



# **NORTHLEW NEWS**

## **March 2010**

Produced by Northlew Parish Council

### **A note from the Editor**

Well, there's a surprise! Not a note from Ellie Colbourne, but from me, Cathy Fethers. Ellie is taking time off to concentrate on school matters, so I am taking over for a bit. Contact can be made by phone, 01409 220276, email at [Northlewnews@aol.com](mailto:Northlewnews@aol.com), or by dropping off your items for inclusion to Little Apley, Station Road. If I am not in, then there is a box on the doorstep for mail.

I plan to publish the 'News' on the first of each month or the first working day after. Deadline will be 3 working days before. There will be a few changes - I hope you like the What's On page on the back page for a starter. As you can see, never a dull moment in Northlew. If you don't like any of the changes, then let me know.

Don't forget, local businesses can have a business card size ad (which may shrink or stretch according to space) for just £25.00 for a whole year, that's 12 publications! Bargain! And if you have any special events/promotions further half and quarter page advertising is available for a ridiculously small fee. As always, non-profit making/charity events can get lots of advertising and publicity for free.

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### **Northlew AmDram Society**

**Cinders Gets Her Man!**  
*And NADS pull off another great performance!*



Last month saw Northlew Amateur Dramatic Society's third annual Pantomime performed at the Victory Hall. Written by Elaine Peak and directed by Martin Perry, each performance was a sell-out. Profits raised will be shared between several good causes and NADS future productions. This year NADS have been able to purchase their own lighting system instead of having to borrow one each time - getting more professional by the minute!

In spite of a few hiccups, the show *did* go on. To avoid such problems in the future, it is vital for NADS to attract new members. Backstage crew are just as important as cast, so if you don't want to tread the boards but still want to experience "The Roar of the Greasepaint and The Smell of the Crowd", then join in!

### Northlew Amateur Dramatics Society AGM

The NADS AGM will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm in the Methodist Hall. Go along if you want to get involved.

## Primary School News

### School Inspections

We had an Ofsted inspection on 3rd & 4th February. The school received a very positive report; copies can be viewed from either the school website or alternatively the Ofsted website. On Tuesday 23rd February we had a Church Inspection. We have not yet received this report.

### Rotary Club Quiz

We entered two school quiz teams into the Rotary club quiz on Wednesday 10th February. The teams did very well and had an enjoyable evening but did not make it through to the final.

### Chance to Dance

15 of our children are taking part in a 'Chance to Dance', an after school club run by DAISI. They will be performing a routine on stage at The Barnfield Theatre, Exeter, on Sunday 14th March 2010 at 1.00pm. The children are working really hard on their performance and we wish them all the best of luck.

### Tesco Tokens

Tesco's have announced that they will start their Tesco for Schools and Clubs Scheme for 2010 on Monday 1st March. Once again the school will be collecting tokens. Last year, with everyone's help we managed to save enough for some new PE equipment. Please save your tokens for us.



### Haiti Appeal

We would like to thank everyone for their brilliant support for our 'Breakfast for Haiti' fundraising morning. We were delighted by the support we received from parents, friends, neighbours and villagers. It was a very successful morning, we served lots of bacon sandwiches, cups of tea and toast, raising just over £338 - an amazing total. We have passed the money on to the Save the Children charity for their work in Haiti.

## Northlew & Ashbury Primary School PTFA

The PTFA would like you all to join us for Breakfast on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 8am to 10.30am in the Church Room.

Bacon sandwiches will be available for £2 with bottomless Tea/Coffee mug.

Toast with Jam/Marmalade, etc with Tea/Coffee will be £1.

There will be a Home Made Produce Stall and a Raffle.

## Northlew Farmers Club

The Farmers Club will meet again at 8.00pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Green Dragon. There will be a talk and slides on Tasmania by Andrew Butler

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## Northlew Parish Council

### Grass cutting tender

The Parish Council would like to invite tenders for cutting the grass in the Playing Field - both the pitch and play areas and strimming the bank. Anyone interested should contact Janet Millership on 01409 221409 for more details.

### Playing Field

Work is progressing on the play area. In the meantime, please keep off the field. Reseeding will take place as soon as possible. It will then be necessary to allow the grass to establish itself before it can be used. The Parish Council will let everyone know when the Playing Field is useable gain - hopefully the end of April.

### Citizens Advice Bureau

The council have been contacted by the above to remind them of the Home Visiting Service that the CAB offer

*"If you are a parishioner who may be housebound, vulnerable or frail and could benefit from our help, then contact us and our advisors will arrange a home visit, if appropriate. The number to ring to request a home visit appointment is 01837 52105"*

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## Northlew Methodist Church

### Haiti Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Haiti Appeal effort in the Methodist Hall during the two hours of the 50/50 shop. Thank you to those who manned the stalls and gave refreshments and to those people who gave so generously and supported with their presence and donations.

A special thank you to Ezmie Bolt whose idea this was and to Mum, Susan, and grandmother, Dorothy, who, with Ezmie, leafleted every house in Northlew Village to enable everyone to know about this effort.

A grand total has been given for The Shelter Box Appeal of £510 for the people of Haiti.

Again, Many thanks to everyone.

On the following Saturday, during the 50/50 time, Mr Tony Lobley of Hatherleigh Rotary Club came and put up a Shelter Box in the Methodist Hall and inside all the contents were there to see. People were able to step inside for themselves - room for 10 people!



Mr Lobley spoke about how the Shelter Box charity began, - with just a base in Helston, Cornwall. for the Shelter Boxes to be stored before being needed. This developed into Rotary International having bases all over the world so that when disaster strikes, Shelter Boxes can be sent very quickly.

Hatherleigh Rotary Club has sent funds for 7000 Shelter Boxes for this appeal and still more are needed. Each box costs £490. Mr Ron Carter of Northlew, a member of the Hatherleigh

Rotary Club, explained that the transportation of the Shelter Boxes is funded by Rotary so all money raised goes to the charity. Ezmie presented the cheque for £510 and Mr Lobley and Mr Carter thanked the people of Northlew and especially Ezmie.

### Women's Guild & Fellowship

Mrs Marlene Mahoney will speak about LG visit to Egypt on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Methodist Hall

### Women's World Day of Prayer - Northlew Group.

Service arranged by the Women of Cameroon. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Halwill Baptist Church

**Mothering Sunday Family Service** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.20am in the Methodist Church. All welcome.

### Texans Dance

The next Texans Dance will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 in the Victory Hall. Admission is £6.00 each to include refreshments. All proceeds to the Methodist Church.



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## Parish Church News

### Steak Pie Lunch

The Steak Pie Lunch was, once again, very popular and well supported. Beef pie and veg, followed by yummy puds, were enjoyed by around eighty of us and a profit of £454 was made for Church funds. Very many thanks to all who came, cooked, washed up, served and generally

helped in any way.

### Dragon Pie Lunch

A Dragon Pie Supper, will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (St George's Day). Further details to follow.

### Best wishes to Reverend Ruth

Our Vicar, Reverend Ruth, will shortly be starting her Maternity leave and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her, Paul and Brendon, good luck, peaceful nights and all the absolute BLISS that a new baby brings!

### Times of Services for March

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion
	6.30	Evening Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Mothering Sunday Service
	6.30	Evening Prayer
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion
	6.30	Evening Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Palm Sunday Family Service
		Starting at Church then Continuing in Chapel

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## Northlew Broadband

Since we got funding last year, and started the installation we were happy to announce that we had a usable service by Christmas eve which was a great present to everyone. Since Christmas, while things sound like they have slowed down, we haven't stopped, we have continued to connect new users and have now connected over 100 residents to this great new service. However, the work is far from finished; while we have connected the core village we are still in the process of sorting out those who live outside on farms etc. We still have the concept of no one should be left out and will do our best to connect everyone in due course.

While we have had a number of teething problems with slow-downs, fall-overs, BT issues

and server problems most, if not all, of those have now been sorted with the installation in March of new Server software. We are due to increase the speed to 4 Meg shortly which will also alleviate the remaining issues. We have found however that most current issues are due to the customers' own equipment but are always happy to help where we can. We have also started connecting new customers who just want a login and can pick up the service wirelessly from their laptop or device, the charge for this is also £18 a month and will start a pay as you go service shortly (although more expensive).

There is also a spare computer to go in the Post Office for an internet connection if people want this service. If you need broadband please feel free to contact Christopher Marson who is the founder and one of the Directors at [northlewbroadband@googlemail.com](mailto:northlewbroadband@googlemail.com)

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# WHAT'S ON IN NORTHLEW - MARCH 2010

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	1		
Tues	2	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-12.30 Church Room	
Wed	3	Toddler Group - 10-12 am, Victory Hall	Women's Guild & Fellowship 2.30 Methodist Hall
Thurs	4	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-11.30 Church Room	
Fri	5		Women's World Day of Prayer Service at 7pm at Halwill Baptist Church
Sat	6	50/50 Shop and Coffee Morning Methodist Hall	
Sun	7	9.30 Holy Communion. Northlew Parish Church	6.30 Evening Prayer. Northlew Parish Church
Mon	8		
Tues	9	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-12.30 Church Room	
Wed	10	Toddler Group - 10-12 am, Victory Hall	
Thurs	11	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-11.30 Church Room	
Fri	12		Texans Dance 6.30 in the Victory Hall.
Sat	13	50/50 Shop and Coffee Morning Methodist Hall	
Sun	14	Methodist Chapel - Mothering Sunday Service 10.30/Northlew Parish Church Mothering Sunday Service 9.30	Northlew Parish Church. Evening Prayer 6.30
Mon	15		
Tues	16	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-12.30 Church Room	
Wed	17	Toddler Group - 10-12 am, Victory Hall	
Thurs	18	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-11.30 Church Room	
Fri	19		
Sat	20	50/50 Shop and Coffee Morning Methodist Hall	
Sun	21	9.30 Holy Communion. Northlew Parish Church	6.30 Evening Prayer. Northlew Parish Church
Mon	22		NADS AGM 8pm Methodist Hall
Tues	23	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-12.30 Church Room	
Wed	24	Toddler Group - 10-12 am, Victory Hall	
Thurs	25	Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-11.30 Church Room	
Fri	26		
Sat	27	50/50 Shop and Coffee Morning Methodist Hall	
Sun	28	10.00 Palm Sunday Family Service, Northlew Parish Church, starting at Church and continuing in Chapel	
Mon	29		DEADLINE FOR NEWS ITEMS FOR THE APRIL EDITION OF NORTHLEW NEWS
Tues	30	PTFA Breakfast. Church Room 8 to 10.30 Community Shop and Post Office 9.30-12.30 Church Room	Farmers Club 8.00pm at the Green Dragon.
Wed	31	Toddler Group - 10-12 am, Victory Hall	