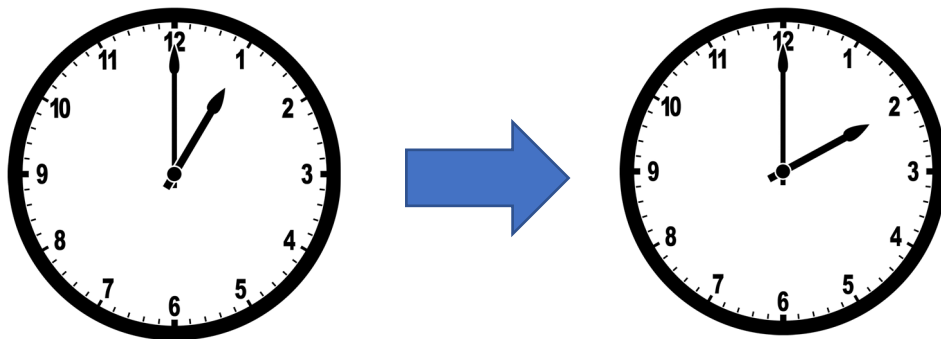


# NORTHLEW NEWS

March 2020



The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/when-do-the-clocks-change>

## Your Parish Councillors

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Vice Chair:</b>
Joanna Wilson: 01409 220254	Celia Rundle: 07432 512499
Mark Rundle: 01837 53314	Bryan Dufty: 01837 871256
Holly Dancer: 01409 221881	Terry Hatt: 07811 383397
Judy Jones: 01409 221537	Steve Smith: 01409 221677
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## **Note from the Editor**

The Parish Annual Assembly will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 pm in the Victory Hall and all parishioners are invited to attend. For more information about the purpose and format of this important meeting please see page 20. Please do come along to the meeting and have your say.

Thank you for all contributions to the Northlew News, your support is much appreciated. Please keep them coming and 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 April's edition is 20<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto:northlewnews@gmail.com). Copies can also be found on the website.

With thanks and best wishes,



Editor

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

### **Services**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> March**

9:30 am Holy Communion

#### **8<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Morning Prayer

#### **15<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Holy Communion

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> March**

9:30 am Mothering Sunday

#### **29<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Group Service (Holy Communion)

### **Annual Church Meeting**

The annual Parochial Church meeting and Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings will be held at 7 pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the church room. At these meetings the elections of the church wardens, treasurer, the PCC for the ensuing year are held. Annual reports are given etc.

All welcome

### **Pew Polish**

The annual pew polishing afternoon is due this month. Anyone who likes a bit of ancient wood polishing in good company is very welcome to join us. There will be a cup (or two) of tea at half time! There will be a note in the church room sometime soon with more details i.e. the date and timing. As many of you know, there is a lot of carved wood in the church and the polish helps to preserve it (we hope it does anyway!). Importantly, the annual polish makes the church ready for Easter and the spring flowers too.

All welcome to join us.

### **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**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> March**

9:30 am Rev Jerry Cook

#### **8<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Service at Boasley

#### **15<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Mr Roy Brown

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> March**

9:30 am Rev Maggie Whitehouse  
Everyone welcome to join us for a special service for Mothering Sunday. Gifts for all the ladies

#### **29<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 am Rev Liz Singleton

### **50/50 Shop and coffee morning**

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

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

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

##### **2:30 pm**

Women's meeting in the Methodist Hall

#### **World Day of Prayer**

##### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm**

Chilla Methodist Church

## **Northlew Stores Community Interest Company (CIC)**

### **Thank you**

The Northlew Store CIC shop opened its doors for the last time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Many thanks to Paula and Dan for taking over as directors of the CIC on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and thanks to Paula and the volunteers for all their hard work keeping the shop open over the last two and half years.

fruit. Many items will be made by residents, e.g. bread, preserves/chutneys, cakes etc and fresh produce such as seasonal fruit and vegetables will come partly from a farm at Petrockstowe and also direct from a local smallholder - less than a mile away. You really cannot get more local than that! To re-iterate these items will be available daily and we are very pleased to announce that we are now able to open daily as follows:-

<b>8-00am - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Weekdays</b>
<b>10.00am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>
<b>10.00am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Sundays</b>

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## **The Square Shop**



By now we hope you have had the opportunity to visit the newly named **'The**

**Square Shop'** to see what's on offer. We are pleased to provide a range of daily staples and grocery basics, all sourced very locally as far as possible with an emphasis on freshly-baked daily bread, dairy produce, local meat, vegetables and

Remember some of the benefits of shopping locally:

- Deliveries will be available within the village to assist the elderly and residents with impaired mobility.
- Card payments will be possible for your convenience.
- We will be open daily from **8.00am - 4.00pm** on weekdays and from **10.00 - 12.00** at the weekend. Importantly when not open, a small range of daily staples will be kept available from The Green Dragon

thereby extending opening times to **11.00pm (10.00pm Sundays)** thanks to Dan.

- Fresh coffee and tea are available daily for £1.50 (or £2.50 with a slice of home-made cake) or perhaps a local ice cream when the weather warms up?
- We intend to sell a small range of wine, beer, cigarettes and tobacco products.
- We will continue to act as a collection point for prescriptions.
- We will promote the work of local people/artists/craftspeople and provide an outlet for them as there are many talented individuals living in and around the village.
- In time it is hoped to organise a tool bank/favours board/possible repair shop for the convenience of residents and if this is something that you would be interested in helping with then please get in touch. This is an idea we are keen to develop over time with the support of residents to increase

inclusion in village life, which has the potential to benefit all of us and to reduce our environmental impact.

We look forward to seeing you soon and remember that new volunteers are always more than welcome - whatever time you can offer would be a great help to us all.

Steve Lofthouse, Tim Williams  
and our band of volunteers!

Email:

[squasheshopnorthlew@outlook.com](mailto:squasheshopnorthlew@outlook.com)

Mobile number: 07533 017938

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## **Northlew Post Office**



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

noon in the Church Room on Monday and Friday mornings

## ***Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day – a short history.***

Source:

<https://yesterday.uktv.co.uk/blogs/article/mothering-sunday/>

Everyone celebrates Mother's Day in their own way, from kids preparing mum a much-deserved breakfast in bed, to older children treating their mother to a quintessentially British afternoon tea. But while we see it as a universally beloved day of affection and celebration, Mothering Sunday isn't technically what you think it is. It's not even the same thing as Mother's Day.

### ***The original Mothering Sunday***

Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as "going a-mothering", and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day

off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.



Baking Simnel cake is one of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday.

### ***Simnel Cake***

One of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday was the baking of Simnel cake. Often regarded as a purely Easter-related confection, this rich fruit cake is also tied to Mothering Sunday, as a bit of indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent (and a nice home-baked present to take home to your mother). Consisting of layers of cake and marzipan, a traditional Simnel cake also reflects the religious overtones of the event by being adorned with 11 balls of marzipan, representing all the disciples of Jesus, minus Judas.

### ***Saving Mothering Sunday***

Despite its long existence in British culture, Mothering Sunday eventually fell out of fashion at the

dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This is where a lady named Constance Penswick-Smith enters the picture. The daughter of a vicar, she thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest, even writing a book whose title clearly laid out her ambition - it was called *The Revival of Mothering Sunday*. As if that wasn't enough, she also founded the Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday. Her determination paid off, and the fading festival was restored to the culture of the country, only with much more of a focus on celebrating motherhood. And this was due to an American influence...

### ***Mother's Day***

So, if our event is properly called Mothering Sunday, what is "Mother's Day"? Technically speaking it's a completely unrelated American event, invented by a woman called Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her initial inspiration was a desire to honour her own mother, who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War. Anna Jarvis's growing ambition to create a formal "Mother's Day" for all American mothers was literally laughed out of the room at first, with officials jokingly saying that it

might lead to a "Mother-in-Law's Day". Anna Jarvis wasn't easily put off, though, and in 1914 US President Woodrow Wilson officially signed Mother's Day into existence.

### ***The revolt against Mother's Day***

It was Anna Jarvis who inspired our own Constance Penswick-Smith to revive the more religiously-flavoured Mothering Sunday over here, although the two separate events have since become conflated in most people's minds.

Interestingly, Anna Jarvis herself was the first person to condemn the growing commercialisation of Mother's Day and started organising boycotts of the event she herself created. One of her anti-Mother's Day protests even led to her arrest for disturbing the peace, and she was particularly appalled by ready-made Mother's Day cards, saying "A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Buying chocolates was a no-no as well. "You take a box to Mother," she scoffed, "and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment!"

## **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.

There will be a car boot sale on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the playing field (weather permitting) and the annual duck race will be held in July.

More details to follow next month.

If you would like to help support the PTFA then please contact Louise Fewings.  
northlewptfa@gmail.com

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

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

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

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### ***Daisy Chain Group***



The  
timing  
and  
venue  
for  
the

meetings are as follows:

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

Our fees are £3 per person per session. We are a friendly group, welcome to all.

For more information about Daisy Chain please call Gina Farrow  
01409 221238



## ***The Weather – an update on our rainfall***



2019 has turned out to be the wettest year for us since I

started measuring the rainfall here at the beginning of 2013. A total of 1471 mm (about 58") fell.

However, November and December were not as wet as in 2018 which might surprise some. Compared to 2018 last year was also drier in the months of January, March, April and August.



The wettest month we have recorded so far was December 2018 with 251mm of rain and the driest was June 2018 with just 11mm.

Bryan and Marion Dufty have been recording rainfall for 40 years at Stoney Farm and the trend is interesting (although obviously very localised and might not reflect the whole of West Devon). The total

rainfall over 10 year periods are interesting:

1980-89 14949mm

1990-99 13388mm

2000-09 12725mm

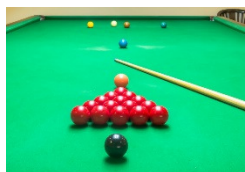
2010-19 12562mm

So, the general trend since 1980, is that it has actually got drier!

Mags Jarvis

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## ***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.

All welcome.

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

## **Victory Hall Centenary in 2021**

As some of you may be aware, Northlew Victory Hall will have been open 100 years in 2021. We would like to start planning our celebrations and wondered if any of you have any old photos of the hall or village circa 1920s. If you have and would be happy to lend them to the committee then please contact me, I can scan them in to my computer and return immediately... we know that these things are precious and will take very good care of anything lent to us.

Please call Jayne on 01409 221225. Thank you in anticipation.

### **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.

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

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## ***The Green Dragon***



This historic 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## ***Northlew Amateur Dramatic Society (NADS)***



After a period of “rest & relaxation” NADS is BACK!! We are conscious that there has been an influx of new faces in the village over recent years and we want to invite all and sundry to join us. This does not mean you have to tread the boards – we have many members who prefer the back stage work building and painting the scenery, selling tickets, catering, ushering, prompting (not that any of us ever forget our lines!!) and just being generally helpful. We would love to see any with acting experience of course but we all start somewhere even walk on non-speaking roles and our friendly group is an excellent first step – honestly, we do not bite .....often.

Our annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

7.00pm in the Chapel Room.

Why not come along and meet us then but beware if you join us it gets expensive – the annual subscription is £2 – no concessions!

We have provisional plans for a future performance on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September and you'll be delighted to know a pantomime is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021. For the latter we will be hunting for children (from about 9 years old).

If you want to get in touch to express an interest or maybe you cannot make the AGM please call, email or even speak directly to one of us – we'd love to hear from you.

Sarah Wilby  
swilby40@gmail.com  
01409 221995

or

Martin Perry  
[martinperry.northlew@gmail.com](mailto:martinperry.northlew@gmail.com)  
01409 221376

## ***Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show***

***Save the Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September***

At the Produce and Craft Show AGM held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the date for this year's show was agreed as Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

This year's nominated charity will be FORCE, a cancer charity based at Exeter Hospital, offering chemotherapy in Okehampton. Registered Charity Number 1140676.

The small friendly planning committee welcomes new members and ideas for next year's show, so please do contact any current members if you are interested in contributing.

Holly Dancer  
Secretary

*Northlew and Ashbury Craft and  
Produce Show Committee 2020*

## **HOF Gallery (Home of the Northlew Gnomes)**

The HOF Gallery is a small space devoted to all things arts & crafty.



The gallery has a selection of uniquely curated fine ceramics, paintings, local crafts & needle felted sculptures, that are inspired by Dartmoor and its environment.

The studio opens most weekends 11am – 5pm and bank holidays and by appointment. We are re-opening mid-March after completing some large projects away from the Gallery. One off needle felt sculpture commissions taken.

For more information or to visit the gallery by appointment please call: 01409 221754

## **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

## **Next meetings**

March: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

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## **Northlew Walking Group**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> walk of the year, brought out the following ramblers; Keith Ellis and his two Spoodles, Ann & Richard Rossiter-Stead, Robin & Dee Gantt, Pat Richardson, Susan Jones, Jenny Anderson, Pat Carter, Marion Dufty, Angela Baines, Margaret Conkey, Alan Stevens, Shirley Lloyd and myself.



Thankfully the conditions were cool and dry, perfect for a walk of about 5 miles along the quiet lanes around Northlew.

We started out from the square as usual and proceeded through the church yard to admire the snowdrops and crocuses. We then walked down the path, behind the church, with a fantastic show of snowdrops to each side. This brought us out at the bottom of Harpers Hill, where we turned down towards the bridge over the river Lew. At this point we picked up my wife Angela and Pat Carter, who decided that a walk up Harpers Hill to the start was a step too far.

Continuing over the bridge, we proceeded straight on, up the hill to reach Tarpaflex. We carried straight on here, heading up the rise towards Hatherleigh. Passing the 'now defunct', Eastcott Vineyard, we eventually reached

Lambert Cross, and an ideal location for our photoshoot. Not sure why Susan Jones decided she needed to hold on to the sign post!

So, as you can see, two miles completed, we turned right and headed up to Durdon Cross.

Crossing the road we continued down Waterhouse Hill to reach the turning on the right, locally known as Shorts Lane. We took this turning, and picked our way through the puddles, to bring us out onto a tarmac lane. This brought us out by the side of Rockey Cottage and turning left uphill back to the square.

5 miles completed, what better way to celebrate, than a cuppa (or something stronger) and piece of cake in the Green Dragon. Thanks Vicky for the lovely cake.

Do join us for our next walk – all welcome.

### ***Our next walk***

Our next walk, on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, will be along the Pegasus Trail with a little extra. The whole walk will be about 5.5 miles, with amazing views of the local farmland, Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor. Please park at Castle Cross (by the big mast on the A3079) and walk down to the start of the Pegasus

Trail for 1pm. I will park up in the square at about 12:45pm for anyone wanting a lift to the starting point.

All welcome.

Please contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 for information about the walking group.

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## **Short mat bowls**



We now have short mat bowls in the Victory Hall every Thursday

afternoon between 2 pm and 4 pm.

At just £3 per session and no yearly membership required, why not come along and meet our small band of players.

There are practice woods available for your use.

For more information please call:

Mike on 01409 220320  
or  
Norman on 01409 221518.

## **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.

For more information, and to get involved, please contact:

Chris Baines on 01409 221362 or email  
[chrisbaines63@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisbaines63@btinternet.com)





***Would you like to make a difference in your community and help reduce isolation and loneliness within older people?***

Royal Voluntary Service is seeking to inspire people in our rural area to form and run volunteer-led branches of Community Companions to provide one to one support for older people.

This means local people working together to support local people. Each branch has its own unique identity and focuses on the needs of their community. When someone is feeling a bit lonely or needs support, a Community Companion can brighten their day. It could involve being there for someone for a few weeks or longer and could include any number of activities.

Our branches are each run by a small team of volunteers who in turn usually have a wider team of volunteers working with them. Royal Voluntary Service provides all the support, DBS checks, insurance, safeguarding, training and compliance checks to ensure each group is safe and legal.

You can use your chat, smile or simply your company to help people feel confident and remain independent by keeping them connected with others.

No two Community Companions Branches and activities are the same. It depends on the needs and wants of the local community, which means you can find the volunteering opportunity that's right for you.

By providing one to one support to people who are isolated and lonely you will be participating in a service that brings hope to those in your community who are most in need. At the same time you will become part of a team of dedicated local people who all want to give something back to their community through the gift of volunteering.

If you would like to know more or have ideas and you think Royal Voluntary Service might be able to help then please contact:

Rob Jones, Community Companions Project manager  
Mobile: 07341778466 Email: [Rob.Jones@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:Rob.Jones@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

<https://volunteering.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/community-companions>



## **Theatre Highlights**



### **Theatre Royal @ Plymouth**

Box Office 01752 267222

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March**

J B Priestley's - An Inspector Calls

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Birmingham Royal Ballet – Swan Lake

**7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April**

David Walliams' – Billionaire Boy

**15<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Welsh National Opera

Marriage of Figaro

Carmen

Les Vepres Siciliennes

**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Derren Brown

**28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Michael Morpurgo's Private Peaceful

**4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May**

The Kite Runner

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

A Monster Calls

**27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May**

Six (Henry VIII wives) – the musical!

**30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Dial M for Murder

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

Once the musical

**21<sup>st</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Mamma Mia

More on the website

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

**Northcott @ Exeter**

Box Office 01392 726363

[www.exeternorthcott.co.uk](http://www.exeternorthcott.co.uk)

A new Farce by John Clee

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Cirque Berserk

**12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Fascinating Aida

### **24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> March**

Mime – The tale of Chaplin & Stan Laurel

### **1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

The Tiger who came to Tea

### **20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The Cat & the Canary  
A Thriller with Britt Ekland

### **4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May**

A Bunch of Amateurs

### **18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Alan Bennett's The Habit of Art

### **27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May**

English Touring Opera  
Julius Caesar  
Cosi Fan Tutte  
St John Passion

### **16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Alan Ayckbourn's Absurd Person Singular

### **22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

The all male HMS Pinafore  
More on the website

[www.exeternorthcott.co.uk](http://www.exeternorthcott.co.uk)

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

## **SeaMoor lottery ..... it's so easy to help raise funds**



**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>

## Messages

### ***Tony 'The Post'***

Tony wishes to thank everyone for their kindness, consideration and the cards, collection and enquiries since his heart attack on Christmas Day – all very much appreciated.

Tony is now back working but on a part time basis as he is still having treatment. Welcome back Tony we missed you!

### ***Message from a concerned parishioner to Tony!***

Actually Tony, you seem to have got away with this very well. But perhaps you need to slow down on the press-ups for the time being! You Grandfers need to consider that the world has need of you! So please slow up a bit!

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### ***Ash Die Back***

If any parishioner has concerns that Ash trees within our parish 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/](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>

Further information on the tree works application procedure is available here:

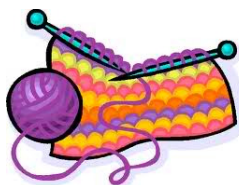
<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3490/Protected-Trees>

or

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3487/Tree-Preservation-Orders>

or contact Tracy Webb  
Case Manager (Trees)  
[trees@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:trees@swdevon.gov.uk)  
<https://www.devonashdieback.org.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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. If you have any spare wool that you can donate to support the Knit and Knatter fundraising activities, please let me know and I will arrange to collect it. Your help is very much appreciated.

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

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## **Member of Parliament for Northlew**

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

## **Parish Council**

### **Parish Annual Assembly**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**7:30 pm** in the Victory Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Parish Council to present its achievements over the last year and future aspirations. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council, although any Parish affairs may be discussed and resolutions passed. It is important to note, however, that the Parish Council may not be bound by any votes taken at the meeting. Anyone is entitled to attend the Parish Assembly but only registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote. It provides an opportunity to have your say on anything you consider is important to our community. Parishioners are invited to submit questions or topics for discussion at the meeting by, no later than, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March either in writing or verbally to the Clerk (contact details to be found on the Parish Council Website) or by email to [clerk@northlewpishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@northlewpishcouncil.org.uk).

The agenda will be uploaded to the Parish Council website and put on

the village notice boards at least one week before the meeting.

***Please come along to the meeting and have your say!***

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy on the parish council so if you would like to know more please don't hesitate to contact Sue Main, Clerk or Joanna Wilson, Chair to have an informal chat. Please see the advert on page 25 and contact details can be found on page 24.

### **Clerk to the Parish Council**

Sue Main is the clerk to the Parish Council. Sue's contact details can be found on page 24.

### **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 24 and please use these emails for parish council enquiries rather than councillors' personal emails.

Thank you.

### **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.

## **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 be 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.

Please see page 24.

## **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](mailto:clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk)

or

Joanna Wilson at

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

Thank you

## **Snow Warden and Salt Supply**

Thank you to our snow warden who has topped up levels in the yellow salt containers situated opposite the primary school, at the corner exiting the village on station road, on Harpers hill by Maggie's Curls and on the Tarpaflex corner. Additional bags have been located at the Church (contact the church warden), Yellands Yard, Ladies Toilets, J&J Autos and Lake Farm in case of emergency.

Please feel free to use this on public roads in and out of

Northlew, taking note that the amount of salt actually required per square meter is only 1 tablespoon.

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Williams on 07770 600047, 01409 221754

## ***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/>

## **Road Cycling Race**

### ***Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March***

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Hatherleigh Junior Road Race starting at 10:30 am from the Hatherleigh Community Centre, and it is estimated that the riders, will finish the 108 km event in Hatherleigh by approximately 2:00 pm. Although the route will not be directly passing through Northlew and cause any significant inconvenience, local residents should be mindful that this is taking place. Further details about the route and the race can be found here

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/221473/Hatherleigh-Junior-Road-Race>

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## Parish Council Emails

<b>Councillors &amp; clerk</b>	Councillors
Joanna Wilson Chair	<a href="mailto:chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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Judy Jones	<a href="mailto:jjones@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">jjones@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
Vacancy	For more information please contact Sue Main
Clerk – Sue Main	<a href="mailto:clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a> Telephone: 07956 312047



## **Parish Council Vacancy**



### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

**The Parish Council has one vacancy and would like to co-opt a new councillor at the Parish Council meeting being held at 7:30 pm on Monday 16th March 2020.**

**If you are interested in applying or if you would like some more information about the role please email Sue Main, Parish Clerk at [clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk) or Joanna Wilson, Chair at [chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**The closing date for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**For more information about the Parish Council please visit <http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk> or contact any parish councillor (contact details on the website or in the Northlew News)**

## 2020 Events at a Glance

<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Pew Polish:</b> date to be confirmed please see information in the Church Room</li> <li>• <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:</b> World Day of Prayer</li> <li>• <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Northlew Parish Council Parish Assembly. 7:30 pm Victory Hall, All Parishioners welcome</li> <li>• <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</b> NADS AGM, 7pm Chapel Room</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Spring Chocolate Celebration</li> <li>• <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Methodist Church annual pie lunch in the Victory Hall</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Village Fun Day</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Bank holiday for Victory in Europe (VE) Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary <b>NB: change of the bank holiday date from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b></li> <li>• <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Bank holiday</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Dance in the Victory Hall 7:30 pm</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be confirmed (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August:</b> Northlew Marathon Walk</li> <li>• <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August:</b> Bank holiday</li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Northlew &amp; Ashbury Produce Show</li> <li>• <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September:</b> NADS performance in the Victory Hall</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>

# West Devon Neighbourhood Policing Team - February 2020



This bulletin is compiled by the West Devon Neighbourhood Police team. In this issue we highlight county lines, domestic abuse and local youth initiatives.

## County Lines

County lines is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines known as 'deal lines' to take orders from drug users. In most cases the users or customers will live in a different area to where the dealers and networks are based, so drug runners are needed to transport the drugs and collect the payment.

**Children and vulnerable adults are being used by drug dealers across the country to courier drugs and money\***

The dealers commonly target children or adults—often with mental health or addiction problems—to act as drug runners or move cash under the radar of the law. People exploited in this way may be exposed to physical, mental and sexual abuse, and in some instances will be trafficked to areas a long way from home as part of the network's drug dealing business. Children often don't see themselves as victims or realise they have been groomed to take part in criminality so it is important we all play our part to understand county lines and speak out if we have concerns.

What can you do? Trust your instincts, even if someone is not involved in county lines drug dealing, they may be being exploited in some other way, so it is always worth speaking out. You can speak to your local police on 101 or in an emergency call 999. If you would rather remain anonymous call [CrimeStoppers](#) on 0800 555111. You can also call [Childline](#) on 0800 1111 or speak to the young people's service [Catch 22](#) who help youngsters involved.

Victims are often forced to allow dealers to take up residence in their home. Know the signs.

Have you noticed new and regularly changing residents in your area, more people than usual calling at neighboring properties? Are there suspicious vehicles? Landlords, has it been more difficult to contact your tenant or do they seem anxious or depressed? Is there evidence of substance abuse/drug paraphernalia when you check your properties?

Public transport is often used—What to look out for

Have you seen children travelling alone when they should be in school? (bus drivers be aware), are you noticing young people seemingly unfamiliar with your community? Is a child or vulnerable person you know being seen in a car or taxi with a stranger? Do you know of someone who goes missing for periods of time?

Look out for unexplained often unaffordable new things

Does a person you know have more money than usual or is buying clothes or more expensive items that you would not expect? Anti-social behavior can be an indicator and look out for injuries.

## Local action taken against anti-social behaviour in Okehampton

The local neighbourhood team has been spending considerable amounts of their time dealing with young people causing problems locally. Initially it was hoped that traditional policing (officers on the beat) would work but subsequently the youth offending team were brought in leading to those involved being processed through the criminal justice system. Working with Okehampton college and the community safety partnership, the team have been looking at longer term initiatives to understand issues around truancy, exclusion and disengagement from school to help support the town's young people. Inspector Mark Sloman says that 'we're committed to working with the college and all the agencies involved to ensure the young people in our area get the help and support they need to make the right choices and stay out of trouble'.



## Domestic abuse - it can affect anyone

Domestic abuse is the misuse of power and control by one person over another. This controlling behavior may be exerted in various ways such as by physical violence, emotional and/or psychological manipulation, forcing sexual acts or taking over finances. It can begin at any time, can be obvious or subtle, and can happen gradually or suddenly. It can happen to anyone regardless of age, race, religion, disability, lifestyle, culture or sexual orientation.

There are specially trained officers in your area—for Devon's Domestic abuse helpline call 0345 155 1074

Other information and helpful numbers can be found [here](#) on the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

**Clare's Law** underpins a scheme allowing police to disclose to worried individuals details of their partners' abusive pasts.

### Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

If you are in a relationship and are worried that your partner may have been abusive in the past, you can find out through the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS).

Are you worried that someone you know is in a relationship with a person that may harm them? You too can find out information through the DVDS scheme.

Requests made are thoroughly checked by a panel made up of police, probation services and other agencies to ensure information is only passed on where it is lawful, proportionate and necessary. More details are available from our website

[www.dvds.police.uk/dvds](http://www.dvds.police.uk/dvds)

## Domestic abuse can affect anyone many forms



- To make an enquiry call or email 101, the police will ask if anyone is in immediate danger, if so this will be treated as an emergency.
- If not an emergency, you will be connected to a call handler to discuss the issue and details of yours and the person to be checked will be taken.
- A log will be made of your enquiry.
- No disclosure will be made at the time of the call.
- Information will only be given to the person at risk or those supporting them.

## Grappling with graffiti

PCSOs Lisa Smith and Emma Tomkies have been assisting the town in the removal of graffiti. Sadly in the Clehampton area it's now becoming more of a problem so if you see anyone doing this please report it and help us keep the area graffiti free.



Before and after—electricity cabinet doors, Crediton Rd.

## Contact information

How should I contact the Police in my area?

- If there is crime happening now call 999
- For non emergencies and enquiries there are a number of ways to contact us.
  - To report non-urgent crime, incidents and information, visit our website [dc.police.uk/ClickB4UCall](http://dc.police.uk/ClickB4UCall)
  - Call 101 to be directed to an appropriate department
  - From the Devon and Cornwall Police website there are other options including webchat and [ask NED](#)
  - If you would like to contact your local Neighbourhood Police directly call 101 and ask for the Clehampton Team or email us at [westdevon@dc.police.uk](mailto:westdevon@dc.police.uk)
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)



Insp Mark Sloman  
14089



Sgt Nathan  
Walker 16796



PC Nadine Wilson  
14647

### Your neighbourhood police team




PCSO Emma  
Tomkies 30538



PCSO Kayleigh  
Drake 30445



PCSO Lisa Smith  
30241



# **Spring Chocolate** **Celebration**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 2-4pm**  
**at Northlew Victory Hall**

Entry price 50p

*Primary school children free*

All children must be accompanied by an adult

**Chocolate  
games**

Tea, coffee and  
cake available

**Things to  
make**

Raffle

## **Treasure Hunt**

Look around the village for clues to  
win a chocolate treat

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## ***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](http://www.odctg.co.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okehampton-District-Community-Transport-Group/165867586926940>

## 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 or pay by BACS transfer.

### Items for sale advertising rates:

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



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## Ash dieback disease is spreading throughout Devon

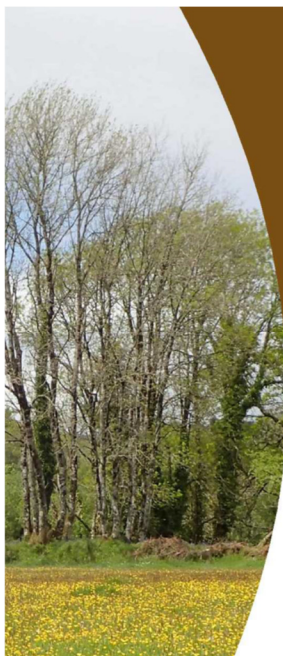
Losing one of our most abundant native trees will have a massive effect on our landscapes, hedges and the wildlife they support. Dying trees adjacent to highways and other public places also pose safety risks to people.

### 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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## **Spring Term 2020**

**Last day of term:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter holidays:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

## **Summer Term 2020**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: All pupils return**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: May bank holiday

**Half Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May inclusive

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: All pupils return**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Non-pupil day**

**Last Day of term: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Autumn Term 2020**

**Non pupil days:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

**9<sup>th</sup> September: All Pupils Return**

**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 inclusive

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: All pupils return**

**Last Day of Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Break:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 inclusive

# **Spring Term 2021**

## ***Non pupil days***

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: All pupils return**

***Half Term:*** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 inclusive

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: All pupils return**

**Last day of term: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

***Easter break:*** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 inclusive

# **Summer Term 2021**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: All pupils return**

***May Day Bank Holiday:*** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

***Half Term:*** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 inclusive

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: All pupils return**

**Last Day of Term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Occasional Day

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Occasional Day

## **5 Non-Pupil Days:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Teachers to work as twilight

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Teachers to work as twilight

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January



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## ***Events at Okehampton Library***

### ***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day***

Celebrations all day at Okehampton Library! From opening until we close we will have tea/coffee and a piece of homemade cake for just £1.

Listen to short stories all day. Husband and wife authors AJ MacKenzie will be starting the day by reading their short story 'The Stable Door', followed by author Morgen Witzel reading 'Kitwancool'. Bring along your own favourite short story to read or pick one from our shelves. Are you a budding author who has written a short story you would like to read? Or just sit and enjoy listening to others reading!

Take a chance with our wrapped up 'Pot Luck' books – donated stock for you to purchase at only £1 for adults and 50p for children. You get to keep what you unwrap.

### ***Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 10:30-11:30***

#### ***Mother's Day Story, Craft & Cake***

Book onto our fun Mother's Day event for under 5's. Only £1 per child, bookable in advance.

Listen to a story, make a family flower pot to take home and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at 50p a cup, add a piece of cake for just 50p.

### ***Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Find the Chicks***

Can you find all the chicks hidden in the library to be entered into a prize draw? 50p a go

**READING WELL Collection for children** - Books to help you feel better  
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Reading Well for children recommends reading to help you deal with worries, feel better and boost your mood. The books have been chosen by children, carers, health experts and librarians.

### ***Bananagrams!***

A fast and fun word game, available to play at the library. One hand can be played in as little as five minutes. It is ideal for group fun as well as being educational. We have the original and junior versions for you to play. Free to play, but donations are very welcome.

### ***Wanted! Multimedia Donations***

Donate your good quality card games, board games, classic family games, jigsaw puzzles, video games and DVDs. Please check that everything donated is complete and in working order.

Donated items will be sold at a future event to raise funds for Libraries Unlimited.

### ***Donate Your Nearly New Books***

All donated books will be sold to support Libraries Unlimited – your local reading charity. Nearly new condition only please

### ***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

### ***Devon Libraries is part of Libraries Unlimited***

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity (1170092) responsible for running Devon Libraries and Torbay Libraries. Every penny raised goes directly towards library services that help make a difference to people's lives and communities. To donate, please visit [librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)

## 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

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 15:45–16:45: Bookworms Book Club***

For ages 7 – 11 (except Aug/Sept). Free - no booking necessary

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

Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library services [www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk)



**Opening Hours**

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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## **FREE personalised advice from fully trained advisers on:**

- Energy debt
- Energy savings
- Switching suppliers

**We can come to your community group or arrange 1-2-1 consultations.**

**Contact:**

[martin@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:martin@devoncommunities.org.uk)

[aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk)

01392 248919

[www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/big-energy-saving-network](http://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

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

\*\* by booking with our Office you can join these services from Northlew.  
For more information please call **Carmel Coaches - 01409 221237**  
**(24 hour)**

### **Key facts to note....**

- English bus passes are accepted - no time restriction
- Buses usually available whilst laying over at terminus
- Most services operated by wheelchair accessible buses
- Careful and considerate drivers
- Free car parking available at our depot

### **Also why not....**

- Use the bus to help protect the environment by reducing congestion and exhaust emissions
- Use the bus to save money on parking and fuel
- Use the bus to avoid social isolation - keep up with village gossip

### **And did you know that ....**

- Northlew has had its own local bus service since 1930 and has more buses per head of population than anywhere in Devon

***Do yourself a favour - take the bus!***

## Carmel Coaches Excursions



Date and venue	Cost
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> Taster break at Studley Castle – the latest Warner Leisure hotel near Stratford upon Avon	<b>£219</b>
<b>Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Donkey Sanctuary and Seaton	<b>£15</b>
<b>Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> Weymouth and West Bay	<b>£20</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> Festive weekend break at Warner hotel, Cricket St Thomas	<b>£299</b>

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