

Broadband for the village

Chris and Ian have been hard at it negotiating with various companies to try to gain access for broadband internet connections here.

Everyone who would like this service is asked to register at www.northlew.net or for those without access to the net ring Chris on 01409 221429. A small instalation charge charge of £25.00 deposit will be required. This will give you a speed up to 10MB

We need at least 50 subscribers to get this service for this cost.

We have to thank Ian Richards and Chris Marson, a relative newcomer living in Kimberlands to have got us this far.

Northlew Children's Group

We would like to thank everyone who braved the snow and ice to come and support our cake stall in The Post Office on Feb. 3rd We managed with your help to raise £73.00 for our funds.

Dates for your diary

22nd March and 26th April, quiz nights in The Green Dragon at 7.30 for a prompt start at 8pm.

Teams of 4 at £2.00 per person, all welcome and there will be a raffle.

April 24th 9pm -1am

Northlew Children's Group invite you to go back to the '80's.

A disco hosted by Radio Devon's one and only Matt Woodley in the Victory Hall. A licensed bar has been applied for, there will be a prize for the best dressed 80's male and female.

Be there or be square !

NADS

A post pantomime meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th of March at 7.30pm for anyone who was involved in any capacity with Jack and the bean stalk, considered a triumph of entertainment but there may be things we need to think again about and make changes for our next production.

A G M The 2nd annual meeting will be held on Monday 30th March for all paid up members plus any others who want to join and be involved at 7.30pm in the Chapel Rooms.

From Councillor Nick O'Connell

On behalf of The Parish Council and the Northlew community, I would like to say a big thank you to those who were involved in the pantomime and also to those who did such a superb job on the scenery, costumes, lighting and sound etc.

How wonderful to see the whole community pull together to make something like this and so spectacular to see and enjoy, (if you missed out make a date for next year)

School News – Jan 2009

Open Afternoon – April 2nd

We are hoping to involve ourselves more closely with village life. On the afternoon of Thursday 2nd April we would like to extend an invitation to you to come into school and see the school and how we work. You will be able to see the children performing some music, enjoy their artwork and have a free cup of tea and cake, courtesy of the PTFA.

Cold weather and treacherous roads

Over the last few weeks we've all had to make some pretty unpleasant early morning journeys to school in very slippery conditions. None of the roads into Northlew, even the major ones, are ever gritted by the local authority and our children are regularly put at risk when they need to travel on them. We wanted to put our views across to the local council to make them aware of our concerns. We are therefore going to have a petition requesting at least one route into the village should be gritted. There will be a petition in school and at Mrs Taylor (newspaper collection point). Please add your name to the list if you feel able to support us.

Northlew Silver Band

The A.G.M. of the band takes place at 8pm on Wednesday 8th March. Anyone interested in joining plus all who would like to know more are very welcome to come along. Further details from Sharon Dufty on 01837 871504.

Tukae Fete Saturday 13th June

The garden at Elmfield will again be the venue for the 3rd Tukae fete. The last one was held in 2006, when the weather turned against us and we had to decamp into The Victory Hall. The people of Northlew in their usual generous way still helped to raise £1,200

This year we are confident of brilliant sunshine and of your support to help the local communities in Tanzania.

Please make a note of this in your diary and think about, produce, plants and all the usual stuff for stalls. Any volunteers to help out with running games and manning the stalls will be very welcome

Northlew Parish Church.

March 1st a joint healing service 6.30pm at the chapel, no evening service at the parish Church

March 3rd 2.00pm a lent course starts at the vicarage all are welcome.

March 8th 12.30 Steak pie lunch in The Victory Hall, tickets are £5.50 from John Spry or Pat Durston.

March 22nd Mothering Sunday family service at 10am. Come and give thanks for the mother church and (all us others Pat)

March 23rd 7.15pm Vestry meeting at 7.30 the A.G.M. of the P.C.C.

March 28th 12.2.00pm Church Room Ploughman's Lunch Tickets £4.50, from John or Pat as before.

March 29th 9.30am Joint Boniface Service in the Parish Church.

April

April 5th 6.30 p m Palm Sunday procession with donkey, starting at The Church to The Chapel with supper to follow.

April 9th Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7 p m

April 10th 2.00pm an hour before the cross

Easter day 9.30 a m Holy Communion and Easter egg hunt

6.30 p m Songs of praise

April 24th Dragon pie supper in the vicarage.

Pat's note

The service on March 1st is for healing your aching joints, not a conventional healing service. Hope no mis-understandings !

Note from the Vicar: If anyone would like to be confirmed this year could they please contact him for further information.

The New Year lunch was a huge success, plenty to eat, convivial company and all who came enjoyed it. Sorry about the wine or rather the lack of it, all should be sorted by the next time.

A very healthy profit of £604 for the church funds.

Many thanks to all who came and supported us and an especially thank you to those who cooked and served.

Northlew Methodist Church

Friday 13th March 8.30 p.m. Texans Dance in the Victory Hall

50/50 shop open every Saturday from 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon, coffee is served in the hall. On the first Saturday of every month there is also a lunch from 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m., everyone welcome.

Women's Guild and Fellowship have as their speaker Mrs Jackie Adcock of Inwardleigh at 2.30pm on Wednesday March 9th.

A special service for Mothering Sunday March 22nd at 10.30am, this will be a service conducted by the Sunday school teachers and pupils,

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Recipe of the month

Easter very soon so why not make your own **hot cross buns** ? cheaper and a lot tastier than any you can buy in the shops.

This will make about a dozen depending on how big you like them.

2oz (50g) caster sugar, plus 1 teaspoon

5 fl oz hand-hot water (150 ml)

1 level tablespoon of dried yeast

1 lb (450g) plain flour

1 rounded teaspoon mixed spice

3oz (75g) currants

2oz (50g) mixed peel

1 ½ -2oz warm milk

1 beaten egg

2oz (50g) melted butter

For the glaze 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and 2 tablespoons water.

Stir in the extra sugar and the dried yeast into the hand-hot water, leave to become a good frothy mix

Sift the flour and spice into a bowl add the remaining sugar, currants and peel.

Make a well in the middle and add the yeast mix and the milk, the beaten egg and the melted butter.

Mix well and transfer the dough into a plastic bag and put in a warm place to rise, this will take about an hour, turn out onto a floured surface and knead again back to it's original size.

Divide into 12 pieces and place on a well oiled baking sheet, mark each bun with a deep cross.

Leave to rise again, cover with a greased plastic sheet.

Place in a pre-heated oven at gas mark 7, 220, or 425 degrees

As soon as you take them out while still hot glaze with the sugar and water mix, this will make them all nice, sticky and absolutely delicious.

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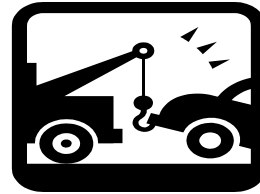
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Northlew Convenience Store

You can now buy your household essentials and some food items (tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, soup etc) while posting your parcels on a Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Church Room.

The service has been very well received and seems to be providing a useful service to the residents of Northlew. Hatherleigh Outreach Postal service also bring stationery items, over the counter medicines, tights, sweets, cards etc so there are quite a lot of items for sale and the stock will grow as time goes on and more people use the service.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits are also available, ably served by our very kind volunteers so why not pop down for a chat and a coffee, post some letters, do your banking and buy your essentials. Marion Dufty has a fabulous cake stall on alternate Tuesdays, and on Thursdays there are books and jewellery for sale. Anybody else who wants to come along and have a stall is most welcome. The more the merrier!

Those who haven't yet discovered the Community hub that the Post Office has become can come along for a Bacon Butty and Tea and Coffee on Tuesday March 10th and Thursday March 12th. This week there will also be a film crew in the village filming Northlew as the 'Rural Idyll' for BBC and on the Tuesday morning they hope to film us all using our

Community Shop, Post Office and generally enjoying living in our community, so do come along and have a starring role or just a walk-on part! We look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel Richards