

NORTHLEW NEWS



A view of the Street Party in the Square.

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You can also receive your Northlew News by email. Just email your request to Northlewnews@aol.com.

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.

Please Note new deadline!!

Our usual printers (GTI) have closed their branch in Okehampton. They are still able to print the Northlew News for us, but it will be delivered back to us by post or carrier. What used to take place in one day – printing, collection, distribution – may now take a week. Therefore, I have had to place a deadline date for the NN at one week before publication starting next month.

Cathy

NORTHLEW SILVER BAND

Centenary Celebrations

Northlew Village Silver Band was established in 1911 and to celebrate its first 100 years is holding a hog roast on Sat 25th June from 2.30 p.m. Neighbouring bands have been invited to join an afternoon of music and fun in the playing field at Northlew or in the Victory Hall in the unlikely event of inclement weather.

The event will be free to attend and there will be attractions for all ages.

Northlew has the last surviving village band in Devon and as an added attraction we are appealing for anyone with photographs of the band at different events in and around the village to lend them for an exhibition to be mounted simultaneously on 25th June.

All enquiries and offers of assistance to Martin Perry, Chairman on 01409 221376

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Ploughman's Lunch

There will be a Ploughman's lunch on Saturday May 21st, from 12 to 2pm in the Church Room. Tickets from Frances Dufty or Pat Durston. Come and have a quick meal and a chat!



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Prince Philip

As I watched the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton I thought, once again, what a constant service over so many years the Queen and the Duke have given to this country. The Duke will be ninety next month and I'll be sending him a card from Northlew. Will take it to the Post Office so if anyone would like to write on it, please ask. Thank you!

Talking of the Royal Wedding, we all though it was brilliant and the organisation in London was only matched by the party here in the Square. Thank you!

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METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Women's Guild and Fellowship.

On Wednesday 4th May at 2.30 will be at Rose Cottage – by kind invitation of Mr Ron and Mrs Irene Oldale to see the garden.

Sunday School Anniversary

Pentecostal Praise on Sunday June 12th at 2.30 with Rev John Peak.
Monday June 13th at 7.15pm with Rev Meg Slingo. Faith Supper to follow.

Flower Festival

Friday 27th May Service led by Rev John Peak 2.30 p.m.

Chapel open 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 28th May Chapel open 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 29th May Chapel open 2..30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. 6.30 p.m. Concert with Catherine and Rebecca Wagstaff

Refreshments, including cream teas, throughout the weekend,
Ploughman's lunches Saturday 12 noon – 2 p.m.

For services in May please see the What's On pages.

Many thanks to everyone who joined us in the chapel on Sunday 17th April for our lunch, we made a profit of £696.09.

NORTHLEW DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Northlew's Dramatic Society was held on 11th April and after 4 highly successful years that included 4 pantomimes, 2 murder mystery dinner parties and excerpts from A Midsummer Night's Dream, amongst other production. The Chairman Martin Perry stepped down from the chair and after an election Rachel Richards was elected as Chairman supported by Richard Cox as Vice Chairman. After a further election Janet Millership continued in her role as the Treasurer.

Martin Perry thanked all concerned for their support and help and wished his successor well. Plans were then discussed for future activities and provisional arrangements made for one or two short productions to be staged in the Autumn in the Victory Hall.

A healthy financial report was delivered by Mrs Millership and as a result of the recent pantomime profits were distributed to Farms for City Children, the Victory Hall, the village Men's Snooker Club and the Methodist Church.

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EASTCOTT VINEYARD UPDATE

As most of you will now have seen, Devon County Council erected our brown tourist signage towards the end of last year. Under the new rules, we are only permitted to sign from Northlew, rather than the nearest main road. But with this and Google Maps, we are becoming much easier for visitors to find.

The vines are all well ahead of last year due to the warm spring. With this comes an increased risk of frost damage to the young shoots. Let's hope that hasn't happened by the time you are reading this!

We are now bottling the still wines made from last years harvest and will do the sparkling wines in a couple of months. We have recently begun posting short videos of the vineyard and winery on 'You-Tube', one of which features bottling the 'Rondo' that many of you helped to pick last October.

We will be participating again in Devon/English Wine Week during the last week of May & first week of June This year as well as the popular guided tours we are going to give talks on how to set up a small vineyard in your garden. Sunday 29th May 12.00 to 16.00. Talk on

how to set up a vineyard in your garden. £10 per head. Booking adviseable.

Monday 30th May Personally guided tour of the Vineyard with the owners. £5 per head No booking required

So many local people have asked us for advice on everything from planting to pruning vines and we hope sharing our knowledge will be interesting. We also plan to release a new 'Medium' white wine ready for Wine Week. We will be offering free tastings of this and all our current range.

Assuming that there are no diary changes, our local MP Mel Stride is coming to visit the vineyard on Friday 10th June. He is spending the whole day in the Okehampton area.

We have also just added lots of information to our website about our holiday cottages, in a new section. So if you have family or friends needing a place to stay over the summer, do take a peek via www.eastcottvineyard.co.uk



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What's on in Northlew

		Morning
1	Sun	Methodist Chapel Service 9.15am with Rev. John Peak
2	Mon	
3	Tues	
4	Wed	Toddler Group - 10 -12 noon Victory Hall
5	Thurs	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
8	Sun	Methodist Chapel Service 9.30am with Mrs Elaine Peak/9.30am Morning Prayer Parish Church
9	Mon	
10	Tues	
11	Wed	Toddler Group - 10 -12 noon Victory Hall
12	Thurs	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
15	Sun	Car Boot. School Playground 10-1pm/ Methodist Chapel Service 9.30am with Miss Brenda Curtis/9.30am Holy Communion Parish Church
16	Mon	
17	Tues	
18	Wed	Toddler Group - 10 -12 noon Victory Hall
19	Thurs	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12
22	Sun	United Family Service at the Parish Church 10am
23	Mon	
24	Tues	LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NORTHLEW NEWS
25	Wed	Toddler Group - 10 -12 noon Victory Hall
26	Thurs	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	50/50 shop and Coffee in the Methodist Hall 10 - 12/Wine Week - Eastcott Vineyard: Wine Sales & Tasting 9.00 - 17.30
29	Sun	Methodist Chapel Service at 9.30am with Rev. John Peak/Wine Week - Eastcott Vineyard: Wine Sales & Tasting 9.00 - 17.30/11am Benefice Service at Exbourne Parish Church
30	Mon	
31	Tues	

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		Afternoon	Evening
1	Sun		
2	Mon		
3	Tues	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
4	Wed	Women's Guild visit to Rose Cottage garden	Garden Club - Methodist Hall 7.30pm
5	Thurs		
6	Fri	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
7	Sat		
8	Sun		8pm Quiz Evening - Green Dragon/6.30pm Evening Prayer
9	Mon		
10	Tues	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
11	Wed	Mobile Library in the Square 2.25 - 3.40pm	
12	Thurs		
13	Fri	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
14	Sat		
15	Sun		6.30pm Evening Prayer Parish Church
16	Mon		
17	Tues	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
18	Wed		
19	Thurs		
20	Fri	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
21	Sat	Ploughmans Lunch in the Church Room 12-2pm	
22	Sun		6.30pm Unt Farm Serv at Stoney Fm
23	Mon		Farmers Club Meeting 8pm
24	Tues	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room	
25	Wed	Mobile Library in the Square 2.25 - 3.40pm	
26	Thurs		
27	Fri	Post Office, Coffee and Chat 1.00 to 3.30pm in Church Room/Flower Festival at the Methodist Chapel. Chapel Open 3pm to 6pm	
28	Sat	Flower Festival at the Methodist Chapel. Chapel Open 11am to 6pm. Ploughman's Lunch from 12-2 in the Chapel Hall	
29	Sun	Flower Festival at the Methodist Chapel. Chapel Open 2.30 to 6.15pm	6.30 Flower Festival Service at Chapel
30	Mon		
31	Tues		

Nuisance Bonfires

Imagine that you're trying to have a peaceful afternoon sitting in your garden; you'd like to have your lunch out in the garden on a sunny day or you've just hung out a line of clean washing then ends up smelling of smoke. Perhaps it has been a nice day and you have had your windows open all day only for your home to be permeated by the stench of smoke.

There are a few who persist in having bonfires, making the majority who don't miserable. Sometimes it is very difficult to see where the smoke is coming from so we can't work out who to tackle about it.

All we are asking is that you don't have a bonfire in the middle of the day, light it in the evening, preferably after 8pm when the wind has dropped and people are not so likely to still have their washing hanging out. Even then, people are likely to be trying to make the most of any warm weather and dining out in the evenings and there is nothing worse than trying to enjoy an al fresco meal whilst enduring choking smoke.

There are very good recycling facilities for garden waste, they even pick it up from your doorstep now, so do you really need to pollute the air with a bonfire at all? Please think before you light up. Here are some guidelines:

- ◆ Speak to your neighbours, see if you can agree a time and site for the fire
- ◆ Keep it away from your neighbours' property

- ◆ Don't light it when your neighbours' washing is out
- ◆ Don't light it if your neighbours' are in their garden
- ◆ Don't light it if your neighbours' windows are open
- ◆ Keep it away from combustible materials
- ◆ Keep water nearby
- ◆ Stay by the fire at all times and monitor it
- ◆ Don't burn wet materials, plastic, rubber or other materials which cause dark smoke and noxious fumes
- ◆ Don't let smoke blow onto a road/public highway

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NORTHLEW GARDEN CLUB

The April Garden Club was held in the Chapel Hall on Wednesday 6th April. It was very well attended with everyone enjoying a very interesting talk on Beekeeping by Ruth Neal from the Holsworthy branch of the Devon Beekeepers Association. She brought along various equipment that they use and lots of different honey to sample. The tea host was Morwenna Millership and Flower of the month was won by Diane McGuire.

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.



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NORTHLEW FARMERS CLUB

Monday 23rd May is a visit to the mattress factory in Okehampton. There will be a tour led by Stuart Cann at 7.30

Monday 20th June is a Farm walk at Meldon Farm with Philip Heard, again at 7.30

NORTHLEW COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

As mentioned in last month's Northlew News, the allotment association will be holding a Produce Show in September in the Victory Hall. In order to make this a great all day event in the village, there will also be a Craft Fair in the Methodist Hall, and lunches and refreshments in the Church Room.

Entrants to the Produce Show are invited from Northlew and the surrounding area and a full programme is now available from Julie James on 01409 221663 or Cathy Fethers on 01409 220276 As well classes for home grown produce, there are classes for cooking, flower arranging and crafts, including children's classes.

As the Produce Show is sponsored by Garden News and Thompson & Morgan there will be an opportunity for the winners of the Top Tray and Top Vase awards to be entered in a nationwide competition.

As for the Craft Fair, we are keen to spotlight local artisans and craftspeople, of which there are many in the village, before we extend the invitation to outside the village. If any local people would like details of the Craft Fair please contact Cathy Fethers on 01409 220276 for details of cost and the facilities available.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

8th May – Another great **Quiz Night** in the Green Dragon at 8pm. Why not get a team together (4 people per team), or if you are on your own, just come along and we will pair you up with others. The cost is £3 per person for a great evening out. Prizes are cash and the current rollover quiz stands at a jackpot of £20.00.

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Special Thanks:

Libby Barrett would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the surprise party to celebrate her 60th birthday in April.

Thanks for all the cards and presents received, thanks to all who helped and contributed and thanks to everyone for managing to keep the event a secret. She really didn't know a thing about it!



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Election of Officers

It would appear from the applications received and current members who will be retiring from the Council, that we will be without a full compliment of Parish Councillors for next year. Two positions are likely to be vacant. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor so that these positions can be filled, please contact Janet Millership on for more details.

Northlew's Street Party

Wow, what a day! Northlew certainly knows how to celebrate! Bunting that appeared as if by magic, and cars that disappeared as if by magic! And tables in the Church room groaning under the weight of sooooo much food. The sun shone on us too just! It was a fantastic day and I am sure that Will and Kate would have loved being here if they weren't otherwise engaged.

Thanks must go to the Parish Councillors, who set the whole thing in motion, as well as all the helpers, from the bunting hangers to the tea makers. And of course to everyone who turned out.

At times like this it is often said "we should do this more often". Well, next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, so lets start planning!

Mugs

If you didn't get your mug (free for under 18's), or you managed to drop yours before you got home, then some are still available from Jane Colbourne on 221220 at £4 each. A pittance for a little bit of history.

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