



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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A member of the Raleigh Mission Community



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THE VENERABLE DR TREVOR JONES
CHURCH, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES CO-ORDINATOR

CHURCHWARDENS:

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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 MAY			
<u>SUNDAY 7th MAY</u>			
8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>TUESDAY 9th MAY</u>			
3.30pm	Holy Communion at 22 Russell Drive, East Budleigh (446731)		
<u>SUNDAY 14th MAY</u>			
10.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 21st MAY</u>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 28th MAY</u>			
8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	St Peter's
10.30 am	Songs of Praise for Gala Week		
<u>SUNDAY 4th JUNE</u>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong (see below)		East Budleigh
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.			

“A SPECIAL EVENSONG FOR PENTECOST”

Sunday 4th June at 6pm – All Saints Church, East Budleigh

We are delighted to announce the visit by The Right Reverend Bishop MARTIN SHAW, who will conduct this service, together with DEVON VOICES, conducted by Christopher Teuten, with Organist Reverend Clifton Graham. The proceeds from the collection will be donated to the Friends of East Budleigh Church.

SPACE

Following the success of our Heritage Lottery Fund bid and support from a number of charitable trusts, you will have observed that work repairing the roof of our wonderful grade two listed church has begun! Scaffolders arrived on site promptly after Easter and parking up Church Hill will be limited while the roof works, due to start in May, are carried out. In June work to install the new kitchen and toilet block inside the church will begin. Weekly services will still be held on Sundays but for safety reasons the church will not be open to the public on week days.

The acclaimed **Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Concert Band** will perform a concert in the church at 7pm on **Saturday 29th April**. From classical to contemporary pieces, the band will perform music to suit all tastes. Come along and enjoy an evening's entertainment from talented musicians in our wonderful church. Tickets, available at the Otterton Community Shop, will be priced at £7.50 to include a glass of wine/beer/cider at the interval. All profits to SPACE.

View from The Vicarage

The first part of Jeremiah 6 verse 16 says this - this is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...." As I reflect on these words, the point that I come back to time and time again is that the world seems intent on us not being able to find the time to 'stand and look'.

The constant busyness, in schools the constant fear of Ofsted inspections, in business, the constant battle against falling profits, in our health service, the constant struggle to meet an ever growing demand, and indeed in our churches with priests being spread ever more thinly, we are seeing a work life stress that for many is becoming the norm. In our home lives, the constant noise of the television, the constant demands of emails and phone calls, the constant battle of working parents, struggling to bring up their children, means that we seldom 'stand at the crossroads and look'. As busyness grows in home and work lives, parents become stressed, children become stressed, and anger and aggression grows both within families and within our communities.

If you are not sure you agree with this, just look at the current mental health statistics, particularly those of children, where currently in America one in five children is said to have a diagnosable mental health issue. How do we counter this as Christians? Jeremiah was a prophet writing in the 7th and 6th century before Christ, so some 2600 years ago, and yet in this one verse he sums up our need, and the solution, so neatly.

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...."

Unless we as individuals, as parents, carers and grandparents spend more time in quiet reflection, asking 'where the good way is', there will be very little rest for our souls.

As many of you are aware, I am now away on sabbatical during which time I will be taking this one verse very seriously. I pray that you will have some space and time to reflect on this as well. I leave you in the very capable hands of the Venerable Trevor Jones who will be overseeing the Raleigh Mission Community in my absence.

With every blessing, **Reverend Anne**

The **Coffee Morning** at Uphayes on 21st March raised £139.50 for Church funds. Many thanks to Jane Bennett for hosting the event and to all helpers and supporters.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Christine Channon, 12 Cricket Field Court, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6JB, tel 442927, christine.channon@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

Number on roll: 62

Little Otters Pre-School: We are in the process of arranging for Little Otters Pre-School, who were facing closure at Easter 2017, to have use of the school hall at Drake's C of E School, to enable the provision for the pre-school children to continue. There will be arranged opportunities for Little Otters to visit Otterton C of E School frequently, so that transition from pre-school to either school in The Raleigh Federation is based on familiarity with the school setting. There will be close collaborative working between The Raleigh Federation Early Years staff and Little Otters staff.

OFSTED: At the beginning of March, our school was visited by an HMI to carry out an OFSTED inspection. This process is a rigorous scrutiny and evaluation of the quality of teaching, learning and assessment throughout the school, the systems and practices in place to support development and behaviour, the outcomes for pupils and the effectiveness of leadership and management. These strands were judged as "good" and the report contains a wealth of positive comments, including:

"Teaching meets the needs of pupils well. Learning activities are carefully planned to ensure that pupils develop their understanding and skills. The learning environment is calm and purposeful. Teachers are ambitious for their pupils and pupils respond positively to this." To read the full report, please find it on the school website or look under "School Reports" on the OFSTED website.

Budget planning: In financial terms, this is a very challenging time for all schools and we are delighted to be able to keep our four-class structure. This ensures that our class sizes remain small and that the amount of the teacher's time that each child gets is high, both in terms of direct teaching and the quantity of "deep marking" that is possible.

Curriculum: The theme for all classes for next term is Pathways/ Journeys, with an emphasis on Animals and Humans in Science and Fieldwork in Geography.

Website: The school's new website is up and running and has the advantage of teachers being able to upload information and records of events quickly and easily. It is able to provide an effective current picture of the things going on in school. www.raleighfederation.org.uk

OCESA - Cash for questions !!!

Otterton residents are warmly invited to a **fun quiz night** with supper on **Friday 5th May** in aid of the village school. The evening, which will include a cooked meal, is being kindly hosted by Budleigh Riding School in their fantastic Oak Lodge cafe. Tickets are priced £10 per person (including supper) and are available from the school or from Emma Cooling on 567565. The quiz masters will be teachers Becky Stannard and Emma Cocker who will be taking cash pledges in advance from competitors who wish to request a round of questions on a topic of their choice- a great way to boost your chance of winning. Contact Emscooling@yahoo.co.uk by 2nd May to secure a question topic of your choice! Teams of six - a huge luxury hamper prize on offer and plenty of fun to be had.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You will shortly be receiving a survey questionnaire as the first step in gathering opinions about the future of the village. We'll be hand-delivering them where possible. Please give this survey serious consideration as it's a key part of the process! You can return the survey using the reply-paid envelope, or drop it into the Community Shop. And there will be a draw for two £25 vouchers for food at the Kings Arms for entries returned! Please contact ottertonnpsg@gmail.com if you have any questions.

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 3rd April; the Minutes are on the Parish Council Notice Board and will be put on the web site. Of particular interest:

1. A refresher training/familiarisation session will be arranged soon for the defibrillator in the Village Hall; the date will be publicised when confirmed.
2. The Council is hoping to have a meeting with the managers at Ladram Bay soon to discuss the issues raised by residents in recent weeks. Unfortunately no one from the Park was able to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to talk about their future plans.
3. The Village Emergency Plan is being updated and revised.

My very best wishes to Fran Mills who now takes up the post of Parish Clerk. *Mike Miller*

Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

A huge thankyou to all the children who entered our Easter egg colouring competition - all the entries were brilliant. Congratulations to the two winners, Charlie and Emma.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 6th June** at 7.30pm in Otterton Village Hall. Progress during the past financial year will be reported along with the accounts for the same period. Shareholders will be able to question the Management Committee and refreshments will be provided. So shareholders please reserve this date in your diaries.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next Meeting on **17th May** is our Social Evening with a talk by Elizabeth Holman entitled "Roses Galore". All you need to know about growing perfect roses, followed by food, wine and other refreshments. This 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.

'A message from Otterton Garden Club. The Otterton Autumn show is 9th September and we want to see your fruit and veg. You don't need a large garden, just put a few seeds or young plants in a pot or even a plastic bag and let them grow! Tomatoes, potatoes, runner beans and even carrots can be grown this way. So get planting now and have a go. You never know, you might win!'

For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk or contact Ro Smith on 01395 568871 or E-Mail ro@otterton.info

OTTERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Otterton Twinning are organising a **Quiz and Quiche Evening** on **Saturday 20th May, 7pm** in Otterton Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 per person based on a table of 4 available from Bonnie 446239 or Marianne 568104.

Little Otters Pre-School



Little Otters commences the summer term in high spirits. The committee of the East Budleigh Village Hall has kindly agreed for the preschool to continue there until the formalities with Ofsted are completed and we have a date for moving into our new premises at Drakes School. For this term we are offering sessions from 9.00 - 3.00 on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Do contact us if you are interested in a space, but hurry, availability is limited. Our thanks also go to the East Budleigh PCC who have agreed to let the preschool use the Church Hall on a Thursday afternoon so we can continue to run our popular toddler group. If you have a little one do come along on a Thursday between 1.00 and 3.00 and enjoy a cup of tea and chat while the children play.

The preschool management committee has been overwhelmed with the good wishes of the community in response to our move and continued provision. The committee would particularly like to thank Carron Saunders and the governors at the school for their help and support and the East Budleigh relief in need charity for their donation towards the financial expenditure in relation to the move. Thank you all; watch this space for news of progress!

Fran Mills

THANK YOU, from Sue Moger and Isaac: We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning on 17th March, and those individuals who kindly donated to Isaac's Triathlon. In total, **£904.45** was raised, and will be split between our two favourite charities – RD&E Paediatric Oncology Fund and Interface Uganda. Isaac was chuffed with his Triathlon triumph, and I was impressed with the local community for supporting the event.

FROM PCSO CHANTALLE MAJOR

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

OTTERTON MILL

This month we welcome Tia McGraff (11th May) and Chris Cleverley (18th May) to the Mill; both acclaimed musicians will be playing upstairs in the restaurant; tickets available from the Mill Gallery.

A feathered migrants' walk will be taking place on Saturday 13th May - join Doug Cullen, volunteer bird warden, at 10am from White Bridge.

The Mill's award winning Head Chef, Franck Favereaux, will be showcasing French cuisine on 13th and 14th May in the Mill restaurant. To book a lunchtime table please call the restaurant on 01395 567041.

A family favourite from last year returns on Wednesday 31st May with 'Dog Day' at the Mill, so bring your four legged friends along from 11am.

TAXI SERVICE

Minibus and Mercedes 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 May:

20th May - Austin 7 Car Meet 1pm - a collection of these lovely vintage cars.

Sunday carvery available every Sunday Midday till 3pm.

Art History Group - all welcome - every Tuesday:

2nd May - Glasgow Boys; 9th - Saints in Art; 16th - Frida Kahlo; 23rd - Isms of the 20th Century; 30th - Art and Light

£6 per person to include coffee and biscuits.



EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: The club had mixed success in its last two Exeter League matches. Against Seaton we were heavily out graded 477-421 (LIMIT 480) but we came close to drawing the match 2-2 until our captain made a terrible blunder in the quick play stage of the game. Fortunately we were saved from a complete whitewash with a fine win by Barbara Newcombe. Against Tiverton the club achieved a good match draw 2-2. Half of the team consisted of the father/son duo, Mike and Max Lee. Mike played a wonderful attack against his opponent leading to checkmate. Max played well and was material up but lost out to a very nasty knight fork. Those pesky knights again. The remaining two games were drawn. A new training idea was tried out in the last club night which has met with universal approval. Eight positions from recent master games were set up and the club members were given five minutes to find the best moves in each position. Local music teacher Kevin Hurst came out on top, solving 7/8 of the puzzles, closely followed by Barbara Newcombe. Easter Eggs were given out in prizes. The 2017 WECU Congress took place at the Royal Beacon Hotel in Exmouth over the long Easter weekend (14-17 April). The club's President, professional player **GM Keith Arkell** triumphed in the Open with a score of 6/7. In the Minor, there was a three-way tie for first, one of the winners being our own **Ken Alexander** with 5/7. The club meets on the second Thursday of every month. Next meeting: **Thursday 11th May** at 7pm at **All Saints Church Hall**. For more information, contact **Brian Gosling** brigosling@aol.com or 01395 442060.

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

With the warmer weather and sunny spells of April we're hoping Summer's on its way. This May we've some fantastic evening Entertainment within Waves Bar; don't forget you'd be more than welcome to join us for showtime from 9.15pm/9.45pm:

Saturday 6th May – Totally Taylor – Taylor Swift Tribute

Saturday 13th May – Station Road – Personality Duo

Saturday 20th May – Steve Arnold – Extreme Juggler

Saturday 27th May – Joe Stone – Male Personality Vocalist

Tuesday 30th May – Complete Madness – Tribute Band

Fancy a challenge? Try out our incredible new Climbing Wall located within the Three Rocks Complex. Open 5-7 days a week call us on 01395 562548 to check opening times or pop into the Swimming Pool reception to book. Sessions cost just £6 for 45mins or £10 for 1hr 15mins. (Suitable for those aged 4+)

Don't miss our superb Spring holiday deals, perfect if you've friends and family visiting. Short breaks this May within our Classic range start from just £139 and include free pool passes and bed linen. Visit www.ladrambay.co.uk/holiday-offers/ for more information. (Breaks begin on 1st, 8th & 15th May).

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

● **Marriages at Salem** - All enquiries about marriages to M. Crone-Smith, R.A.P. for marriages 01395 446189 or salembookings@bmail.com

● **Events - Scarecrow Weekend Sat 10th and Sun 11th June:** The Fourth annual *Art and Craft Exhibition* by pupils from the Raleigh Federation (Drakes and Otterton Schools), will take place at the Chapel. Details to follow in the next issue of the Parish News.

● 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 HCT (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.

● 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@bmail.com or Marj 01395 446189; alternatively, Kathy 01395 445236.

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

During 1841/2 the Church was being enlarged and there were 15 masons, 10 painters, a plasterer, a brickmaker, 2 joiners, a glazier, 8 carpenters and 4 thatchers listed in the Census. 22 of these were lodging in the village and 7 masons were villagers, including Stephen Westcott and William Batstone. Early in the 18th century, Richard Hollett set up as a carpenter in Otterton and by 1743 was doing work for the Vestry, ie Parish Council. The family business thrived for the next 120 years. They built the block of cottages facing the Green.

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 June edition is Friday 19th May LATEST please.**