Northlew News Winter 2022



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Hello from the Editor

Greetings to you all,

Where on earth does the time go? I know every minute, every hour, week, month, and year (nod towards leap years) takes the same amount of time, as the last one and everyone before that, you get my drift, but goodness me! I struggle to comprehend that the hour a school lesson took back in the 80's is the same unit of time now as the one I get at work on a Friday afternoon, and the term, well.....if I was 14 again, the end of term would seem so far away you might not survive longing for it; but now, it feels like I stir my coffee, turn around and we are changing the front page of the calendar, again.

A Facebook memory jog recently came up with a picture of 5 colleagues of mine 10 years ago, we were at a works training day, 3 of us still work together now, and are still all in touch. A moment's reflection on all the water under the bridge in the 10 years that had passed was staggering. 4 of us had new partners, there had been 3 weddings, 2 babies and 3 dogs! It's no wonder we all look so much more 'worn'! It made us all wonder what the next 10 years would hold.

And what about 2023? I wonder what is in store for us as individuals and as a community. Obviously, we have the coronation to look forward to, do you have any exciting plans? I have committed to another fund raiser for Cancer Research later in the year, something I am very much looking forward to, and whilst it won't have the daily splash shock factor of last year's Cold Water Challenge, but I will still 'blog' about the journey so to speak, more, much more to come about that in the new year.

All that remains is for me to thank the Parish Council for funding this, the advertisers for their support, the super talented few who contribute features, Sue Main for her patience and skills

Celia

compiling recent editions, and you, our readers, without you, it'd all be utterly pointless!

Have a jolly Christmas and wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023



Your Parish Council

Your Councillors are here to help and always welcome your support and comments. Contact details as follows:-

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Details on how to contact your Borough and County Councillors and Member of Parliament are also found on our website http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/YourCouncillors.aspx.

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. The agenda is published on the website at least 3 days prior to the meeting at http://www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk/FullCouncil.aspx. At 7.30pm prior to the start of the formal meeting, there is 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 meetings. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking 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 minutes of the last month's council meeting are available on Parish website at <u>www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</u>. Please contact our clerk 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 at email: <u>clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</u> or on 07956 312047.

Website

The website contains a whole host of useful village information including latest news on the home page, a local information and memory page, your Councillors, agenda and minutes and back copies of the newsletters. If you have any community-related news for inclusion or have any feedback, comments and/or suggestions about the website then please contact our Parish Clerk at <u>clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk</u>.



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Victory Hall



St Thomas of Canterbury Church

I'm writing the day after our annual 'Service of Light' up at Ashbury church. Firstly, thanks so much to those who organised

the evening and made it such a delight, notably Trixie, Sue and Shaun. If you've not been to one of these, why not get it in the diary for next time, or the equally fun Summer service at Ashbury with a BBQ beforehand? The lovely old church, now decommissioned, was lit from end to end with candles creating a beautiful atmosphere in which to worship God to the sound of the old American pedal organ and Morwenna's violin.

With the subject, of course, being light, I would normally speak in some way about Jesus being the light of the world, which is all well and good but what does that mean to us really? So, on this occasion I told my own story of how that light came to be in my life and the difference He has made. I hope it wasn't too dull for those there, but for me it has been the most exciting thing imaginable; to be connected in Spirit with the Living God! Naturally, when you've hit on a good thing you want to share it with everyone and



not keep it to yourself, so here it is; Jesus is available, to make a huge difference in anyone's life who wants Him. Do chase me up for a chat if you want to know more about that.

It's for that reason we like to do all sorts of things to draw people together, and food is always a nice and friendly way of doing it, so please look out for our next '**Plough Service**'. This will be on the **22nd January** outside Northlew church (weather permitting) when we'll meet up a bit early; 9.00 for bacon rolls followed by a short service to welcome God into our working lives as the year begins.

Wishing you God's peace and blessing in everything you do, Revd. Leigh Winsbury.



December Service Times

4th December - 9.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP) and 4 pm Christingle Service
11th December - 9.30 am Holy Communion
18th December - 9.30 am Holy Communion and 6 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve - 4 pm Crib Service and 10 pm Holy Communion

As December comes in, you can sense the excitement among the children—bless them (well most of the time anyway!) and the season revives some old memories too - some good, some best left alone. Talking of old memories, did anyone ever read Enid Blyton's Galliano's Circus (brilliant wasn't it?). Another treasure received for a wartime Christmas present was Hymns Ancient and Modern'. I've still got it and treasure it greatly. Sorry, I could go on and on like this as us ancients tend to ramble if anyone is polite enough to listen! However, the Editor won't wait forever for this so we wish everyone a blessed, happy and peaceful Christmas and we pray, especially at this time, that almighty God will comfort and heal the sick and fearful among us.

Pat Durston

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FOST Committee 2022/23 Chair – Keith Ellis Secretary – Jackie Ellis 01837 658750/07952 071809 or Email to: jackie.ann.ellis@btinternet.com Treasurer – Tony Hazell Email: carmelcoaches@hotmail.com Roger Atkinson Tania Haycock Shaun Millership Revd. Leigh Winsbury [Ex Officio]

The Friends of St Thomas's Church met on 10th November 2022 and the main focus of this meeting related to the Quinquennial Report now received by the Parochial Church Council. The Report has made it clear that there is an urgent need to proceed with the external works before the work starts on the interior i.e. replastering and redecoration and the refurbishment of the Church organ. The PCC are in the process of organising the various Faculties required and obtaining quotations for all the work . Grants will also be sought from various sources available to the Church. It was agreed that FOST would make a contribution towards these costs of £10,000.00. A major fundraising effort is now required and we hope that the village will get behind us, despite the cost of living crisis. Jackie Ellis has been co-opted to the PCC, at the Revd. Leigh Winsbury's request, to assist the new Churchwarden with the preparatory work . Jackie was formerly Churchwarden and PCC Secretary and a member of the Fabric and Fundraising Committees in her previous Church and hopefully her experience may be helpful to the PCC. It will also aid FOST to have a Trustee attend PCC meetings bringing the two forums working closer together. Keith Ellis has been elected as the new Chairman of FOST.

Hopefully by now you will have seen the splendid new festive cookbook which has been prepared in aid of St Thomas's by Val and Allan Welsh and is the start of the fundraising effort—more details overleaf. Do look out for this - it will make an ideal Christmas gift and is now on sale. A big thank you to Val and Allan for this great idea and for making it happen so quickly in time for Christmas. Also a big thank you to all the contributors!!

New Friends are always very welcome and we have vacancies for new Committee members to help to carry on the important work of preserving our lovely historic Church and its artefacts. The Committee meets two or three times a year and the work is not onerous! If you would like to become a member and Friend of St Thomas' please contact the Secretary, Jackie Ellis, on 01837 658750 or by email: jackie.ann.ellis@btinternet.com.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and good wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.



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The Methodist Church

<u>Services</u>

4 th December	9.30 a.m.	Rev Maggy Whitehouse
11 th December	6.30 p.m.	Carol Service with Mrs Angela Banfield and Northlew Silver Band
25 th December	9.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
1 st January	9.30 a.m.	Rev Chris Jackson
15 th January	9.30 a.m.	Mr Roy Down
29 th January	9.30 a.m.	Mrs Bridget Down
12 th February	9.30 a.m.	Rev Chris Jackson
26 th February	9.30 a.m.	Mrs Vicki Penfound and Mrs Barbara Dalton

Come and join us singing the carols and on Christmas Day celebrating the birth of Our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ

The revamped 50/50 is up and running again every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until 12 noon where you can bring your goods to sell for only $\pounds 2$ a table. All they ask is no cake stalls as every last Saturday of the month there is a cake sale. Everyone is welcome to pop along for a coffee and chat.



The Methodist Church

Message from Rev Chris Jackson, Superintendent Minster of the West Devon Circuit of the Methodist Church

I don't know about you, but I'm genuinely confused about what time of year we are in at the moment. I believe, according to the calendar on my office wall, that it is November. However, looking out of the window at blue sky and sunshine (yes, it actually is today), and in particular experiencing the unseasonably mild weather, I could be forgiven that we are still in summer. Added to this, and I am sure that I am not the only one being confused by this next statement, we are preparing for the men's football world cup!

It used to be the case that we were able to navigate our year by the turning of the seasons. In some respects this is no longer the case. In part, this is to do with climate change, and as I write this many of our world's leaders are meeting in Egypt to once again suggest ways of fighting the most serious problem facing our world today. I do pray for all of our sakes that they make progress.

Despite this seasonal confusion, as a church minister I am reassured by the rhythm of the church year. Our church seasons and festivals are not affected by the changes in climate or the moving of the world cup (although 3pm on December 18th might not be the best time to ask me to take a service this year!). The rhythm of the church year remains special and grounds us in our understanding of the life of Jesus. The Church year begins on Advent Sunday (this year 27th November) where we begin a period of preparation for the celebration of Christmas where we remember the birth of the Christ-child.

As I write this it is actually 11th of November, Armistice Day. A day when we remember the sacrificial acts of so many people caught up in the cauldron of warfare, both past and present. And that is what the church year enables us to do, to remember the life of Jesus Christ both past and to recognise Jesus' presence with us today.

The ordering of seasons anchors us in our world today. In church we have Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Harvest...amongst others. They are times that enable us to remember, reflect and to be thankful. They are also opportunities when we are encouraged to respond to the needs of others in our communities, whether local, national or international.

Our world, in fact the universe is designed to work "seasonally", the intricate choreography of celestial bodies creates that rhythmic change in our seasons. I for one, love the principle of a natural rhythm to my life. Whether it be the following of a church or liturgical year, or the recognition of different foods to eat at different times of the year, or the changing clothing demands of a new season of the year, or simply following an intentional rule of devotion to God in my daily life. A natural, organic rhythm to our lives can enrich our appreciation and understanding of the world we live in.

And so I wish you all a good winter season and a blessed Advent and Christmas time.

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- 1. Who wrote the Bing Crosby hit "White Christmas"?
- 2. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
- 3. Which song begins with "Are you hanging up your stocking on the wall"?
- 4. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
- 5. Which important spice found in many a Christmas dish or drink stems originally from the Moloken spice islands ?
- 6. What was the movie title of Tim Burton's ghoulish 1993 Christmas tale?
- 7. Which fish is traditionally used as the main meal on Christmas day in some European countries?
- 8. Who wrote the book that inspired the 1983 animated film "The Snowman"?
- 9. Most of us have had to eat 'humble pie' at least once in our lives. During Elizabethan times it was popular at Christmas feasts. What was the main ingredient?
- 10. What kind of animal delivers gifts at Christmas in Syria?
- 11. The American ad writer Robert L. May invented which colourful Christmas character in 1939?
- 12. Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove?
- 13. What is the French name for Santa Claus?
- 14. In "A Christmas carol", how many ghosts visited Scrooge?
- 15. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren?
- 16. Which country gives a Christmas tree to Britain every year, something it has done traditionally for years?
- 17. What now traditional festive job was first taken by James Edgar in 1890?
- 18. The name for which traditional festive season accessory is derived from the Anglo Saxon words for "dung on a twig"?
- 19. The Christmas film "Miracle on 34th Street" has been remade many times. Which two time Oscar winner played Kris in the 1994 remake?
- 20. In which fictional land was it always Winter but never Christmas?

Quiz provided by Ian Richards with many thanks. Go to page 24 for answers



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Bird Watch Cuckoo - Cuculus Canorus

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Myth busting time. One thing that we all learned as children, was that the **Cuckoo** lays its eggs in another birds nest, and certainly this is the case for the **European Cuckoo**, usually choosing the Meadow Pipit as its host bird. This is where the phrase 'cuckoo in the nest' comes from, and is the definition of the word cuckoldry, where a parent cares for

someone else's children.

Surprisingly this is not the case for all **Cuckoo's** of the world. In fact there are 150 **Cuckoo** species found in every continent except Antarctica, and most of them brood their own eggs in the normal way.

Only our **European Cuckoo** calls its own name, the male being the one doing the calling. He will continue calling until he finds a receptive female. **Cuckoo spit**, which can be found around the time that **Cuckoo's** arrive in the UK, has nothing to do with **Cuckoo's**, but is actually a way for a small insect called a frog hopper to protect itself from predators. The female **Cuckoo** will lay up to 22 eggs during her time in the UK, but amazingly 20% of the eggs laid are rejected by the host, and never hatch. After laying her eggs, the female **Cuckoo** will probably never see her offspring again, as the adults migrate back to Africa in late June, leaving the young behind to complete fledging a few weeks later, at which time they will fly to Africa alone.

For our next instalment, we will move back to the garden and study the Collared Dove.

Chris Baines

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We have expanded our grocery range of everyday essentials, and are adding new lines such as **Dartmoor Deli**'s chutneys and preserves, cake or soup bottles which make fantastic Christmas gifts. Fresh, local vegetables and fruit from **Hallwood** are delivered on Tuesday and Thursday; **Teign Valley** bread arrives on Tuesday and Friday; **Taw River Dairy** milk (both semi skimmed and full fat) on Tuesday and Friday; Cornish milk is twice-weekly (skimmed and semi skimmed) and a new cheese delivery arrives every Thursday. Local honey is available (two types from **Tim Parsons** and **The Secret Garden Apiary**); fresh, free range eggs come every Wednesday from **Black Dog Free Range Eggs**; **EcoMojo** refills are always available; delicious cakes from **Worth Tasting** come on Thursdays and we have a weekly meat delivery (orders are welcome) from **Martin's Butcher's** in Okehampton including their delicious pasties - so there really is no better time to try to shop local. Why not enjoy a fresh brew cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and have a seat outside?

Something we have really enjoyed during the summer months has been the great atmosphere outside the shop with regular coffee drinkers enjoying meeting their friends and neighbours, and listening to music. This is really something we hope to develop as it brings people together, combats loneliness and keeps everyone in touch.

We will post details soon of the plans for ordering your vegetables for Christmas.

In The Square

The Green Drag on Northlew





5th December - First Mondays of every month Open Mic Night from 8pm

10th December - Christmas Quiz



17th December - Christmas Jumper party with live music and raffle



NYE Party £7.50/ticket to include buffet and live music from Jai Rocks. 80's Rockers Fancy Dress.



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Kiddies Corner

Northlew Primary PTFA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. The last few years have been difficult for all with minimal opportunity for us to enjoy planned events but your kindness & generosity in supporting our events have helped us to raise vital funds to help the school and allowed us to fund educational trips for the children. We look forward to welcoming you to our up coming events this year. If anyone would be interested in getting involved with the PTFA we would welcome new members so please feel free to contact us on <u>ptfa@northlewprimary.org.uk</u>. Thank you again for your continued support.

Dates for the diary:

- Christmas Fair <u>Saturday 26th November 2022</u>
- Christmas Hamper to be drawn during the school play on 7th December 2022

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Food for Thought

<u>Turkish Delight Syllabub</u>

Ingredients (makes 8)

175 ml cointreau (or to taste)
juice of 2 lemons
125g caster sugar
600 ml double cream
2 tbsps rosewater
2 tbsps orange-flower water
2 tablespoons pistachios (finely chopped)



- ✓ Whip the cream to soft peaks
- In a separate bowl, combine the Cointreau, lemon juice, flower waters and sugar. Then gradually beat this mixture into your whipped cream, and keep whisking until you have a creamy mixture that's light and airy but able to form soft peaks
- ✓ Spoon the syllabub into small glasses and scatter finely chopped pistachios

Recipe suggested by Tanla Haycocks

Tania's Tarts open every Saturday 10-12pm from kitchen window: tarts, pies and savouries



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Sports and Recreation

- **BADMINTON** this is held at the Victory Hall on Mondays and Wednesday at 5-7pm. Contact Chris Baines for more information on 01409 221362 or email <u>chrisbaines63@btinternet.com</u>
- **KNIT AND KNATTER** the group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Chapel Rooms at 2.30 – 4pm. Everyone is free to knit or crochet an item of their choice or knit for some of the worthy causes including local hospital baby premature units and various orphanages. £1 for coffee/biscuit and donations of wool gratefully received. For more information call Eunice Peck on 01409 221187.
- NORTHLEW AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (NADS) NADS has well and truly re-emerged from the Covid pandemic and are full steam ahead with rehearsals for our next production which is very nearly a pantomime and we anticipate a curtain up on Friday and Saturday 17th/18th February. It has been written by our talented member, Lucy Turmaine, and is entitled "White Spirit". To say more would be to spoil the surprise but it does have shades of Snow White and the likes of Madame Arcati come to mind. Enough said not entirely suitable for young children! Tickets will be available in the New Year at £7.50 from Elmfield details later. We have welcomed a few new members but need more volunteers both to perform and to help with costumes, painting, set and programme design, curtain pullingoh and not forgetting prompting (probably a big part!) We are meeting most Monday evenings before our next productions so please feel free to come along. Just call us to confirm we are not having a night off! Do come forward by phone, email or tell one of us Shirley in the Square Shop will be the easiest for some of you otherwise send an email to Lyn Taylor, Chairman 07971 609115 <u>lyntaylor11@live.co.uk</u> Martin Perry, Secretary 01409 221376 <u>martinperry.northlew@gmail.com</u>.
- **NORTHLEW AND ASHBURY SNOOKER CLUB** this is an active and thriving facility in the village which has two full size tables including one recently refurbished and has a team in the Okehampton League. We welcome new members, of all levels of play, for a small membership fee but who can have a free go before joining, just contact David on 07977 789734 or <u>david@grindhill.co.uk</u>.
- **NORTHLEW CHILDREN'S GROUP** held on Wednesdays at 10am-12pm at the Victory Hall Contact Jo Dryden via Facebook or 07789 282990 see page 20.

Sports and Recreation

- **NORTHLEW SILVER BAND** Devon's only Village Silver Band over 100 years old. Thank you to everyone who has supported Bandamonium. As a first year there were issues caused by the traffic on the A30 meaning that Northlew didn't get to see all the bands, but that aside from that it was a screaming success & I really recommend getting to Hatherleigh to witness the massed bands next year it was pretty impressive with 100 or so brass players giving their all, the rendition of Abide with Me brought tears to the eyes - in a good way. All the bands enjoyed themselves and I believe that was mirrored by the audiences, an afternoon when bands let their hair down and had fun. Big thank you to Steve & Shirley of the Square Shop for doing an amazing job of T-shirt sales & for all the Northlew players that helped support the Bandamonium Barbarians which was a scratch band set-up just for the day from anyone that wanted to play. Special mention must be made to the SW Comms band that had some ringers helping them out on the day, it meant the Northlew Band's drum kit was used by a percussionist from the Black Dyke band, the 5th best brass band in the WORLD, and who had just played at Glastonbury.... Next year will be bigger and better, warning for Northlew the date is Sat 29th July 2023. We are in the advanced stages of negotiations for a new training band session for all comers in our band room. Watch this space, parents stock up on ear plugs. We are aiming to have a bigger band than last year and really make the village proud. For more information please contact: Tim Williams 01409 221754 or Martin Perry 01409 221376.
- **PLAYGROUP FOR GROWN UPS** come to the Methodist Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4pm for games, refreshments and laughter. All for £1.50. Local transport available. For more information please call Chris on 01409 221797.
- **SHORT MAT BOWLS** this is held every Thursdays at 2- 4pm at the Victory Hall. For more information call Mike on 01409 220320, Norman on 01409 221518 or Lin Miller 01409 221164.
- **SKITTLES** Tuesday 7.30-10pm at the Victory Hall. Contact Mark Turley 07958 764143.
- **TABLE TENNIS** this is held at the Victory Hall on Fridays at 5-6pm. For more information contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 or email <u>chrisbaines63@btinternet.com</u>.
- **WALKING GROUP** including nature walks are organised periodically throughout the year. Please contact Chris Baines on 07917 795072 or email chrisbaines63@btinternet.com if you would like to join us, or for more information.

Quiz Answers



2. Clarence Odbody **1.** Irving Berlin 3. Merry Xmas Everybody Slade **6.** The Nightmare Before Christmas 4. Panettone 5. Clove 7. Carp 9. Offal 10. Camel **11.** Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer 8. Raymond Briggs **12.** A berry from the mistletoe 13. Pere Noel **14.** Four – Jacob Marley and Past, Present and Future 15. Dick Whittington 18. Mistletoe **16.** Norway **17.** Department store Santa **19.** Richard Attenborough 20. Narnia



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SeaMoor Lotto



SeaMoor Lotto was created in 2018 by West Devon Borough Council. Set up to support community projects in the local area, SeaMoor Lotto operates on the principle of raising money within the community for the community. We empower local good causes to raise money in a fun and effective way. A ticket for SeaMoor Lotto costs £1 a week and 60p will go directly to good causes! Northlew Parish Council are a registered good cause with SeaMoor Lotto, so you can raise funds for the parish council, and potentially win something for yourself. Google SeaMoor Lotto, it's really simple to join!

www.seamoorlotto.co.uk

This is how the lottery works for you

SeaMoor Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in South Hams and West Devon. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit South Hams and West Devon and its residents.

Play the lottery, support South Hams and West Devon - it's that simple!



How tickets work? Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!



About the draws

A weekly draw takes place every Saturday night. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

See our prizes



Raising money for your cause

From every £1 ticket you buy, 60p will go to local good causes in South Hams and West Devon and improving our community.

Community Contacts

Medical	
Blake House Surgery, Black Torrington	01409 231628
Derriford Hospital	01752 202082
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	01392 411611
MyDentist Okehampton	01837 52745
NHS Direct	111
Okehampton Boots (Mon-Sat 9-5.30)	01837 543220
Okehampton Community Hospital	01837 658000
Okehampton Lloyds Pharmacy (Mon-Friday 9-6.30 Sat	01837 52153
Okehampton Medical Centre	01837 52233
Vets Okeford Vets	01007 50140
	01837 52148
North Park Veterinary Group Other	01837 658777
Police	101 (non emergencies)
Reporting a Power Cut	105
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 411 1444
West Devon Borough Council	01822 813600
Devon County Council	0345 155 1015



Do you have straggly ends, troublesome fringes, unmanageable hair?



Call or text Sarah on 07535 013587

Mags Jarvis 40k Duathlon Challenge in October

Thank you very much for the support of my recent 40 kilometre Duathlon Challenge (25 miles approximately). This consisted of a 3krun, a 35k-cycle and a 2k-run which were all on the Tarka Trail from the old Torrington Station.

We were unlucky with the weather, got soaked but were not deterred and had a great time. We finished the Challenge in just over 3 hours. To date we have raised over £2,100 for Parkinson's UK []. The JustGiving link is <u>https://</u> www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mags-jarvis1





Peartree Cottage is a charming two-bedroom self-catering holiday home standing in the grounds of Howards Gorhuish, 2 miles from Northlew. Howards Gorhuish, is a former dairy farm dating from late 17th century and the cottage was originally the cowshed, converted in the 1990's. It has recently undergone a complex refurbishment but retains its old-world charm. It is warm, cosy and comfortably furnished with Visit England 4 Star Gold Award Accreditation.

Accommodation: Sleeps 4 plus one infant (travel cot provided). Fully equipped kitchen/diner. Triple-aspect sitting room featuring stone inglenook fireplace with wood burning stove and French doors leading to the cottage's private patio and garden. Entrance hall leading to stairs and upper landing which leads to two spacious double bedrooms each with its own en-suite. Both bedrooms are double aspect with lovely views across the gardens, meadow and beyond. Further overflow accommodation available in The Old Cob Barn, which can be let as B&B. Garden features private patio and steps leading up to a secluded lawned area with feature shrubs. Garden furniture and BBQ. Gate leading to wildflowers meadow with summer house and a small shady copse. Dog friendly. Open all year round. Short breaks available. Generous welcome pack provided by The Square Shop, Northlew.

For further information contact: Keith & Jackie Ellis Tel: 01837 658750 Website: https://www.peartreecottagedevon.com or Email: Jackie.ann.ellis@btinternet.com Facebook @PeartreeCottageDevon or www.cottages.com

South Western Ambulance Service are looking to recruit Community First Responders (CFRs) in the Northlew Area given there is only one and they live outside of the village. Further information on this role can be found on our website:www.northlewparishcouncil.org.uk or by scanning the QR code below.





*The Heart of the South West Growth Hub Service for All is receiving up to £781,965 of funding from the England European Regional Development Fund (ERDP). The accountable body for this programme is Devon County Count



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Free support to help farmers navigate the Agricultural Transition expanded in the South West

Business Information Point, alongside other local agencies are providing free, tailored one to one advice, workshops, and specialist webinars to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition:

Following the success of earlier phases of the Future Farming Resilience programme, Devon County Council have received Defra funding to expand the initiative which will now cover Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly.

The support will include:

Transition workshops: Local workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future. Visit website for more information.

One-to-one support: Access free one-to-one support with an experienced agricultural advisor to talk specifically about your farm business and develop an agreed and documented action plan.

Small group webinars: Attend small group webinars covering topics such as digital skills, succession planning, woodlands, environmental schemes, soil management, diversification, marketing, business planning and grant schemes.

Digital training: Build digital confidence and gain IT skills to better manage your farm business. The sessions are delivered in a no-nonsense, practical, and supportive manner, free of jargon!

For full details of the support and to register on any of the workshops please visit our website - <u>https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/</u> or call 0800 592 872.



Events at Okehampton Library

OUR LOCAL LIBRARY IS A LIFELINE THIS WINTER

Okehampton Library will be offering so much more than books this winter. It's a warm, welcoming space with free WiFi and computer access, people to chat to, groups and activities. Enjoy a natter with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton.

We know it's going to be a tough winter with the cost-of-living crisis and heating bills rising. So, libraries are launching a 'Libraries for Life' campaign to remind everyone that we're not just about books!

As well as being great warm spaces to sit and read, there are groups ranging from to Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers to Cuppa & A Chat every Tuesday for adults to enjoy a natter.

If you need help navigating your way round a computer, there's free IT help sessions on offer. Our Reading Well titles are a range of books covering physical and mental health, and include titles aimed at children and teens. And don't forget if you're housebound or struggling to get to the library, our Home Delivery Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too!

Keep an eye out for more events and activities at Okehampton Library throughout the winter. Visit our Website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/okehamptonlibrary Follow us on Facebook.

EVENTS

Digital Devon

Book onto one of our free digital skills sessions in November at Okehampton Library to learn some basic digital skills or improve and refresh existing skills. Bring in your own device or use our public access computers. Contact Okehampton Library to have a chat about how we can help, and to book a digital session. Booking essential,

BIPC Devon launch at Okehampton Library – Wednesday 23rd November 11:00-13:00

BIPC Devon are opening a new spoke at Okehampton Library. BIPC Devon are a county wide based business support organisation, and the new spokes at Okehampton and Seaton, will give us a stronger presence in those areas to help the businesses of West and East Devon, respectively. We will be running a drop-in session on the day of the launch, where businesses can get business support from one of our business experts. We hope you can join us for the launch and talk with representatives of British Library and Libraries Unlimited during the day.

Christmas Chortle Trail – 1st – 23rd December

Find the Christmas jokes hidden around the library and match them up with the correct punch line whilst having a giggle! For all ages. Small chocolate treat for those that match all of them correctly.

Festive Hamper Raffle - Tickets £1 each

Purchase a draw ticket, for the chance to win the contents of the Friends of Okehampton Library festive hamper! Winner to be drawn Saturday 17th December.

Festive Quiz Sheet - £1 each

The Friends of Okehampton Library festive quiz sheet returns again, pick up your copy from the library from 1st December to Saturday 7th, only £1 per sheet with the chance to win a prize.

Okehampton Library



EVENTS continued...

Under 5's Stay and Play session – Monday 5th December 10:00-10:45

For under 5's and their parents/carers, no booking necessary. Free session, donations welcome.

Community Christmas Coffee Morning – Saturday 10th December 10:00-12:00

Have a chat with staff and Friends of Okehampton Library whilst you enjoy free mince pies and hot drinks in the warm, welcoming space of the library. Free, donations welcome.

Snow Globe craft activity – Tuesday 20th December 14:00-15:00

Create a winter snow globe to take home. Suitable for ages 7+, booking in advance, £1 per child.

Music Night at the Ockment Centre – Friday 9th December 19:00

The Friends of Okehampton Library music night returns! Music -The Electroleles, Meand'er, One Point Five and Uke'n Play. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets £5 each.

Seated Exercise with Fusion Lifestyle – Friday 20th January 14:00-15:00

REGULAR EVENTS

A Cuppa & A Chat - Tuesdays 13:30-15:30

Enjoy a natter with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton.

No booking necessary. Just drop in.

Bounce & Rhyme - Tuesdays 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20

Suitable for under 5s. Free, no booking necessary.

Baby Weigh - Tuesdays 09:30-11:30

Free self-weigh facilities for parents to weigh their babies, are available in a screened area within the library. This is in partnership with Devon Public Health Nursing. Parents and babies welcome to stay for Bounce & Rhyme!

Duplo Builders & Storytime - Wednesdays 09:30-10:15

Suitable for under 5s. Free, no booking necessary.

Lego Builders - Saturdays 10:30-11:30

Suitable for ages 5+. Free, no booking necessary.

The Secret Book Quest

A completely FREE year-round reading challenge for 5-12 year olds across Devon. To take part, children sign up in the library, read 50 library books at their own pace, and collect stickers to solve the secret code. Finishers will receive a certificate and a small prize.

Children under 8 must be accompanied to all events by a responsible adult. Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library services www.devonlibraries.org.uk

Okehampton Library, 4 North Street,	Opening Hours:	
Okehampton EX20 1AR.	Monday	09.00-17.00
Okehampton@librariesunlimited.org.uk	Tuesday	09.00-18.00
Tel: 01837 52805	Wednesday	09.00-13.00
CO @OkehamptonLib	Thursday	09.00-17.00
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Transport



Bus Timetable Here are the timetables for the service buses that run from the village on a regular basis

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NORTHLEW - HOLSWORTHY Via Sheepwash

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Wednesday only (Except Public Holidays)

NORTHLEW Square	0925	HOLSWORTHY Manor Car Park	1335
HATHERLEIGH Market Square	0940	ANVIL Corner	1340
HATHERLEIGH Moor View	0942	COOKBURY Church	1348
HIGHAMPTON	0946	HOLEMOOR CROSS	1354
SHEEPWASH Square	0952	BRADFORD Lana Cross	1355
BLACK TORRINGTON Black River Inn	1000	BRANDIS CORNER	1404
BRANDIS CORNER	1006	BLACK TORRINGTON Black River Inn	1410
BRADFORD Lana Cross	1015	SHEEPWASH Square	1418
HOLEMOOR CROSS	1016	HIGHAMPTON	1424
COOKBURY Church	1022	HATHERLEIGH Moor View	1428
ANVIL Corner	1030	HATHERLEIGH Market Car Park	1430
HOLSWORTHY Manor Car Park	1035	NORTHLEW Square	1445

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NORTHLEW - BIDEFORD Via Shebbear Monday Only (Except Public Holidays)

NORTHLEW, Square	0915	BIDEFORD, Morrisons	1325
HIGHAMPTON	0925	BIDEFORD, The Quay, Stop A	1330 1350 1354
SHEEPWASH, Square	0930	STIBB CROSS	1350
BLACK TORRINGTON, Black River Inn	0935	ROWDEN FARM	1354
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SHEBBEAR, Square	1000	BRANDIS CORNER	1425 1430
ROWDEN FARM	1011	BLACK TORRINGTON, Black River Inn	1430
STIBB CROSS	1015	SHEEPWASH, Square	1435
BIDEFORD, The Quay	1035	HIGHAMPTON	1435 1440
BIDEFORD, Morrisons	1038	NORTHLEW, Square	1450

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Transport

Dartmoor Train Line There are trains hourly each way, seven days a week, between Okehampton, Crediton and Exeter St Davids, including services for daily commuters. Most services also call at Exeter Central, including the key peak services. Please visit https://dartmoorline.com for the new timetable post 10 December.

Sunday 15 May to Saturday 10 December 2022

EXETER AND CREDITON TO OKEHAMPTON

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NOTES AND SYMBOLS

- Bold Through service
- Light Connecting service
- a Arrival time
- d Depart time
- Stops on request. Please tell the Conductor if you wish to leave.
 Please signal to the Driver if you wish to board



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