



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

JULY 2017

A member of the Raleigh Mission Community



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Reverend Anne will be on sabbatical for the months of May, June and July 2017. Please contact Dr Trevor Jones in her absence.

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SERVICES FOR JULY

SUNDAY 2nd JULY

8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

TUESDAY 4th JULY

3.30pm Holy Communion at 22 Russell Drive, East Budleigh (446731)

SUNDAY 9th JULY

10.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh

SUNDAY 16th JULY

10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
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SUNDAY 23rd JULY

10.00 am	Holy Communion East Budleigh and Otterton	CW	East Budleigh
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SUNDAY 30th JULY

10.00 am	Holy Communion East Budleigh and Otterton	CW	East Budleigh
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Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh.

For Otterton venues (Thursday, 9.30am) during the building works, please contact Anne Radcliffe on 568059.

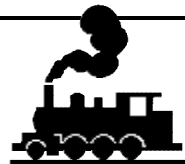


STEAM AND TEAS

Saturday 1st July, 2pm – 5pm
at The Old Station, Otterton

Teas – Cakes - Cream Teas - Ice Creams

Free rides on the Otterton and East Budleigh Light Railway



Visiting miniature steam traction engines and locomotives, together with the railway's resident steam and diesel locos
All proceeds will be for Millwater School (a school in the grounds of Bicton College for children with special needs)

OTTERTON CHURCH FÊTE

Sunday 23rd July

At 2pm on the Village Green (Village Hall if wet)

Teas – Sideshows – Tombola – Raffle - Cakes – Preserves – Plants – Bric-a-Brac

Contributions of raffle and tombola prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac will be much appreciated. Thank you.

View from a Pew

I write in the middle month of Anne's sabbatical. I pray she may have a blessed time with real healing of body and mind. Her last words to me as she left were that she was expecting an e-mail from God guiding her as to what she should do next. I pray that e-mail has by now been duly received and will carry her special gifts into some fruitful area of ministry.

We are now past all the high drama of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, that accompany the wonders of lambing and bursting spring growth in our latitudes. We now move into the calm summer period of school holidays and sea-bathing. Oh yes I do!

We will be reading the middle chapters of Matthew on Sundays during the month. Two passages jump at me. On the 9th, we get the Lord's marvellous teaching about the children who say "we piped for you and you would not dance" and also the bit about John the Baptist "neither eating nor drinking and they say 'He hath a devil'" whereas Jesus himself ate and drank and they call him a drunkard. What gives me pause is that Jesus did indeed regularly drink wine with His friends, but maybe not so much on His own? Ought I to "do thou likewise"?

On the last Sunday, we get the parable of the mustard seed. I often wondered just what sort of a shrub the Lord meant. Scholars now say he had in mind the black mustard, then commonly grown in Judea, and that does indeed grow 2.7 metres high so that the birds can nest in its branches. Food for thought there whenever we use mustard, which has such tiny seeds. My dear father used to say that if the Lord had intended him to eat mustard He would not have given it such a disgusting taste. In that regard, and that alone, I do not follow my Pa's prescriptions.

July is thin on significant church celebrations. One dear to my heart is St Benedict on 11th July. We owe Benedict a great deal. Our cathedral was once a Benedictine minster before it became a bishop's see in 1050. The great Boniface or Winfrith, who converted much of Frisia and Germany was educated there by Benedictines. They had houses all across Devon and provided education, scholarship, care for the sick and poor relief for eight centuries. Buckfast Abbey, now Benedictine, was originally Cistercian, but they too have always lived by Benedict's "Little Rule for Beginners".

Christopher Briscoe

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CHURCH ROOF PROJECT

This is well under way and despite some new problems emerging the programme is on track overall. The gutters have been lifted for refurbishment, and the downpipes and hoppers are being assessed; more of the pipes will have to be replaced than was envisaged. Rot has been found in the wall plate above the stone arches supporting the two valleys and the contractor is considering whether to erect scaffolding in the church to replace those sections. New tiles are on order – they have to be hand-made - and we're hoping to launch a scheme where you can sponsor a tile and put your name on it for posterity - details next month. The new tiles will be in the lower parts of the valleys to allow them to weather unobtrusively. The Vestry (built 19 years after the rest of the church) has had to be re-roofed and we took the opportunity to have its new tiles match the rest of the church roof. And the south porch roof has been re-done with bat-friendly felting under the tiles. We intend to put a bat roost near the belfry door on the south side since apparently we have an uncommon species among our bat population. On the financial side, the Heritage Lottery Fund have made the first 50% of their massive funding available to us; as you can imagine the comprehensive scaffolding is the first thing the contractor has asked us to pay for. The scaffolding is alarmed and we do apologise to residents who were disturbed by the false alerts at unsocial times while it bedded in.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

Many thanks to Clare and Tony Mills who have given us the opportunity to run a Plant Stall at Hawkern House whilst their garden was opened on three occasions for the NGS recently. Also many thanks to those who kindly contributed plants and helped Jane Smith man the stall. We raised £230.

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

THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – from Carron Saunders, Executive Headteacher

Little Otters Pre-school: this is now based in Drake's school hall. On a frequent basis (as agreed with the staff at Otterton School) the pre-school spends a day at Otterton School, using "The House". This is to ensure that the pre-school children are familiar with both school settings, which aids the transition process when these children become school age.

On-going learning:

- In the week beginning 8th May, the Y6 children took their end-of-key stage 2 SATs tests.
- Throughout May and June, the Y2 children took their end-of-key stage 1 SATs assessment.
- In the week beginning 12th June, the Y1 children took their national Phonics check.
- Throughout the Summer Term, the theme underpinning the learning for all of the children is "Journeys".

Recent events in school (since half term):

- Whole school trip to Dartmoor Zoo (as an inspiration for Arts Week), 5th June; Arts Week, 5th – 9th June
- Football Tournament, hosted by Otterton and attended by local primary schools, 8th June
- Raleigh Federation Arts Exhibition at Salem Chapel, 10th – 11th June
- 17th June: Federation Fun Day, Stantyway; 21st June: Sports Day, at Stantyway
- 22nd June: Country Dancing at The Old Vicarage; 27th/28th June: Performances of "Dragon Days", Otterton Village Hall

Please visit the school website at www.raleighfederation.org.uk for more information and photographs of these events, and other things that have been going on in school.

Forthcoming Events this term:

Monday 17th July: Whole School Walk; Tuesday 18th July: Choir event in Exmouth, tbc

Wednesday 19th July: End of term concert, tbc; Friday 21st July: Leavers' service 2pm, Otterton Village Hall

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY – ANNUAL REPORT 2017

During the year to 31st March 2017, the Trustees helped 5 residents/families in the village. They also made a grant to our local school to make improvements to their play area and to the Little Otters Pre-School for a garden project.

The Charity is here to help any Otterton resident, who is experiencing difficulties in paying a bill or keeping up with payments or unexpected expenses. All you have to do is contact a Trustee – it will be kept totally confidential and we may be able to help give you peace of mind. Just let us know and we will do our best to help. Alternatively you can pick up a grant application form from the manager of our village shop.

The Trustees are:

Mrs Gill Barlow, The White House, Behind Hayes

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Mr Michael Dickens, 4 Stantyway Court

Tel: 562986 Email: mdickens7@btinternet.com

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Mrs Beryl Millington, 17 The Green

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who helped with the volunteer working party on 24th June to improve the football pitch in the Jubilee Playground. Hopefully as a result of this work and the new equipment for which the Parish Council is currently obtaining quotes, the playground will be able to be enjoyed by the village children very soon.

Please note that a copy of the Village Emergency Plan has been put on the website. This includes the news that a sandbag filler for use by the community is being kept in Philip Greenhow's garage at 26 The Green.

The Parish Council is currently advertising a 'casual vacancy' as follows: The resignation of a Parish Councillor has resulted in a vacancy. The Council is looking for a resident of Otterton Parish to be elected or co-opted onto the Council. If you are interested in applying, please email or write to the Clerk by **Sunday 2nd July** with your details, your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor, and for further information about the Council, or visit the website (see below). All names will be considered at the Council meeting on 3rd July when the Council will vote on the nominations and co-opt one of them, or take them forward to election if required. Please also see the advert on the website and Parish noticeboard for more information.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have now completed issuing the questionnaires round the village and received a largely positive response from those of you that we talked to as we did that. Our thanks to those of you that completed the questionnaires and returned them - we received 238 in total, of which 31 were from children and young people. By the time you read this, we will have made the draw for the two £25 vouchers for food at The King's Arms.

We are now analysing the responses. We will be mounting presentations of our analyses during the early autumn, as the first of a number of consultation exercises during the course of the programme. Several issues are obviously concerning many of you, and we will highlight these as the planning moves forward.

Please contact ottertonnpsg@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Summer has arrived, ice creams are flying out of the door and the shop is increasingly busy, so we were delighted to welcome some new volunteers this month. Did you know you can support Devon Air Ambulance by enjoying a cool beer? We have Black Tors new brew Down Draught in stock, and 10p is donated for every pint purchased.

LITTLE OTTERS PRE-SCHOOL

Little Otters will be enjoying a busy time as the end of term approaches. Activities include a trip to the Donkey Sanctuary, a sports day and a visit to All Saints Church to take part in the school's assembly, completing the term with a party in East Budleigh Village Hall. At the end of term, 8 of our children will be leaving Little Otters to make the transition to local schools. All of them are ready and have fabulous foundations on which to build. We wish them every happiness as they move on to their next step. The numbers of children on our register for September continues to rise and with the wonderful support of our hosts at Drake's School, we are optimistic about the future. Many thanks to the wonderful Nick James who has donated his time to make some minor adaptations at the school to enable us to store our equipment and also to Otterton Parish Council who have kindly covered the cost of the materials used. We hope you all have a happy and sunny summer.



GARDEN OPEN IN AID OF HOSPISCARE

The garden at **OTTERHAYES, LADRAM ROAD** will have a rare opening in aid of Hospiscare on **Saturday 1st July between 2pm and 6pm**. The opening is in memory of a dear friend, and the kindness and support they provided in his last days. Help us to raise funds for this wonderful local charity. Tea and cakes, lots of plants and books for sale. Parking available nearby.

TAXI SERVICE

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

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in July:

The King's Arms **Quiz Night** – every first Wednesday of the month – **5th July** and **2nd August**. Don't forget to book your table for dinner and then test your knowledge.

Sunday Carvery – every Sunday 12noon to 3pm – all meat from Greendale Farm Shop. Advisable to book a table.

We have **2 terraces** for alfresco dining to enjoy our summer menu.

15 quality bedrooms for visiting friends or relatives; give us a call to check availability.

FROM PCSO CHANTALLE MAJOR

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; Chantalle.MAJOR@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk ; Twitter @ExmouthPolice

OTTERTON MILL

With Summer taking hold there is plenty on offer at the Mill this month; our Friday night Pizza Nights, and Saturday evening opening gives the Mill the chance to open the doors on the sunny summer evenings. With a Batty experience promised on the evening of 14th July, bat detectors included, why not book a table and see and hear our attic resident bat colony whilst you dine.

Live music returns with two ticketed events in the courtyard; on the 13th we welcome the Facebook Pocket Orchestra, and Hucklebuck on the 27th. Tickets are available from the gallery.

This is the start of our Cream Tea marathon, the resident Mill Bakers producing enough of our award winning scones to feed the army of visitors to the Mill this summer. Be sure to say hello as you walk past the Bakery door.



EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: The first meeting of the new season is **Thursday 14th September** at 7pm at **All Saints Church Hall**. For more information contact Brian Gosling - brigosling@aol.com 01395 442060.

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

Here at Ladram Bay we can hardly believe how quickly the season is flying by and that the summer holidays will soon be upon us! After a superb spring, the announcement of our latest accolade ‘Tourism & Leisure Experience of the Year’ in the Exmouth Chamber Business Awards and the arrival of our stunning new bespoke 4 bed *Rockpool Lodge*, we’re looking forward to a record-breaking summer!

Don’t forget we’re still running our ‘After-school swim’ until Thursday 13th July 2017. This locals offer is available from 3pm between Monday – Friday within term time. This deal includes free parking and ½ price swim entrance @ £2.25 adult and £1.75 child (Last admission at 5.15pm). In addition to our pool complex please do feel free to enjoy the facilities onsite and the fantastic entertainment acts performing live this summer which include:

1st July – Downtown Daddys (Jive, Doo Wop Band); 8th July – Keith King (Comedy Magician)

Saturday 15th July – New Heroes (Premier Party Band); 22nd July – Paul Birling (Impressionist/Comedian as seen on BGT);

25th July – Ollie Collins (Magic & Illusion); 29th July – Stevie Jay (X-factor vocalist)

In need of some summer work? We’ve seasonal positions available within our Complex and Housekeeping departments. To be considered, just pop your CV into reception or email carlanewman@ladrambay.co.uk Have a great Summer!

SIDMOUTH SUMMER PLAY FESTIVAL

This is the 5th year that the Paul Taylor Mills company, the last remaining professional rep company in the country, will be presenting 12 plays in 13 weeks (with a one week break for the Folk Festival) at the Manor Pavilion Theatre, Sidmouth, starting on 22nd June. There is a great selection of plays this year, from well know writers such as Noel Coward, Alan Ayckbourn, Francis Durbridge, Ray Cooney and Daphne du Maurier. Do give this unique and talented company your support. You will not be disappointed. Brochures are available from the village Community Shop.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

- **From the Chapel Register:** 3rd June - Marriage of Amanda Kate Silverthorne to David Michael Haines.
- **A big ‘Thank You’** : to **Annie** from Otterton, who very kindly donated a bookcase for use in the Schoolroom. We are still in need of bookcases and if you have one which you would like to donate or lend to us, we would be delighted. Maximum height 70”/175cms approx. Please contact Richard on 01395 446189 who will arrange collection.
- **Thank You** also to those who attended the Schools’ Art Exhibition - we had over 300 in total, including most of the pupils who sang and played their instruments with great confidence. A special thank you to Mrs. Somerfield who organised the event.
- You will find more information about the Chapel, including future events, on the Facebook page for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh and on the website for H.C.T. (Historic Chapels Trust). You are welcome to visit the Chapel and attached Schoolroom at any time, by contacting one of the numbers below or use the bookings email.
- **Salem Chapel 1719**, is a Dissenters’ Chapel with a Schoolroom attached. The buildings were restored in 2006 by The Historic Chapels Trust. As a religious building it is still a place of occasional worship. This unique building has a ‘smugglers’ roof and is well worth a visit. Salem is now in community use and available for hire. The Chapel and Schoolroom are available for weddings, blessings, funerals, exhibitions, concerts, craft fairs, lectures, meetings, small educational classes and groups. The Schoolroom can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. Hiring charges are reasonable and competitive. Contact salembookings@mail.com or Marj’ 01395 446189; alternatively, Kathy 01395 445236.
- **Marriages at Salem:** All enquiries to Marj’ Crone-Smith, RAP for marriages 01395 446189 or salembookings@mail.com

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

Thatched buildings are one of the attractions for visitors to Otterton. From the first listing of buildings in 1946 to 1987, there were 51 listed thatched buildings in the Parish. A few years ago the District Council moved the north end of our Parish to Newton Poppleford and we lost 5 thatched buildings (4 are farmhouses). There is also Waterhayes not listed and 3 further thatched modern buildings – Bredon, Bell Street, Monks Thatch and Oak Cottage (Behind Hayes). There have been thatchers living in the village for centuries. From the 1790s to the 1950s, eight members of the Caseley family have worked on our roofs. In 1842 Houstern Farm was nearly rebuilt and 655 sheaves of wheat reed were used to rethatch it. The sheaves were all supplied by 5 local farms – total cost £18.10/-.

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 August edition is Wednesday 19th July LATEST please.**