

# NORTHLEW NEWS

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Cathy is always looking for interesting items for the Northlew News to ensure that it remains an interesting, chatty and informative publication. There is a new page called 'Its all about You!'. 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.

## Ooops!

Sorry, I have to apologise. Last months Northlew News had items missing, spelling errors and disorganised pages. If you didn't notice then your brain is as befuddled as mine! If you did, I apologise. It was so intent in getting everything neatly into its new A5 size, I completely forgot to proof read. Better luck this month!

Please note the last day for items for the Northlew News on the What's on Page. Part of the problem is that items come in far too late to ensure that the News get put together in good time.

*Cathy (Editor)*

## NORTHLEW PTFA

The PTFA is holding a fund raising breakfast on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Church Rooms at 8am until 10pm.

Bacon sandwiches at £2 each. Toast and butter with either Jam or Marmalade for £1.

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## NORTHLEW COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all who came along and supported the Pudding and Pie Lunch held in the Victory Hall in February. It was lots of fun and everyone went home very well fed! In all, we raised a total of £275. Which will be put to good use in getting the site up and running. Further events are planned so watch this space.

## NORTHLEW GARDEN CLUB

The planning meeting of the Garden Club for 2011 took place in the Chapel Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb with 12 members present. There were some good suggestions for Speakers and Trips to visit gardens. It was also suggested to have a flower of the month, picked from your own garden and bring a plant or bulb to exchange with another member each month. Everyone enjoyed a cup often and cake. The club would like to welcome any new members now as our new programme starts for 2011. Meetings are in the Chapel Hall on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 unless going out to visit a garden. Broadband. Internet access is free – you don't have to have a broadband account and only need to pay for any pages printed.

### Change to Housing Benefit

The Council would like to point out to anybody who it may concern that there have been some changes to the Housing Benefit



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## NORTHLEW TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group will be hosting a Ploughman's Lunch on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 12 noon to 3pm in the Victory Hall. Adults £7 each or children £3. Bar and tea and coffee available. Book by phoning Jade Hatt on 07327554208 or take your chance and turn up on the day.



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## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

### Women's Guild & Fellowship

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30 pm. The speaker is Rev. Irving Pemberthy.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Northlew Group Service will be at Madworthy Methodist Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00. Service written by The Christian Women of Chile. The theme is - How many loaves have you? Speaker - Mrs Janet Barriball of St Giles.

### Thanks

Tracey, Elaine and Brenda would like to thank all those who attended the Soup, Roll and Cake evening in the Methodist Hall. Thanks also to those who gave so generously to the stalls, competitions and for the refreshments and thanks also to those who worked so hard on the evening. A total of £334.60 was raised for Pathfield Special Needs School in Barnstaple to which George Davey Jnr attends.

### Dancing to the Texans!

Come along to the Victory Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30 p.m. and enjoy an evening dancing to The Texans. Admission £6 to include refreshments, all proceeds for the Methodist Church.

## Northlew Farmers Club

Forthcoming Farmer Club meetings are:  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 8pm. A talk by Mrs Diana Lee on Herbs.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 8pm. A talk by Mr Tim Martin, Agronomist.  
All held in the Green Dragon. All welcome.



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## NORTHLEW PARISH CHURCH

### Steak Pie Lunch

After several changes of date (sorry Jayne) we have finally arranged the Steak Pie lunch for March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Victory Hall. Tickets (£6.00) will be shortly available from Pat Durston or Frances Dufty. Come and enjoy a tasty bit of beef pie and good company as well! Its local beef - not any old imported stuff! Primary school children half price.


March 9<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and there will be a service of Holy Communion with Ashing at 9.30 am. All very welcome.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> I Mothering Sunday and there will be a special Holy Communion and distribution of flowers at 9.20 am. Even if you no longer have your Mother, it's good to remember her on this particular day.

For services please see the what's on pages.

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#### RICH INHERITANCE ... Jesus' legacy of love

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*What is his legacy of love?*

Contributors include: Archbishop Vincent Nichols,  
Paula Gooder, Jim Wallis, and Inderjit Bhogal

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>2.00-3.15pm</b>	<b>Jo and Alan Hind's house, Wheeltons, EXBOURNE</b>
		<i>(phone Jo Hind on 01837 851 250 for directions)</i>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>7.45-9.00pm</b>	<b>Methodist Chapel, NORTHLEW</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>7.30-8.45pm</b>	<b>Old Schools, HATHERLEIGH</b>
<b>Week 1</b> (14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar.)		<b>An empty tomb</b>
<b>Week 2</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.)		<b>A group of people</b>
<b>Week 3</b> (28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar.)		<b>A story</b>
<b>Week 4</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.)		<b>A power</b>
<b>Week 5</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr.)		<b>A meal</b>

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# What's on in Northlew

		<b>Morning</b>
Tue	1	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Wed	2	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12.
Thur	3	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Fri	4	
Sat	5	50/50 Shop and Coffee Chat at Methodist Hall 10-12
Sun	6	Parish Church 9.30 am Holy Communion, 6th March 9.30 a.m. Mr John Hawkins Methodist Chapel
Mon	7	
Tue	8	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 + Coffee & Chat & Stalls. PTFA breakfast in the Victory Hall 8am to 10am
Wed	9	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12, 9.30 Holy Communion with Ashing Parish Church.
Thur	10	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Fri	11	
Sat	12	50/50 Shop and Coffee Chat at Methodist Hall 10-12
Sun	13	Parish Church 9.30 Morning Prayer, 13th March 9.30 a.m. Rev John Peak Methodist Chapel
Mon	14	
Tue	15	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Wed	16	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12
Thur	17	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Fri	18	
Sat	19	50/50 Shop and Coffee Chat at Methodist Hall 10-12
Sun	20	Parish Church 9.30 Holy Communion, 20th March 9.30 a.m. Mr Edgar Hucker Methodist Chapel
Mon	21	
Tue	22	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Wed	23	Toddler Group in Victory Hall 10-12
Thur	24	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-11.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Fri	25	
Sat	26	50/50 Shop and Coffee Chat at Methodist Hall 10-12
Sun	27	United Family Service in Chapel 10am
Mon	28	
Tues	29	Post Office in Church Room 9.30-12.30 plus Coffee & Chat & Stalls
Wed	30	

# March 2011

		Afternoon	Evening
Tue	1		
Wed	2	Women's Guild & Fellowship Meeting 2.30 pm Chapel Hall. Mobile Library in Square 2.25-3.40	Gardening Club Chapel Hall 7.30
Thur	3		
Fri	4		Women's World Day of Prayer at Madworthy 7pm
Sat	5	Ploughman's Victory Hall 12-3pm	
Sun	6		
Mon	7		6.30 Evening Prayer Parish Church
Tue	8		
Wed	9		
Thur	10		
Fri	11		
Sat	12		
Sun	13		Evening Prayer 6.30 Park Church
Mon	14		
Tue	15		
Wed	16	Mobile Library in Square 2.25 - 15.40	
Thur	17		
Fri	18		Dancing to the Texans. 8.30 Victory Hall.
Sat	19		6.30 Parish Church Evening Prayer
Sun	20		
Mon	21		7.30 Annual Parish Assembly Victory Hall
Tue	22		
Wed	23		
Thur	24		
Fri	25		
Sat	26		
Sun	27	Steak Pie Lunch Victory Hall	Holy Communion 6.30 pm Parish Church
Mon	28	<b>DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NORTHLEW NEWS</b>	Northlew Farmer Club Meeting 8pm Green Dragon.
Tues	29		
Wed	30		





## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Public Toilets

As we wrote in the last issue of Northlew News, we would like your opinions on the future of the toilets. As mentioned, we budget £2,500 a year to maintain and run the toilets and want to make sure that every one in the parish is aware of this and want us to continue to do so. The Annual Parish Assembly is on Monday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall and we hope that if you have a view you will come along.

We would like to make it clear, however, that the posters currently displayed around the village are not from the Parish Council. It is good that they are encouraging people to come to the meeting, but are misleading when they talk of a developer waiting to pounce on the land and make a fast buck. There is no developer involved. The land belongs to the Parish and it is up to the Parish to decide what happens to it. If people want the toilets to stay open – this is fine. The Parish Council is simply trying to make sure we are spending the money wisely and in accordance with parishioners' wishes. Please come along to the meeting and have your say, or if you can't make it you can give your views to a parish councillor or drop a letter off with Janet Millership (the clerk) at The Knoll.

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### Change to Housing Benefit

The Council would like to point out to anybody who it may concern that there have been some changes to the Housing Benefit entitlement. The changes concern maximum amounts payable and the excess payment. More information can be obtained from the West Devon website ([www.westdevon.gov.uk](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk)). A leaflet is available and one will be posted on the notice board in the Church Room.

### Road Closure

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011 there will be a road closure from the junction of the road to Eastacombe Farm (from Summer Lane to Waterhouse Hill) to the road to Eastacombe Farm junction with Summer Lane

A signed diversion route will be in place via Hilltown Cross, Place Cross, Fowley Cross, Castle Cross, Bogtown and Northlew Square.

This is a Sunday and the road will be closed for 24 hours.

**!!!! Its all about you !!!!**

*Well, the Parish Council's request for your opinions about the Toilets has certain caused some debate around the village. Here are a couple of things that I have been asked to include in the Northlew News.*

*My name is Betty Dibben and I think the toilets should remain open. In the winter they could be lagged to help stop the pipes from freezing.*

*The people who live in the village might not use them much but my husband does often. The Postman, the hikers, visitors, delivery men, removal men, people from the Hunt and the dustmen! Where are they going to spend a penny or anything else. Maybe the church grounds behind the graves, not a very nice thing for anyone to see or smell.  
Betty Dibben*

NORTHLEW  
SAVE YOUR TOILETS  
ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE  
PARISH ASSEMBLY  
VICTORY HALL, 21ST MARCH @  
7.30P.M.

KEEP THE SITE/LAND  
OUT OF THE HANDS OF  
SPECULATIVE DEVELOPERS.

Our Council Taxes fund the upkeep of these Public Toilets  
the facilities being available to all residents, visitors, postmen, delivery drivers etc.

*This year we will experience 4 unusual dates.... 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11 .....  
NOW go figure this out.... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age  
you will be this year and it WILL EQUAL .... 111!  
THIS IS SO STRANGE.....NO MATTER HOW U DO IT ITS 111.*

*Thanks to Diane Grierson for this*

## **Wanted Accommodation**

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