

# NORTHLEW NEWS

**April 2020**

## **Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **Here is what you can and can't do**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

**If you think you have the virus, don't go to the GP or hospital, stay indoors and get advice online.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **Only call NHS 111 if:**

- you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
  - your condition gets worse
- or your symptoms do not get better after seven days

**Stay safe, stay healthy and keep in touch with your neighbours, friends and relatives. Please see more information about the Northlew Community Support on page 3**

## **Note from the Editor**

Vital, extraordinary measures are now in place in these unprecedented times to help limit the spread of the coronavirus.

### **Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)**

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. – see the graphic on page 15.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government is now (23 March 2020) introducing three new measures.

- 1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes**
- 2. Closing non-essential shops and community spaces**
- 3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public**

**Every citizen must comply with these new measures.**

The relevant authorities, including the police, will be given the powers

to enforce them – including through fines and dispersing gatherings.

These measures are effective immediately. The Government will look again at these measures in three weeks, and relax them if the evidence shows this is possible.

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Source:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

More information and useful lines about coronavirus can be found on:

The Northlew Parish Council website at:

[http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/\\_UserFiles/Files/Documents/Useful%20Links.pdf](http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Documents/Useful%20Links.pdf)

The Devon County Council website at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>

The Government website:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874281/COVID-19\\_easy\\_read.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874281/COVID-19_easy_read.pdf)

## ***Taking action in our community***

### ***Closures***

Please note that, in line with the government guidance, the playground (play equipment) is now closed for use – see page 34

In addition, we have taken the decision to close the public lavatories until further notice. Notices have been put on the lavatories but members of the parish council do not have a key to lock the doors which is not ideal. Can anyone help locate the keys please? Thank you.

### ***Coronavirus - Northlew Community Support***

*Thanks to Nicola Povey for putting this together.*

While we have no real idea of what may happen over the next few weeks and months, it seems sensible to put a couple of things in place to enable us to support each other in Northlew and the surrounding area. For those over 70 and/or with underlying health conditions and who may need support there are options, some of which are already in place.

1. If you have friends, neighbours and family in the area you may

already have a good support network in place. There is huge goodwill in the village and many people are already helping those who require it. It's a good time to update your contacts list as it may become more important later on.

2. There is already a pretty impressive support network on the Northlew and Ashbury Life Facebook page. If you are already on Facebook and need any support like someone to do shopping for you and deliver it to your door, this is a quick way to get immediate help. Already several people who have got an upcoming online delivery order have been happy to add extra goods for those who need them. Post your request on the Northlew and Ashbury Life Facebook page or on the Square Shop Northlew Facebook page.
3. If you are slightly more isolated and do not have family nearby and may not have close local friends it would be useful for the community to know who and where you are so that we can make sure that you stay safe and get the support you need. There is a list of local

volunteers and people who need support being collected at the Square Shop Northlew. If you think that you might possibly need support at some point over the next few weeks please add your name and phone number to this list. The intention is to link up volunteers with those who need help or just a friendly phone call.

I'm aware that sharing phone numbers is a sensitive issue so if you do sign up as a volunteer or as someone in potential need of support please be aware that your name and phone number will be shared with others in order to provide the support that is needed when it is needed. This will be kept to a minimum.

Remember, keep talking, keep supporting!

If you have any questions about Northlew Community Support please contact:

Nicola Povey  
01409 221591

### ***Additional offer of help***

Yan Whitechurch, managing director of J&R Foodservice attended the parish assembly and advised us of the following:

### ***J & R Foodservice Ltd in Exeter***

currently deliver over 5000 different foods and non-food products throughout the southwest ranging from frozen foods through to fresh vegetables to toilet rolls etc.

In light of the current situation, we would be happy to either try and help the local shop or deliver direct to any household within Devon.

If anyone in your parish is interested, please ask them to call 01392 445510 where one of our team will be more than happy to help.

Yan Whitechurch

J&R Foodservice  
Best of the West  
O: 01392 445510  
[www.jrfoodservice.com](http://www.jrfoodservice.com)

## **A new editor for the Northlew News**

As mentioned on page 20, I will be stepping down as editor of the Northlew News when a new editor is appointed or in December whichever happens first. If you are interested in, or would like to know more about, the role of editing the Northlew News please give me a ring on 01409 220254.

Please keep your articles 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 May's edition is 20<sup>th</sup> April 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**

**Owing to the coronavirus epidemic there are no church services until further notice and the church is now also closed.**

This is very sad especially as Easter approaches but it is the correct course of action. Further to the cancellation of church service we must now also close the church following the government's announcement on 24<sup>th</sup> March regarding the restriction of movement and the need for social distancing to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

### **Pew Polish**

We planned to have a pew polishing afternoon at the beginning of April but it has had to be cancelled. We will plan another pew polishing afternoon when the coronavirus restrictions are lifted – more details to follow in due course. Our dear old places of worship are very precious to us all in Northlew and it is up to us to keep them ready and in good repair for future generations. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

We pray for heavenly guidance at this very testing time for our country and the rest of the world.

### **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.

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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

**Owing to the coronavirus epidemic the post office continues to be open until further notice.**

### **Northlew Methodist Church**

**Owing to the coronavirus epidemic there are no Sunday services until further notice.**

All Sunday services, the 50/50 shop and coffee mornings are cancelled until further notice.

Thinking of you all during these unsettling times, let us remember the words of Psalm 91 verses 1 and 2

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust"*

**50/50 Shop and coffee morning Canceled until further notice**

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

**Women's meeting in the Methodist Hall**

**Canceled until further notice**

## **The Square Shop - OPEN**



### **Coronavirus update**

After some consideration, we have decided to keep the village shop open for the foreseeable future during the restrictions places on us all to help limit the spread of coronavirus. Hopefully, this will help the village with food and general supplies and also cut down the necessity to travel to supermarkets and town outlets.

### **New opening hours**

We will have to limit the opening hours during this period as we have only a handful of volunteers who are able to help us at the moment. We are planning on opening at the following times:

**Mon – Fri: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Weekend: 10:00 am - 12 noon**

### **Social distancing; protecting our volunteers and customers**

In order to comply with social distancing, and to offer the volunteers who are working to keep the shop open as much protection as possible, anyone visiting the shop will be asked to wait outside and their items will be brought to them. We are also encouraging the use of contactless payments.

### **Well stocked**

Despite the current climate, we are exceptionally well stocked, mainly because the majority of our products are sourced locally and are without restriction. We always intend to stock local milk, cheese, vegetables, bread and eggs, along with staple cupboard items and, of course, lots of chocolate and sweets.

### **Deliveries possible**

Deliveries will be available within the village to assist the elderly and residents with impaired mobility – please call 07533 017938 to discuss the delivery options

We look forward to seeing you (at a 2 metre distance) soon and remember that new volunteers are always more than welcome -

whatever time you can offer, particularly during these unprecedented times, would be a great help to us all.

Steve Lofthouse, Tim Williams and our band of volunteers!

Email:

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

Mobile number: 07533 017938

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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.

**All meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

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

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

## **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.

**Please note that all PTFA activities are subject to change depending on the ongoing impact of coronavirus epidemic**

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](mailto:northlewptfa@gmail.com)

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## **Northlew Silver Band**

**Due to the coronavirus restrictions band practice is cancelled until further notice but please keep practising at home!**

### **Thank you**

The Soup & Dessert event held at Elmfield on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February was a great success and raised £370. This will all go towards new jumpers for the band members. We do not yet know the timetable for the production of the jumpers but can be sure they will look very smart and it is all thanks for your kindness in supporting the Band whenever we ask.

The Annual Meeting of the Band was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February when the following Officers were elected:

Chairman: Martin Perry CBE

Secretary: Gemma Dufty

Treasurer: Tobie Bailey

Thanks were expressed to Allen James for his many years as Treasurer

Tim Williams 01409 221754  
or  
Martin Perry 01409 221376

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



My 'An update on our rainfall' article printed in the March edition of Northlew News went to press before the end of the wettest month we have experienced since living here. We measured 290mm while Geraldine Walter measured 303.7mm at her home at Ashbury Station. She said that February 2020 was the 2nd wettest month in over 50 years, only being beaten by Dec 1999 which saw 333.9mm of rain fall. Luckily for us in Northlew we didn't suffer the flooding seen in other parts of the country.....

Mags Jarvis

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## **Recycling Centres**

**No surprise to hear that Okehampton recycling centre is now closed until further notice.**  
**<https://www.devon.gov.uk/waste-andrecycling/centre/okehampton-recycling-centre/>**

## **Victory Hall**

### **Coronavirus update**

**It is with a sad and heavy heart that Northlew Victory Hall closed its doors 21<sup>st</sup> March. We, of course, must abide by Government ruling to keep all our wonderful users safe. We thank you for your support and will welcome you back, with open arms, once this crazy time is over. Stay safe everyone x**

Please contact Colin Jarvis 01409 220268 or Jayne O'Connell 01409 221225 for further information and advice.

### **Victory Hall centenary in 2021 – can you help?**

Do you have any old photos of the hall or village circa 1920s. If you do and would be happy to lend them to the Victory Hall 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.

### **Regular events – all on hold for the time being**

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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## **Northlew and Ashbury Snooker Club**

**Cancelled until further notice**

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

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

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

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*

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## **The Green Dragon**

**Due to the coronavirus epidemic the pub is now closed until further notice**



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 information about when the pub will be open please call Dan on 01409 221228.

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



The scene is set!  
We've met and decided on two playlets for the Autumn.

All we need now are two casts. Anyone who is interested in taking part or helping behind the scenes please let us know.

Both of the plays are farces - well they will be after we've tackled them - but there's lots of attempted murders, chloroform and bank robberies - all good fun as you can imagine.

**Come to Elmfield on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm** \* when all will be revealed and who knows play your cards right and there might be a glass of cheap wine and a nibble involved (the eating kind that is!)

**\* Subject to the lifting of the coronavirus restrictions (obviously!). Please check with Martin first that the evening is still going ahead.**

We had the AGM incidentally and we welcome back as Chairman Lyn Taylor, Vice Chairman Martin Perry, Secretary Sarah Wilby and Treasurer Lucy Turmaine.

Sarah Wilby  
swilby40@gmail.com  
01409 221995

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

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### **Play Group for Grown ups** **Cancelled until further notice**

*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

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

**We will open once the coronavirus restrictions are lifted.**

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. One off needle felt sculpture commissions taken.

The studio opens most weekends 11am – 5pm and bank holidays and by appointment.

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

## **Northlew Walking Group**

For our last walk of the 'winter' programme, we decided to re-visit the recently opened Pegasus Trail. Instead of a 'there and back' walk, this time we completed a circular route, taking in some of the wider area to the west of the A3079.

In order to start the walk where the Pegasus Trail joins Station Road, walkers were asked to park at Castle Cross, and walk down to the start for 1pm.

Joining us on this outing were, Paul Bowman, Keith Ellis with his two Spoodles, Ann and Richard Rossiter – Stead, Pat Richardson, Marion Dufty, Jackie Titchen, Margaret Conkey, Susan Jones, Brigid Richardson, Sue Sanders, Jenny Anderson, Shirley Lloyd and myself.



Not surprisingly, we started walking in heavy showers, and in

fact, showers persisted throughout the day, but that seems to be the way of things this year so far. Despite this, we set off in high spirits along the old railway track, with great views over Dartmoor. At least the going underfoot was pretty good, and there were plenty of signs of spring, with frogspawn in the many pools, and a few wildflowers braving the showers.

We continued along the track, until we reached Venndown Gates, at which point we turned off the trail, to bring us out to the A3079. Crossing the road carefully, we carried straight on to bring us to Boasley Cross. Turning right, we walked along the quiet lane, enjoying the sighting of three roe deer in the adjacent field. As the heavens opened again, we eventually came up to a track and footpath heading off to our left towards Bratton Clovelly. Taking this track, the going was good, with no mud, no hills, and it stopped raining.

It couldn't last of course, as we turned right off the track, we initially headed downhill, to reach a stream and plenty of mud. After crossing the stream, we then had a fairly steep climb to negotiate, to eventually reach Grindhill. Looking

back, we were treated to excellent views of Dartmoor, Brentor, and even Bodmin Moor when the clouds momentarily lifted.

After walking back up to the road, it was time for a quick rest, and the usual photoshoot. From here, we turned left to shortly bring us out onto the Bratton Clovelly road, and after another drenching, turning right, brought us back up to Castle Cross.

After a good walk in excess of 5.5 miles, plenty of mud, and a few soakings, we all deserved welcome refreshments at the Green Dragon, with lovely homemade cake, thanks to Vicky.

**Due to the coronavirus epidemic our next walk, planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> April is cancelled as are all walks until further notice.**

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

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## Short mat bowls

**Cancelled until further notice**



We now have short mat bowls in the Victory Hall every

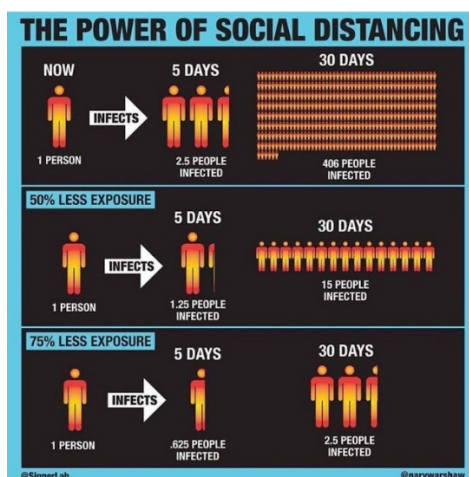
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afternoon between 2 pm and 4 pm.

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**

**Cancelled until further notice**



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>

***Please check the website for an update on future performances as it may differ from what's listed below:***

***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)

***Please check the website for an update on future performances as it may differ from what's listed below. Please find update box office information below:***

If you were due to visit us, our box office team will contact you directly.

All box office staff are currently working from home, with access to emails and work-dedicated mobile phones. Please be aware that they may contact you using a different number than usual.

These mobile numbers are:

07496 617 276  
Monday 10am – 5pm  
Tuesday – Thursday, 1pm – 5pm

07394 910 523  
Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm

07719 703 028

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

07939 382 522  
Monday 10am- 5pm,  
Friday, 1pm – 5pm

Saturday 10am – 5pm

Thank you for your patience and continued support during this difficult time.

**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 for our community**



**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 local good causes. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week with a top prize of £25,000. Each ticket consists of 6 numbers 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 one of the local causes you can support. Please become a supporter you and contribute to future Northlew community projects upon which we all decide.** Please follow the link for more information:

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

## **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>

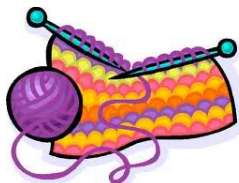
or

<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 will not be meeting until further notice.**



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**

### **Changes to the parish council Gillian Dixon**

Welcome to Gillian Dixon who was co-opted to the parish council by a unanimous vote at the parish council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March after the parish assembly.

### **Joanna Wilson**

After five years on the parish council, for three of which I have been privileged to have been nominated as chair, I informed my fellow councillors on 20<sup>th</sup> February that I will be stepping down as chair and as a councillor at the meeting in April. We will therefore have vacancy for a parish councillor and would like to co-opt someone to the council at the Annual General Meeting in May – please see below.

I will continue to edit the Northlew News until a new editor is appointed or to the end of year whichever comes first.

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

From 18<sup>th</sup> April we will have a vacancy on the parish council. Please register your interest with Sue Main, clerk to the parish council.

Or if you would like to know more about the role please don't hesitate to contact Sue or Joanna Wilson, current 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 Annual Assembly***

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm in the Victory Hall.

Thank you to those parishioners who attended the meeting and for your very helpful comments and contributions. For those

parishioners who were unable to attend but would like to know more, a copy of the chairman's presentation is available on the parish council website. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the parish council.

### ***Parish Council meetings***

Parish council meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the third Monday of each month in the main hall of the Victory Hall.

At 7:30 pm prior to the start of the formal meeting, there will be a public session (if required) which, at the chair's discretion may last up to 15 minutes, to enable members of the public to ask questions of and make comment to the council. *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.northlewparrishcouncil.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. Please see page 24.

### **Parish Council Website**

The Parish Council website can be found at:

<http://www.northlewparrishcouncil.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@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk)

or

Joanna Wilson at  
[chair@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chair@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk)

Thank you

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**Stay Home, Protect the  
NHS, Save lives**

## 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

### Potholes.

The more people who report potholes the better. Please keep informing the council about the poor state of our roads.



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/>

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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>
Gillian Dixon	<a href="mailto:gdixon@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk">gdixon@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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 18th May 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)**

**The closing date for applications is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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

**Please note all activities subject to change due to the impact of the coronavirus epidemic**

<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Spring Chocolate Celebration – <b>postponed, new date tbc</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Methodist Church annual pie lunch in the Victory Hall – <b>cancelled</b></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 NB: change of the bank holiday date from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Bank holiday</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Car boot sale on behalf of the PTFA</li> <li>• Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June: 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>

## ***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.

**Please check with Sue or Liz on 01837 55000 or 07484 525577 to find out how this service is impacted by the coronavirus epidemic**

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 and on the Northlew Parish Council website**

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.

Advertising on the Northlew Parish Council website costs a mere £25 per financial year – please contact Sue Main at [clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk) or 07956 312047

### **Items for sale advertising rates:**

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



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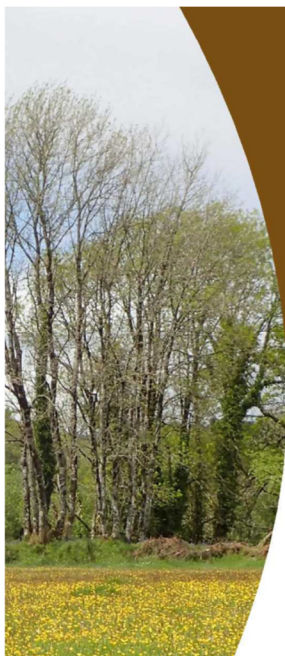
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## Ash dieback disease is spreading throughout Devon

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?  
My Responsibility!**



**Northlew & Ashbury  
Primary School**

**Northlew & Ashbury Primary School is closed until further notice due to the coronavirus epidemic**

## **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





Okehampton Library,  
4 North Street,  
Okehampton  
EX20 1AR

01837 52805

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

The library is now closed until further notice due to the coronavirus epidemic. Please see our library website or Facebook page for any updates on the situation and library services [www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk)

## ***Opening Hours – currently closed***

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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## ***Northlew Playground is shut until further notice***



HM Government

# **PLAYGROUND CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

As this is a 'high-touch' area, and in an effort to reduce the spread of infection, the Council is closing playgrounds until further notice. Where there is unfenced play/gym equipment please also stop using this equipment with immediate effect.

Please act responsibly and if using the wider park / green space maintain a distance of at least 2m from other users.

In the case of a problem with this park -

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

For up-to-date information about Coronavirus -  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**  
Help stop the spread and protect  
the health of your community



**Bus Routes – *please check to see which buses are still running during the coronavirus restrictions***

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>Subject to change due to the coronavirus epidemic, please check the situation with Carmel Coaches</b>	
<b>Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Donkey Sanctuary and Seaton	£15
<b>Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> Weymouth and West Bay	£20
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> Festive weekend break at Warner hotel, Cricket St Thomas	£299

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