OTTERTON PARISH NEWS
NOVEMBER 2026
A member of the Raleigh Mission Community

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER		
SUNDAY 1ST		
11.00 am	**Morning Prayer**	**Otterton**
SUNDAY 8TH		
11.00 am	**Holy Communion**	**Otterton**
SUNDAY 15TH		
11.00 am	**Holy Communion**	**Otterton**
SUNDAY 22ND		
11.00 am	**Holy Communion**	**Otterton**
SUNDAY 29TH		
11.00am	**Holy Communion**	**Otterton**
Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at Otterton on Thursdays		

View from The Vicarage

The boxes are nearly unpacked, and my family and I are beginning to settle into life in the vicarage in East Budleigh. Thank you for welcoming me, my husband Seb and our 3 children so generously into your community. It has been a busy few weeks as we embark on this new chapter, and it has been a real joy to meet some of you at our recent Harvest Festival service at St Michael's Church. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the pub, the shop or out and about in the village in the coming weeks. Before my ordination to the priesthood, I enjoyed a varied working life. My first career was in the Royal Navy, where I served as a navigator, and I later worked as an estate agent, ran my own cake business, and worked as a teaching assistant and childminder. Each of these roles has played an important part in the journey that has brought me here. As a military veteran, November has a particular significance for me. It is a time to pause, reflect and remember. As the days grow shorter and the countryside's vibrant autumn colours begin to fade, we turn our thoughts to those we have loved and lost, especially as we gather for All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday. These occasions invite us to reflect not only on loss, but also on thankfulness, hope and the bonds of love and friendship that connect the generations. Your church, St Michaels, at the heart of our village, is open every day, offering a place of peace, stillness and welcome amid the busyness of life. This can be especially meaningful at this time of year, when memories of loved ones may feel particularly close. The church is open every day, and you are always welcome to come in and reflect or pray if that is your custom.

I look forward to getting to know you and hearing your stories in the weeks ahead and want to thank you all for the warm welcome we have received so far.

Rev'd Sarah Mounoury

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the beginning of October and were delighted to welcome the new Raleigh Mission Community Vicar Rev'd Sarah Mounoury who was interested to learn of the issues dealt with by the Parish Council. This month one of the topics under consideration is the Parish funding of a 20MPH scheme within the village. Unfortunately, the list for a 'free' scheme is prohibitive and the Parish Council is keen to move more quickly to improve the safety of residents & visitors to the village. More details can be found in the minutes of the meeting on the Otterton Village website or do come along to the next meeting as this topic will become a standing item on the agenda. The next meeting will take place in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday 2nd November starting at 19.30 - all welcome.

The Former Little Otters are holding a fundraising jumble sale at East Budleigh Village hall on Saturday 7th November 2026 starting at 10.00 in support of Cancer Research in memory of our dear friend Jan Keliher. Donations of jumble would be gratefully received at the hall from 9.00 am on 7th November but if you have difficulty in getting there and need a collection please call Fran on 07880331465. Entry £1 refreshments available.

Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contacts: **Charlotte Fitzgerald** – charlotte.fitzgerald@eastdevon.gov.uk; **Melanie Martin** – melanie.martin@eastdevon.gov.uk; **Henry Riddell** – henry.riddell@eastdevon.gov.uk

EVENTS COMMITTEE (from Jerry Fry)

We have now received quotes for the hedge reduction and have given instruction for work to commence. It will be reduced in height and width. We have also given some money towards bell rope replacement, and have contributed towards the cost of new showers at the football club. We are now just over a month away from the Reindeer Run and still looking for marshals so please get in touch if you fancy a good day out.

FIREWORKS

Saturday, 7th November - Stantyway Farm, Otterton EX9 7JJ
BBQ and refreshments available. Gates open at 5pm. Tickets £6 per person, available on the gate or in advance from Otterton Community Shop, The King's Arms and Pynes Farm Shop.

Otterton Community Shop

Tel: 01395 708 324
Email: Ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com

We will shortly go live on an OCS WhatsApp Group where we will post all shop news, special offers and discounted stock enabling you to pick up a bargain and make your pounds stretch a little further. Keep a look out for the announcement.

The winner of the quarterly Loyalty Card draw was Ian Simpson.

We are always looking to welcome new volunteers and if you have an hour or two in your week when you could help out and join our tremendous team, we would love to hear from you. Either telephone or call into the shop. Full training is provided with your own mentor whether this is behind the till or assisting with the many back-up roles it takes to keep the shop running. You can learn new skills and above all, put something back into the village.

For existing volunteers, the annual OCS Volunteer Party will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1 st December. Formal invitations will be sent out very soon.

HOSPISCARE PAMPER AND SHOP EVENING

Being held from 7-10pm on 7th November in Budleigh Public Hall, local stalls will be selling beauty products and gifts, as well as a raffle, bar, and a glass of prosecco on entry. Tickets £15. Please email charlotte.colley@aol.co.uk or phone 07834781871 for more details.

OTTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

So far this term, the children had a wonderful visit from the Rivers Trust, exploring the wildlife that can be found in the River Otter. They discovered some incredible creatures! Heron Class had a fabulous trip to Bishops Palace Garden in Exeter to learn, through the creation story, about our wonderful earth, plants, animals and food - full of variety and colour. Thank you to Ladram Bay for welcoming our school for a free of charge fun swim. The children had a great time swimming, going down the slide and using all the inflatables that were provided! Our main fundraising event for the school returns this year on the 7th November. Please join us up at Stantyway Farm for fireworks and bonfire. Gates open at 5pm, and the fireworks will be let off at approx 7pm. We would like to say a very big thank you to Otterton Events Committee who have very generously helped us with the costs of running the event. Places available in pre-school which is open Monday to Friday, and all year groups. For further information please contact adminotterton@thelink.academy

THE KINGS'S ARMS – from Nick and The King's Arms Team

No plans for Halloween? Come down to the Kings for a spooktacular night! We have created a range of bespoke shots, spooky sips, and bloodcurdling beverages – the perfect place for a mid-trick or treat break! The quiz will be returning very shortly – Freya is channelling her inner Bamber to get everyone thinking. More details to follow very soon. Also, come down and enjoy (or if you support Tottenham, please try to enjoy) Premier League football on the TV. Freya and Flo's parent and toddler group was a great success and its next meeting will be Wednesday 18th November.

The Ladies' Coffee Morning will be taking place as usual at 11am on the 2nd November – we look forward to seeing you then!

On a sadder note, it is with deep sadness that we have to say goodbye to one of our most beloved locals, Shaun Williams. We will miss having you on a stool with your cracking humour, infectious smile, and magnetic charisma.

OTTERTON MILL

With Christmas fast approaching the Gallery and Farm shop is brimming with festive treats and unusual gift ideas. Our Christmas menu starts on 21st of the month served until Christmas Eve, along with our famous Mill mince pies. We were delighted to receive a Gold award at The Devon Food and Drink awards and being one if the shortlisted finalists for the best overall Café Restaurant award. We are booking next year's Gigs, details due to be released early 2027.This month we will be Milling on Sunday 22nd.

POP IN TO SEE POPPY

Many of you will know Poppy Scott through her various roles in Scouting, Guiding, and Twinning. All being well, we are planning to celebrate her 100th birthday on Wednesday 11th November from 2:30 – 5:30 at the Kings Arms. She would love you to pop in and see her and share some memories and potentially some cake! No presents please, but it would be helpful if you are thinking of coming to if you could let us know so that we could get some idea on numbers. If you are planning on coming, please let Anne Radcliffe know on 01395 568059.

FLUFF&FETCH – Dog walking and pet care

Otterton resident **Zoey Johnson** runs a dog walking and pet care service, very much aimed at residents of Otterton and surrounding villages. She is currently training to be a dog groomer and hopes to offer discounted grooms.
To find out more, please call Zoey on 07913 124768 or message her via her Facebook account Fluff&Fetch

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Bookings for Otterton Village Hall can be made on The Hall Master Booking System which enables you to check availability, pricing and make hall bookings easily online via the Otterton Village Hall website. Our hall is equipped with a fully fitted kitchen, wi-fi, sound system, projector, tables and chairs all included for use in the hire charge. We also have a smaller meeting room available for meetings or small group activities. Please consider us for family/birthday/village parties or events! Maybe you are an instructor looking for a space to run your class?
There are already regular classes held at the village hall which you may be interested in joining. Please use the 'Hall Booking' link to access the timetable to see what's on when.

FAIREY TOTES

Fairey Totes is a new upcycling business in the village which repurposes vintage clothing from local charity shops into trendy, stylish tote bags, both local and handmade. By supporting local charity shops, Fairey Totes directly reinvests back into the community whilst also providing a snazzy accessory for your everyday convenience. Please visit their Facebook at FaireyTotes.

Need Financial Help?

Otterton Relief in Need Charity (ORINC) offers **quick, confidential support** for local residents facing money troubles.

We can provide **grants** to help with essentials like:

- Rent or fuel bills
- Electricity and heating costs
- Other urgent household expenses

If you're in financial hardship, please reach out:

www.orinc.org.uk

orin.charity@gmail.com

Paper forms are also available in the **village hall foyer** and **church.**

Drop completed forms in the ORINC post box in the village hall foyer.

All Heat SW - New Local Plumbing & Heating Services

Recently established and based in Otterton, providing reliable plumbing and heating services throughout East Devon. All Heat SW provides domestic and commercial work, specialising in gas, LPG and oil systems. Installations, servicing, maintenance and repairs carried out with a friendly and professional approach. Available 24 hours a day.

For advice or a free quotation, please contact:

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THE STANTYWAY SYNOPSIS – From Sam Walker

We have been flattered to have been asked for a farming update for the newsletter – so here goes. With harvest now a distant (and pretty average) memory, we are preparing fields and machinery for Autumn sowing. The ground is still very hard so we're not rushing into action. The cattle have been brought back for the Autumn TB test and pregnancy scans and returned to Anchoring Hill and the outlying fields. The organic asparagus project is being cut and mulched for the Winter. We are looking forward to hosting the village bonfire on the 7th November. If anyone would like to lend a hand on the day please do get in contact.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES from ***Kate Ponting, Community Engagement and Countryside Learning***

Reclaim the Night returns to the Otter Estuary on Friday 13 November, bringing together women and girls for a lantern-lit community walk from 6pm at the Holt, celebrating the right of everyone to enjoy nature after dark. Organised by the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust who look after the wetland reserve in partnership with Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club, which is committed to creating opportunities for women and girls. The event aims to promote safer, more welcoming outdoor spaces for all. The 3km walk is open to everyone, with entertainment, refreshments available and voluntary donations supporting Brave Spaces Exeter. For full details, visit the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust website.

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Entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to email: **ottertonparishnews@gmail.com**

PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for December edition is FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER LATEST. Thank you.