

Northlew News

Spring 2022



Holly Dancer

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Hello from the Editor

Dear Northlewians Old, New, Near and Far

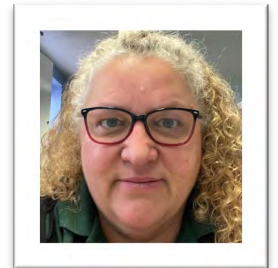
Firstly, please accept my apologies for not getting a Northlew News out for a long time, sometimes life is so full of 'life', there is little room for additional projects, no matter how much you enjoy them! That was certainly the case for me in the second half of 2021. Sometimes you have to serve yourself a big slice of humble pie and accept that with the help of others you can achieve what you had hoped to do on your own, and that doesn't indicate failure nor failings.

I have certainly had to do this with the Northlew News, much as I really enjoy compiling all the articles and the formatting the newsletter itself, even researching and writing articles, it still doesn't necessarily mean I have time to do it. So, I am delighted to say I have taken up the offer of help from super talented Sue Main, and if I say so myself, (and I am certain you will agree,) Sue has done a brilliant job of turning a mixed-up jumble of emails and articles into this fabulous and informative newsletter. Thank you very much Sue for your expertise, skill and patience!

It feels way too late to wish you all a happy & healthy 2022, we've even missed the Chinese New Year! Nonetheless, 2022 still has capacity to be a wonderful year, and we as individuals and as a community together can go some ways towards increasing the chances of that happening. (See above for a real-life example of this!)

As I write this a small but perfectly formed group of parishioners are starting to think about how we as a community can celebrate Her Royal Highnesses Platinum Jubilee later this year, and anyone who wishes to find out more, or help in some way can do so on page 6.

So, friends, neighbours and community colleagues, do please roll your hypothetical sleeves up and get involved with the community, working together to become stronger. If you can't volunteer, then support local, buy local, or even just smile as you pass others in the village or on the roads. You never know, you might get a smile back!



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Farewell from the Dancers

Just a quick line to say 'Farewell' to the very many friends that Simon and I have made in the village since we moved here in 2014. A lot has happened since we moved here and we have felt very lucky to share this with the people who call Northlew home.

We will, of course, miss Dartmoor and the wonderful Devon coastline, but are looking forward to this next adventure in our lives and know that we will be able to welcome friends from the South West to our new home.

I have found my time as Chair of the Parish Council rewarding and would like to extend huge thanks to all the Parish Councillors who give their time so generously and voluntarily. In particular, thanks go to the Parish Clerk, Sue Main, who works tirelessly and enthusiastically to ensure our duties are completed and to the current Vice Chair Celia Miners, who balances all this with a challenging full time job.

If you feel you would like to become a councillor, there are currently two vacancies (see notice board and Page 4). The Parish Council always benefits from enthusiastic local involvement and would also benefit from input from experienced councillors who have moved to the area. If you can't commit to meetings but feel you could contribute practically, please do contact Sue or Celia.

Wishing everyone in Northlew all the best for the future.

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The programme is available until the end of March 2023.

Full details can be found on the Business Information Point website businessinfopoint.co.uk/thrive or by calling 0800 592 872.

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 (ERDF). The accountable body for this programme is Devon County Council.



Your Parish Council

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

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Vacancy Vacancy		

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

We currently have **two vacancies** to fill on the Council and would love to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us and would like more information. Please contact our clerk Sue Main whose details are provided at the bottom of this page.

Precept 2022/2022

Following the January Parish Council, it was agreed that the Northlew precept element of the 2022/2023 Council tax would remain unchanged, therefore there is no increase to individual parishioner contributions across all household A-H bands.

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.northlewparrishcouncil.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 question or may appear as an agenda items for the appropriate parish council or committee meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to three minutes. This section is not part of the formal meeting of the Council. Any member of the parish can attend the formal part of the meeting but may not contribute to it unless specifically invited by the chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the last month's council meeting are available on Parish website at www.northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk. 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: clerk@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk or on 07956 312047.

Website and Noticeboard

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. Our clerk also produces a monthly noticeboard with information about what is going on in the Parish and also notifications from West Devon Borough Council (and Devon County Council as appropriate). This can be found on the home page of the website and also on the noticeboard at The Square Shop and at the Victory Hall. If you have any community-related news for inclusion on the Noticeboard or have any feedback, comments and/or suggestions about the website then please contact our Parish Clerk at clerk@northlewparrishcouncil.org.uk.



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Jubilee Celebrations



A group of parishioners have contacted the Parish Council and would like to co-ordinate and plan a celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee which is being celebrated 2-5 June this year.

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Pews News

St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Hello again, I hope you are having a happy and blessed New Year so far!

I know it seems like a long time ago now, but I'd like to express my own thanks to Nigel and Celia for the great Christmas event they held in their barn, and thanks too to everyone who turned out to support the various services over Christmas making it so much better than the last one!



To those of you suffering from the dreaded virus, may you experience a swift recovery. It seems to me that Northlew folk have experienced more than their fair share of this compared to my other parishes which seems a fairly unpredictable state of affairs. As a result, we've had to cancel a number of services at the church including the Plough Sunday Breakfast which I was particularly looking forward to. Let's hope we can make up for it by Rogation Sunday! (22nd May)

On a personal note, I seem to be creeping out of long-covid myself now and am starting to feel a bit more energetic; who knows where that may lead? Hopefully, back in to school at least. Missing out on my regular visits to the schools has been one of the saddest aspects for me. The little ones grow up so fast, and of course for them time goes slower, so my absence for a couple of months makes me a relative stranger again each time. Here's hoping for better things.

Speaking of better things, I wonder if you made any resolutions over New Year to work on a 'new you'? It seems like everyone I know is working on their bodies; fitness, weight loss, or knocking off the booze [for a month at least]. Well, while you're about it, why not give your spirit some attention? I believe we're made with a number of appetites; physical, emotional and spiritual. Too often we get these in a muddle; feeling 'hungry' but not sure what for. This is why we head for the fridge when we're feeling low. Our spirit needs 'feeding' too, and the only place I know to get that appetite filled is in the company of the God who made us. Whether you're 'churchy' or not, you can just as easily have a chat with Jesus on the tractor, walking the dog or anywhere else; why not give it a go? You might be amazed by what happens.

With my love and blessings to you all, Revd. Leigh.



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FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' CHURCH, NORTHLEW (FOST)

The Friends of St Thomas's Church were able to meet up at long last in July – their first face to face meeting since October 2019! The meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting at which our long-standing Chairman, Malcolm James, stood down. The Committee were sorry to lose Malcolm but thanked him for all his hard work, wisdom and valuable guidance over the years and conveyed to both he and his wife, Julia, the Committee's best wishes for their future plans. At a further meeting in early November, Jackie Ellis was invited by those present to take on the role of Chairperson.

One of the currently under review is relating to the Church's organ which is now very much in need of a full refurbishment and our thoughts have turned to how this is paid for. We have been told by the Diocesan organ builder that the Church's organ 'is considered to be a 'Rolls Royce' of the organ building world.' This is what he had to tell us:

"Built by 'Father' Henry Willis, the most prolific and arguably the best ever British organbuilder, he was responsible for building or substantially rebuilding more than half the cathedral organs in Britain and other instruments in many parts of the world. Exeter Cathedral, Truro Cathedral, The Royal Albert Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Blenheim Palace, St George's Hall, Liverpool to name but a few of the more notable of his works through a number of smaller organs do exist in country churches fortunate enough to have been provided with them in late Victorian times. Father Willis died in 1901. The firm continued to build fine instruments throughout the 20th c. under successive Henry's including Britain's largest in Liverpool Cathedral in 1926. The firm still continues in name though ceased to be owned by the Willis Family when Henry Willis IV retired over 20 years' ago.' So it is most important that we take care of this instrument and give it the 'tlc' it is in need of but this comes at a high price."

As mentioned in last Summer's issue, over recent years, sadly the membership of FOST has declined and new Friends are very much needed as well as new Committee members to carry on the important work of preserving our lovely historic Church and its artefacts. Attached to this Newsletter is the revised FOST membership form which we hope villagers will find of interest and, perhaps take the time to complete and become a member and Friend of our beautiful Church. To find out more, please contact the Secretary, Jackie Ellis, on 01837 658750 or by email: jackie.ann.ellis@btinternet.com.

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Become a Friend of St. Thomas' Church Northlew

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Our aim is to accumulate funds well before there is a need for serious repairs to our church, in order to avoid sudden, large-scale fund raising. We hold these funds *exclusively* for work on our church building and grounds, *in contrast* with funds that the Parochial Church Council raises for the church, which pay for the day-to-day running costs and clergy stipends.

We welcome new members to please help us in this rewarding work. To join the Friends of St. Thomas' Church all you need to do is complete this form and contribute an annual member's subscription of £5.00 or more if you wish.

PEWS NEWS

The Church of St. Thomas a Becket

The church was founded in the Saxon period following the invasions during the 7th century. When the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086, Northlew was mentioned. It is likely there was a church in those days although no trace of it exists. This early church would have been much smaller than the present one – a wattle and daub structure with a thatched roof.

The present church is a building of stone chiefly in the Perpendicular style. The tower is Norman and contains six bells. The font is also Norman and was removed, probably in Cromwell's time. It was discovered in the churchyard and restored by the Revd. T. England in 1870.

The pillars are hewn out of granite and those on the south side are formed from single blocks of stone. The church has a most beautiful barrel roof dating from the 15th century. To this period we also owe the carved bench ends. The seats are dated 1537 and bear the arms of William Kelly of Rutleigh.

The organ is considered to be a 'Rolls Royce' of the organ building world. Built by 'Father' Henry Willis, a prolific and the best ever British organ build and responsible for building /rebuilding more than half the cathedral organs in Britain and other instruments worldwide. Exeter, Truro St Paul's Cathedrals & the Royal Albert Hall are a few of his notable works though a number of smaller organs to exist in country churches fortunate enough to have been provided with them in late Victorian times. Father Willis died in 1901. The firm continued to build fine instruments throughout the 20th c. under successive Henry's including Britain's largest in Liverpool Cathedral in 1926. The firm still continues in name though ceased to be owned by the Willis Family when Henry Willis IV retired over 20 years' ago.

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Improved Heating & Lighting £420	2018
Building Repairs £3,467	2019
Maintenance & Repair of Churchyard Mower/ Strimmer	2020
Lightning Conductor Repair £696	2021

Planned Improvements to the Church

Church Redecoration; Organ Refurbishment; Tower Door Frame Renewal

How to Join

Please complete the form overleaf and return it to the Secretary (details overleaf). The annual members subscription is £5.00 or more if you wish. Payment details are set out below. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like the Friends to reclaim the tax, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf.

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Pews News



The Methodist Church

Services

13th February 9.30 a.m.

Preacher Rev Chris Jackson

20th February 9.30 a.m.

Preacher Rev Chris Jackson



Quiz Time

Time to test your general knowledge.....

1. Name a capital city whose English name starts and ends with the same letter and not a vowel?
2. Which London tube station on the Piccadilly Line has 6 consonants together in its name?
3. What is celebrated on All Hallows Eve?
4. Which musical contains the song 'You'll never walk alone'?
5. What is Adele's surname?
6. Which Prime Minister won a Nobel prize?
7. What connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea?
8. The last line of what Oscar winning best film is 'Madness, Madness'?
9. Largest island in the Caribbean?
10. 2021 US Open women's champion?

Quiz provided by Simon Dancer. Go to page 28 for Dancer's Answers

Bird Watch

I will start this article by correcting a few common misunderstandings about this species :

The correct name for this bird is great not greater spotted woodpecker, as I have heard many TV presenters call them.



There are 4 woodpeckers found in the UK, the great spotted, the green, the lesser spotted, and the wryneck.

9 times out of 10, if you see a black and white woodpecker, it will be a great spotted, not a lesser spotted woodpecker. The lesser spotted woodpecker, is very rare, and is only about the size of a sparrow.

If you put peanuts out in your garden, then you are very likely to attract this beautiful bird. The male has a red patch behind the head and juveniles have a red patch on the top of their heads. All birds have a red patch on their rump.

The first sign of this bird in Spring is the sound of their territorial drumming on tree trunks or telegraph poles. I have even seen them drumming on a metal pole for extra impact. They can drum at an amazing 40 hits per second, and their brains are protected by all this hammering through a shock-absorbent tissue between the base of the bill and the skull.

Although it is always exciting to see this bird in your garden, their recent increase in numbers is thought to be a contributing factor in the decline of the lesser spotted, as they outcompete them for territory, and nesting sites. They will also eat young birds from most of the tit family, making it a good idea to put a metal plate over the hole of your tit boxes.

If you are out and about in your local woodland, you stand a good chance of seeing this bird, particularly in early Spring, before the leaves have grown on the trees. Just tune in to the single Kik call, and look for a bird clinging to the bark of a tree, although they often hide behind the trunk, if they think they are being watched. Note, they will never walk down a tree trunk, unlike the nuthatch.

Next edition we will discover the world of the Nuthatch, another common visitor to our garden feeders.

Chris Baines



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Food For Thought

As we emerge from Winter and see signs of Spring afoot, thoughts of lighter recipe options come to mind. With a surplus of lamb readily available within the local community, what better way to use up roast lamb leftovers.

Suliman's Pilaff

1. Put 2-3 tablespoons of lamb dripping or oil into a saucepan.
2. Allow 1/2 cup of rice per person, put into the pan over a moderate heat and stir well until the rice becomes opaque.
3. Cover with cold water to about 2cm above the rice. Add some salt and bring to the boil.
4. Cover with a clear lid and simmer for 11 minutes. All the water should be absorbed and there should be lots of holes in the rice.
5. Remove from the heat but DON'T take off the lid! Leave 5-8 minutes to steam in peace.
6. Remove lid and use a fork to fluff up the grains, they should be lovely and fluffy and not soggy.
7. In the meantime, have ready a savoury preparation of small pieces of cooked lamb, fried onions, raisins, garlic, cumin seeds, ground coriander and pine nuts or flaked almonds. Sauté all in some good lamb dripping or oil.
8. Add a large tomato chopped and mix all with cooked rice and adjust seasoning.



Tania Haycocks

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Bygone Times

Part 3 of Colin Jarvis's series

The land and its soil, it must be **in the blood.....**

Nearly a year after leaving the West Country I eventually secured a job involving setting up a smallholding in a comprehensive school in Essex teaching rural and environmental studies and junior science.

There was regular smashing of glass in the greenhouse and other acts of vandalism but eventually things settled down.

Whilst on teacher training in Somerset I was warned by my tutor that my subject might be used as a sort of dumping ground for "less able " pupils so that they wouldn't be in science classes being disruptive! This turned out to be the case in my school!

However, these pupils also had needs and wanted help.

Some worked towards an exam , others loved practical work and others wanted to do nothing ! There was poultry keeping, creating a nature reserve, growing potatoes, making bird boxes etc. Enough to keep them busy and learning if I was having a lucky day!

My teaching was a bit unorthodox sometimes. For example I encouraged two lads who were wasting their time in school start a plant project . It involved recycling yoghurt pots, potting up plant cuttings and selling plants as a little business making themselves money and also money for my Rural Studies Department. It worked. They were learning and earning!

The teenagers were sometimes very awkward but often amusing.

One group were West Ham supporters and sang about me at the East London ground entitled " We're Jarvis's Army " Spades over shoulders they used to have fun singing walking to their vegetable plots in the school field. They were generally good lads and girls trying to fit into life when many of them had poor upbringing and some abuse at home etc.

One big lad hated school but after leaving he became a successful car dealer and when I last heard of him at about 40yrs old he owned a large cattle farm and woodland.

However, my success became my downfall as the increase in numbers made the teaching become unmanageable. This, as well as increased paperwork and assessments lead me to resign after 8 years.

Many of the teachers in the school were already giving me paid work pruning their trees, buying my logs and other garden jobs in the school holidays . After some training in climbing very tall trees near Ipswich, Suffolk, a new career had started lasting 30 years.

Our food growing at home supplemented our income. Our first garden although only 60 feet long (20 metres) by 25 ft wide provided an incredible amount of produce. We weighed everything one year just to see. Over 300 kilos!

Our front garden was also dug up!

The neighbours were amused but whilst they watched the Good Life on the television, we were practising it in the garden!



...../

Bygone Times

Part 3 of Colin Jarvis's series continued.....

The land and its soil, it must be **in the blood.....**

As if I wasn't busy enough I got involved with the M25. It was 1978, with construction still not completed, a young environmental campaigner asked me for help. She specialised in the legalities of environmental issues. To acquire the land, the government needed to compulsorily purchase it from the farmers. They had the right to object at a public inquiry. We both had the same philosophy....these projects had to be carried out using the recognised legal system. No tunnel digging, no tying ourselves to trees. Sounds boring but that was our method. This lady had appeared in the national press as she had discovered the Department of Transport had not carried out the correct legal processes involving Green Belt law! Their mistake delayed the M25.

A farmer, quite ill at the time, asked me to represent him with objections. 3 weeks later the legal processes were done but the farmer died. At least he never saw the 6 lanes of motorway wreck his farm! No connecting bridge or tunnel was provided! The government's M25 chief engineer had taken a personal interest in our involvement. He was aware that the farmer had passed away.

He came over at a meeting to shake my hand but I was not in the mood to even talk to him! Little did I know that this man would make an amazing offer of help in another road project a few years later!

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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 northlewpfta@gmail.com Thank you again for your continued support.

Dates for the diary:

- Easter Egg Raffle - to be drawn 8th April 2022
 - Duck Race - Friday 15th July 2022
 - Carnival - Friday 4th November 2022
 - Christmas Fair - Saturday 26th November 2022
- Christmas Hamper - to be drawn week of 12th December 2022



Northlew Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday mornings 10 – 12

(Term time)

In the Village Hall

£1.50 per child snack included

Tea and coffee for adults

For more info find us on [facebook](#):

Northlew Toddler Group, Devon



Raindrops keep falling....

With thanks to Bryan and Marion Dufty who have been recording rainfall for 40 years at Stoney Farm and have shared their records below. All measurements are in millimetres and recorded within the Parish:-

Month	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021
June	44	139	32	81	47
July	88	93	70	93	83
August	30	33	90	92	69
September	189	67	52	105	110
October	287	100	128	110	225*
November	104	165	119	68	54
December	163	65	61	216	140
For Whole Year	1587	1188	1061	1085	1345

* on 28/10/22 60mm of rain was recorded—the highest ever recorded in one day



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Village People

Interview with Brigadier Christopher Bullock 27th July 2021

Chris was born in Beckenham, Kent on 24th February 1939. His father had been in the navy and sadly been wounded leaving him paralysed from the waist down during the Second World War. Much of his childhood was spent living near hospitals that had the specialist ability to try to treat and help improve his father's condition.

Once the war was over sadly his parents separated, meaning much of his childhood was then split between one in Brighton and the other in Essex. First he attended a preparatory school in Ascot then went onto Malvern College near Worcester. Being away from home and living as a boarder prepared him well for what came next. In 1957, at the age of 18 Chris went to do his National Service.

His uncle was in the Kings Royal Rifle Corps, during the 2nd World War, so suggested that the Kings Rifles would be a good option for Chris. Halfway through training his potential was recognised, and he was sent for Officer Training at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Recreational time then was often spent at a local pub called The Old Hair, near Beckenham Studios, with very good friends from the college. This too was attended by many film stars working at the nearby film studios, Chris remembers they were absolute stunners. They would frequent the Saloon Bar, but sadly could only be glanced at due to the entourage that would surround them.

Two years in all were spent at Sandhurst, the first term of which was the hardest enduring basic training and also studying for exams. At the end of the two years in December 1959 he was commissioned to The Kings Royal Rifle Corps and received his first posting to Northern Island for a year. He was stationed by the coast, and during free time he often visited an old Aunt who lived in Southern Ireland lived, who was quite a character and also owned a share in a horse.

More courses followed, and promotion to Platoon Commander, followed by a posting to Berlin in 1960. He vividly remembers the tensions on a hot August afternoon in 1961, concrete posts and barbed wire was erected by the East German Police to stop their population from trying to flee to the West. Behind all the police putting up this barrier were lines of Russian tanks all training their tank guns directly at the West Berlin side, onto all the soldiers on the West side observing these events. Their hands were tied as in West Germany there was a three-tiered alliance, running the West Berlin city, America/French and the British. The American's and British were all for standing up to the East Germans, however, the French did not agree, leaving Germany to be divided. This was the start of the construction of the Berlin Wall.

The temperatures turned extremely cold, as winter set in and life became more tragic. Initially there were 81 crossing places along the wall, then these were reduced to 19, then eventually went down to just one by the Gattow Airstrip. The poor East Germans, desperate to cross to the West, were trapped.

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From Berlin there followed a 2-year posting to Winchester to train recruits, after which Chris was posted to Northern Borneo (now Malaysia), where war broke out in 1963. The 1st and 2nd Battalions were deployed, as things escalated a total of 15,000 Gurkha soldiers and British troops were deployed for three long years.

The main objective was to stop the Indonesians getting into Borneo, so much time was spent at borders to stop the influx, and then this increased to a total of 25,000 soldiers deployed there. Much of the boarder was heavy thick jungle. There followed many operations, such as Claret, which all had to be cleared with the Cabinet Office in the UK before being carried out.

From Platoon Commander Chris was promoted to Company Commander, then in charge of 120 men. There followed many large scale operations, attacks on camps. In retirement, he then wrote his first book about this period.



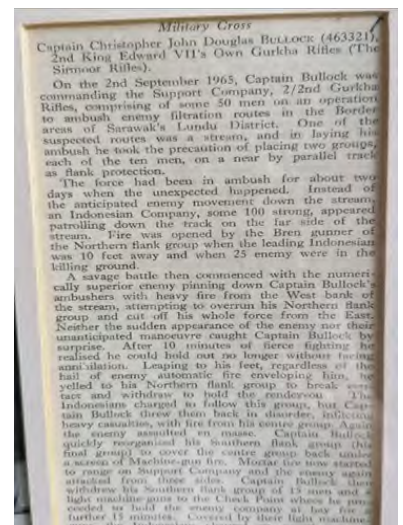
In 1965 Chris was awarded the Military Cross, presented at Buckingham Palace by the Queen. Seen here with his mother and Godfather on the day.

In 1966, Chris was then posted back to Singapore, where eventually the British pulled out of the Far East and the Gurkha regiments were reduced from 15,000 to just 7,000. This was a dreadful task having to tell these devoted men that their service was no longer required. Many had been hill farmers in Nepal and returned back to their homes, having to break this news was a grim task especially as many of them, the terms of severance with reduced pensions and payments were woeful.

From there followed a period in India in 1968, overseeing the Transit Camps in Calcutta. In those days you could not fly to Nepal, so travel was via ship or aircraft to Dum Dum Airport, (now Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, West Bengal, India). People were held in camps until trains became available to take them home. Many of the Gurkha Battalions came to Britain to relocate permanently. From India followed a posting for a year to Brunei before then being posted back to the Army Staff College, Sandhurst in Camberley.

In the late 1960's Liz worked at the time as a secretary for Save the Children Fund in London where mutual friends of Chris and Liz invited them to dinner one evening. Followed by some dates over a short period when they got engaged in February 1972 and then married in May 1972.

The Gurkhas provided a guard of honour on the day.



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Following the wedding Liz packed everything up and they moved to Hong Kong for two and a half years to 1975. In 1976 they moved back to the UK, where Chris found himself again at Sandhurst as an instructor, although not for long, as there was another posting to Berlin H.Q. as a Staff Officer this time for 7 months, before being appointed as Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion of Gurkhas in the UK, and packing for 15 months in Belize. This time, the remit was to try stopping illegal immigrants coming into Hong Kong via the ironically named Deep Bay, ironic because it was actually very shallow and over oyster beds, meanings immigrants fleeing would get cut to pieces by the oyster shells as they tried to cross over into Hong Kong. Those that made it into the country they were then sent off to Reception Camps to

be processed.

By 1981 the suitcases were unpacked again and Chris returned back to the UK to Wilton, Salisbury as Operations Staff of Planning for the Falkland's Campaign.

In 1982 Chris was awarded an OBE by the Queen, which he received, seen here with his wife Liz and two young daughters at Buckingham Palace. When he was presented with his medal by the Queen, all operations were top secret. He remembers being very impressed by the Queen, as she seemed to know some of the detail of what had actually happened during his operation and the reason for the presentation. Saying to him "You and your men must have been standing in that river for a very long time which must have been awful".

Never one for staying still for very long, Hong Kong was calling, and Chris returned as Colonel in Head Quarters of Operations and Planning, a role he held until he returned to Wilton in 1987.



In 1990 Chris was promoted to Brigadier of the Gurkhas, which had always been his ambition, now fulfilled. This was a very difficult period as Hong Kong was in the process of being handed back to China, now as Brigadier of the Gurkhas in Hong Kong they were presented with three options for the future of the Gurkhas by his chain of command above. There followed a fight for survival and many, many rounds of negotiations. The first option presented was to disband immediately. Which the Governor of Hong Kong, put an immediate stop to, as they covered substantial costs of the Gurkha in Hong Kong, as they were significantly cheaper than British Soldiers. Eventually Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997. This left just 3000 men in the Gurkhas brigade in the UK, essentially as a training unit. The Gurkhas also had a base in Brunei, where expenses were covered by the Sultan, as debt of gratitude for the support the British & Gurkhas provided historically.

Having decreased the troop to 3,000 Gurkhas, they have now been increased to 4,000. There are some 840 troops per Battalion. There are three battalions, Engineers, Signals and Logistics.

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Chris left the Army in 1993 having served 37 years seen most of the world and achieved a very distinguished career of service to his country. He has since visited Nepal many times, trekking and visiting the friends made over the years. Despite retiring, Chris couldn't leave the military too far behind, and soon found himself running the Army Competitive Shooting Team, and also running the Gurkhas Museum. Chris also wrote another book, this time as a tribute to The Gurkhas and all profits from the book are split between Gurkha charities.

Wiltshire had been home to The Bullock family for 30 years, and around 10 years ago Chris and Liz decided to retire (again!) but this time to Devon, Liz's home county as this was where she attended school in her youth. Her father had been in the Royal Air Force, he then un-expectingly inherited Sydenham House, Marystow, at the time a girl's school, from a relative, so relocated to take up the running of the estate with his family, at the time a school, hence Liz lived and attended school before embarking upon her own career and marriage.


One of his daughters also lived in Hong Kong for 10 years before returning to the UK. His other daughter now lives in Ramsgate, where her husband is headmaster of St. Lawrence College. Chris and Liz now also have three grandchildren to enjoy and spend time with. Chris also enjoys reading as well as writing and will on occasion find himself fly fishing in the local rivers, occasionally catching a larger fish.

This has been a really fascinating insight into a very interesting life and experience of Chris Bullock, thank you and Liz for taking the time to share this with our community.

The two books Chris has written are should anyone be interested are:- Journeys Hazardous and Britain's Gurkhas.



Peartree Cottage, Howards Gorhuish, Northlew, Okehampton, Devon EX20 3BT



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 lawn 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

In the Square



Contact: Steve Lofthouse/Tim Williams
Email: squashopnorthlew@outlook.com
Mobile: 07533 017938
Facebook: Square Shop Northlew

Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday—Thursday	10am—2pm
Friday	10am—4pm
Saturday and Sunday	10am—12 Noon

Northlew Outreach Post Office

Opening Times

Mondays & Wednesdays	09.30—12.30 pm
Fridays	9am—12 noon



Green Dragon Pub – This historic 18th century inn offers themed food nights including Fish Friday, Sunday Roast and Tania's Wednesday Pie or Pizza Night. Please ring on 01409 221228 or check their Facebook page The Green Dragon Northlew for further information on their opening times which can vary.

Victory Hall

Our annual Christmas lunch was able to go ahead this year with 87 people joining us, granted some chose to have a takeaway but we are very grateful for the support received from everyone. It was a jolly occasion, whether that is because we didn't have a lunch last year or whether it was due to a very spontaneous visit from Father Christmas? Who knows... but everyone received a gift and the look on our guests' faces was amazing. £760.69 profit was made for the coffers. With no ongoing maintenance needed, the proceeds will be added to our roof fund for when we need to either have it repaired or replaced.



On a charitable note, don't forget... if you shop through Amazon Smile and choose Northlew Victory Hall as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net price direct into the charities bank account. No extra charges to you and win win for NVH.

Watch out for more events in 2022, Covid permitting of course. Please direct any opening and booking enquiries to Jayne on 01409 221225 or 07815 418126 or email Jayne.northlew@gmail.com.

Happy New Year to you all, with very best wishes from the NVH Management Committee

Save the Date

**The Produce and Craft Show will be held in the Victory Hall on
Saturday 10th September 2022**

After a couple of difficult years for us all, plans are in place to put on a full show this year. All the usual categories will be available to show off your produce. More information to follow.

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 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.

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 chrisbaines63@btinternet.com
- **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 emerged from the pandemic darkness with a small production last December. We have plans for a number of events including a pantomime next year but in the meantime we need YOU. Whether it is backstage or treading the boards we need more members and for the panto children as well. Please get in touch and we will let you know of our next meeting - phone call, email or address we will find you! If you'd just like to be notified of what we are up to and forthcoming events please send an email address. Lyn Taylor, Chairman 07971 609115 lyntaylor11@live.co.uk Martin Perry, Secretary 01409 221376 martinperry.northlew@gmail.com.
- **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 david@grindhill.co.uk.
- **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.
- **NORTHLEW'S CHARITY MARATHON WALK** –the walk will be returning with its original route later in the year round August time, watch out for news nearer the time & get training now! In the meantime we are going for 12 Tors in 12 miles from Sourton to Belstone (ending at the pub) starting 8am on Sat April 30th. This is going to be a real test of endurance for us so it's definitely not a race and with clear weather will be utterly spectacular taking in Branscome's Loaf, High Willhays and the Irishman's Wall. As ever we have possibilities of shorter routes, at the moment it looks like being split into the first 8 miles and final 4, there literally no prizes for doing the full distance, this is meant to be for fun (ha!!!!). More details will be available, please go to www.2fatblokes.co.uk and the events page, or contact Tim Williams on 01409 221754. Hope to see you there.
- **NORTHLEW SILVER BAND** –Devon's only Village Silver Band over 100 years old. The band will start practices again early in the year, anyone who has just moved into the area and wants to play - YOUR WELCOME!!!! anyone who used to play and hasn't played for a while and isn't sure about starting again or something along those lines.... - START AGAIN YOU KNOW YOU'LL ENJOY IT!!! The aim for this year is to get out in public more and to make an even bigger noise at our Carnival & be fully prepared for the Xmas concerts. Beginners every Monday at 6pm for an hour in the Hatherleigh bandroom behind the new doctors surgery. Learn an instrument and make sweet sweet music! All welcome, any age & join in the fun. For more information please contact: Tim Williams 01409 221754 or Martin Perry 01409 221376.
- **PLAYGROUP FOR GROWN UPS** – it is back! 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 chrisbaines63@btinternet.com.
- **WALKING GROUP** including nature walks are organised periodically throughout the year. Please contact Chris Baines on 01409 221362 or email chrisbaines63@btinternet.com for more information.



Dancer's Answers

1. Warsaw
2. Knightsbridge
3. Halloween
4. Carousel
5. Adkins
6. Churchill
7. Suez Canal
8. Bridge over the River Kwai
9. Cuba
10. Emma Raducanu

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	01837 52148
North Park Veterinary Group	01837 658777

Other

Police	101 (non emergencies) 999 (emergencies only)
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 rats, mice, moles, or any other annoying pests??

We can help with single visits or maintenance plans. We work on farms, equine centres, and private dwellings all around the area, humane solutions found whenever possible. Whatever the problem P4 pest control can help

contact Rob 01837 89097, 07713 584316 or Tim 07786 248554

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Events February – 22nd March - *The Gathering – Finding connections Through Loss*

This project is responding to issues of loneliness, social isolation, bereavement, and loss in the community. Feeling of disconnection or loss can be amplified in the dark winter months, so Honeyscribe are inviting people to take part in a collective act of co-creation by dedicating a pressed flower to someone special.

The project will culminate in the creation of an illuminated artwork containing preserved flowers and leaves gathered from across the community. The finished artwork will be exhibited at libraries and tour to care homes and support facilities who were involved in its making.

Anyone who would like to dedicate a flower for this project can collect a pack with everything they need from Okehampton and Holsworthy libraries or press a fresh flower at the flower pressing stations where library staff will assist.

Thursday 3rd March 15:45-16:45 - World Book Day Tea Party. Dress up as your favourite book character (optional), join in our fun tea party with light refreshments, party games and prizes. Free event, suitable for ages 5+, numbers limited so it is essential to book in advance

4th March – 1st April 10:00-12:00 - Beeline for digital skills course. This 10-hour course will give you the basic digital skills you need in today's online world.

Free course, booking essential. Book with Learn Devon on 01822 61370. Course code ITB818

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 11th – 20th March

Tuesday 15th March 19:00. 'Interconnected Okehampton Wildlife' – a talk by Matt Parkins who is a woodland naturalist and conservationist. Matt will talk about how the interconnectedness of nature and the natural world around us can draw us together.

The wonderful world of nature is something we humans are a part of, and can make a positive difference which is healing to both wildlife and [ourselves](#). Tickets £3 each in advance or £3.50 at door, to include refreshments.

Wednesday 16th March 10:00-10:15 – Science Week Storytime for under 5's Free, no booking necessary

Monday 21st – Thursday 24th March. *Discovery Screen Film Festival Showings*

A selection of exceptional hand-picked films showing in libraries across the county throughout March. You can enjoy exclusive viewings of culturally diverse films across Devon, away from the big screens. Discovery Screens is organised by Libraries Unlimited, through its Evolve programme. Okehampton Library will be screening....

Monday 21 st	Minari (12a)	Doors open at 18:30, film starting at 18:45
Wednesday 23 rd	The Father (15)	Doors open at 14:30, film starting at 14:45
Wednesday 23 rd	Sweetheart (15)	Doors open at 19:00, film starting at 19:15
Thursday 24 th	Another Round (12a)	Doors open at 19:00, film starting at 19:15

Tickets: £3 adult, £2 students/child. Bookable through Eventbrite.

Contact the library for more details.

REGULAR EVENTS

Digital Fridays – by appointment

A member of staff will be on hand to assist with digital devices. Whether you are a complete beginner or just need a few tips, book a short session for help with your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Booking in advance is essential.

Tel: 01837 52805

Email: okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Knit & Natter - Tuesdays 13:30-14:30

Bring along your knitting, stitching, crochet or other portable craft project, for a chat with like-minded crafters.

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

Suitable for under 5s. Free. Booking Essential.

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REGULAR EVENTS

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

Suitable for ages 0-5 years. 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 need to sign up, read 50 books, collect stickers and solve the code.

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

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Computers and IT for the New Year at Okehampton Library



Devon Libraries has a lot to offer and joining the library is free!

We offer free computer use for up to 2 hours each day to library members, there are printing facilities and we also have free Wi-Fi.

In the New Year Okehampton Library will be offering **Digital Fridays**, where members of the public can book a short 1-1 session with one of our library staff, who can assist with digital devices including laptops, tablets, and smartphones. Whether you are a complete beginner or just need a few tips, book a short session. Booking in advance is essential, give us a call on 01837 52805 or email: okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

We have collaborated with Learn Devon to offer the public **free computer courses** at Okehampton Library from January. These will be 'First steps to getting online' a 2-hour course; 'Doing online transactions' a 2-hour course; 'Beeline for digital skills' a 5-week course. For more information on these courses call in to Okehampton Library or phone Learn Devon on 01822 613701.

On the First Wednesday of every month, you can drop in between 09:00-11:00 to the Learn Devon Hub at Okehampton Library, for their Learning Breakfast, to get help with basic computer skills, prepare for interviews and discover learning opportunities. Tel: 01822 613701, Email: okehampton@learndevon.co or drop in.

If you want one to one help with your computer, tablet or smartphone, at home, Wellmoor have volunteers who can help you become more confident with technology; Call Edmund on 01647 440775 or email Katie on katie@wellmoor.org.uk.

Transport



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

NORTHLEW - HATHERLEIGH - OKEHAMPTON MD Buses 630 NORTHLEW - OKEHAMPTON via Sheepwash MD Buses 631 NORTHLEW - OKEHAMPTON MD Buses 633 Via Germansweek, Bratton Clovelly

Monday, Thursday and Saturday (Except Public Holidays)

	633 M	630 Th	631 S		633 M	630 Th	631 S
NORTHLEW Square	0930	0945	0945	OKEHAMPTON Market Street	1230	1245	1245
SHEEPWASH Square	-	-	1000	BOASLEY CROSS School	1245	-	-
HIGHAMPTON	-	-	1005	BRATTON CLOVELLY Clovelly Inn	1255	-	-
HATHERLEIGH Moor View	-	-	1010	GERMANSWEEK War Memorial	1310	-	-
EXBOURNE Red Lion	-	-	1020	FOLLY GATE Crossways Inn	-	1250	-
SAMPFORD COURTENAY New Inn	-	-	1026	INWARDLEIGH Memorial	-	1255R	-
SAMPFORD COURTENAY Station	-	-	1030	SAMPFORD COURTENAY Station	-	-	1252
HATHERLEIGH Moor View	-	1000	-	SAMPFORD COURTENAY New Inn	-	-	1256
INWARDLEIGH Memorial	-	1010	-	EXBOURNE Red Lion	-	-	1302
FOLLY GATE Crossways Inn	-	1014	-	HATHERLEIGH Moor View	-	-	1312
GERMANSWEEK War Memorial	0945	-	-	HIGHAMPTON	-	-	1317
BRATTON CLOVELLY Clovelly Inn	1000	-	-	SHEEPWASH Square	-	-	1322
BOASLEY CROSS School	1010	-	-	HATHERLEIGH Moor View	-	1305	-
OKEHAMPTON Market Street	1025	1020	1037	NORTHLEW Square	1325	1320	1337

CODE: M - MONDAY ONLY Th - THURSDAY ONLY S - SATURDAY ONLY
R - SERVES THIS POINT IF REQUIRED BY PASSENGERS ON THE BUS

These services are financially supported by Devon County Council

NORTHLEW - BIDEFORD Via Shebbear MD Buses 642

Monday only (Except Public Holidays)

NORTHLEW Square	0915	BIDEFORD The Pill (Riverside Car Park)	1330
HIGHAMPTON	0925	STIBB CROSS	1350
SHEEPWASH Square	0930	ROWDEN FARM	1354
BLACK TORRINGTON Black River Inn	0935	CAUTE Phone Box	1359
BRANDIS CORNER	0940	SHEBBEAR Square	1405
BRADFORD Lana Cross	0945	DIPPER MILL	1415
DIPPER MILL	0950	BRADFORD Lana Cross	1420
SHEBBEAR Square	1000	BRANDIS CORNER	1425
CAUTE Phone Box	1006	BLACK TORRINGTON Black River Inn	1430
ROWDEN FARM	1011	SHEEPWASH Square	1435
STIBB CROSS	1015	HIGHAMPTON	1440
BIDEFORD The Pill (Riverside Car Park)	1035	NORTHLEW Square	1450

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NORTHLEW - HOLSWORTHY Via Sheepwash Law & Torridge 639

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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Transport

Dartmoor Train Line There are trains every two hours 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.

Timetables valid from 12 December 2021 until 14 May 2022

OKEHAMPTON TO CREDITON AND EXETER

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	Notes									
	Okehampton	d	0720	0924	1125	1324	1524	1820	2025	2219
	Crediton	a	0746	0950	1151	1350	1550	1846	2051	2245
	Crediton	d	0750	0950	1156	1351	1550	1848	2052	2248
	Newton St Cyres	a				13x54				
	Exeter St Davids	a	0800	1003	1208	1402	1600	1858	2104	2300
	Exeter St Davids	d	0802	1004	1215	1404	1602	1900	2125	2306
	Exeter Central	a	0805	1007	1218	1407	1605	1903	2128	2309

SATURDAYS	Notes									
	Okehampton	d	0720	0925	1125	1325	1525	1825	2025	2219
	Crediton	a	0746	0951	1151	1351	1551	1851	2051	2245
	Crediton	d	0749	0952	1152	1352	1552	1852	2052	2246
	Newton St Cyres	a						18x55		
	Exeter St Davids	a	0800	1003	1204	1403	1604	1905	2103	2258
	Exeter St Davids	d	0802	1004	1205	1405	1605	1916	2117	2300
	Exeter Central	a	0805	1007	1208	1408	1608	1919	2120	2303

SUNDAYS	Notes									
	Okehampton	d	0925	1127	1325	1526	1817	2025	2201	
	Crediton	a	0951	1153	1351	1552	1843	2051	2227	
	Crediton	d	0951	1153	1351	1552	1844	2052	2227	
	Newton St Cyres	a			13x54					
	Exeter St Davids	a	1002	1204	1404	1603	1855	2103	2239	
	Exeter St Davids	d	1004	1206	1415	1605	1925	2125	2253	
	Exeter Central	a	1007	1209	1418	1608	1928	2128	2256	

EXETER AND CREDITON TO OKEHAMPTON

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	Notes									
	Exeter Central	d	0616	0834	1032	1221	1432	1705	1907	2052
	Exeter St Davids	a	0620	0837	1035	1224	1435	1708	1910	2055
	Exeter St Davids	d	0630	0839	1037	1234	1437	1710	1912	2115
	Newton St Cyres	a			10x44					21x22
	Crediton	a	0640	0849	1051	1246	1447	1720	1922	2128
	Crediton	d	0641	0850	1051	1250	1448	1721	1923	2129
	Okehampton	a	0708	0917	1118	1317	1515	1748	1950	2156

SATURDAYS	Notes									
	Exeter Central	d		0835	1033	1233	1433	1704	1854	2042
	Exeter St Davids	a		0838	1036	1236	1436	1707	1857	2045
	Exeter St Davids	d	0632	0840	1038	1238	1438	1709	1910	2110
	Newton St Cyres	a			10x45					21x17
	Crediton	a	0642	0852	1051	1248	1449	1719	1921	2123
	Crediton	d	0643	0852	1052	1250	1450	1720	1922	2125
	Okehampton	a	0710	0919	1119	1317	1517	1747	1949	2152

SUNDAYS	Notes									
	Exeter Central	d	0836	1032	1232	1421	1702	1852	2040	
	Exeter St Davids	a	0839	1035	1235	1425	1705	1856	2043	
	Exeter St Davids	d	0842	1039	1239	1437	1708	1908	2118	
	Newton St Cyres	a			10x47					
	Crediton	a	0852	1054	1251	1448	1718	1919	2129	
	Crediton	d	0853	1055	1252	1449	1719	1920	2130	
	Okehampton	a	0920	1122	1319	1516	1746	1947	2157	

- a Arrival time
- d Departure time
- x Calls on Request only

- 0720** Through train
- 1215 Connecting train



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