



NORTHLEW NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Fare Car

The Council would like to remind everyone of the excellent service available from Fare Car. For a fare of £3.50 per journey you can book a Fare Car in advance to take you down to Okehampton and be dropped off in Market Street, the hospital, the medical centre, Exeter Road Industrial Estate or Okehampton Railway Station. You can also book the Fare Car to bring you back again. The service is operated by Okehampton Taxis and subsidised by Devon County Council. It's another of those services which, if we don't use it, we will lose it.

Mobile Library

Just a reminder of the new arrangements for the Mobile Library Service in the New Year.

From January, the service will be available for just one hour in the Square, so will no longer stop at the Victory Hall. There are currently 13 users of the service in Northlew.

The mobile library is currently on a break during December.

Police Feedback

Can never find a policeman when you want one? Well, that would be because we don't often need one. We are very lucky to live in an area with a tiny crime rate. Police feedback for offences in Northlew between 12/9 and 7/11 show that were just two crimes: One driving offence and one non-domestic burglary.

PLEA FROM A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

I have a dog and I hope that I am a responsible dog owner. My dog is never off her lead when walking in the village I always pick up after her and I have picked up after irresponsible dog owners who just leave everything behind. There is someone in the village who lets their dog foul in the lane at the top of Kimbers it makes me feel physically sick when I walk down there so this is a plea to all dog owners. Please, please pick up after your dog. Lets keep our village free from dog mess and then the parish council may give us a dog walking area in the playing fields with a dog bin so everyone can enjoy the facilities of our village.

Regards Viv Powell-Thomas



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VICTORY HALL NEWS

Sunday Lunch on 14th November.

The Sunday Lunch held on Remembrance Sunday in the Victory Hall made £610 which is shared between the Victory Hall and the Royal British Legion. Over 100 people attended, which is a great turnout. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped - cooking, on the bar, washing up, serving etc. Well done.

Christmas Lunch

Another fine roast lunch will be served in 12th December. This will be a traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings at a cost of £9 per person. If you want to be included please book with Libby on 221619/07771578021. Whilst Libby always tries to accommodate last minute bookings, it can make things a little difficult. So please try to book well before.

Christmas Parties.

There will be a Christmas Party for all on the 4th December. Starting at 3pm until 5pm there will be a party for children. Santa has given his assurance that he will be there with a present for everyone. There will be a tea and games to play. The cost of a ticket is £2.50. For more details see posters.

When the children have exhausted themselves and are safely in bed, the party continues for adults. Bring a 'bring and share supper' and dance the night away to local band Crazy Mama from 8pm to 12 midnight. Tickets are £6.00 each and there will be a bar. Look out for the posters for booking details. All proceeds to go to the Victory Hall.



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NORTHLEW BROADBAND

Well, it is almost 12 months since we started providing the first-ever broadband service to Northlew. In that time we have had a few glitches but overall it has gone from strength to strength. The village core service is now working as it should with speeds on average of 1.6 MB/sec with a max of 3.85 which is above the national average. We are still welcoming new customers within the village and working hard to bring the service to other areas outside the core. We would like to remind anyone who is not a customer but who can pick the signal up wirelessly on their laptop that we offer tariffs by the day, week or month for a login-only service (i.e. no extra kit). We also have a number of computers that we can rent out if you are without one.

Recently we have had a problem with people paying their invoices not just late but months in arrears, which caused real issues to us financially as over £1,000 was outstanding. It is key to remember that we do not make a profit and our incoming are finely balanced with the large invoices we pay to BT. If we do not get paid promptly by subscribers it means that we cannot meet our obligations to continue the service and would ultimately mean we are cut off. If this project fails, Northlew will NEVER have another broadband service. This is our only way to get the Internet to this rural village so it is important not to put the service at risk by paying late or abusing its bandwidth. Please take note that your subscription is due on the 1st and in advance. Failure to pay on time may cause us to disconnect your service and give it to a new

customer on the waiting list.

In January we shall implement a price increase of £2 per month, largely due to the fact that VAT will be at 20% compared to 15% when we first started the project. We shall also be moving over to a Direct Debit system of payment as of January 1st which will cut down on all the time consuming administration work for the volunteers and resolve any cash flow issues in the future.

Once again we thank all of our customers for their continued support.

John Maguire
Chris Marson
Ken Merron
Ian Richards
Northlew Broadband CIC Directors.

THANKYOU!!

Just to thank everyone who braved the wet blustery weather to support our Winter Warmer, as well as a thank you to those of you who helped, we felt it was a great success and hope that everyone enjoyed it. We made a total of £450.00, which we were really pleased with. Also a massive thank you to those of you who have given donations, it was very kind of you. In addition the Autumnal quiz sheets made just over £60.00, the winners being 1st C.Dodd (N.Tawton), 2nd Tracey Annette (Northlew) and 3rd Mrs. Cole (N.Tawton)

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

David and Harriet will not be sending Christmas cards again this year. We would rather give a donation to a local village cause. This year to the Phase II of the playing field development. If anyone else is interested in doing this too, Jane O'Connell is happy to take donations. We do, however, wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

WOMEN'S GUILD AND FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting is in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 1st December - Making Christmas Cards with Mrs Helen Thorne.

We shall have a break for January. The next meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday 2nd February at 2.30pm. The speakers will be Mr Martin Perry and Mr Brian Lee. All welcome

COFFEE 'N' CHAT

On Thursday 16th December, Coffee 'n' Chat are extending the coffee morning time so those who have supported us can have a few Christmas nibbles with us.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Once again the Sunday School will be going to the pantomime to Holsworthy, which this year is Cinderella. Everyone is welcome to join us on the coach. The pantomime is from the last week in January to the first week in February. If you wish to go, Brenda Curtis will be taking ticket money with your bookings from now up to the 19th December.

Ticket Price - Adults £8, senior citizens and children up to 14 years £6. Methodist Sunday school children go for free.

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Many thanks to everyone who have supported the Northlew Community Allotment Association at the Quiz Evenings in the Green Dragon. The two quizzes have raised £160 towards the cost of the installation of a stand pipe and water connection to the allotments.

There are just a few allotments left available to rent. The cost is £50 for the whole year, or £30 for half the year. Call Cathy Fethers on 01409 220276 if you are interested.

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Winter Excursions by Coach

Sunday 28 th November	Cribbs Causeway	£13.00
Sunday 5 th December	Cardiff	£15.00
Sunday 12 th December	Taunton	£10.00
Sunday 19 th December	Plymouth	£8.00
Sunday 9 th January 2011	Sleeping Beauty @ Plymouth	£25.00
Sunday 27 th February 2011	Holiday On Ice "Energia"	£30.00
Wednesday 30 th March	Daniel O'Donnell @ Plymouth	£40.00
Friday 15 th /16 th April	London Theatre (Billy Elliot)	£130.00
Thurs 21 st /26 th April	Dutch Bulbs Fields Tour	£415.00
	(Single Supplement)	£110.00

Call 01409 221237 for further information or to book a seat.

NORTHLEW FARMER CLUB

There is no Farmer Club in December, but the club will be holding its Christmas Dinner on Saturday 15th January 2011 in the Victory Hall at 7.30. Tickets are £15. All are welcome. Ring Michael Dufty on 01837 871423 if you would like to go.

SAVING NORTHLEW NEWS' COSTS

The cost of printing the Northlew News is becoming prohibitive. At one time, the cost of one advert would cover the cost of printing for one month. So, as long as 12 people were advertising, things rolled along nicely.

Prices have risen by over 100% in the last few months. We currently print 160 copies and all seem to go, so it would be difficult to cut down on the number printed at the moment.

However, if those who are online would be willing to have their Northlew News emailed to them, then we could cut down on the number printed eventually and therefore save some money.

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What's on in Northlew

Dec. 2010

		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Wed	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12		
2	Thurs	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30		
3	Fri			
4	Sat	50/50 Shop & Coffee Morning Methodist Hall 10-12	3-5 Children's Christmas Party. Victory Hall	8-12 Grown Ups Christmas Party. Victory Hall
5	Sun	9.30 Parish Church. Holy Communion by Extension 9.30 Chapel. Rev P Wagstaff	4.00 Parish Church. Christingle	
6	Mon			
7	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls		
8	Wed	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12		
9	Thurs	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30		
10	Fri			
11	Sat	50/50 Shop & Coffee Morning Methodist Hall 10-12		
12	Sun	9.30 Parish Church. Morning Prayer 9.30 Chapel. Rev JPeak	1.00 Christmas Lunch. Victory Hall	6.30 Parish Church. United Service of Nine Lesson and Carols with Northlew Silver Band followed by Lighting of the Parish Christmas Tree in the Square.
13	Mon			
14	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls		
15	Wed	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12		
16	Thurs	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30		8.00 Carol Service in the Green Dragon
17	Fri	9.30 school Nativity in the Parish Church		
18	Sat	50/50 Shop & Coffee Morning Methodist Hall 10-12		
19	Sun	9.30 Parish Church. Morning Prayer 9.30 Chapel. Rev. J Peak		6.30 United Carol Service
20	Mon	Northlew silver Bank Christmas Concert in Victory Hall		
21	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls		
22	Wed			
23	Thurs	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30		
24	Fri	9.30 Parish Church. Christmas Communion Rev L Burgon	4.00 Parish Church. Crib Service	
25	Sat	9.00 Chapel. Christmas Celebration (Half Hour) 10.00 Parish Church. Christmas Service		
26	Sun			
27	Mon			
28	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls		
29	Wed			
30	Thurs	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30		

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