



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR JULY

SUNDAY 2nd JULY

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

SUNDAY 9th JULY

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

SUNDAY 16th JULY

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

SUNDAY 23rd JULY

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

SUNDAY 30th JULY

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

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Otterton Parish Council were delighted to Co-opt Mr Roger Pellow as a new Councillor at the meeting on Monday 5th June. Roger is keen to set up a Community Speed Watch Team so do watch this space for more details. There are still 5 vacant places on the Council so if you are passionate about the Village and the environment in which we live, please do get in touch with the Chair, Melanie Martin (mmartin@kewhortus.com) or the Clerk (clerk@otterton.info) for more details.

At the end of 2023 the Otterton Parish Council will be seeking a new Clerk to the Council. This role supports the Council administratively, handles all financial matters and completes the annual accounts and returns, attends meetings issuing agendas and taking minutes, and works with funeral directors, stone masons and families in connection with the Otterton Cemetery. The clerk currently works 8 hours per week. Salary will be dependent on experience. Good communications skills & a sense of humour are absolutely necessary, whilst experience in local governance would be beneficial but not essential as training is available.

Formal recruiting and interviews will commence in September and for more information please contact the Chair, Melanie Martin (mmartin@kewhortus.com) or the Clerk (clerk@otterton.info)

The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will take place at Otterton Village Hall on Monday 3rd July starting at 7.30pm - all welcome. To place an item on the agenda please contact the clerk by Monday 26th June.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

It's amazing what you learn looking at Google. Fun fact: Apparently July was named July in 44BC by the Roman senate (what have the Romans ever done for us?) in honour of Julius Caesar. Before that it was known as Quintilis because it was the fifth month of the year which only started in March. Winter was deemed to have no months! Mind boggling.

It is a lesson that everything we think is timeless and changeless actually isn't. The first rule of understanding the universe is that in time, all things are changing all the time including ourselves. Every atom in our bodies is replaced every seven years. If you look at a photograph of yourself taken when you were young, there is not one bit of you in that photo that exists as you today – you are a completely different person physically.

But you are still you. How can this be? It has been posited by physicist and theologian John Polkinghorne that what we call the soul is in fact “an information bearing pattern” held in the mind of God. Every new atom that becomes you miraculously conforms to this pattern that is you.

This pattern lives, grows, and eventually dies to that physical form. But in eternity, in the realm of God, nothing dies, and nothing is wasted or cast aside. Your “pattern” is remembered in the mind of God. Resurrection is part of the fabric of the universe and not an aberration. Jesus has shown us our future!

If you are still with me – well done – sit down, have a biscuit and a cup of tea or coffee. Some things in life are just mysteries and I am content to leave them that way. Science can take us all just so far, but I am glad that science can sometimes lend a hand and not contradict our faith. You cannot put a dollop of love or compassion or the divine in a Petrie dish and examine it under a microscope. I am quite glad these wonderful theories exist but in the end, faith also cannot be examined or investigated. And faith, however small or hard to come by, can move mountains.

Martin

STALLS ON OTTERTON VILLAGE GREEN – 23rd July

Join us to raise funds for **Ottertton Church** on **Sunday 23rd July, 2-4pm** when Jane's Jams and Chris's Paperback Books, together with plants and bric-à-brac, will be available for sale.

In the event of bad weather, the sale will be moved to Sunday 30th July.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Henry Riddell – henry.riddell@eastdevon.gov.uk

From Marion Cowlin and others:

A belated thank you to **Ottertton Events Committee** for all their hard work in organising the **Coronation Party** for the village. It was a day greatly enjoyed by many.

From Kim Noble and Ian Simpson:

Thank you to all the generous people who baked cakes, scones and gave donations towards the cream tea held in the Village Hall for the Coronation of King Charles III. We all had a wonderful time and although everything was free including the use of the Hall so generously allowed by the Hall committee, we still received some very substantial donations that have bought an apple tree for the village and another tree for the school allotment, leaving £60 that was donated to the school. A truly memorable day. Thank you all so much

Meeting to finalise a work party for Jubilee play park

We are holding a meeting to find villagers interested in helping rejuvenate Jubilee play park. We need a work party and also people who can help with fundraising and have ideas on how we can raise funds. We will set up a committee that will work alongside the Parish Council to achieve this. This is an exciting venture that could lead to other areas of the village being freshened up. The meeting is on **Saturday 15th July** at 7pm in the Village Hall; there will be coffee etc available. I really hope to see lots of people. ***Ian Simpson***

Ottertton Ladies Coffee Morning

11.00 am first Monday of every month. At The King's Arms, Ottertton.

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

Next get together - 11.00am Monday 3rd July

Sharon 708302



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy start to the second half of the Summer Term here at Otterton C of E Primary School, kicking off with a whole school trip to the Bear Trail at Cullompton - a fantastic day out for the children, and with slides, climbing nets, bridges and of course, the infamous mud pit, the children were very excited to embark on the activities that were on offer. They set out, on the whole, with one goal, to get as muddy as they could possibly get and some of them did a brilliant job. It wasn't easy for everyone though and it is quite fitting that this half term's value is 'COURAGE' given that many of the children faced their fears and took on challenges that they might not ordinarily have taken on.

We had a visit from Mrs Mason from the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership where the children spent the day learning and playing Dartmoor 3 Ball; the older children who had played before had a great time refreshing their skills, and the younger children, for whom it was an introduction to the game, really enjoyed learning how to play and putting their new found skills into play. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children then went to a tournament in Exmouth; they had a great time, played amazingly and as always, made us really proud.

We have now visited our allotment and have planted the apple tree that we were kindly presented with to commemorate the King's Coronation; this was possible through donations given at the village Coronation event organised by Kim and Ian. The children can't wait until it grows and starts to produce fruit for them to enjoy.

The children took part in a sponsored walk, raising money for their class's chosen charities. Heron Class chose the charity ShelterBox to help them to buy mosquito nets and, after an inspiring visit to the RNLI Exmouth station, Otters Class chose Exmouth RNLI station as their chosen charity. They raised a fantastic amount of money and would like to thank everyone who donated.

We are now looking forward to the last few weeks of term which will be filled with lots of fun and excitement, with sports day, transition visits and of course, our end of year celebrations.

We have spaces in our pre-school for children starting the term after their third birthday; our next intake will be September 2023. We also have spaces in year groups across the school. If you would like to arrange a visit to see what we have to offer, please call us on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

More great summer offers are available throughout July on Salcombe ice cream and specials for the barbeque that will be available to pre-order. See the shop website for pricing and further details. Meanwhile, the Pimms offer is continuing and don't forget the Fish List. Details also on the website.

The Shop AGM was held on 6th June 2023. Reports from the Chairman and Treasurer underlined the challenge presented by the current trading environment, but were able to confirm that the shop is trading well in the circumstances, with turnover again showing signs of increase. The current members of the Committee were re-elected.

OTTERTON MILL

News We have a wonderful selection of beautiful plants with more being added each week; come and take a look. Friday takeaway is as popular as ever; choose from fish and chips or pizza and either take away or eat outside by the river.

Music

13th Veronica and Max - "When it comes to knowing about Americana these two are right up there! Country blues, ragtime, vaudeville and even a little old time C&W. Max is a very accomplished guitarist and a strong vocalist, whilst Veronica plays a mean washboard, ukulele and possesses a strong vocal styling. Very uplifting music! So if you get the chance to see this duo in concert, take it!" *Mike Vernon* We are delighted to welcome Veronica and Max back for another summertime gig.

27th Williams & Catlow - Aaron Catlow is a master violinist and half of the Bristol-based duo Hawes And Catlow; he is also the fiddler in UK festival favourite Sheelanagig. Cambridge UK-based, Georgia US-born, Brooks Williams is known for both solos shows and collaborations with the likes of Boo Hewerdine, Rab Noakes and Sloan Wainwright, among others. In concert, Williams and Catlow mine the depths of both tunes and songs, from Williams' back catalogue as well as gems from the British and American folk tradition, such as Church Street Blues, King Of California, and Farewell To The Gold. It's a Trans-Atlantic Roots Music Collaboration of the highest order. We look forward to a cracking night's entertainment here in the Courtyard.

Our live music events are held outside under the stars in our courtyard during the summer. Ticket price covers music only. Pre-booking required. Doors open at 6pm. Food served 6pm to 7.30pm. Pre-booking not required.

Live music starts at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone or in person in our Mill Shop.

Milling **2nd, 16th, 30th** - come and see our jolly band of millers continuing an age-old process, bringing the Mill alive and providing us with our own stoneground wholemeal flour; always happy to answer any questions - 11am - 12.30pm and 1-3pm; entry is free.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

July is a wonderful time in the garden albeit a busy one with watering, deadheading and produce to harvest. Flowers at their best are roses, agapanthus, hemerocallis and deliciously scented sweet peas. Beans, lettuce and courgettes and many early crops are ready for harvesting although don't forget to earmark some for the Autumn Show on 9th September. Also, the lovely weather should have provided plenty of opportunity to take some lovely snaps for the photographic competition. "A garden adds years to your life and life to your years" anon.

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY – Annual Report

<https://www.orinc.org.uk>



During the last year ORINC has distributed a total of £7,030 to 15 individuals in Otterton. These grants have helped with items such as rent, Christmas expenses, fuel and replacement of essential white goods. Many of these grants were made possible by generous donations from individuals, the Parish Council and, in particular, the Community Shop which gave £3,000.

To find out how we could help you, contact us via our new website <https://www.orinc.org.uk>, email us at orin.charity@gmail.com or paper copies of the ORINC application form are available in the village hall foyer and in the church. Applications can be posted in the private post box located in the foyer of the village hall. The post box is checked weekly and applications responded to as soon as possible.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in donating to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

THE KINGS' S ARMS - For information, please visit our website www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

EAST DEVON AONB 60th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Tuesday 25th July, 6.30pm - 9.30pm - Twilight Zone – Riverside Safari, River Otter, Otterton – free event

Wednesday 26th July, 2pm - 4pm - Nature's High Fliers Walk, East Budleigh Common – free event

Booking essential. Please email savingspecialspecies@gmail.com or contact Ruth Worsley, Wildlife Engagement Officer, 01297 489741.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We have had a busy month, celebrating 80 years of Ladram Bay. We are still on the lookout for people to join our team for the summer; please email info@ladrambay.co.uk for more details.

If anyone does want to be added to the caravan delivery WhatsApp group, please message Will on 07814 284183.



THE DEVON AIR AMBULANCE needs a community of volunteers to keep our 19 charity shops open and our emergency helicopters flying. Could you spare an hour or two to help your local shop? We have a host of tasks which need to be completed to make our shops a success. You do not have to have any previous retail experience as we offer friendly support, training and encouragement. So why not give volunteering a go

and arrange a trial session at one of our shops? We also have other volunteering opportunities, from event support, delivering community talks, box collections through to one-off projects and supporting our Head Office operation. If you would like to support a much-loved local charity, help to save lives and meet new people, we would love to hear from you! **To find out where your nearest shop is (most readers will know that there is one in Budleigh High Street) and how you can help, please contact our Volunteer Engagement Officer, Charlotte Fleetwood, on 01392 466666 or email volunteer@daat.org**

MANOR PAVILION THEATRE, SIDMOUTH - SUMMER PLAY FESTIVAL

The Play Festival is back!! 12 plays in 13 weeks (1 week break for the Folk Festival), each play running for a week (Mon-Sat) starting on 26th June. This professional company is the last remaining "rep" company in the country and it puts on shows of an extremely high standard at very reasonable prices. This year includes plays by Noel Coward, Alan Ayckbourn and Francis Durbridge as well as the evergreen classic farce "Run For Your Wife". Do support this great unique company. You will not be disappointed. Full details on the Manor Pavilion Sidmouth website or ring the theatre on 01395 514413. You will find brochures in our village shop.

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PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **Deadline for August edition is Wednesday 19th July latest please.**