



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
6.00 pm	Taizé Service		East Budleigh

SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Otterton.

OTTERTON CHURCH WINTER WARMER SUPPER

The Winter Warmer Supper will be held on **Tuesday 12th February** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (**please bring your own drinks and glasses**). Tickets (£6) available from Anne Radcliffe (568059). Donations of Raffle prizes will be much appreciated.

A winter evening of good cheer – ALL WELCOME

View from The Vicarage

Dear Friends, watching the “open the book” team bring a Bible story to life to the children of Otterton School in St Michael’s church was a heart-warming experience. It seemed to sum up all that is good about village life; the sense of us all being in this together, ready to help each other if we can; to learn from each other and teach each other where we can. In shorthand we call this “community” and St Michael’s has always been at the centre of this community. If you live in Otterton, you are already a “parishioner” of St Michael’s church whether you were aware of it or not.

This is your church and it exists for the benefit of all who live here. This sense of being a community asset comes from our belief that the love of God extends to all creation, so we believe that Jesus is for all people at all times.

As 2019 slowly but inevitably wakes from its Winter slumber, you can be sure that your church is praying for you and wishes you every blessing for the coming year.

So a belated Happy New Year to you all.

Your Vicar, Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Claire Wright, Corn Cottage, 15 Cornhill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1DW, tel: 01404 815771, claire.wright@devon.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contact: Geoff Jung, Raleigh Ward member, Rosewood, Village Road, Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PR, tel 01395 232328, gjung@eastdevon.gov.uk

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Otterton Parish Council is in need of several new councillors as places have become vacant due to work commitments and other issues. We would like to thank Cllr Ian Simpson for his work on the Parish Council both as Chair and a long-standing member of the Council and thank him for his offer of ongoing support although due to work commitments he cannot continue to serve as a Councillor.

If you have a passion for Otterton Village and the surrounding countryside and you live in the Parish, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. No particular qualifications are necessary other than an ability to regularly attend meetings (which are held once a month), take on an area of responsibility for the Council which is not onerous, and communicate the views of other residents as you understand them on matters which entail the spending of public funds.

If you are interested please do contact the Clerk to the Parish Council in the first instance at clerk@otterton.info We look forward to hearing from you. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
tel: 01395 568732; mobile: 07880 331465; email: clerk@otterton.eastdevon.gov.uk; website: www.otterton.info**

THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – Otterton C of E Primary School

The first report from Mr Peter Halford, Acting Executive Headteacher, will be in the March Parish News.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next Meeting is on **19th February** which includes a presentation by Geoff Porter entitled "Building a nature friendly garden in South-West France". Geoff will talk about the trials, tribulations and rewards of developing a garden and re-wilding 15 acres of land in France. The meeting will be held at Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free to members and £4.00 for non-members.

Otterton Village Spring Show is on Saturday 16th March in the Village Hall between 2:00pm – 4:30 pm. Entrance is just 50p. To enter the show you can pick up a form at Hair 57, The King’s Arms, The Community Shop or from Iain Ure, the Show Secretary. You can also download a form from our Website or even enter on-line; entry of exhibits is free and open to non-members. For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Although it is only the second month of 2019, we are planning ahead to ensure we continue to provide a good range of well-priced goods to meet the needs of all our customers. Next on the agenda is Valentine’s Day – check out the new additions to our popular range of cards. Once the worst of the cold weather is over we will be re-introducing our fantastic selection of garden plants.

Are you one of our shareholders? If not, please think about becoming one; details and application forms are available in the Shop. Our shareholders are a vital part of our community-owned enterprise which has the sole purpose of providing an essential service for every inhabitant of Otterton.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next screening by Otterton Film Club will be on Friday 8th February at 7.30pm (Doors open for the purchase of wine and snacks at 7.00pm). The film, as voted for by the members, will be “King of Thieves” starring Michael Caine and Jim Broadbent (Certificate 15). “A true crime film about a crew of retired crooks who pull off a major heist in London’s jewellery district.” Entry for members £2, non-members £6. Annual membership £20 for individuals or £30 per couple – application forms available from the Community Shop.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The first cut of the Otterton Neighbourhood Plan is now progressing well, to the point where we expect to be able to release it for consultation in the village in mid-February. 13 of the 40 Neighbourhood Plans being produced in East Devon have now reached the finish line (i.e. 'made' = approved in the parlance) and form part of the development plan set that EDDC planners must use when determining planning applications. We hope to join the 'made' ranks later this year!

Last October we mentioned an item on Crantock in Cornwall (where Cornwall Council had granted permission for a significant number of homes beyond that identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and contrary to its policies). The Parish Council there had lodged a request for judicial review of the decision. Unfortunately they have now been refused, and so at this stage the development will be going ahead. This is disappointing as it seems to go against the whole point of Neighbourhood Plans. However, in other areas of the country there is good evidence that Neighbourhood Plans are being used in the intended manner.

If you have any queries about the process or the subject in general, please contact us at OttertonNPSG@gmail.com or on 07940 529807.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in February

The pub Quiz will commence again this month, starting with the first Quiz of the year on **Wednesday 6th February**.

OTTERTON MILL

Work is continuing on our facilities upgrade here at the Mill and we thank customers for their continued understanding and assistance with the project. Our temporary food shop is located in the Courtyard Mill Studio; this will be transformed after the main works to a coffee and fudge shop.

Milling takes place on 7th and 21st of the month with entry free to all.

Our 2019 live music gigs have now been announced and tickets are available both from the Gallery and by calling 01395 568521.

OTTER CYCLING

This is a group we have recently started and are hoping to continue each month through the year. The purpose of the ride is just to experience some of the wonderful countryside around Otterton, to have some time to talk, and to have the opportunity to connect a little with each other, our bikes and the surrounding communities.

Each month we will be arranging a short, gentle ride around the lanes and bridleways of East Budleigh, Otterton and Budleigh Salterton, calling in at Otterton and East Budleigh community shops on the way. We'll also be stopping somewhere during the trip for a drink, a bite to eat and more opportunity to talk.

If you'd like to know more or would like to join us on our next ride just email us at ottercycling@gmail.com Do please let your family and friends know about this as well. Thank you.

OTTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

As many in the village know, the Football Club play at Stantyway Playing Fields. We have 2 teams in the Devon and Exeter League who play in Div 3 and Div 7 and also a veterans side who play in East 1 of the Veterans League. The club has refreshments available at home games and would love to see more locals come and support the sides.

Early February Fixtures: 2nd Feb FIRST TEAM v University of Exeter; 9th Feb FIRST TEAM v Beer Albion

If there are any businesses or individuals who are interested in donating to or sponsoring the Club in any way to help us improve facilities, please contact Andy Mitchell on 07533 631978 or andymitch38@hotmail.co.uk or contact us through our Facebook page OTTERTON FC.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing & Events Manager

With season 2019 fast approaching we're in full flow preparing for what's sure to be another incredible season here at Ladram Bay. Take full advantage of our facilities - winter opening right up until 3rd March. Our Swimming Pool Complex is open between Wednesday - Sunday (10am – 6pm) for day guests. Pay as you go rates are just £4.50 per adult & £3.50 per child. Ladram Stores is open daily between 9am – 5pm for your essentials and Coast Takeaway will be providing the ultimate Fish 'n' Chip weekend treat; Friday 4-7pm, Saturday 12pm-2pm & 4pm – 7pm and Sunday 12pm- 2pm. Don't miss out on their delicious special offer - 2 x cod & chips for just £12.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team at Ladram Bay? We've positions available for the season within a variety of roles including Restaurant and Bar team, Lifeguards, Housekeeping plus Supervisors. To apply simply attend our Recruitment Day on 16th February between 10am-2pm held in Pebbles Restaurant. Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk

In advance of our caravan movements we thank you for your understanding & support. These will continue to be displayed on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page & village website alongside any changes to opening times of facilities.

STORIES, MUSIC, POETRY, SONG

Friendly parish couple Ian & Lynn invite anyone living in Otterton parish (18 or over) to get in touch if they would like to meet in the village hall once a month (evening) to share their creativity in a gentle, informal circle. Tell a short story or read a poem, play music or sing a song or two ... break for tea and start again! All abilities welcome: have fun and make new friends! Email: creativeOtterton@gmail.com

PCSO JUSTIN WILLIS

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; justin.willis@dc.police.uk exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

TAXI SERVICE

Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.



EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: Grandmaster Keith Arkell, our Club President, has agreed to play in our Devon Cup (KO) team for the first match of the year. These are 8 board matches so we will need all our players to participate. Even with Keith playing the East Budleigh team will be out-graded on most boards so the match will be challenging. Ken Alexander and Brian Gosling played in the Somerset New Year tournament held at the Walton Park Hotel in Clevedon and finished just outside the prize list. See Chessdevon.org.uk web site for more local chess news and entry forms for tournaments. The next meeting is on Thursday 14th February at 6.50pm, at All Saints Church Hall. For more information contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or on 01395 442060.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

- **Open Weekend:** The Chapel and Schoolroom will be open one weekend in March - dates to be announced, so watch this space!
- **Visiting Salem Chapel:** should you wish at **any time** to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1793 - 1972, associated literature and displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day or even meet our **resident bats**, please use one of the contact details below.
- **Availability:** These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire. The Schoolroom can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a wide range of activities and our rates are *reasonable*. If you are interested, please contact **(01395) 446189** or email salembookings@mail.com Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) website www.hct.org.uk
- **Follow us:** on the website for HCT and follow the link for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh.

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

The Devon Air Ambulance needs a community of volunteers to keep our 19 charity shops open and helicopters flying. Could you occasionally spare an hour or two to help your local shop? You do not have to have any previous retail experience as we offer friendly support, training and encouragement. This opportunity would suit anyone who may like to get out of the house, make new friends and do something worthwhile, all while having fun! To find out where your nearest shop is and how you can help, please contact our volunteer manager Cara Jones on 01392 466666 / c.jones@daat.org

HISTORY OF OTTERTON.....Did you know?

In the 1920s and 1930s beer was transported to The King's Arms from Sidmouth to Otterton by dray horses and cart from Vallance Brewery in Sidmouth who ran the 'pub'. To tackle Peak Hill, 3 horses were used. On the level, 2 horses pulled the dray with the third tethered behind. He was brought to the front to ascend the hill and brought to the rear descending. The dray would be carrying 4 barrels of beer and 2 of cider (40 gallons in each barrel).

Gerald Millington

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham**, Barton House, Church Hill, Otterton EX9 7HU - tel: 568130, email: jill@beacham.co.uk **Deadline for March edition is Monday 18th February LATEST please.**