

# NORTHLEW NEWS

## OCTOBER 2011



Richard Cox presents a cheque for an amazing £2100.12 to Matt Woodley of Radio Devon for their Devon Air Ambulance Appeal raised by the Northlew Late Summer Ball

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# ***Northlew Amateur Dramatic Society***

## **Another Sell Out**

Saturday night (24<sup>th</sup> Sept) saw another sell out by the Northlew Amateur Dramatic Society when they presented 2 comedy one act plays with a dinner between.

The audience rocked with laughter to see well known village characters in different guises and a fair bit of cross dressing thrown in.

A magnificent dinner was served by Jayne O'Connell and helpers and the whole event went down in the annals of NADS as another success.

The question of a pantomime for 2012 was on everyone's lips but it seems NADS may be short of thespians willing to tread the boards - a meeting will be held soon to test the temperature!

## **NADS Pantomime 2012**

Last year's panto was again a great success and this year we will endeavour to bring you something equally as good, if not better!

We are holding a meeting on Wednesday 5th October at 8pm in the Victory Hall Meeting Room to discuss the 2012 panto which will take place on the 17th & 18th February 2012 and find out who would like to be in it or help behind the scenes, we are in need of members to do both.

We are very short on help behind the scenes, so if you feel you want to be part

of the really fun experience and camaraderie of putting on a NADS show we would love to welcome you into the fold.

Equally we would love some new faces to appear on stage, any age from 10 years upwards, there is a lot of talent in Northlew and we'd love you to come and be a part of NADS.

If you'd like to talk about a role in NADS before the meeting, please do call Rachel Richards, Chairman on 01409 221973, she'd be delighted to hear from you. We hope to see you at the meeting!

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## ***Northlew Farmers Club***

Next meeting is on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm in the Green Dragon. The talk will be about Bees.

November's meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 8 in the green Dragon and will be a talk and slides on building Burrator Reservoir by Paul Rendall.

## *Northlew Silver Band*

### Northlew Carnival 2011

The Silver Band at Northlew is once again organising the carnival in the village as it has for many years now. It will be held on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> and villagers are asked to start preparing by saving garden waste that will burn on the bonfire that is lit in the square.

This year the Band hope that more parents will encourage their children to enter the fancy dress competition - the Band Chairman, Martin Perry said "This event is a really valued part of Northlew's life and it would be so nice if we saw more participants. Years ago nearly all the parents dressed their children and I truly hope that we can encourage them to do it again this year. There is plenty of time to prepare and there are classes for all children of any age. There is also an adults class and we desperately need to cajole more to take part - it is huge fun and I do so hope 2011 will be a bumper year for entries be they X Factor or Downton Abbey lookalikes!

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## *Northlew Toddler Group*

This year, Northlew Toddler Group is trying to raise money to update some of our toys.

Our age range is so diverse now that we wish to offer something for everyone so we have produced new Tea Towels which are now for sale to help boost funds. These are 100% cotton with the toddler's handprints as the design. At a cost of just £4 each, these are a bargain.

Machine washable and unshrinkable (believe me I've tried) we hope that these will sell well as even if your children/grandchildren do not come to toddlers, everyone needs tea towels and we are hoping for the village's continued support for our little monkeys.

If you would like to buy these durable tea towels, please contact Gemma Dufty on 01837 871744

And for new mums that we haven't yet met, Toddlers is held on Wednesday mornings 10-12 noon so please feel free to come along for a chat and lots of fun.

## *Chapel News*

### Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church

Sunday 9th October 2.30 p.m. Children's gift service, Preacher: Mr David Pett

Monday 10th October 7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Preacher: Rev John Peak Supper and sale. Come and join with us at this time of thanksgiving

### Concert with The Men's Forum

On Friday 21st October at 7.30 p.m. at Northlew Methodist Church. Chairman Rev Irving Penberthy. Everyone welcome

## *Northlew's Late Summer Ball*

A huge thank you to all who attended the Northlew Late Summer Ball held in aid of the BBC Radio Devon Air Ambulance Appeal. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated and we are delighted to announce a total in excess of £2,000 was raised for this worthy cause. We would also extend our thanks to everyone who helped on the day, the musicians of course, who made it all possible and to David & Elaine Kegan for kindly loaning their brilliant marquees and disco equipment.

*Richard & Jenny Cox*

I think a note here is also needed to thank Richard and Jenny for all their hard work in organizing the event. Well done R&J.

*Ed.*

## *Parish Church News*

Northlew has lost two very popular and well loved men recently. Both Lew Grattan and John Spry were very faithful members of the parish Church and will be sadly missed. Both gave so much of themselves to this village and their work and dedication will go on, particularly in the church and with the work of the British Legion Poppy Appeal as well as the village in general. May they both rest in peace, they have earned their rest. Sincere sympathy to the families of both John and Lew.



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## *Victory Hall News*

There will be a Brunch on 29th October in the Victory Hall from 12 noon until 2pm. Everyone Welcome.

## ***What's On in Northlew***

		Morning	
1	Sat	Coffee & Chat & 50/50 shop Chapel Hall 10-12	
2	Sun	Chapel Service. 9.15. Rev John Peak	
3	Mon		
4	Tues		
5	Wed	Toddler Group 10-12 Victory Hall	
6	Thurs		
7	Fri		
8	Sat	Coffee & Chat & 50/50 shop Chapel Hall 10-12	
9	Sun		
10	Mon		
11	Tues		
12	Wed	Toddler Group 10-12 Victory Hall	
13	Thurs		
14	Fri		
15	Sat	Coffee & Chat & 50/50 shop Chapel Hall 10-12	
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17	Mon		
18	Tues		
19	Wed	Toddler Group 10-12 Victory Hall	
20	Thurs		
21	Fri		
22	Sat	Coffee & Chat & 50/50 shop Chapel Hall 10-12	
23	Sun	Chapel Service 9.30 Mr Andy Hunter	
24	Mon		
25	Tues		
26	Wed	Toddler Group 10-12 Victory Hall	
27	Thurs		
28	Fri		
29	Sat	Coffee & Chat & 50/50 shop Chapel Hall 10-12	
30	Sun	Chapel Service 9.30 Mr Andy Hunter	
31	Mon		

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		Afternoon	Evening
1	Sat		
2	Sun		
3	Mon		
4	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 1 – 3.30	
5	Wed		NADS Panto meeting 8pm Victory Hall
6	Thurs	Women's Guild & Fellowship 2.30 Chapel Hall	
7	Fri	Post Office in Church Room 1 – 3.30	Thai Boxing 5.30 (children), Thai Fit (Adults) 7.00 Victory Hall.
8	Sat	General Sale Church Room 1-4pm	
9	Sun	Chapel Harvest Festival 2.30. Mr David Pett	
10	Mon		Chapel Thanksgiving Service 7.15. Rev John Peak
11	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 1 – 3.30	
12	Wed	Mobile Library in Square 2.25 to 3.40	
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22	Sat		
23	Sun		
24	Mon	<b>DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NORTHLEW NEWS</b>	
25	Tues	Post Office in Church Room 1 – 3.30	
26	Wed	Mobile Library in Square 2.25 to 3.40	
27	Thurs		
28	Fri	Post Office in Church Room 1 – 3.30	Thai Boxing 5.30 (children), Thai Fit (Adults) 7.00 Victory Hall.
29	Sat	Brunch in the Victory Hall 12 – 2pm	
30	Sun		United Service of Light at Ashbury Church 6.30pm
31	Mon		Farmers Club Meeting Green Dragon 8pm

## ***Women's Guild & Fellowship***

2.30pm Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Meeting in the Chapel Hall.

### **Annual Toy Gift Service**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10.30pm

Gifts for Home Start, Okehampton. Toys must be new and have the required safety standard label. All welcome to attend. Tea and biscuits to conclude

## ***The Dog Problem Again!!***

We live at Bryonia on Station Road and I had a bit of a smelly shock on Sunday morning when I stepped out into my back garden. I set foot on the grass and promptly stood in a pile of dog muck. Thing is we don't own a dog and it was around the back of the bungalow, so I'm guessing it was either a dog loose without the owner knowing overnight, or the owner was walking the dog and not in control of it. Either way I think its disgusting, and made me extremely angry. All I ask is that people keep control of their dogs and not let them mess on someone else's property.

Mr & Mrs Porteous

**General sale at the Northlew Church Room  
Saturday 8th October  
1PM until 4PM.**

There will be brand new ladies clothes, books, crockery, toys, cakes and lots more. *Free tea or coffee with every slice of cake purchased.*

## ***Parish Council News***

### **Snow Warden Anyone?**

In anticipation of another heavy snow fall this winter, West Devon Council are hoping to recruit a volunteer Snow Warden for Northlew. It would be the Snow Warden's job to recruit other volunteers in the village with the intention of ensuring that the roads within the village are kept clear. It would be the job of the volunteers to grit sections of the road to ensure that people could move about the village and get in and out of their properties. It does not include roads in and out of the village, these would be gritted as normal by the council.

The village would be given 4/5 tons of grit to be stored around the village until needed.

If you would like to be the Snow Warden, then get in touch with Jane Colbourne on 221220



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### New Parliamentary Boundaries.

You may be aware that it is government's intention to reduce the amount of parliamentary constituencies and even out the number of voters within the constituencies.

The initial proposals for the boundary changes have now been published by the Boundary Commission for England and they are inviting the views of the public.

If you want to look at the new boundaries and give your opinion, then go to <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>.

If you are wondering what constituency Northlew is in then look at the Tavistock and Plympton map.



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### Hatherleigh Market Redevelopment

West Devon Council and Hatherleigh Town Council are looking for volunteers for their Plan It working group concerning the redevelopment of the livestock market site.

Although not all Northlew residents are likely to meet the criteria for the working party, some may and, in any case, it is interesting to look at the Hatherleigh Town Council website for the latest news.

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## *John Spry*

Lilian, Helen and all the family wish to express their deep gratitude to all those who gave loving support and care to John during his illness. Thank you also to the kind people in Northlew for all their help, for all the cards and messages of sympathy received over the last few weeks, and to those who attended the funeral service and generously donated to Hospiscare and Northlew Church.

### **Date for the Diary**

The Methodist Church will be holding a Supper Party at Elmfield (by kind permission of Martin Perry) on Saturday 3rd December. Full details next month but keep the evening free

## *Spare a thought .....*

..... For dogs and cats - and everyone else who is nervous of the noise, when you have fireworks at your celebration. Just a word of warning to the neighbours would go down well so that they could make arrangements to keep animals feeling safe.

..... for our lovely village that can look very tatty when there are old posters attached to the telegraph poles. Not attractive when they are fading and barely holding on to the poles. If you put them up, could you also take them down when the event is finished. We all want the information but not the litter.

*Comments above made to Ed when about in he village*



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## *Fancy a bit of strimming?...*

A rare opportunity has arisen for someone to join the St Thomas' Company of Mowers - that noble band of volunteers that keeps the Parish Churchyard in pristine condition. I need some help with the strimming and, if you can spare an hour or two every 2 to 3 weeks from March to November, please call me on 221779. Roger Atkinson



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***Nov 27<sup>th</sup>***

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***Dec 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Trago Mills/Endsleigh Gardens***

***£10***

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***Dec 5<sup>th</sup>***

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***Dec 11<sup>th</sup>***

***Barnstaple***

***£10***

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***Dec 19<sup>th</sup>***

***Truro Christmas Market***

***£12***

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***Jan 8<sup>th</sup>***

***Pantomime - Cinderella  
Plymouth Theatre Royal***

***£26***

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***19<sup>th</sup> Feb***

***Holiday on Ice "Tropicana"***

***£30***