

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS
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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER			
<u>SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER – Mission Sunday</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion, at which the Bishop of Exeter will consecrate the new glass doors	CW	Otterton
4.00 pm	Carol Service		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>MONDAY 24th DECEMBER – Christmas Eve</u>			
3.00 pm	Christingle		Otterton
6.00 pm	Carol Service		East Budleigh
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass		St Peter's

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER – Christmas Day

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

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER

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

Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Otterton.

CAROLS IN THE COURTYARD AT THE MILL

Sunday 23rd December at 5.30pm

Come along and enjoy what has become Otterton's traditional carol singing evening, which The Mill will again be hosting in their courtyard. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served as long as stocks last! Don't miss a really festive evening. Enquiries to Brian Major on 568706.

View from The Vicarage

Religious integrity that extends to every corner of our life rather than being corralled into a certain compartment, together with being able to discern priorities and understand the Spirit behind the law, courses through the entire New Testament.

Jesus accuses the Pharisees of observing tithes that they were required to give by the law whilst at the same time neglecting Justice and defrauding the poor is one of the examples Jesus uses to lampoon the Pharisees (Luke 11: 42-46). He then accuses them of exhibiting pride and having a love of attention and deference whilst actually being spiritually dead inside and likens them to an unmarked grave.

In Matthew's gospel (23:27) in a similar vein he calls them "Whitewashed tombs". It's an accusation that stings because in moments of weakness we can all start thinking "Is that me?" I wear a collar, sometimes robes, I can talk the talk, but can I walk the walk?

Does my love of God have substance in that it meaningfully impacts upon my whole life and actions? Self-examination can be an uncomfortable but necessary thing. We are supposed to examine our consciences at the confession in the liturgy, but while it is an essential element of the liturgy, in my experience it is all too brief to be anything but perfunctory. This kind of examination is more fitting to our private prayer lives when we have time and space to think more expansively about our walk with God.

So I'll end this reflection to encourage that disciplined personal dialogue with God as part of our spiritual life. It can be uncomfortable, but it is when we feel uncomfortable that we know that the Holy Spirit is working!

Martin

OTTERTON REMEMBERS This newly printed book gives the stories of the 23 men on the Otterton War Memorial. There is a ring bound copy of this 232 page book on display in the Church, but the paperback version is available to purchase at £7.50 a copy. Contact Jane at bennett@uphayes.co.uk or 568246.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contact: Geoff Jung, Raleigh Ward member, Rosewood, Village Road, Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PR, tel 01395 232328, gjung@eastdevon.gov.uk

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A big thank you to John Fudge for leading a lovely if a little soggy Boundary Walk on 10th November. On 11th November a Remembrance Tree was planted by the Parish Council to remember the fallen in WW1. This tree will eventually have a seating area around it and plaques with the names from the War memorial, a lovely place for a quiet moment of reflection.

A reminder please to everyone parking their cars on the road in the village to park responsibly to ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians alike.

Please also note that the Reindeer Run which supports Otterton School will take place on 1st December and may cause disruption to the buses coming in and out of the village during the morning. Apologies for any inconvenience.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 3rd December commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Otterton a very happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.

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THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – from Carron Saunders, Executive Headteacher

- We currently have 61 children on roll.
- The Autumn Term Topic is "Who am I?" For the older children in particular, their focus in this half term is WWI. They have already written some heartfelt and moving poems and prayers, which they will read in our school's short Remembrance Service, at which one of our children will also play The Last Post.
- The children are benefitting hugely from our new ICT equipment. This includes:
 - (i) Using their Ipads to photograph/video many aspects of their learning.
 - (ii) Using the laptops to research and record some of their work.
 - (iii) Coding lessons using the new Raspberry Pies.

The teachers, too, are benefitting from a system which aids collaboration with Drake's C of E School through easier and swifter communication. For example, members of staff can save their planning documents onto the server for colleagues from both schools to access immediately.

- On top of the on-going teacher assessments across the curriculum, all children from Years 2 to 6 have recently undergone more formal assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. These produce age-standardised scores for each child, which help to inform the teachers and Senior Leadership Team of their current attainment. Early in the school year, this enables us to put into place appropriate interventions for particular children as necessary and provides additional information for teachers and parents to discuss at parents' evening.
- In Sports, some of our children have recently participated in Football competitions (some Y3/4/5/6) and Bikeability (all Y5).
- Coming up this half term are the following events:-
 - Fortnightly Open the Book Collective Worship; OCESA Christmas Bingo, Saturday 24th November
 - Reindeer Run, Saturday 1st December; OCESA's Christmas Crafts, Village Hall, Saturday 8th December
 - Christmas Production (12th December TBC); OCESA Carols around the tree, Tuesday 18th December at Otterton School
 - End of Term Service 2pm Thursday 20th December at St Michaels Church.

Please feel welcome to come to any of these events; more details are on the school's website.

- Due to the retirement of the current headteacher at the end of the Autumn Term, the Raleigh Federation Governing Body is in the process of appointing a successor.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone. Our next Meeting is not until 15th January 2019 which includes a presentation by Liam Idzikowski on 'The Art of Winemaking at Lyme Bay Winery'; this is a talk on winemaking at Lyme Bay Winery, past and present. This will be preceded by our short AGM. The meeting will be held at **Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.** Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free to members and £3.00 for non-members.

We desperately need somebody to take over the running of the Otterton Village Shows. These only take place twice a year in March and September. Please contact us if you are interested in taking on this important role.

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

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Your Community Shop will be open every day except Christmas Day this year albeit with reduced hours: closing at 3pm on Christmas Eve, and opening 8am – 12noon from 26th Dec – New Year's Day. We will again be taking orders for turkeys, other poultry, sausages, fruit & vegetables and dairy products – order forms and details available from the Shop.

Happy Christmas from Valerie and the members of Otterton Shop Management Committee to all our loyal customers and volunteers who have helped to ensure that we can make a successful start to our fifth year of trading.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next screening by Otterton Film Club will be on Friday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Doors open for coffee/tea at 7.00pm). The film, as voted for by the members, will be "The Man who Invented Christmas" (Certificate PG). Entry for members £2, non-members £6. Annual membership £20 for individuals or £30 per couple.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No report this month.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in December

Sat 1st Reindeer Run; Wed 5th Quiz Night; Tue 4th & 11th Art History Talk with Lin Holdridge

Sat 8th Brunch with Santa - come and enjoy brunch whilst the children get to meet Santa and his friends, with a gift for each child.

Mon 10th Talking Pictures with Maggie Giraud; Thu 20th Carols with The Budleigh Male Voice Choir

Tue 25th Bar open 12noon till 3pm; Mon 31st New Year's Eve Disco (from 8pm) and buffet.

The festive season is upon us once again and we still have availability for Christmas Party Bookings and Christmas Day Lunch although spaces are filling up quickly - book now to avoid disappointment if you haven't already.

Please check the notices for our Christmas and New Year opening times.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year from all at The Kings Arms.

OTTERTON MILL

This month we are Milling on the 6th and 20th.

From the 1st - mince pies and tasty festive fayre are available in our food shop and restaurant; orders welcome for these and all your bakery needs this December. We also have a range of Hampers available, along with lots of unique gift items, the Gallery showcasing local work with gifts for all budgets.

23rd - 5.30pm - Christmas carols in the courtyard under the lights of our giant Christmas tree. Free mince pies - while they last. Mulled wine is available to purchase.

24th - Christmas Eve - open all day until 3pm with our bakers taking orders from the food shop for our artisan products - not forgetting our famous mince pies.

25th - We are closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day, open from 10am on 27th.

STORIES, MUSIC, POETRY, SONG

Friendly parish couple Ian & Lynne invite anyone living in Otterton Parish (18 or over) to get in touch if they would like to meet in the Village Hall once a month (evening) to share their creativity in a gentle, informal circle. Tell a short story or read your poem, play your music or sing a song or two with a break for tea! All abilities welcome - have fun and make new friends! For more information email CreativeOtterton@gmail.com

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON & DISTRICT HOSPISCARE – Light up a Life Service

This year our Light up a Life Service will be held at 6pm on **Wednesday 5th December** at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth. This is a special service of remembrance for those we have loved, at which everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

COFFEE MORNING AND OPEN HOUSE

To be held at Clare's Place (Claypitts), Ladram Road, Otterton on **Thursday 29th November**, 10.30am – 11.30am. All welcome. Enquiries to Nicola Farley on 07960 212909.

PCSO JUSTIN WILLIS

**Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; justin.willis@dc.police.uk
exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**

TAXI SERVICE

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

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

Looking to get fit for the winter? Or perhaps somewhere for the family to let off steam? Our sensational winter pool membership is available from now until 3rd March 2019. Membership includes unlimited use of the pool facilities, splash zones, adventure golf & gym and prices are just £60 adult, £20 child & £120 for a family pass. Open 5 days a week (Wednesday-Sunday) between 10am – 6pm with free winter parking. Now's the time to enjoy our 5-star facilities. To purchase simply bring your passport sized photos to reception and our friendly team will create your passes.

Take full advantage of the Ladram Stores winter opening hours daily between 9am – 5pm, perfect for your essentials & fresh bakery produce. Alternatively, if you're in need of a tasty treat, indulge with a Coast Takeaway at the weekend. (Fri – 4-7, Sat- 12-2 & 4-7, Sun – 12-2). Why not enjoy our '2 for £12' special offer on Cod & Chips? Gluten free options also available by pre-order. (Timings subject to change)

As usual, we will endeavour to keep you informed with the deliveries/collections of Holiday Homes throughout the winter. Information will be updated on both the village website & the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE CONCERT BAND

The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Concert Band will be performing their Christmas Concert at the Temple Methodist Church, Budleigh Salterton on **Saturday 15th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets from Reflections of Budleigh, buy on-line at www.fireserviceconcertband.co.uk or on the door (subject to availability).

EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: East Budleigh came very close to winning a point and perhaps even the match in their first fixture of the championship division of the Exeter Chess League. Both Jonathan Waley and Tom Miner were involved in long hard struggles. Barbara Newcombe was pressing hard and nearly won on board three but in the end had to settle for a draw. The club championship has made a promising start and the early leaders are Barbara Newcombe and Ken Alexander. Still, a long way to go with the tournament lasting seven rounds before the championship is finally decided. See Keverelchess.com and Chessdevon.org.uk web sites for more local chess news and entry forms for tournaments. The next club meeting is on **Thursday 13th December at 6.50pm**, at All Saints Church Hall. For more information contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone at 01395 442060.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

• **Thank you** - to all our visitors and friends who have supported us over the past year. Should you wish at any time to view the Chapel, Chapel Records, associated literature or displays, please use the contact details below.

• In the meantime we send you our **Warmest Wishes** for **Christmas** and our **Best Wishes** for a **Peaceful New Year**.

• Follow us on the website for The Historic Chapels Trust www.hct.org.uk and follow the link for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh.

• **Salem Chapel 1719**, is a Dissenters' Chapel with an adjoining Schoolroom. These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire at a **competitive rate**. For enquiries, bookings and viewings, please contact 01395 446189 or email salembookingseb@mail.com Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT website.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES

Last month our Countryside Learning Officer worked with the Raleigh Federation and with Mill Water School, which is based at Bicton. Pupils from Mill Water brought their apple press and a huge bag of apples which they'd harvested from the orchard at Bicton. The Mill Water pupils acted as experts showing the Otterton pupils how to wash, chop, pulp and juice the apples before everyone got to taste the fruits of all that hard work. During the day the children explored the parkland at Bicton Arena learning about trees, bats and collecting acorns, conkers and autumn leaves.

Please can Otterton residents be mindful of the need for agricultural vehicles to have access to fields, and park considerately. Our agricultural tenants are finding it increasingly difficult to access fields from Maunders Hill, due to how some cars are parked. Access requirements can be quite seasonal but might include daily stock checking. All our tenants and their contractors will also be respectful of parked vehicles. Thank you.

With all good wishes for the Christmas and the New Year from everyone at *Clinton Devon Estates*.

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

Brooklyn Cottage in Fore Street was built in the late 17th century and became a malthouse/beerhouse with an orchard behind producing cider during the 1700s. It was run by 3 sisters, Deborah, Mary and Anne Simons, born in Otterton, who remained spinsters throughout their lives. They were daughters of Revd William Simons who was Vicar of Otterton from 1721 to 1782. Deborah died in 1799 and her sisters gave up the lease the following year. It is believed Brooklyn continued as a malthouse to the 1840s when Thomas Tedbury, maltster, was living there.

Gerald Millington

Thank you to all who contribute to the Parish News and those who kindly give up their time to distribute it around the village, and to Otterton School for providing printing facilities.

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 January edition is Monday 17th December LATEST please.**