

NORTHLEW NEWS



The fabulous Majorwrecks perform at Northlew's annual pantomime.

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Local businesses can benefit by direct advertising to local people. A business card size ad costs just £25.00 per year for inclusion in all 12 issues.

There is a new additional service for business starting this month. Businesses can take a whole editorial page for just £8 per month. This replaces their usual ad. Good if you have anything special to say or any offers to promote.

Cathy is always looking for interesting items for the Northlew News to ensure that it remains an interesting, chatty and informative publication. So, if you have any news you want to share, say thanks to someone, have a moan (keep it clean!), announce a birth, marriage, death, etc. etc. then please let Cathy know.

Note from the Editor:

I haven't had a great deal of feedback about the new size of the Northlew News. As I have already written, it does save us a bit of money to do it this way.

One person has said that the print is too small to read so therefore I have made it larger this month. If you have comments about the Northlew News – the content or format then please let me know and I will do my best to change it.

BIG CHANGES AT THE POST OFFICE

With effect from 5th April, Hatherleigh Post Office will no longer be providing the Northlew Post Office service and this will be their last day.

The service will recommence on Tuesday 12th April and will be operated by North Tawton Post Office.

On Thursday 7th April, there will be no service, although Coffee and Chat and the usual stallholders will be there at the normal time. (9.30 to 11.30).

Unfortunately, North Tawton are not able to operate the same hours as Hatherleigh and the Post Office service will only be available from 1pm to 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The stallholders will also change their days and times and will move to the new Post Office times.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Election of New Officers

Nomination packs for prospective candidates who would like to stand for the forthcoming parish council elections on May 5 are now available. The packs can be collected from West Devon Borough Council's offices at Kilworthy Park, Tavistock or they can be sent out in the post by contacting the elections office by email at elections@westdevon.gov.uk or by telephone on 01822 813665.

The completed nominations can be returned to the Tavistock offices during normal office hours from March 24 until noon on April 4.

Public Toilets

The councillors were pleased to see so many turn out for the meeting on Monday 21st regarding Northlew's public toilet. The majority view was that Northlew needs its public loo and therefore it will remain just as it is at the moment.

The council will, however, be exploring other uses for the building in the future, along with the possibility of having just one toilet serving ladies, gents and disabled.



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The Royal Wedding

Northlew will be celebrating the wedding of Will and Kate on 29th April by having a sit down tea in the square at 3pm.

This is being organised by the Parish Council but it will be a Bring and Share tea with contributions needed to the Church Room by 12 noon on the day. Volunteers, of course, will also be needed.

If you can contribute or volunteer please contact Jane Colbourne on 221220 as soon as possible.

There will be a fancy dress competition for under 18's with three classes for different age groups. The theme for the eldest class will be Kings and Queens – and there will be prizes! Details of the other classes will follow – so watch for the posters.

Every child will receive a gift of a commemorative mug. So that no child is overlooked will parents/carers please notify Jane (221220) if their child does not attend the Toddler Group, the Primary School or catch the bus to Okehampton College. Those children she will be aware of, she needs to identify any others.

Mugs have been over ordered so there will be an opportunity for grown ups who collect mugs to purchase one at a very reasonable cost.



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NORTHLEW AMATUER DRAMATICS SOCIETY

Northlew Amateur Dramatic Society's 4th Pantomime, The Sleeping Beauty, was a huge success in February with sellout performances and great reviews from the audience! 'The best yet by far' was a recurring comment!

With a mix this time of modern backing tracks, traditional panto songs and incidental music by a Flute and Guitar duo, it gave the audience a new experience. The Saturday night audience were the best audience the Society has ever had at a Panto and both they and the cast enjoyed themselves immensely!

There were three Dames this time, the main Dame, Nurse Gladys Goodenough played by Martin Perry and the Fairy Double Act of Fairy Liquid and Fairy Cake, played by John Maguire and Tim Laws all went down a storm in their fantastic costumes.

The evil Grizeleena played by Rachel Richards really had the audience hissing and booing in all the right places with her two hapless, downtrodden henchmen Pixies, Hogweed and Ragwort played by Jayne O'Connell and Brian Lee, joining her in an evil version of Michael Jackson's 'Bad' with matching dance routine.

The villagers turned into the Jackson 5, complete with Afros and microphones to accompany Postman Robin (Morwenna Millership) in her rendition of 'Rockin' Robin', after the Village Choirmistress' (Rebekah Hill) attempt at summoning the fairy postman was met by an attack from a number of crows!



King Edward & Queen Clarinda

The Northlew 'Majorwrecks' (4 of the Society's finest men resplendent in complete majorette costumes) gave a fabulous performance with their PomPoms to Hot Stuff and had the audience roaring!

The twist came at the end when the 'handsome' Prince Bernard, played superbly by Morwenna Millership, complete with theatrical bad teeth, a speech impediment and foppish attitude, awoke the beautiful Princess Marigold with a kiss only to find she had aged considerably and was no longer the young 18 year old Marigold but an old and wrinkled one, but he didn't mind, he was very short sighted!

After Michael Jackson's 'The Way You Make Me Feel' was performed by the Prince (yes there was a definite theme to the music!) the cast finished the show with a rousing dance-led chorus of 'Love is in the Air'.

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The Society are now planning their next production for the late summer and it's bound to be good, so keep your eye out for details.

NADS AGM will be held on Monday 11th April in the Chapel Room at 8pm.

All new and potential members are welcome - please come and support your local thespians!

What's on in Northlew

		Morning
Fri	1	
Sat	2	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
Sun	3	10.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service led by the Sunday School. Methodist Chapel 9.30 Family Communion for Mothering Sunday, Parish Church
Mon	4	
Tues	5	Post Office and Coffee and Chat 9.30 to 12.30 Church Room
Wed	6	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12.
Thurs	7	Coffee an Chat with stallholders 9.30 to 11.30 in Church Room
Fri	8	
Sat	9	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
Sun	10	Parish Church Morning Prayer 9.30 Methodist Chapel Service 9.30 a.m.
Mon	11	
Tues	12	
Wed	13	
Thurs	14	
Fri	15	
Sat	16	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
Sun	17	Parish Church, Palm Sunday Morning Prayer and Distribution of Palms 9.30
Mon	18	
Tues	19	
Wed	20	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12.
Thurs	21	Parish Church, Maunday Thursday Holy Communion, 930
Fri	22	
Sat	23	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
Sun	24	9.30 Parish Church, Easter Communion. Easter Egg Hunt 9.30 a.m. Rev John Peak, Methodist Chapel
Mon	25	
Tues	26	
Wed	27	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12.
Thurs	28	
Fri	29	
Sat	30	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12

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		Afternoon	Evening
Fri	1		
Sat	2		
Sun	3		Parish Church, Evening Prayer 6.30
Mon	4		
Tues	5		
Wed	6	Easter Egg Activity Evening 4.30 School	Garden Club 7.30 Methodist Hall
Thurs	7		
Fri	8		
Sat	9	Brunch Victory Hall 12-2 pm	
Sun	10		Parish Church, Holy Communion 6.30
Mon	11		NADS AGM 8pm Chapel Room
Tues	12	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
Wed	13	Mobile Library in the Square 2.25 - 3.40pm	
Thurs	14		
Fri	15	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
Sat	16		
Sun	17	Sunday Lunch in the Victory Hall 12.30	United Palm Sunday service, starting at the Church and proceeding to Chapel 6.30
Mon	18		Northlew Farmer Club 8pm Green Dragon
Tues	19		
Wed	20		
Thurs	21		
Fri	22	Parish Church. Hour at the Cross 2-3pm	
Sat	23		Dragon Pie Supper
Sun	24		Parish Church
Mon	25		
Tues	26	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
Wed	27	Mobile Library in the Square 2.25 - 3.40pm	
Thurs	28		
Fri	29	Sit down tea to celebrate the Royal Wedding. 3 pm in the Square.	
Sat	30		

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NORTHLEW FARMER CLUB

The next meeting is on Monday 18th April at 8pm in the Green Dragon and is a talk by Mr Tim Martin, Agromist.

VICTORY HALL NEWS

There will be a Brunch on Saturday 9th April at 12 until 2pm in aid of Hall funds. Everyone welcome.

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12.30 p.m. 17th April Adults £10, Senior School Children £3.50, Primary School Children £2, Under 5's free. Tickets available from members or ring Olive Yelland 01409221249

Services in April

3rd April 10.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service led by the Sunday School

10th April 9.30 a.m. Service

24th April 9.30 a.m. Rev John Peak, Easter Sunday Communion Service

NORTHLEW PTFA

Bacon Butty Breakfast

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our fundraising event in The Church Room on Tuesday, 8th March.

From sales of Bacon Butties, Toast and Tea and Coffee the PTFA raised £128 for school funds.

PTFA Fundraising Event

Easter Egg Activity Evening

Wednesday April 6th, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

From 3.30 until 4.30 the children will be joining in with various Easter Egg themed activities including an Egg & Spoon Obstacle Race, Bunny Bunny (based on Duck, Duck, Goose!), Find the Whole Egg, Pin the Tail on the Bunny and a Bunny Hop Relay Race.

At 4.30pm you are invited to join the children for a barbecue at the School.

Burgers and hotdogs available, plus tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Don't miss our Luxury Hot Chocolate with marshmallows, cream and chocolate sprinkles!

If wet to be held in The Victory Hall.



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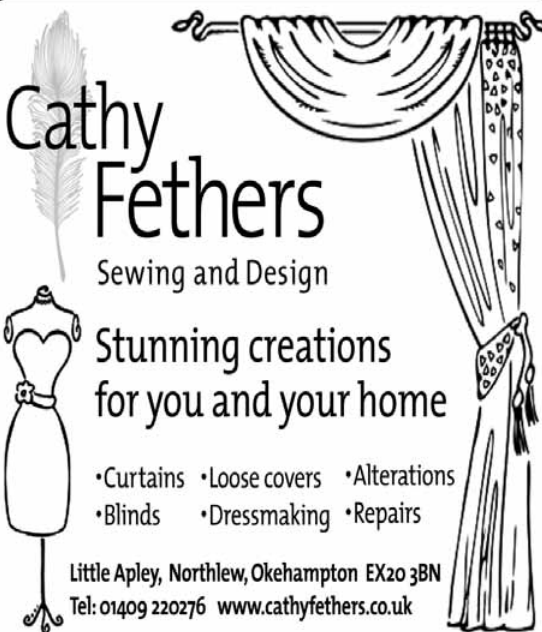
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LADIES LUNCH

Tricia stock is again organising a Ladies Lunch in the Green Dragon. The date will be during the week in May (not yet fixed). This is the third lunch Tricia has organised and it is great opportunity to meet other women in the village that you may not get the opportunity to meet, and to get together for a good natter.

The lunch usually costs around £12.00 for two courses.

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NORTHLEW COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning at the Methodist Hall on Friday 24th March. It would have been nice to have seen more of you, but it was short notice. The cake table and raffle table were heaving so some went home with armfuls of prizes and bargain purchases. A total of £40 was raised for the association to assist with our setting up costs.

The winner of the Wordsearch was Vicky and Geoff Stanfield.

Thanks too to all who attended the Quiz Evening. A total of £65 was raised. Unfortunately, there was not a winner of the roll-over jackpot which now stands at £20. Not quite Euromillions but useful if you won it.

1st Produce Show.

It is our intention to resurrect the Village Produce Show, previously organised by the Women's Intitute. The show will be in the Victory Hall on 10th September. In order to allow some planning the classes are as follows:-

- Flowers
- Vegetables
- Cookery
- Floral Arrangements
- Craft
- Children's Section
- Children's Cookery

The special classes are Top Tray and Top Vase, both sponsored by Garden News and Thompson and Morgan. The winners of these two classes will have their names entered into a national draw for a subscription to Garden News and equipment from Thompson and Morgan.

A full schedule will be available shortly.

Forthcoming events.

Quiz Evening

Another quiz evening is being organised for Sunday 8th May at 8.00pm in the Green Dragon.

Car Boot

The Association are organising a Car Boot Sale to be held on the school playground on Sat 14th May from 10am to 1pm. Perfect timing for when you have done the Spring clear out. Cars will be £6 each. Refreshments will be available. If any other information is needed please contact Cheryl on 221796.

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Easter Flowers

We'll be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 23rd April. Spring flowers welcome – thank you!

Dragon Pie Supper

Our Dragon Pie supper will, again this

year, be at Hillside by kind invitation of Tonya and Michael Duffy. It actually is on St. George's Day this year so watch our Dragons! Ticket (£7.00) from the Duffy family or Pat Durston. The price include a glass of wine , dragon meat in various concoctions and LOVELY puds!

Tom and Vera

Although Tom's funeral was now a couple of weeks ago, it is still very fresh in our minds. The Parish Church which he loved and had worshipped in all his life, was packed to the doors and the feeling was of great affection for this well known and loved couple. Although his accident was so tragic, perhaps Tom, given the choice, would have chosen to have it this way because he is now with Vera. Knowing them, it is the way they would have both wanted it to be, May the rest in peace – and they will surely be looking over their family.

Mothering Sunday

Our Family Communion for Mothering Sunday service is at 9.30 on Sunday April 3rd. Come and thank God for Mothers – we're quite useful really!



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I would like to thank everyone who supported in raising the money you all helped me reach my target. I have now managed to raise the full sum of £2500. I would not have been able to have done this without all your help buying our cakes, dung and draw tickets. Oh and an especially big thankyou to my Auntie sue and gran! you were a great help.

Reg Friend

Reg would like to thank everyone for get well cards, enquiries, phone calls, and all who came to see him since his operation.

Ron Carter

Ron Carter wishes to thank everyone for their card and presents on the occasion of his 80th birthday in March

GARDENING CLUB

April's meeting is a talk by Ruth Neill who is the chairperson of the Holsworthy branch of the Devon Beekeepers Association. She is going to be talking about beekeeping and will be bringing along a virtual hive to show us as well as a selection of honey and baked goods for us to try! Please do come along and enjoy. 7.30 in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 6th April. £3 for non members, includes refreshments.

The May meeting of the Northlew Garden club will be a talk by David Usher on "Gertrude Jekyll – Her

plants and designs". David has been a professional gardener for over 30 years and head gardener at Hestercombe for 18 of them. It promises to be a very interesting and informative talk so do come along. The meeting is on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the Chapel rooms. All are welcome. £3 for non members to include refreshments.

ROAD CLOSURE!

On Sunday 17th April for one day the road will be closed from Eastacombe Cross to Durdon Cross. Alternative route will be via Hilltown Cross, A386 Place Cross, Fowley Cross A3079 Castle Cross, Bogtown, Northlew Square and vice versa.



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