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Parish Council

Best kept village

Northlew entered this competition again as we have done for many years.

The phone box was mentioned looking clean and tidy housing the Northlew Broadband with calls at only 1p a minute all over the world. Also the judges were all impressed by the allotments. Most plots are being cultivated and all were tidy.

They found it interesting to see old thatch being recycled as mulch. The Churchroom, Toilets, Victory Hall, Methodist Chaple and Shop plus many more places were judge and mentiond.

We had a respectable score of 90+, which is one of our better scores. If anyone would like to read the 'Reporting Sheet' please contact Janet Millership.

A plea from a concerned parishioners

How many times in the last couple of weeks have you been heard to say 'what a nuisance it is that the bridge is closed?' I'm sure that there has been many times! It makes our journey times longer, have to get up earlier, then get home later, never leave enough time to allow for the extra bit of journey. All very annoying. However, this is resulting in people driving too fast through the village to make up for the lost time, particularly as they come past Carmels' yard and around the corner by Bolland House. We have many children and elderly in our village so I urge you to slow down, just one little slip and someone could be seriously hurt or worse by a speeding car. As it says in the advert 'The speed limit is 30mph for a reason....' Lets keep our village a safe one.

Many thanks

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Methodist Church News

Women's Guild and Fellowship

The Meeting this month is on

Wednesday 6th November at 2.30pm.

The speaker is Reverend Sylvia
Coke-Woods.

Also in December on the 4th at

2.30pm the speaker is Reverend

Nigel Coke-Woods.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on 13th and 14th October. Thank you to everyone who came to join with us at this time of thanksgiving. We raised £222.65 for our funds, £47.25 for The Karibuni Trust, and the sale of the children's gifts amounted to £58.60 for CLIC.

Services

3rd November 9.30 am. Service

3rd November 6.30 pm. Service of
Light at Ashbury Church

10th November 9.30 am. United

Remembrance Service at The Parish
Church

17th November 9.30 am. Rev Philip
Wagstaff

24th November 11.00 am. United
Family and Toy Service

Saturday 23rd November 3 pm. - 4
pm. Children's Activity Club in the
Methodist Hall

Toy gifts must be new and have the
appropriate safety mark. They will
be distributed to children in the
okehampton area.

This service will be incorporated
with the United Family Service.

All welcome.

Skittle Night

Hatherleigh Community Centre

Saturday 30th November @ 7pm

£12 per team

Come and take up the challenge!!!

Team entries in by Thursday 28th
Nov

There will be a bar

Please phone Jo Barrett 01837
810535

Thanks

Jo

Northlew Victory Hall

Date for your diary: Christmas

Lunch this year will be on Sunday

15th December, see posters next

month for details. For bookings call:

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Northlew Toddler Group

Toddler Group bring a taste of the Orient to the village.

Northlew Toddler Group hosted a "Chinese Evening" fund-raiser on Sat 5th Oct for 40 guests, in the village hall, to raise much needed funds for the group.

26 different Chinese dishes were prepared by Yan Ping Bright, a native of the Hu Nan province in China, with the help of some of the Toddler Mums. Dishes varied from Fish Ball Soup to Spicy minced pork with green beans. It was a great opportunity to sample authentic Chinese food and to try something that you may not see on your local takeaway menu.

The event was sold out, with all 40 tickets being snapped up before it was even advertised.

The Toddler Group has approx. 15 toddlers attending each week and with a staggering £448.55 raised, will be able to purchase new toys and supplies for the group.

The groups Chairperson, Gemma Dufty, said "She is delighted with the success of the evening and hopefully this is the first of many more for the group. A great night was had by all and the Toddler group would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped, from the pork chop crusaders, food donators and all the guests for a truly unforgettable evening".

The Toddlers next fundraiser will be their annual Christmas shopping evening on the 29th November. This will consist of a variety of home-made craft and cake stalls in the Village Hall.

The Toddlers meet in Northlew Village Hall each Wednesday from 10 am to 12 Noon, and have a variety of toys and crafts always on offer. New Toddlers are always welcome to the group and you can get in touch with Gemma on 07813153814 or follow them on Facebook, Northlew Toddler Group, Devon.

A couple of photographs on the next showing off the beautifully decorated Hall and elegant oriental helpers and chef.



who would like to come along, if only for a cupppa.



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November 3rd 9.30am Communion by Extension.

November 3rd 6.30pm United Service of Light at **Ashbury**.

November 10th 10.50 am Remembrance Sunday service.

November 10th 6.30pm Evening Prayer.

November 11th 10.50am Act of Remembrance, with the local school, at the war memorial.

November 17th 9.30am Holy Communion.

November 17th 6.30pm Evening Prayer.

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.

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 any-one



November 24^h 11am United Family service in the Chapel.

November 24th 6.30pm Holy Communion.

Harvest

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church, prepare the supper, wash up, clear up and shift tables. And to the Band for playing for “Songs of Praise” on Sunday evening. Also to Frank and Gary for auctioning all the produce etc – we made a profit of £506.00 on the sale and supper. This is for church funds, less a donation to the school to give their chosen charity. The Reverend Nigel Coke-Woods was our preacher and we thank him for that. Something unusual happened this year, (or did'nt happen). There were no children in the Hall to run around with the sold item's, collect the money and so on. (Well apart from youn Charlie who did a good job fetching and carrying early on). Until recently it was a matter of pride to be one of the ' deliverers' on such occasions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?! Anyway Reverend Ruth took on the job – Thank you.

Remembrance Service

There will be a service of Remembrance on November 10th, starting at 10.50 am at the War Memorial. The service will be conducted by the Revd Stuart Wilson and the Revd John Peak will preach. On Monday 11th (Armistice Day) there will be an Act of

Remembrance at the War Memorial, starting at 10.50am. The local school will attend and Mrs Sandra Collier will lead the short service. To a lot of people the 11th November is the real Remembrance day and it's always good to see a goodly number of adults joining the kids on this solemn day.

Northlew Doodlebugs

Our churches' Children's Group will be meeting again this month.

‘The Journey to be King’

Exploring how David had to look after sheep and fight giants before becoming King.

Saturday 23rd November 2013

3-4pm, Methodist Chapel followed by light refreshments

Then join us for our United Family Service in the Methodist Chapel

11.00am, Sunday 24th November 2013

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Thank you


Marj Rundle would like to say a GREAT BIG thank you to all her family and friends for their kind wishes and help with the recent loss of her husband Fred.

Marj will not be sending christmas cards this year. But everyone will be in her thoughts and prayers.

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Handbags, Ties, Belts, Hats
Bed linen
Old clothes and material for rags

Please note items NOT accepted are Duvets or pillows, cushions, carpets or rugs.

Chapel

50/50 shop and Coffee mornings are held every Saturday from 10am to 12pm

**Many thanks for all your help and support,
The PTFA
Northlew & Ashbury Primary School**


PTFA

RAG BAG RECYCLING BIN

As you may have noticed there is now a recycling bin in front of the village school, this has been arranged by the PTFA to raise money for the school.

The school will be paid money based on the weight of the recycling done, so we're asking for your help!

Please place clean and dry items in plastic bags and put in the recycling bin – once the bin is full, a collection will be arranged.



Anthony Stock
DECORATOR

The Maltings
Harpers Hill
Northlew
Okehampton
Devon EX20 3NR
Tel: 01409 220161



Open Mike Night

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

“The Green Dragon will have its Christmas menu ready by the end of the first week in November after Angela returns from her holiday. Bookings for Christmas parties can be taken for the 20th November onwards.

We are going to repeat our 8 small courses meal and New Year’s Eve Party which was so successful last year, details in next month’s new letter.”

Treat yourself to a Sunday Lunch at the Green Dragon Inn Northlew
Only £7.25 for adults and £5.25 for children.

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.

Yoga Class

A "Gentle Yoga Class" is now running in the Victory Hall, Northlew.

7.00 to 8.30 Wednesday evening

Beginners and those more experienced welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat to lie on.

For further details contact
Angela Blezard
01409 221110 / 07809427991



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Methodist Church Women's Guild and Fellowship

This months meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October 2.30pm in the Chapel Hall with Hazel from The Faith Mission.

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Friends of St. Thomas Church (FOST) Northlew needs YOU!

Do you know about FOST? Can you help?

What is FOST? The Friends of St. Thomas Church (FOST) is a charity which was formed to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct the fabric of the church of St. Thomas for now and for the days ahead. The Society has the full

support and approval of the Parochial Church Council, the Churchwardens and the Vicar. Who are FOST members? You don't have to go to church to be a member of FOST. Membership of FOST is about ensuring the future of the church building. Anyone who is interested in this can pay an annual member s subscription of at least £5 (more if you wish). If you are a UK taxpayer you can fill in a Gift Aid Declaration and enable FOST to reclaim the tax on your donation. Roger Atkinson is the FOST Treasurer. He would welcome new members and subscriptions. **Roger can be contacted at Church House, Northlew. EX20 3NJ. Telephone 01409 221779.**

Why is preserving our church building so important? Northlew has a long history. Like so many other villages in Devon, it was founded in the Saxon Period following the invasions during the second part of the 7th Century. When the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086, Northlew was mentioned. It is likely that there was a church in those days, although no trace of it exists. This early church would have been much smaller than the present one. It would have been a wattle and daub construction with a thatched roof. The present Tower is probably built over the original site and covers about the same area. The Tower is

Norman and contains six Bells. One Enid Maguire of Northlew's Residents, Devereux Secretary, FOST Evance wrote about the bells of Northlew. Devereux lived with his sister Alice at Brooklyn in Crowden Road, His poem/song was collected by the Reverend Sabine-Gould and is sometimes sung at folk sessions. I have met visitors to the village who came to find the church and the Northlew Bells. I have also had people say ah, Northlew bells and sing part of the song when they ask me where I live! The song is meant to sound like the ringing of the bells. Here are the words if you would like to have a go at singing our Northlew song.

One day in October, neither drunken nor sober

O'er Broadbury Down I was wending my way,
When I heard of some singing, some dancing and singing
I ought to remember that Jubilee Day.

Tw'as in Ashwater Town, the bells they did sound
They rang for a belt and a hat laced with gold.

But the men of Northlew rang so steady and true

That never was better in Devon I hold.

If you recognise our good fortune in having such a historical resource in our village, please help by joining the Friends of St. Thomas Church. Thank you.

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Sunday January 12th 2014
Robin Hood Panto
Plymouth **£29.00**

Wednesday February 19th 2014
Lion King
Plymouth **£68.00**

Pick-ups for these excursions are available from Northlew – Hatherleigh – Okehampton Times will be given on receipt after payment for excursion is made



Village Hall

I just thought I would put a couple photographs in of the Hall on Skittles night. It looks so bright and the view of the stage end is too nice not to show.



Northlew Bridge

Couple more photographs for those of you that have not been to view the bridge in its current state, (yes I have gone a bit mad with the camera this month).

As you can see it is a major undertaking that the Highways have taken on to do. But when it's finished the bridge will be stronger and may look more in keeping with our village with the bent railings being replaced by bricks and faced with stone. This will not make it any narrower.

