

NORTHLEW NEWS

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"That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

Neil Armstrong

**50th Anniversary of
Apollo 11 landing
on the moon**

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Note from the Editor

This month we celebrate the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon. An incredible achievement when you consider nowadays there is more computer power in a mobile phone than they had in the lunar module. However, NASA's computers, specifically the Apollo Guidance Computer (AGC), were at least ten years ahead of their time from a commercial tech perspective, their power unmatched until a decade later with the advent of computers like the Apple II.

Source:

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/space/moon-mars/a25655/nasa-computer-iphone-comparison/>

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Northlew News on a regular basis. Please keep your contributions coming.

The deadline for copy for August's edition is Saturday 20th July. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Northlew News then please email at northlewnews@gmail.com.

Best wishes



Northlew Methodist Church

Services

7th July

9:30 am Mr Andy Hunter

14th July

9:30 am M Andy Jerrard

21st July

9:30 am Hatherleigh Worship Group

28th July

10:30 am Mrs Jean Daniel – United Family Service

St Thomas of Canterbury

Parish Church

Services

6th July

3 pm Festival service in the church

7th July

9:30 am Holy Communion

14th July

9:30 m Morning prayer

21st July

9:30 am Morning prayer

28th July

10:30 am United family service in the chapel

Church Festival

On Saturday 6th July we will be commemorating our patron saint, Thomas Becket. Archbishop Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. It is said that four knights overheard King Henry II mutter 'Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?'. The king and the bishop had fallen out over various matters and their idea of what was right and what was wrong didn't always agree. The four knights took the king at this word (or his mutter), attacked Becket in his cathedral and slew him. Becket was a good, godly man who did his level best to improve the lives of the poor and the people loved him. When the king heard of the murder he was horrified and shamed and went on a pilgrimage in sackcloth and ashes around the kingdom as penance. The example set by Thomas Becket has come down through the ages and our church, like many others, is dedicated to him. Each year we remember him and give thanks for his life and sacrifice. The afternoon will start with a service in the church at 3 pm and the fete with tea, stalls, Maypole, games etc will start at 4 pm at Churchgate. Many thanks to Shaun and Morwenna for their kind hospitality again this year.

Items for the stalls i.e. bric-a-brac, toys, plants, bottles, books, crafts, tombola prizes and so on will be gratefully received and may be left in the church room.

This day is to mainly commemorate Thomas Becket but it is also the annual fundraiser for the upkeep of our dear church so please do come along to join us.

Events and fundraising for 2019

Please see Events at a Glance for details

Collecting for Okehampton Food Bank

At a recent meeting the PCC decided to collect donations of food for Okehampton Food Bank. A box is now at the back of the church with a comprehensive list of items that are needed in the box. Donations of non-perishable goods are needed such as:

- Tinned food: tomatoes, beans, tuna etc.
- Packet foods: rice, pasta, couscous, cereals, porridge oats, tea and coffee.
- Cleaning products and toiletries.

We hope that you are able to support this project.

Thank you.

Northlew Stores C I C.

A summer of local continued..

The summer, so far, isn't going quite to plan, but despite the weather June was a very busy month.

our volunteers

We celebrated National Volunteer Week (1st - 7th) with a small gesture of flowers to our wonderful volunteers which represented a big thank you and the added bonus we made the heady heights of the Okehampton Times – not sure why we didn't make The Telegraph! For more information about the shop, events or volunteering please contact:



Pictured are some of our volunteers with their flowers. Paula Anscomb, Winifred Davey, Julia Oxenbury, Teresa Cox, Charlotte Cox, Steve Lofthouse, Cathy

Feathers, Patricia Stock, Tania Haycocks, Jennie Nash. (Thank you for taking the pic Janet Millership) Not pictured, Tracey Barrett, Jayne Williams, Gaynor Stevens, Alan Stevens, Harriet Cox and Chloe Anscomb.

Supporting the Alzheimer's Society

On the 13th June, we supported the Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day, and what a day, the cupcakes looked delicious and (had to sample some – tasted delicious too) thank you to everyone who baked, faked and bought cakes. We raised an amazing £117.00. There were a couple of prizes, Charlotte & Harriet Cox won a prize for the prettiest cakes and Tracey Barrett won for the perfectly presented cakes (there was also glitter, so...)



Here is a picture of Paula dressed as a giant cupcake and contemplating her life choices! (Thank you for the pic

Anne Hill)

Fridays are ‘meal deal’ and fresh fruit, veg and flower day

Every Friday is “meal deal” Friday, a bargain for £3.50 (includes; sandwich, drink, crisps, cake or fruit), so give yourself a break and pick up your lunch on the way to work we are open from 7.30 on Fridays.

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

Ice cream for sale



Now that the weather has slightly improved, and we are optimistic, a reminder that we are selling ice creams in a cone, £1.00, or by the

scoop in a carton £1.25. The cartons are environmentally friendly and compostable and so are the spoons – zero plastic.

Reducing plastic

Over the coming weeks, we will also be trialling some items which you can bring your own container to fill, charged per scoop/ladle or by weight, depending on the item. If you have some suggestions for goods that you would like to see sold this way, please let us know. We are also looking at other options where we can reduce our

plastic usage, and again we are open to all suggestions. The obvious one is plastic bags, we still have some of the bags for life which we are selling on behalf of Northlew Primary School 50p each, whilst we still have stock, so support the local primary school and help us reduce plastic.

Advertising local events

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

Pop Up events

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

A free opportunity for local crafts/charities/organisations – if you would like to have a “pop-up” event outside the shop we will be happy to accommodate you. This is only available for those who live in the parish of Northlew & Ashbury,

giving you a chance to show off your skills, highlight your organisation and/or promote yourself. Sorry no knife throwers, sharp shooters or fire eaters!

Food bank collection point

We now have a collection point for the local foodbank, so if you have any items you would like to donate please pop them in the box under the reserved papers. There is a list of items needed on the notice board outside the Church rooms.

Opening hours

Don't forget we are now open all day Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Full opening times below. Please be aware that on rare occasions we may not be able to fully cover the hours and may have to close early – we will give notice where possible.

Monday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am- Noon

Sunday: 9:00 am - Noon

Bank Holidays: 9:00 am - Noon

Christmas: Closed

Boxing Day: Closed

New Year's Day: Closed

If you would like to order newspapers or magazines please do so, we get commission on sold items and every little helps! Thank you to all our customers and here's to a sunny and busy July.

For more information or to join the volunteers please contact:

Paula 07805 427006
or Dan: 01409 221228

Email: Northlewshop@gmail.com,
Facebook: @northlewshop

Northlew Post Office



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

The Apollo 11 Moon Landing Mission: Some Key Facts



"The Eagle has landed..."

Apollo 11 mission patch
Credits: NASA

Mission Objective

The primary objective of Apollo 11 was to complete a national goal set by President John F. Kennedy on 25th May 1961: perform a crewed lunar landing and return to Earth.

The Apollo 11 crew

Neil Armstrong, Commander, Michael Collins, Command Module Pilot and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin Jr, Lunar Module Pilot left the Kennedy Space Center, Florida on July 16th 1969. When the Apollo spacecraft approached the Moon, the command module was left orbiting around the Moon and was piloted by Michael Collins. Although Collins did not experience the glory of stepping on the Moon's surface, the mission would not have been possible without him.

The astronauts landed with only 25 seconds of fuel to spare.

As the Apollo lunar module was descending, the two astronauts realized the original site chosen for the landing was filled with boulders and knew it would be hazardous to attempt their descent. Therefore, Armstrong began to navigate the lunar module manually which involved skimming over the risky site, a decision which meant more fuel would be consumed. The probe had a fuel limit set where upon reaching it, automatic abort of the landing would begin. The lunar module landed, on 20th July 1969, with 25 seconds of fuel left before reaching this point.

650 million people watched the moon landing

An estimated 650 million people watched Armstrong's televised image as he stepped out of the lunar module onto the moon's surface and heard his voice describe the event as he took **"...one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind"** on 20th July 1969.

Armstrong carried with him a piece of wood from an airplane that belonged to the Wright brothers.

The first recorded flight was achieved by the Wright Brothers in

1903, 66 years before the first manned lunar mission. Neil Armstrong took pieces of wood and fabric from the pioneering Wright plane with him in his "personal preference kit" (PPK) to symbolize the great progress made in aviation. The Wright Brothers, like Neil, were from the state of Ohio. The artefacts now sit in the Smithsonian museum in Washington, D.C.

The astronauts left items behind on the moon.

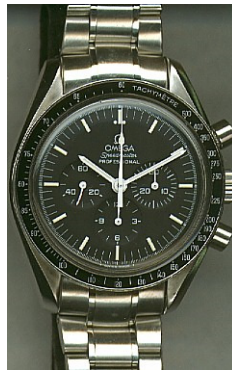
Commemorative medallions bearing the names of the three Apollo 1 astronauts who lost their lives in a launch pad fire, and two cosmonauts who also died in accidents, were left on the moon's surface. A one-and-a-half inch silicon disk, containing micro miniaturized goodwill messages from 73 countries, and the names of congressional and NASA leaders, also stayed behind.

Sources:

https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/missions/apollo11.html

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/10-amazing-facts-about-the-apollo-11-moon-landing.html>

The First Watch on the Moon – the Omega Speedmaster



The Omega Speedmaster watch first came to the attention of NASA in 1962. Astronaut Walter Schirra wore his own Omega

Speedmaster on a Mercury flight on 3rd October 1962. This was a private purchase and had nothing to do with NASA. The astronauts kept pushing for something like an official watch that could be worn during space missions.

In 1964 NASA decided that with the Mercury program almost complete the they needed to procure wristwatches for astronauts in the upcoming Gemini and Apollo missions. On these missions, astronauts would move about in space outside the ship, and eventually on the lunar surface, and one piece of equipment they would need would be a wristwatch. The watch would have to withstand the stresses and strains of space with unfaltering reliability, which could

only be determined by a series of strenuous tests. These included high and low temperatures, pressures, humidity and G-forces, to name but a few.

NASA sent procurement letters to Longines, Rolex, Hamilton and Omega. The legend, familiar perhaps to any horophiles among our readers, that NASA sent a technician downtown Houston to buy selected watches is untrue. NASA is a government agency and not allowed to “buy” anything.

Hamilton sent a pocket watch which, since it was not a wristwatch, was eliminated and ultimately only the Omega Speedmaster passed all the tests.

The procurement letter went to the US agents/importers of the three Swiss brands, so it was not until 1966 that Omega found out about the success of the Speedmaster and was able to start making advertising capital from it.

Astronauts on the first Gemini flight in March 1965 were wearing Speedmasters. Fourteen Gemini and Apollo missions were flown by astronauts wearing this watch before Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins set off

for the moon in Apollo 11 on 16th July 1969.

The first watch on the moon was obviously the one Neil Armstrong was wearing, you are thinking, so where’s the story? In fact, the clock in the lunar module had stopped after touching down in the Sea of Tranquillity and Armstrong left his Speedmaster behind for safety’s sake. He was wearing the watch belonging to Buzz Aldrin when he stepped on to the moon’s surface.

In 1971 Aldrin decided to gift his watch to The Smithsonian museum in Washington DC together with some medals and other objects he took to the moon. NASA hired special packers for the job but when the items arrived in Washington Aldrin’s Speedmaster had been stolen, together with some other items and has never been recovered.

So technically Armstrong’s watch now in the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC, was the second to be on the moon, although it could be argued that the Speedmaster worn by Charles “Pete” Conrad of Apollo 12 on 14th November 1969 was the second to actually move around over the surface.

Daisy Chain Group



Tuesday 9th July

7 pm Church Rooms

Speaker session

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

Tuesday 13th August

7 pm Garden Party

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

Sessions, as always, are £2 towards our kitty. We are a friendly group, welcome to all.

For more information please call Gina Farrow 01409 221238

Gardening tips for the month



It's great to have Harriet's gardening tips back – thank you Harriet!

'Flaming June'

'Flaming June' appears to be living up to its usual soggy reputation as I write this. After an unusually dry and warm May, the gardens are actually pretty glad of some rain. The earth has been incredibly dry in places, even if under a mulch, so I'm gritting my teeth and just going with the flow..literally.

If you've kept on top of the weeding, then you can relax a bit and tackle a few other jobs.

Deadheading and feeding

Keep deadheading annuals and perennials for further flushes of flowers. Give the annuals some slow release granular feed too, especially if they are in pots.

Cuttings and dividing plants

Take cuttings of pelargoniums to over-winter if you have a conservatory or frost-free greenhouse. Take off non-flowering shoots approx 4" long and cut just below a leaf node. Remove all but the top 3 or 4 leaves and insert into the edges of a pot filled with a mix of compost and grit or perlite, for drainage, until rooted.

Congested Bearded iris clumps can be lifted and divided as soon as they finish flowering. This year they started flowering earlier because of the heat, so do them as soon as possible. Break the clumps up gently and snap off any old rhizomes in the centre. Cut back the leaves by half and trim the roots.

Replant with the rhizomes fully exposed and facing the sun. Make sure they're in a sunny well drained spot too.

Tomatoes

If you have cordon tomatoes, keep taking the side shoots off. Once you have 5 trusses of fruits set, take all the leaves off the plant, up to the halfway point on the stem. Obviously, if you have tumbler or bush tomatoes, ignore the above advice!

Sowing

Don't forget to sow biennial seeds such as foxgloves, sweet Williams and forget me not (try Royal Blue Improved for stunning colour). You can also sow French beans until the middle of the month.

Pruning magnolias and fruit trees

Deciduous magnolias can be pruned now, rather than at other times of the year, but only if strictly necessary i.e. removing crossing or dead branches. Sadly, so many of these beautiful trees are planted too close to other trees or near paths and they end up being hacked about in order to control their size.

Similarly, if you need to prune stone fruit such as cherries, then summer is a good time to do it. If pruned in winter, or when not in leaf, then they are more susceptible to silver leaf disease.

The aim of summer pruning of apples or pears, is to promote the formation of fruit spurs. Winter pruning will encourage strong new growth rather than fruit production.

Unlike stone fruits, apples and pears can be pruned in winter. If you have gooseberries, any new side shoots off the main branches

can be shortened, again to encourage fruit production for next year.

Strawberries

Strawberry runners can be either pegged down into new positions to provide new plants, or pegged into individual small pots that can easily be moved and replanted once the baby plants have rooted.

Controlling whitefly

And finally, keep an eye out for whitefly if you have a greenhouse. Insect levels are extremely high this year owing to last year's hot summer and mild winter. Try using a biological control such as encarsia. They are available online from websites such as GreenGardener or Nematodes Direct. Whitefly are extremely difficult to control, but these minute wasps can be pretty effective.

Happy gardening!

Harriet

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 2nd 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

The Green Dragon



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

The Green Dragon is open:
Lunchtime: 12 – 2 pm
Lunch is served every day except Saturday

Monday – Saturday: open 6 pm
Food served from 6 pm - 9 pm
Sunday: open 7 pm (no food)

Quiz Nights

Look out for the The Green Dragon quiz nights.

Pop into the Green Dragon to find out more or call Dan on 01409 221228.

Northlew and Ashbury Primary School PTFA



**Northlew & Ashbury
Primary School**

Northlew Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) raises vital funds for the school through events such as the Curry Night held at The Green Dragon.

The Curry Night.

On behalf of Northlew Primary School PTFA we would like to say a big heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Curry Night on Saturday 8th June. We raised £546 for the children at the school.

We couldn't have done it without your help and hungry bellies 😊 Especially thank you to Daniel Anscomb for letting us use his wonderful pub. And Charlie Stewart-Smith and Sasha for all their culinary skills and efforts! A great team effort.

The next event is the famous:



**Northlew and
Ashbury PTFA
Duck Race!**

The duck race is being held on **Friday 5th July** at Wadland Barton Farm, Ashbury.

Gates open at 5.30, ducks away at 6.00. Buy your tickets for your duck(s) at the shop or please call in at the school and talk to Hannah.

Bar and BBQ available, cake stall, chocolate tombola and raffle. A fun family evening out with cash prizes to be won! Look forward to seeing you all there

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

Coffee 'n' Chat Outing

Thursday 15th August
Outing to Falmouth



We will leave
Northlew
Square at
9:00 am.

Tickets for adults cost £7 and
£3.50 for children
Please book with Marlene 01409
221 508

Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show 2019

Saturday 7th September

This month's update about the show includes details of the 'Flower Section' and also the Vera Andrew Memorial Personal Challenge.

Flower section

In recent years, many of the flower categories have have had a limited amount of entries - so once this heavy rain stops, it could be time to start identifying your favourite blooms.

The flowers in this section must be grown by the exhibitor and can be displayed in any vase or container, which will not be judged.

This year, dahlias are back on the schedule - with three flowers required. These do not need to be identical, so you can choose the three prettiest. Once again at this show, the judge will also be looking for a vase of seven stems of mixed garden flowers, so this is your chance to as creative as you like with your garden's bounty.

A new category for this year is ‘a container of five edible flowers’. Once you begin to investigate this, it is amazing how many flowers are edible. Nasturtiums have brightly coloured, peppery flowers, suitable for pasta and salads. Pot marigold can be used in soups and stews and sunflower petals can be used in salads and stir fries. Scented geraniums can be crystallised or frozen in ice cubes for summer drinks. These are just a few amongst a huge range of edible flowers which include chrysanthemums, daisies, borage, clover, hibiscus, lavender or courgette and marrow flowers.

The final three flower categories include ‘3 stems of sweet peas’, ‘a single rose’ and ‘a fuchsia flower floating in a glass’. So. Lots of opportunities for experienced dedicated gardeners and also inexperienced novices!

The Vera Andrew Memorial Challenge

The Vera Andrew Memorial Personal Challenge is named after Vera, a much loved village ‘local’. As Jeanette, her daughter says, ‘mum was the sort of person who always tried to feed you.’ The Challenge this year is to bake a savoury flan, an Andrew family tea

time favourite, often an egg and bacon flan, but the contents could vary depending what was available. To celebrate this, the flan can be ‘your favourite recipe’, so please indicate the filling on your entry. Happy baking.

The Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show Committee

This year’s nominated charity is the Salvation Army, Registered Charity Number 214779

Nature Watch: a year in the life of a pond - June

Frogs

The tadpoles have gone! One day, I saw tadpoles with back legs, and then a few days later, they had all gone. I can only hope that they are now hopping around in my garden eating slugs. At least they have had a better start to life than others I had been keeping an eye on around the village. Up to the 2nd week of June, there had been very little rain, which meant that most of the small ponds containing tadpoles quickly dried up. I can only hope that some of them managed to metamorphose in time.

Other wildlife

The pond skimmers continue to do their Torvill & Dean act on the surface of the pond, but despite my best efforts, I have failed to see them eat anything, or mate, or do anything particularly constructive. I am sure they know what they are doing.

At the beginning of the month, we were getting some quite warm weather, and that produced a few dragonflies around the pond, notably the Broad Bodied Chaser (*Libellula depressa*), a first for my garden. I can only hope that they have been attracted by the pond.



This is what the British Dragonfly Society say about the Broad Bodied Chaser :

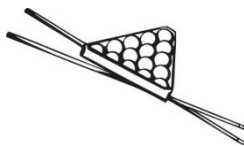
This dragonfly is usually found at ponds and may be the first to colonise new ponds. It regularly returns to the same low perch after swift flights along the pond margins.

Unfortunately, since the weather in the middle of the month turned really wet, things seemed to have quietened down, even the skimmers seem to have taken shelter somewhere.

Hopefully summer will return soon, so that we can witness more action in the pond.

More next month.
Chris Baines

Northlew and Ashbury Snooker Club



Come and join us!
We currently have vacancies

for membership and we would be pleased to see new faces over the newly refurbished tables. One team plays in the Bude league each winter. New members are very welcome. There is a small membership fee to join.

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

The Victory Hall

Regular events

The Victory Hall use on weekdays is booming and includes:

- **Badminton**; Monday and Wednesday
- **Skittles**; Tuesday and Thursday
- **Short Mat Bowls**; Thursday
- **Table Tennis**; Friday
- **Toddlers Group**; Friday

In addition, the walking group, Northlew Amateur Dramatics Society (NADS) and the Parish Council to name but a few also use the Victory Hall.

Come along and join in.

Simon Dancer
Chair, Victory Hall Committee

Short mat bowls



The fastest expanding indoor sport in the UK, we now have short mat

bowls in the Northlew Village Hall every Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm.

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

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

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

Booking a charitable event at the Victory Hall

Any event must meet all 5 criteria to be granted the booking price of £10.

Criteria to qualify:

1. Any event for which all the profit will go to the named registered charity.
 2. Registered charity name & number required when booking and must be on all advertising for the event.
 3. The organiser is a parishioner.
 4. It must be a public event open to all. This offer is not for private functions.
 5. The £10 covers the hall and use of the kitchen for drinks only. If food preparation and serving is required, then an additional £15 is essential to cover our extra costs.
- www.northlewvictoryhall.co.uk**

Northlew Walking Group

For those of you who are unaware of the Pegasus Trail, this is an ongoing project run by Devon County Council to reclaim the old railway track which ran between Meldon and Halwill Junction, and to turn it into a multi-purpose 'Byway'.

On the 11th May, the latest stretch was officially opened between Venndown Gates and Broadbury Castle Farm, and so we thought it was only right that our walking group should be the first to try it out.

The weather forecast for the day wasn't looking too promising, rain being predicted for nearly all day, with only a small chance of a break in the cloud mid afternoon. During the morning, it was touch and go whether we should cancel, but in the end, we put our faith in the forecasters and decided to go ahead.

As it happened, it was dry at the start of the walk, as you can see from the group photograph, and so off we went, heading south towards Venndown Gates.

Amongst the walkers were Jenny Anderson and her brother Mike Stone, Marion Dufty, Pat Richardson, Susan Jones, Enid Maguire, Val Hughes, Margaret Conkey, Shirley Lloyd and me.



The new path starts out above Ashbury Station, and leads onto the actual track bed after about 200 yards, with great views over the rolling fields and Dartmoor beyond. With almost flat walking, great views, spectacular wildflowers, and the sun trying to come out, this was turning out to be a lovely afternoon stroll.

It couldn't last though, as we approached Venndown Gates, the rain returned with a vengeance, and so we were forced to shelter under a tree. In order to take our minds off the damp, we celebrated the opening of the Trail with

Champagne (Cava actually) and nibbles.

Having touched the gate at Venndown Gates, we turned around, and walked back to the start point, somewhat wetter, but happy to have walked a part of Northlew that had never been walked before by an organised walking group.

Next Walk: No 34

Next month will be our Beaworthy 'cream tea' walk, and for those of you who joined us on the previous two walks to this lovely hamlet will confirm, it will be a great event, with tea and plentiful cake at the end.

The walk will take place on the 12th July, starting from Northlew square at 2pm as usual.

For information please call Chris Baines on 01409 221362

Please come and join us. All welcome.

Theatre Highlights



**Theatre Royal @
Plymouth**

Box Office 01752
267222

11th June – 6th July

Les Miserables Only a few tickets left

9th July – 20th July

Kinky Boots the musical

23th July – 3rd Aug

Calendar Girls – the musical

6th Aug – 17th Aug

Motown – the musical

21st Aug – 31st Aug

The Bodyguard (Alexandra Burke)

2nd Sept – 7th Sept

Buddy – The Buddy Holly story

9th Sept – 14th Sept

On Your Feet (Emilio & Gloria Estefan story)

16th Sept – 21st Sept

The Entertainer (with Shane Richie)

30th Sept – 5th Oct

The Girl on the Train

17th Oct – 19th Oct & 15th Apr –

18th Apr (2020)

Welsh National Opera

More on the website

www.theatreroyal.com

Northcott @ Exeter
Box Office 01392 726363
www.exeternorthcott.co.uk

5th July – 7th July

We're going on a Bear Hunt for 3+ yrs and over

1st Oct – 5th Oct

Little Miss Sunshine – musical

Sat 12th Oct

Fisherman's Friends

12th November – 16th November

English Touring Opera

30th Nov – 5th Jan 20

Booking now for pantomime

Beauty & the Beast

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

HOF Gallery and Cottage



The HOF Gallery is a small space

devoted to all things arts & crafty. The gallery also has a selection of fine ceramics, paintings, prints, locally crafted sculpted & hanging feltwork. A 'rustic' framing service is also available.

The studio opens most weekends 10am - 6pm and bank holidays

Play Group for Grown ups

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

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

We meet on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Methodist Chapel Room.

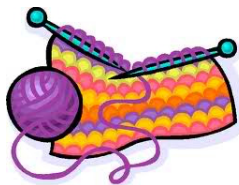
For more information or to arrange transport please call Chris Scadeng on 01409 221797

Fairy neighbours for the Northlew Gnomes!



The St Thomas's Company of Mowers have noticed that some fairies have converted a hole at the base of a lime tree into a very comfortable looking home. We hope that everyone in the village will feel as honoured as we do and will make the fairies welcome!

Knit and Knatter



The Knit and Knatter group are knitting and crocheting for good causes and

everyone is welcome to join us! We meet in the Methodist Church every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. If you have any spare wool that you can donate to support the Knit and Knatter fundraising activities, please let me know and I will arrange to collect it. Your help is very much appreciated.

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

Marathon walk for charity.

Saturday 3rd August

.... it's only 32 miles..... starting in Barnstaple and following the Tarka trail along the coast to Bideford before heading in-land to Torrington and beyond. Remember you don't have to do the whole thing, we'll organise meet points along the way so any distance can be catered for.

Nearer the time we'll have firmed up transport to get us to the start point, Barnstaple station.

Don't forget it's for the charity Something to Look Forward To and also for boasting rights! It'll be an amazing personal achievement! You know you want to do it, keep training!

For more information please contact Tim Williams 01409 221754

Badminton Club



We play every week on Monday and Wednesday in the Victory Hall.

All abilities welcome. Please contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 for more information

Messages

Thank you from Janet Millership

I would like to say a big thank you to the Parish Council and everybody for their generosity and good wishes on my retirement as Clerk. Not only a splendid Strawberry Tea but gifts too – truly overwhelming!

It was lovely to see you all especially some of the ex-councillors on Sunday afternoon.

Janet

Thank you from Bart Parker

I would like to say a big thank you for all the cards I received whilst I was in hospital from the many well wishers.

I am now at home recovering.

Thank you,

Bart

Member of Parliament for Northlew

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Parish Council

New clerk to the Parish Council

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sue Main as clerk to the Parish Council. Sue has extensive administrative experience gained in senior office management roles throughout her career in financial services and was appointed following her interview with four parish councillors. Sue's contact details can be found on page 24

Parish Council meetings

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

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

We request that notice of intent to ask questions/make comment be made to the clerk by the Friday prior to the date of the meeting. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next appropriate parish council or committee meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to three minutes. This section is not part of the formal meeting of the council.

Any member of the parish can attend the formal part of the meeting but may not contribute to it unless specifically invited by the chair.

All parish councillors and the clerk have parish council email addresses found on page 24. Please use these email addresses, not their private email addresses, for all matters relating to the parish council or parish. Thank you

Minutes

The minutes of last month's council meeting can be seen on the parish notice board.

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 on 07956 312047

chair@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk

Parish councilor vacancy update Steve Shelton

Welcome to Steve Shelton who was co-opted onto the parish council at the June meeting as no further candidates came forth to contest the vacancy.

Parish Council Website

We are very pleased to announce that we are now in the position for the Parish Council to launch its website in July – more details to follow in next month's edition.

Parish Council Emails

| Councillors & clerk | Councillors |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Joanna Wilson Chair | chair@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk |
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| Steve Smith | ssmith@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk |
| Steve Shelton | sshelton@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk |
| Clerk – Sue Main | clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk Telephone: 07956 312047 |

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

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

Business advertising rates:

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

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

Items for sale advertising rates:

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



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Community Contacts

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| Blakehouse Surgery, Black Torrington | 01409 231628 |
| Okeford Vets | 01837 52148 |
| North Park Veterinary Group | 01837 658777 |
| mydentist, Okehampton | 01837 52745 |
| Okehampton Cinema | 01837 658586 |
| Inkprint, Okehampton | 01837 52937 |

2019 Events at a Glance

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|------------------|---|
| July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 5th July: Duck race in aid of PTFA (reserve date 12th July) • Saturday 6th July: Patronal Festival (Victory Hall if wet) • Saturday 13th July: Bandamonium • Friday 19th July: Band in the hall in aid of PTFA Cancelled • Saturday 20th July: Summer concert 'Blues in the Pews' in the Parish Church |
| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 3rd August: Marathon walk • Saturday 17th Aug: Treasure hunt & tea church room • Saturday 31st August: Ploughman's lunch in the Church Room |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 7th September: Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 6th October: Harvest Festival • Monday 7th October: Harvest Supper, Victory Hall • Sunday 13th October: Harvest Festival 2:30 pm • Monday 14th October: Harvest Festival 7:30 pm • Ashbury Festival of Light: date to be confirmed |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 1st November: Northlew Carnival • Friday 15th November: Concert by Country Rich and the 3 J's in the Victory Hall • Saturday 23rd November: Bring and Buy Christmas Fair in the Victory Hall |
| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Fayre in aid of PTFA; date to be confirmed (may be in November) • Christmas services; details later |



SummerTerm 2019

Friday 19th July: Last day of term

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

Term dates 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019

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

Half Term: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 inclusive

Monday 28th October All pupils return

Friday 20th December Last Day of Term

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



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Events at Okehampton Library

Friday 5th July 19:30 – Comedy Night at the London Inn, Okehampton

An opportunity to meet and enjoy four local comedians, including host Christian Russell-Pollock and mixed martial arts coach Andy Costello. Tickets are £10 on the door or £7.50 (+ booking fee) from Eventbrite, and proceeds will go to Libraries Unlimited.

Doors open 19:30 with the show starting at 20:00

Saturday 13th July 09:30-12:00 – *Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019 Launch* 13th July – Saturday 7th September

Join us for space stories and rhymes. This will be happening throughout the morning to celebrate the launch of the Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Free event, no booking necessary, see page 37.

Saturday 13th July - Saturday 7 September – Summer Quiz Sheets

These book related quiz sheets have been compiled by the Friends of Okehampton Library.

Adult quiz sheet £1 each, children's quiz sheet 50p each. Prize of a £10 book token for the first correct adult entry drawn, and a £5 book token for the first correct children's entry drawn after 7th September.

Saturday 20th July – Saturday 7th September – Space Chase Fun Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The following activities will be available throughout the summer during library opening hours

Treasure Hunt – Find Space Chase characters hidden around the library, free activity

Badge Making –A different character each week, six to collect, 30p per badge

Guess how many Flying Saucers in the jar, 20p per go

Wednesday 24th July 14:00-15:00 – Dogs Trust Talk

Join Amy from The Dogs Trust for a presentation about the charity's work. Tea and cake included.

Space is limited, so book in advance to avoid disappointment

Tickets £2.50 booking in advance, £3 on the door

Monday 29th July 10:30-12:00 – From Rubbish to Rockets

Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

We'll be re-cycling rubbish into rockets, UFOs, planets etc.

We will provide the materials for an out of this world craft session!

Suitable for children aged 5+

Free event, donations welcome. Please book in advance as spaces are limited.

Wednesday 31 July 19.00 – Michael Jecks

Author Michael Jecks will be giving a talk on his latest book, 'The Dead Don't Wait'. This book, the fourth in Michael's Jack Blackjack series, follows the disreputable pickpocket and reluctant assassin as he tries to escape an accusation of murder. Michael will talk about his books, his career, and the life of a writer in the 21st Century. If you want to know what writing is like, don't miss this talk!

Doors open 19:00, talk starts at 19:15. Tickets in advance £5 each or £6 on the door, to include refreshments

Regular activities

Adults

Tuesdays 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Knit & Natter

Bring along your knitting, stitching, crochet or other portable project, for a chat with like-minded crafters. Tea and coffee available at 50p a cup.

Children and young people

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

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

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

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

For ages 0-5. Free, no booking necessary

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

Free -ask staff for further details

Saturdays 10:30 am – 11:30 am Lego Builders

For ages 5+ Free, no booking necessary

Book Track

For ages 6+ during library opening hours. Free, ask staff for further details

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

See our website or call us

Opening Hours

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| Monday | 09:00-17:00 |
| Tuesday | 09:00-18:00 |
| Wednesday | 09:00-13:00 |
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Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



The **Summer Reading Challenge**, produced by The Reading Agency, is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 13th July and is called Space Chase, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children are encouraged to read at least six library books of their choosing— novels, fact books, joke books, e-books or audio books,

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

they all count. There will be library staff and volunteers on hand to help children choose books they will really enjoy.

Children will collect special stickers along the way and be presented with a certificate and a medal as well as a **free ticket for entry to the Milky Way Adventure Park at Clovelly** on completion of the challenge at Okehampton Library.

The **Milky Way Adventure Park** offers an out of this world adventure for the whole family, with rides, shows and play designed to delight all ages. New for 2019 is Ziggy's Blast Quest where visitors are invited to pilot top-of-the-range Cyber Scooters, and as they ride, use powerful Blasteroid Lasers to shoot asteroids and meteors before they enter Earth's atmosphere. The aim is to hit as many as possible before returning to Earth Base Zero – and of course, to beat your friends' and family members' scores! Located near Clovelly in North Devon.

www.themilkyway.co.uk

Fun for all the family – the Challenge is a great time to share and talk about books as a family. Sitting down with a book, newspaper or magazine sets a good example to kids - they will copy you. Children enjoy taking part and many teachers tell us that they return to school with a new enthusiasm and confidence in reading. Children's reading can dip during the long summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure.

Explore the library – while your children are choosing their books for Space Chase, it's a great chance for you to discover the full range of what's on offer at Okehampton Library. From reading groups to computer use, DVD hire to online resources, it's your library so let us help you make the most of it!

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

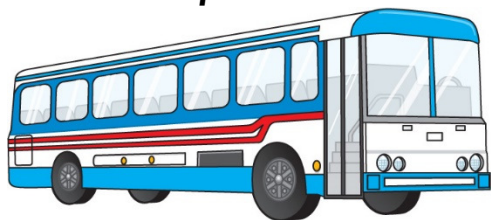
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Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday there is a morning service to Okehampton. The bus will be parked for 2-3 hours outside Waitrose where you can leave your shopping whilst you visit

Okehampton. There is also a service to Bideford which is convenient for Morrisons.

Changes to the Thursday service: Please note that the Thursday 630 service has changed so it now goes to Okehampton via Hatherleigh. It still leaves the square at 9:45 am.



Also, by contacting the office you can book our services to Crediton or Barnstaple on Tuesdays, to Trago Mills and Newton Abbot on Wednesdays and Exeter or Tavistock on Fridays. And in the school holidays we also have services to Barnstaple (Tuesdays) Holsworthy (Wednesdays) Tavistock (Fridays) from Northlew.

With 10 buses per week Northlew has excellent public transport for a village of our size

These services mainly use scenic routes ideal for showing off the area to friends that may be visiting. Bus passes are accepted at all times and if you are not lucky enough to have one then the fares are low. Let the bus take the strain out of driving and no parking charges to pay or spaces to find! Most importantly, if you live on the route then the bus stop is your front door.

From Easter day trips from the village commence for the summer as outlined on the back page and there will also be 3 short break holidays this year leaving from the village. For more information please contact Libby

Carmel Coaches Excursions for 2019



| Date and venue | Cost |
|--|------|
| 25th August: Brixham | £14 |
| 21st – 25th October: Gunton Hall Coastal Village near Lowestoft | £325 |
| 2nd November: Bridgwater Carnival | £14 |
| 18th – 22nd November: Turkey and Tinsel at Bembridge, Isle of Wight | £350 |
| 23rd November: Cardiff Christmas shopping | £20 |
| 30th November: Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus, Bristol | £17 |

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