
Monday	633	Okehampton via Bratton
Monday	642	Bideford via Shebbear
Tuesday **	646	Barnstaple via Bideford
Tuesday**	669	Credition via Okehampton
Wednesday	639	Holsworthy via Hatherleigh
Wednesday **	671	Newton Abbot via Trago
Thursday	630	Okehampton via Hatherleigh
Friday **	188	Tavistock
Friday **	647	Exter via Winkleigh
Saturday	631	Okehampton via Hatherleigh

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Carmel Coaches Excursions



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