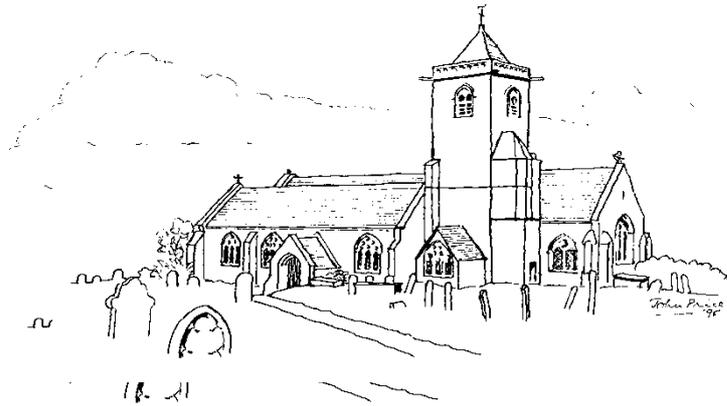




**OTTERTON PARISH NEWS**  
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<b>SERVICES FOR JANUARY</b>			
<b><u>SUNDAY 7th JANUARY</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 14th JANUARY</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 21st JANUARY</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 28th JANUARY</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		<b>Ottertton</b>
<b>Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Ottertton on Thursdays  except for 2nd and 4th January</b>			

**BIENNIAL OPEN GARDENS IN OTTERTON – from Barbara Ottley**

I have been organising Ottertton Open Gardens for the last ten years and would be enormously grateful if someone else could take it on. I will help in whatever way I can. This year I would suggest it takes place in June, providing at least eight gardens agree to be opened.

Please contact me if you are interested in organising this worthwhile project in 2024. Furthermore, I would like to hear from anyone prepared to "open" their garden in 2024.

I can be contacted on 01395 567701 or by email: [barbaraottley8@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraottley8@gmail.com)

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends

The decorations are down. The tree is now atop a pile of others in Lime Kiln car park and the Christmas celebrations already seem like a distant memory. A new year and a new start are what we all hope for but when we look out of the window at the grey skies and turn on the TV news, nothing has changed. Wars are still raging, natural disasters are still happening, and our financial position is exactly the same as it always was, only worse because of our overspend in December.

What we really need is to bring about the change that we are looking for ourselves. Nations, peoples, religions, cultures are all made up of individual human beings and a very old Christian prayer goes something like “Dear Lord, change the world for the better and start with me”.

I suppose that is the basis for the practice of making new year resolutions, but we are all aware that these are very hard to keep and fall away quite quickly. That is because usually they are all concerned with our habitual habits that we want to change but we lack the motivation to keep going with all these resolutions.

Of course, as a believer you can call on help from the divine Spirit to help you make the change by starting from the inside out. Changing physical habits starts by changing your spiritual outlook. This is what Alcoholics Anonymous noticed and acted upon many years ago.

Once you understand that you are not on your own and have a helper infinitely more insightful, wise and powerful than yourself, you will find the moral strength to make the outward changes that are needed according to God’s priorities and not your own.

His priorities for yourself are that you grow in all the virtues collectively known as the fruits of the Spirit. They are many and various but Saint Paul helpfully lists the priorities he has for you. “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

Happy New Year, Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A happy and healthy New Year to everyone in Otterton. Thank you for your care and support of each other and of the wonderful environment in which we live. The Otterton Parish Council does not meet in January but as usual, work will be going on behind the scenes, so if you have a problem, please email [clerk@otterton.info](mailto:clerk@otterton.info). At the last council meeting in December we were delighted to welcome Peter Wells to the council. Peter brings expertise in emergency planning and will assist in updating the emergency plan for the village. This means that only one space remains on the council so if you are passionate about the village and feel you have something to add, even if it is only a sense of humour, you would be very welcome. Let any on the Councillors know that you are interested and I will be in touch.

With best wishes, Fran

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL – from Mrs Anne Pelosi, Academy Head

No report received for January.

### **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

Happy New Year - we would like to take a moment to say 'Thank you' to each and every one of you who shopped with us in 2023.

Still available are our £5 Gift Vouchers which may be a good option for someone you know, but they must be redeemed on or before 31 January 2024.

2024 will be filled with lots of new products as well as the old favourites. January also brings Veganuary to us. Veganuary inspires and supports people all over the world to try vegan foods for January. We stock lots of vegan products in the chiller, freezer and on the shelf but if there is something you are looking for that we don't stock, please ask. So look out for some special offers throughout January on vegan products.

For those few who overindulged over Christmas and fancy a de-tox, don't forget that we have alcohol free lager, beer and wine.

As ever, we can deliver shopping to you if you live in the village and are housebound; just give us a call.

### **OTTERTON LADIES' COFFEE MORNING**

11.00 am first Monday of every month - at The King's Arms, Otterton.

Please come along and make new friends or just catch up with old ones. All welcome.

**Next get-together - 11.00am Monday 8th January (PLEASE NOTE second Monday this month)**

Sharon 708302

### **OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED: Local Support for Local People**



ORIN would like to offer financial support to residents in Otterton during the festive season by providing assistance to get your essentials. This is in addition to our usual support with things such as rent, fuel, childcare, school uniform, food bills and replacement of essential domestic items.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our support, we encourage you to please apply.

Application forms can be found:

- In the **foyer of the Village Hall**
- On our new **website**, [www.orinc.org.uk](http://www.orinc.org.uk)
- Or you can **email**: [orin.charity@gmail.com](mailto:orin.charity@gmail.com)

### **OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL**

The AGM of the Otterton Village Hall Committee will be held in the committee room of the hall on **Monday 29th January** starting at 7.30pm. All residents of Otterton parish are welcome to attend.

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

We will be screening the film "**Belfast**" in the Village Hall on **Friday 12th January 2024** at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm for tea/coffee and a chat. We look forward to seeing you there. Entry £5 for adults, £3 for under 16s. Contactless Payments Accepted.

***Belfast - Starring Jude Hill & Lewis McAskie***

*Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Kenneth Branagh, Belfast is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s. Buddy's family lives in a largely Protestant district with a few Catholic families, but one day his community and everything he thought he understood about life is suddenly turned upside down. Buddy's family gets caught in the mayhem and must decide to stay or leave the only place they have ever called home. Through it all, his passionate parents (Caitriona Balfe and Jamie Dornan) and quick-witted grandparents (Academy Award winner Judy Dench and Ciarán Hinds) keep the joy alive through music and the magic of movies in this feel-good story that reminds us that no matter how far you go, you never forget where you came from.*

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

A very Happy New Year to you all.

January is an ideal time to plant bare-rooted shrubs, to start seed sowing and continue tidying up ready for a great year of gardening! But, best of all, look out for the first signs of Spring with bulbs emerging out of the ground.

Our Village Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 16 March 2024**. A little advance notice for the keen photographers amongst us is that the subjects are 'Lower Otter Wetlands' and 'Local Wildlife' so happy snapping!

More details about the Spring Show will appear in the next Newsletter.

### **OTTERTON MILL**

#### **News**

Chris, Carol and all at the Mill wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We are open daily 9am-4pm throughout the month, our Restaurant serving winter warmers, fresh soups and lots more.

#### **Milling**

14th - come and see our millers in action; always happy to help answer questions; milling is 11am-12.30pm and 2-3pm; entry is free.

### **THE KINGS'S ARMS – from Freddie and The King's Arms Team**

#### **Quiz Dates:**

We are moving the Quiz in 2024 to happen on a **Wednesday night** instead of a Tuesday night. The Quiz will restart on Wednesday 10th January and Wednesday 24th January. Still £8 and that gets you a quiz entry and food.

#### **Pub Closure (one day only):**

The pub will be **closed for food on Monday 22nd January** as we are having essential maintenance work on our beer lines. Bar will remain open. LOTS of new draught products will be in that week, so we're all very excited for you to try them. There will be draught lager and ale available on that Monday (sorry, no cider but we will be getting bottled cider in for that day).

#### **Rebound January:**

We are going to be running a promotion from Monday 8th January called Rebound January. Book a table for food and you will receive a sealed envelope, inside which will be a % off your bill **on your next visit**. Some may be 10%, some 20%, a few 50% and EVEN a couple of 100% off vouchers for your next visit. This scheme will run up to the end of the weekend of 4th February.

*(We look forward to seeing everyone over Christmas and New Year)*

### **THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM**

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and we send our best wishes for the New Year.

We are looking forward to the year ahead.

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

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<b><u>TAXI SERVICE:</u></b> Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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