



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY			
<u>SUNDAY 1st JANUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 8th JANUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 15th JANUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 29th JANUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays			

You are invited to a Winter Warmer Open Event

Otterton Parish Council invites everyone in the village to a **free coffee morning** on **Thursday 29th December**, 10am - 1pm, at the Village Hall.

Free tea, coffee, mince pies, board games and newspapers will be provided.

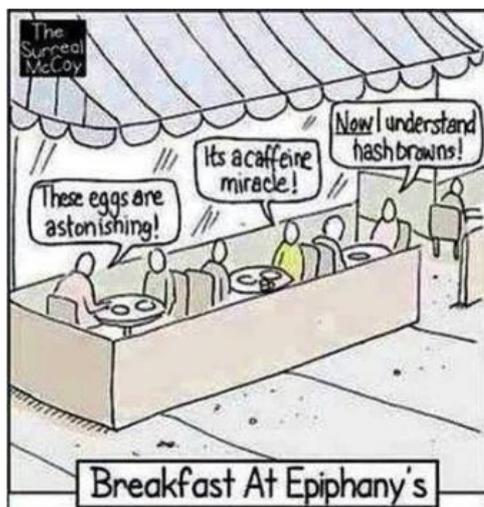
Banish those winter blues and come along for a chat, or simply to read the paper in the warm.

All welcome.

Please contact Charlotte FitzGerald with any questions - 01395 568130.



View from The Vicarage



Happy New Year!

January is the season of Epiphany in the church, perhaps my favourite season because it captures the sense of excitement about what the Christmas event actually means!

It means that humanity and divinity are not separate after all – and the fullness of life that is promised to us is realised when we fully know that unity – the unity modelled in the life of Jesus Christ.

The story that is used to demonstrate this new way of thinking and being is the story of the water turned into wine. A deeply symbolic story of the marriage feast, representing the final marriage between God and his people, and how the water of our ordinary existence is turned into rich intoxicating wine when God is allowed to suffuse it with His Spirit.

Seeing the importance of signs and symbols and metaphor was what first allowed me to see beyond the surface meaning of John's gospel, and see

deeper into the Christ mystery. It raises the turning of water into wine from what might be seen as a party trick into a symbol of life changing and life enhancing significance.

Love and peace, Martin

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Chris Ault would like to thank her friends in the village for all their care and support during Maurice's long illness. In memory of Maurice, she is arranging for a seat to be placed in Bicton Gardens in front of the Conservatory so do look out for and use "Maurice's Seat" in the Spring.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Jess Bailey, Lark Rise, Elsdon Lane, West Hill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1TZ 01404 814056 jessicamarybailey@yahoo.co.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Otterton Parish Council wishes everyone in Otterton a healthy & happy 2023 & looks forward to working with businesses and residents who support our lovely village. Many thanks to everyone who turned out on a cold Saturday morning to 'clean' the stream and especially to Sam Walker for taking away the debris in his tractor. If you are thinking of making any New Year's resolutions, it would be great if you would consider any/all of the following:

- Spare a moment to check that your elderly neighbour is OK especially in very cold or wet conditions.
- Always pick up after your dog and keep it on a lead in the village.
- Park considerately and always be tolerant of other road users.
- Join the Garden Club or one of the other village groups or the Parish Council.
- If you are suffering hardship of any kind let someone know.

The Otterton Parish Council does not meet in January but can still be contacted through the Clerk on 07880 331465. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 6th February 2023** commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.0

Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are welcoming families to look around our school to see what we have to offer. The application window for children starting primary school in September 2023 is now open. If you would like to arrange a visit in 2023, please contact the school on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

A very Happy New Year to you all.

As you are aware, owing to a fall in membership, we are unable to hold a series of talks for the time being. The good news, however, is that we will still be holding our ever-popular Spring and Autumn Shows. **The Spring Show** will be held on **Saturday 18th March**. A little advance notice for the keen photographers amongst us is that the subject is "The Lower Otter Restoration Project" and up to two entries per person are welcomed. More details about the Spring Show will appear in next month's newsletter.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

We have recently received a copy of a letter sent by one community shop chairman to his customers stating that the current economic climate is placing many community stores under enormous pressure and that the very future of their store is in the balance. He wrote:

'Over the last 12 months, the economic picture has changed significantly, and we are now in a very different and very difficult trading environment with inflation impacting many aspects of the business...without an increase in support for the shop, we will not be able to sustain our model.'

He went on to outline the measures taken to reduce costs, the scope of the services and products on offer and advised of reduced opening hours. His final plea:

'So please, please, over the next few weeks show your support for the shop...'

The Otterton Community Shop continues to trade reasonably well but we too are acutely aware that fortunes can change very quickly, so our hope is that your New Year's resolutions will include a commitment to support the shop as much as you can during 2023 and ensure the continuance of what is a vital village asset.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

The AGM of the Otterton Village Hall Committee will be held in the committee room of the hall on **Monday 23rd January** starting at 7.30pm. All residents of Otterton Parish are welcome to attend.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next film to be screened will be '**Operation Mincemeat**'. This will be on **Friday 13th January** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £5 per person entry (under 16s £3) Contactless payments accepted.

Operation Mincemeat – 2021, starring: Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Kelly MacDonal.

It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe and plan an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge - how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers, Ewen Montagu (Colin Firth) and Charles Cholmondeley (Matthew Macfadyen) to dream up the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war -- centred on the most unlikely of secret agents - a dead man. Operation Mincemeat is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to alter the course of the war - defying logic, risking countless thousands of lives, and testing the nerves of its creators to breaking point.

THE KINGS'S ARMS

We hope everyone has a very merry Christmas, and all good wishes for 2023 from everyone here at The King's Arms!

Just a reminder of our festive opening hours:

Christmas Eve: 12pm - 7pm (Food) Bar open until 10pm

Christmas Day: 11am - 3pm (Bar)

Boxing Day: 12pm - 7pm (Food) Bar open until 8pm

New Year's Eve: 12pm - 6pm (Food) Bar open until 01:30am

For New Year's Eve this year we will have a free buffet available in the Conservatory as well as a disco in the bar area. This event will not be ticketed, so come down whenever you like!

Otterton FC are running a Darts Competition here at The King's on **Friday 30th December** from 6:30pm - this event is open to everybody and we're expecting a great turnout! Entries are just £5 per person with cash prizes available! See the guys at the pub who can give you any further info.

OTTERTON MILL

News:

Chris, Carol and all at the Mill wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Mill will be closed on 11th January for a staff training day.

Music:

Tickets are on sale for this year's gigs, available to purchase from our Mill Shop or by ringing our office on 01395 568521 option 6. Please see our website for further details.

Milling:

8th & 29th - come and meet our band of merry millers, all very happy to answer questions; milling 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm.



OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

Please remember ORINC is here to help and support in times of difficulty. Examples of help given include contributions towards rent, fuel, child care, school uniform, food bills, replacement of essential domestic items and financial support during difficult times.

To talk to us about how we could help or support, please contact us at [**orin.charity@gmail.com**](mailto:orin.charity@gmail.com)

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We wish all residents a Happy New Year, and thank you to all for the ongoing support.

Don't forget our swimming pool is open to the public until 1st March 2023; please have a look at our website for dates, times and prices.

POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team: [**Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**](mailto:Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; [**exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**](mailto:exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk); [**http://www.ukcrimestats.com/**](http://www.ukcrimestats.com/)

<p><u>TAXI SERVICE:</u> Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.</p>
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WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: [**jill@beacham.co.uk**](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) - 01395 446433 **Deadline for February edition is Friday 20th January latest please.**