# Northlew News

## Winter 2020 Edition



Well here we are, a couple of weeks from the shortest day of the year, soon followed by Christmas and finally New Year's Eve. Saying goodbye to 2020, a year that many of us will be glad to see the back of, what do we all hope is round the corner in 2021

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#### Editorial Welcome

Earlier in 2020, Northlew News sadly said a huge thank you and cheerio to Joanna Wilson. Under Joanna's stewardship since the end of 2015, the Northlew News had grown phenomenally, often close to 50 pages, with a mix of features, information, and adverts. So at this juncture with a new Editor, and with the hiatus that Covid-19 has provided, we have the ideal opportunity to review what the Northlew News is, and what you, The Reader, want it to be.

So who am I? Many of you know me as Celia Rundle, born here (a long time ago,) went to the primary in the reign of Mrs De Bethune, Mrs Vick & Mr Thorne, off on Oke14 to big school and then seduced by the bright lights of Exeter. Married here in 1995 and again in September this year, (hence the Mrs Miners bit.) Dad moved here in 1957 to his Uncle's farm, Mum moved down in 1967 and her parents had haberdashery shops in Okehampton, and the family started in 1971. I moved back to the farm in 2013 and joined the Parish Council soon after that. Despite my decades in Exeter, I consider myself to be Northlew through and through.

I think the newsletter is a crucial tool in keeping the community informed and slightly entertained, so when the opportunity arose, I thought I'd give it a go! I have ideas about what I would like to see, but I'm very keen to hear what you all enjoy or want to read.

So now you know a little bit about me, I'd like to know a little bit about you! We have devised a short questionnaire to collate some information about who reads the newsletter, what you have enjoyed reading about in the past and what you'd like to see feature in the future. I know it is easy to assume everyone else will reply so you don't need to, but the more information we can gather, the better the newsletter will be.

Currently we are anticipating a quarterly edition, roughly in line with the seasons, with the Parish Council Noticeboard providing an excellent information resource between editions.

If you could please complete the short, enclosed questionnaire (it shouldn't take more than a few minutes) we can start shaping the first edition of 2021 how you best like it. We would like responses back by **11 December** please.



Meanwhile if anyone wants to talk to us about placing adverts with Northlew News, then please don't hesitate to contact us via the email below and we can start a dialogue!

Bring on 2021!

Celia

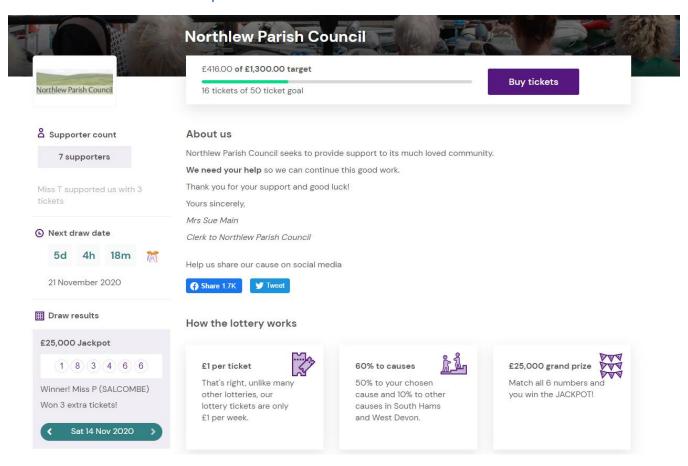


Christmas Cheer Suggestion.......... A parishioner has suggested that it would be nice for the younger members of the community (and the young at heart) if all those who wish to, decorated our houses and/or front gardens to help lift our COVID-19-battered-spirits a little as we head towards Christmas. Much as the Scarecrow and Halloween decorations lifted everyone's spirits earlier in the year!

No prizes, just lashings of Christmas Cheer!

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### Northlew News Survey

Your opinion really does count and we are keen to gauge your feedback on what the newly launched Newsletter should include. Please take a few minutes to complete the following Survey in one of three ways by 11th December 2020.

- Complete the form below and return to the survey box situated at The Square Shop or
   Complete the form below and scan and email to northlewnews@gmail.com or
- > Complete the survey online by clicking:- https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YD8XZXG

From the list 1-4 below, please tick those categories you would like included:-

Village Amenities and Services

	0	Religious Matters including church, chapel and obituary
	0	Clubs
	0	Events Planner for village and local town
	0	Parish Council Matters
	0	School, Post Office, Village Hall
	0	Shop and Pub
2	Local Tow	n Amenities and Services
	0	Council Services and Notifications eg Recycling, Library, Highways, Bus Timetable
	0	Doctors/Dentists
3	Editorial F	eatures
	0	Art and Photography
	0	Competition
	0	Crossword, Sudoku
	0	Food and Wine
	0	Garden/Wildlife/Farming
	0	Local History
4	Classified A	·
		Advertising Local Businesses
	0	Yes
5	0	No ase provide below any other specific items you would like to appear in this publication which do
	not appear	r in 1-4 above)
6	Distributio	on – How would you like to receive this newsletter?
	0	Download from Northlew Parish Council website as and when required
	0	Be emailed an electronic copy
	0	Pick up a hardcopy from one of the local collection points (eg. Shop, church, village hall etc)
	0	Deliver a hardcopy to my house
_	0	Would you be willing to make a contribution towards the production costs of Northlew News
7	Would you	describe yourself as:-
	0	Reader
	0	Editorial Contributor
	0	Advertiser
8	Are you:-	
	0	Resident
	0	Former Resident
	0	Interested Other
9.	We would	like to keep in touch with you if you are happy to provide your details below*. If you have any
	questions	relating to this survey or the forthcoming newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact editor are an email northlewnews@gmail.com.
	Name:	
	Email:	
All int	ormation is	confidential and will be used only for the purpose of collecting information by the Editor for
		this newsletter and will not be passed on to any third party.



#### **Weekly Bus Services**

Monday 0915 Bideford

0930 Okehampton

Tuesday 0840 Barnstaple \*\*

Wednesday 0840 Newton Abbot/ Trago Mills \*\*

0925 Holsworthy

Thursday 0945 Okehampton

Friday 0840 Tavistock \*\*

0840 Exeter\*\*

Saturday 0945 Okehampton

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On 01409 221237

