

# **NORTHLEW NEWS**

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Wednesdays 1.55pm to

2.55pm on

August 20<sup>th</sup>

September 17<sup>th</sup>

October 15<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup> and

December 10<sup>th</sup>

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# **CARMEL COACHES LTD**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**WARNER HOLIDAY**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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available from Northlew –  
Hatherleigh – Okehampton  
Times will be given on receipt  
after payment for excursion is  
made**

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## **Bus services**

Services from the village are  
now operated by Turners Tours  
of Chulmleigh.

Timings are unaltered except  
that the 642 service to Bideford  
now runs on Mondays(not  
Tuesdays) and the 630 service  
to Okehampton now runs on  
Thursdays at 0945 instead of  
Wednesdays at 0930. The  
Saturday 631 service is

unchanged.

Any queries ring Turners on  
01769 580242

## **Northlew Post Office**

With an array of stalls and  
coffee to go with some chat, the  
post office is open Monday and  
Friday mornings from 9.30am to  
12pm.

Anyone fancy a cuppa and a  
natter on a Thursday morning  
then please come along to the  
Churchroom. You will also find  
a few plants for sale too.



**Anthony Stock**  
**DECORATOR**

The Old Manse  
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Okehampton  
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## **Northlew Parish Church Services for August**

3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Evening Prayer

10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Morning Prayer

10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Communion  
(B.C.P)

17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evening Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> 11am Family Service

24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evening Prayer

August the 4<sup>th</sup> is the **100<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. There will be a short service to remember, and, to pray for peace, in Church, at 3.30pm. This half hour service will be an opportunity to give thanks for those who gave so much for us -well, they gave everything they had so that we are able to live in freedom.

Church Festival- We were really lucky with the weather for our Patronal Festival. After a dodgy start the day was fine and sunny and the Fete at Churchgate was well patronised and enjoyed. We very much appreciated Stuart and Margeret Wilson being with us- Stuart taking the service and Margeret opening the Fete. Thanks to them both.

Also many thanks to the intrepid 'Tea Ladies', tent erectors, musicians, Band, stall holders,actors etc. It would be nice to have more entries in the children's commemorations – but we did have a couple of super scarecrows and a beautiful allotment plate. And, of course, sincere thanks to Shaun and Wenna for their hospitality – they must have really 'slogged away' to get Churchgate ready for the invasion and there couldn't be a better venue in the whole of Devon than their field! Many thanks to all who helped us to remember our Patron Saint.



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## **Northlew and Ashbury School PTFA**

PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and FRIENDS association, we would love to welcome some new friends!! Please call Sarah on 01409 221995 for more information.

### **Duck Race**

Many thanks to everybody who supported the recent Duck Race at Wadland Barton. We realise that a Wednesday evening isn't quite the same as our usual Friday but considering the inclement weather conditions we felt it best to change it. We still made a profit of £617.37. Particular thanks to Sue and Phil Friend who kindly lend us their land year after year and without their generosity, our biggest fund-raiser would not be possible.

### **Coffee and Chat**

### **Outing to Perranporth**

**Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Leaving Northlew Square at 9am. Adults £6.00 and Children £3.00.

Booking to Marlene on 01409 221508.

### **Northlew Victory Hall**

Please join us for a traditional sumptuous roast lunch on Sunday 3rd August at Northlew Victory Hall, on the Commemoration day of the outbreak of the First World War. See posters for more details, although please book through the usual channel with Jayne on 01409 221225.

At Northlew Victory Hall, we are working towards an accreditation called a Hallmark award where we are monitored by other halls to show due care and diligence to protect the trustees. There are many aspects to complete but one of them is to review our pricing brackets. As far as the present committee are aware there has not been a price increase for 12 years,

indeed maybe for some years before that. It is now necessary to bring NVH up to the standards of other halls locally. The new pricing brackets will be as follows:

**Time      Main Hall**

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| 8am-1pm  | £40  |
| 1pm-6pm  | £40  |
| 6pm-12am | £25  |
| 8am-6pm  | £80  |
| 8am-12pm | £150 |

**Time      Meeting room**

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|----------|-----|
| 8am-1pm  | £20 |
| 1pm-6pm  | £20 |
| 6pm-12am | £25 |
| 8am-6pm  | £40 |
| 8am-12pm | £75 |

**Kitchen**

£30 per session

Should your event need time to set up in advance you will now have to include this in your budget as all time booked in

the hall will have to be paid for.

Any bar needed will be provided by NVH committee. Please allow sufficient time to allow us to gather a team for your event. Should you wish to hold an event which gives alcohol on the table, a one off fee of £25 will be charged to cover your license.

Any events already booked will be honoured at the old pricing system.

Regular users will be advised by email as to their new tariff.

Many thanks

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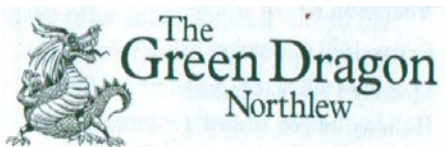
## Yoga Class

Are taking a break for the summer, but will be back in late September.

Why not give them a try in the Autumn.

Contact Angela Blezard for further information

01409 221110 / 07809427991



## Open Mike Night

The "First Monday" session at The Green Dragon is on the first Monday of each month from 8.30pm.

**Treat yourself to a Sunday**

## Lunch at the Green Dragon Inn Northlew

Only £7.25 for adults and £5.25 for children.

For bookings call 01409221448

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## Northlew Village Stores

Northlew Village Stores stock a large range of goods from tins to lovely fresh meats, fruit and veg. Also house hold goods at very competitive prices.

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## A Huge Thank You

Jenny and Richard Cox would like to express their thanks for all the "get well" messages, cards and offers of help during Jenny's recent sudden illness. We were completely overwhelmed by the kindness from friends and neighbours. There is still a long way to go and more hospital visits pending but hopefully Jenny will be able to manage short walks around the village in time when she may be able to

thank you personally. Thank you all once again.



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anyway, towards our coffee morning, held in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. The total amount made was £355. I am sure you will agree that this was an exceptional amount of money, contributing to an excellent cause, and raised in such a small village. Thank you all.

## **Northlew Methodist Church Services**

3<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30 a.m. Rev Nigel Coke-Woods

10<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 a.m. Mr Andy Hunter

17<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 a.m. Rev Sylvia Coke-Woods

24<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 a.m. Rev Philip Wagstaff

31<sup>st</sup> August 9.30 a.m. Rev Nigel Coke-Woods

Elaine and John would like to thank everyone who worked so hard and gave so generously to make the Afternoon Tea at South

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## **Coffee Morning**

Tricia and Cath would like to thank everyone that donated, in

Meadow such a success. Tea, cake, sunshine and good friends. Who could want more! We raised a total of £342.23 - £262.23 for Northlew Methodist Church and £80 for Send a Cow.

### **Safari Supper**

4 course Safari Supper

9th August - starters served from 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

Adult £12, Child £5, Under 5's free

Tickets to be purchased from members

or ring Dorothy 01409221782  
or Bet 01409221003  
Everyone welcome

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon Cake, savoury and plant stall at the 50/50 coffee morning

### **Advance Notice**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m. Concert in the Victory Hall with The Minstrels and Mini Minstrels.

### **Knit – Natter**

The Knit and Natter meet in the

Chapel room on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm.

Elaine and Maureen wish to say there is a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along, if only for a cupppa.

### **Super fast broadband update**

Northlew Broadband has been operating for almost 5 years, it is now with relief that we have some exciting information for you.

For the last 14 months, Northlew broadband has been pressurizing BT and Devon County Council to install super fast broadband to Northlew, with the end of 20th Century Networks (20CN) Northlew had the real prospect of loosing it's internet connection.

Thankfully, Devon County Council stepped in with funding sourced from Europe at huge costs to fund a new BT project – SuperFast



## Broadband

2 years ago, I came up with an idea of using a new style of microwave unit that was capable of utilizing fibre speeds (I-NET Skyline), BT took that idea, improved on it and have now installed it in Stansted Airport and Northlew, the only 2 places nationwide being trailed with the technology. The system uses a fibre backbone connected to a radio microwave link that is then connected by ethernet to the DSLAM BT green box, (Fibre to the cabinet (FTTC)) Your internet is then sent down your telephone line to your new service providers router.

You will of noticed a lot of BT Vans in the area along with a lot of work being carried out down Crowdon Road. This is the connection stage of super fast broadband.

We have now been notified by BT that the new dish will be

erected later this week, and the DSLAM Box (Internet connection) will be commissioned also this week.

The speeds will be upto 80 Meg dropping off the further you are away from the green Box in Crowdon down to 20 meg at 1200 meters. (Cable distance)

We will send out a further notification advising how to order your new internet connection as soon as the DSLAM has been commissioned. Connection with whoever you choose will take around 2 weeks. We must advise you **NOT TO ORDER** any new connection until we give the green light as this will delay your connection to super fast broadband as BT records still record the slower old system and not super fast fibre which means they would have to cancel that order before they could place subsequent ones.

When the time comes to order your new connection you will need to stay with whoever your telecom provider is, as superfast broadband has to be connected to your telephone line so if you are currently with BT for your telephone, you will need to order your broadband again with BT. We will tell you when you can do this.

Also, super fast broadband is only available to those within 1200 meters of Crowden road (Covers most of the village. Those living in Ashbury and Kimber will get superfast broadband using the existing system. I won't be carrying out any more broadband duties for now but the system will be operated by one of the existing Directors of Northlew Broadband via Northlew Village Stores connection. We are initially looking at a basic connection of 10 meg with a price structure in place for

faster speeds. There may be a possibility for those in the village who want to stay (for instance those without telephone lines) more to come on that.

I have had a few medical problems so while we all want to know timetables etc I'm asking everyone to wait for the email updates rather than discussing it in the shop as all the information we have to hand right now is as above and we know nothing more until the next update by BT so please sit tight. Also, when the new system is in place I will no longer be supporting PC repairs or broadband faults although there will be a small window of setting up peoples new connection and running formats to speed up connection speeds (Chargeable) more to come on this.

We do want to thank those of you who supported us over

the last 5 years, it has been a difficult project especially in how much time it has taken to keep it going which was unpaid. We are sure as we move forward into a new chapter of modern technology we will all look back and remember what it was like to have dialup and be thankful for the funding that was available to make our little project possible. (Dartmoor LEAF)  
Please now login to <http://www.northlew.com> to order your new super fast fibre broadband. IF you order from here they are being batched and sent to BT for speed of connection, we have 2 full time engineers doing the connections. We now have express links to BT, BT Business, Sky, Plusnet, plusnet Business, TalkTalk, Primus telecom. If you are with someone else come in the shop and will arrange express links.

It is key to note the following:  
You must sign up via

[northlew.com](http://www.northlew.com)

You must only sign for fibre packages, the old style broadband will still NOT work.

You must stay with your current telecoms provider, if you want to change you have to move your calls over also.

Speeds will be from 76 Meg dropping further you go from crowdon Road, to an max cable distance of 1200 meters.

## **Northlew Toddler Group**

Summer outing.

### **Watermouth Castle**

Illfacombe

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Pick up in Northlew 8.30am

to leave by 9am

Adults £16.50

Children 2-17 years £13.00

OAP'S £14.50

2 years and under £3.00

All prices include coach, entry fee and all rides **except** slot/arcade machines, water balloons and food.

To book please ring Gemma

Dufty on 01837871744  
monies to be collected when  
booking.

## **Defibrillator**

The Parish Council are  
delighted to announce that the  
Defibrillator for the village has  
been ordered. This will be  
sited at the Church Room area  
and will be with us soon  
We do need volunteers and  
request you contact Nick  
O'Connell on 221225 if you  
are interested in helping out.  
This venture has been jointly  
funded by the Parish Council  
and NADS (fund raising and  
grant money)

## **WANTED**

3-4 bedroomed house  
with garden

Due to landlady's sale of our  
current house we are urgently  
looking for a 3-4 bedroomed  
property with garden for a  
long-term rental, or potentially  
for purchase.

Please call 01409 221218

## **Fare Car**

Fare Car provides two  
journeys per week to and  
from Okehampton from a  
rural area including:

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Chilla, Germansweek,  
Highampton, Inwardleigh,  
Northlew and Sheepwash.

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Okehampton but runs  
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rural area. The service  
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service for anyone to all  
places on the public highway  
and is run by Private Hire  
cars. For more information on  
routes, prices and times  
please see poster outside  
village shop.

## **Northlew P C**

Mr Chris Marson and all the  
organising team.

The Councillors have asked

me to write to congratulate Chris, Jay and all the organising team for the WW1 Commemoration Day on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

All the events and activities ran like 'clockwork' on the day and judging by the vast crowd's reaction everything was much appreciated. The volunteers on and before the day were fantastic-please convey the Councillors' thanks to all involved.

## **WW1 Evening**

Well guys, what a night!!! I think as a village we came together more than any time in the village's history to say in one voice we DID remember them.

I don't think we need to go into how the evening went as those who did come out and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice speak for themselves and certainly told

the vocal minority who were opposed what they thought of the night. I do want to say some personal thank you's. When we first starting putting together the night, we decided that no one person should be named as it took away what were trying to achieve with remembrance of our dead, however on the night Mel Stride and a number of other people mentioned me (Which I wasn't happy about) To put on something that size you need lots of people. So first of all, our thanks to Devon Drums, Sutton Seeds, North Tawnton British Legion, The Devonshire Regiment, LCI, St John Ambulance, Pilot Dave Salisbury, North Devon Pipers, RNLI, The Nation Lottery, BHS, Booker Wholesale, The Turner Family, Ross Pearce (Horseman) Bary Ware (British Legion) Brian Cumming (chelsea Pensioner) Mel Stride MP, Christine Marsh, Deputy Lord

Leitenant and his wife, Nation Lottery Chairman, Caroline Mott, Ken Meron (narrator) Bishop of Crediton, Rvd. Ruth Handsford, Nigel coke woods and the VIPs from Sutton Seeds.

In all of that we would also like to say a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped from the start but on the evening there were some of the volunteers who went well over the call of duty such as Alex Crosswaite Eyre, Emma Brownhill Kellher, Janet Millership, Sarah Tickhill, John & Enid Maguire, Faye Ravenscroft, Karen Sawyer, Richard Taylor, Tania Haycocks, Joanna, Members of the PCC, Lorna James, Marlene & her friends. The Green Dragon. Many thanks to our own Church who opened their doors to host the VIP meal and the church rooms for allowing us use of their space, the night simply could not of happened without them! (If I

have missed anyone I am truly sorry)

We managed to raise a whopping £1376.45 which will be split among 7 Charities. North Tawnton branch of the British Legion, RNLI, RN Devonport Area Fund, St John Ambulance, The Devonshires. Devon Drums, HMS Drake. As you will see the shop has decided to take no funds from this event as there were simply too many charities we want to give to.

Once again, thank you so much for those of you who took the time to support us and mark the passage of time in such a special breathtaking way. I truly hope you remember that night for many years and in turn have the very act of remembering our brave fallen all those years ago.