

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

APRIL 2019

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SERVICES FOR APRIL			
<u>SUNDAY 7th APRIL</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 14th APRIL – Palm Sunday</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>THURSDAY 18th APRIL – Maundy Thursday</u>			
7.00pm	Maundy Supper		East Budleigh
<u>FRIDAY 19th APRIL – Good Friday</u>			
11.00 am	Service at Temple Methodist, Budleigh Salterton		
6.00 pm	Cross of Christ		East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 21st APRIL – Easter Day</u>			
6.00 am	Day break service on Budleigh beach by Longboat Café		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 28th APRIL</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 5th MAY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East

11.00 am Holy Communion

Budleigh
CW Otterton

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

View from The Vicarage

In April we celebrate the central belief of the Christian faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That something wonderful could emanate from something so dark and sordid provides us with a template for living our lives. We can describe it as Light shining in the darkness, Life triumphing over death or Good winning out over evil but how does that help us deal with the tragedies that life inevitably throws at us? It means first and foremost that there is no situation so dark, no tragedy so terrible, that when all seems lost that light cannot eventually shine out of a situation.

I speak from experience. When my wife of 25 years died, everything seemed dark and empty. But by the Grace of God light did eventually shine even out of that darkness. The greatest gift that Christians possess is hope. Not "pie in the sky when we die" but a living hope that inspires our present and enables us to live our lives with a sense of purpose, meaning and courage. We never lose hope because of what happened 2000 years ago in Palestine.

Martin

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

Could you grow a few plants for **Otterton Open Gardens Day on 9th June?**

Dig up a few seedlings? Plant some seeds? Help make a difference.

Drop them off at The White House, Behind Hayes, Otterton or we can pick them up from you – just ask Gill – 567440.

Thank you in advance to all the potential budding gardeners!

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Claire Wright, Corn Cottage, 15 Cornhill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1DW, tel: 01404 815771, claire.wright@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

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The term of office for the Parish Council comes to an end in April and several of the long serving Councillors are standing down. If you are a resident of Otterton and feel passionately about our beautiful village then please consider standing. Nomination forms are available from the clerk; please email on clerk@otterton.info for more information or to request a nomination form.

Bicton Bridge - The Footpath Warden and Parish Council are currently in discussion with Devon County Council to try and speed up the replacement of the bridge which has now been out of use for some time. Several options for lifting the new 10.5 tonne structure into place are currently being considered, all of which carry an enormous cost and have been hampered by difficult ground conditions. Hopefully as the weather improves this matter will be expedited and the Parish Council apologises for the ongoing inconvenience and urges walkers not to use the old structure which is unsafe.

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on 1st April at 7.30 and the Annual Meeting takes place on 23rd April in the Village Hall at 7.30; do come along and see if you would like to join us - you will receive a warm welcome.

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THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – Otterton C of E Primary School

We have had a great few weeks since coming back to school after half term! Otters Class have been learning about The Gambia and have made clay huts. Dragonflies

have been learning about Romans and have had a really exciting visit from a Roman Soldier who explained about battle tactics and even let the children try on some armour. Kingfishers have been learning about Italy and writing Wallace and Gromit Cracking Contraptions stories. Year 6 have been attending early morning SATs club before school and working very hard. All the children celebrated World Book Day by dressing as a character from a book. The children all had amazing costumes and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up. If you would like to look around our school please contact the school office on 01395 568326. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the exciting things happening in school. Search for - Otterton CofE Primary School.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting is on 16th April with a talk by David Usher entitled "Gertrude Jekyll: her Plants and Designs". 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 £4 for non-members. For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next screening by Otterton Film Club will be on Friday 12th April at 7.30pm (Doors open for the purchase of wine and snacks at 7.00pm). The film, as voted for by the members, will be "The Bookshop" - "Set in a small town in 1959 England, it is the story of a woman who decides, against polite but ruthless local opposition, to open a bookshop, a decision which becomes a political minefield. Starring Emily Mortimer, Bill Nighy and Patricia Clarkson." Entry for members £2, non-members £6. Annual membership £20 for individuals or £30 per couple - application forms available from the Community Shop.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

After a good start to 2019, the Shop is looking forward to welcoming both regular and new customers for the first of the seasonal breaks at Easter. Have you paused to look round our shop recently? There are lots of new products on the shelves as well as cream from a local dairy and a new range of frozen ready meals. Coming soon will be some additions to our wine shelves from a new supplier. Are you one of the many keen gardeners in Otterton? And do you sometimes have surplus fruit and vegetables? Home-grown donations are always extremely popular with our customers! There are various 'behind the scenes' tasks that the shop team would value support with, ranging from word-processing to admin, cleaning and maintenance jobs. Some would take around an hour a week and others less frequently, so if you think you could help, please ask Valerie, our Manager, for more information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The first draft of our neighbourhood plan has now been submitted to the East Devon Neighbourhood Planning Team for a health check. The team will advise whether or not it meets the basic conditions and we will address any concerns they have, prior to the commencement of the pre-submission consultation period. The pre-submission consultation period will last for at least 6 weeks, during which time everyone who lives, works or runs a business in the parish will be made aware of the consultation start and end date, where the plan may be viewed (both location and online) and how to comment on it. Your feedback will be important in this process. We will also make the plan available for the statutory consultees, for example the Environment Agency, Natural and Historic England and any other interested parties. For those of you who do not wish to read a lengthy document, we intend to produce a concise leaflet that will set out the main aims and the focus of the policies in the plan.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in April

Wednesday 3rd Quiz Night at 8pm

Monday 1st & 15th Talking Pictures with Maggie Giraud; Tuesday 2nd & 9th Art History Talk with Lin Holdridge

Now taking restaurant bookings for Easter weekend (Fri 19th - Mon 22nd). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Pub will be closed on Wednesday 10th April for a private function.

CHARITY MUSIC NIGHT - Friday 10th May – Otterton Village Hall

'SOLAR' – a 6 piece Funk, Disco and Soul band. 6 very talented musicians, including Annika Skoogh on vocals, return after 3 years to perform their dance floor filler classics. In aid of RD&E Paediatric Oncology Fund and Interface Uganda.

BAR, raffle, coffee, tea and cake, plus free bowls of roast potatoes. £10 entry.

To reserve tickets, email suemogers@yahoo.co.uk or call 568072

OTTERTON MILL

We are hoping to have completed a major upgrade to our visitor facilities over the Easter period with new toilets and farm shop buildings. Hot cross buns will be available from our Food Shop from 4th April.

Milling dates - 4th & 18th

Music - Steve Tilson - After 40 impressive years in the business, Steve goes from strength to strength. One of this country's greatest singer/songwriters and a fine guitarist, many of his songs have become modern folk-song classics, covered by the likes of Fairport Convention, Dolores Keane and others. Steve will perform from his brilliant recent album Ziggurat, plus brand new material and old favourites. All tickets £15 (ticket price covers music only). Pre-booking required. Food served 6pm to 7.30pm, music starts at 8pm. Please call the ticket line 01395 568521 to book.

JUMBLE SALE, EAST BUDLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale on Saturday 2nd March which was in aid of OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH. We made an incredible £400 plus filling many bags for the Bags2School scheme which will produce funds for the Raleigh Federation and providing Bric a Brac for many of the local charity shops. We hope to run a jumble sale every term supporting local charities and the Raleigh Federation and our next one is scheduled for 1st June. Thank you all for your help from the former Little Otters Team.

EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: East Budleigh had a fine win recently in a thrilling match against their old rivals, Sidmouth, in the championship section of the Exeter and District Chess League. The club captain struck first with an attack against his opponent's King which he could not repel. Mike Lee soon followed with an imaginative win on bd 4 against an opponent he has played many times before. Sidmouth hit back as Barbara Newcombe on bd 3 found her Sidmouth player too hot to handle in a long tricky Knight ending in which she was two pawns down. She made him work hard for his win and was unlucky not to draw. So it came down to Jonathan Waley on bd 2 to seal the victory against an opponent who to no avail played on in order to try and stop a Sidmouth defeat. Final score 3-1 to East Budleigh. The next club night is on **Thursday 11th April** at 6.50pm at the All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh. For more information please contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone at 01395 442060.

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

After a very successful team conference with guest speaker Exeter Chiefs Director of Rugby, Rob Baxter, we're pleased to confirm Season 2019 has started well. Over 90 team attended the motivational day, the vast majority of employees local to Otterton and the surrounding areas. It has been wonderful to welcome many new local faces into our 5-star team. We've still some job opportunities available within the Three Rocks Complex, Housekeeping department & Reception for the season – simply drop in your CV in or contact lisaspickett@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

The winter of 2018/19 has seen a much-improved conservation effort on park with the addition of extensive tree planting & creating new native hedgerows. Always proud to maintain our Gold Accolade from David Bellamy and Honey Bee Pledge, we are sure our recent improvements will no doubt be appreciated by many.

Swimming with the family? Don't forget parking is free of charge after 3pm for all guests Monday-Friday within the off-peak season. Prices to swim will remain at the 2018 rates - adult £4.95 and child £3.95, under 3's free. Otterton residents are also eligible to receive free weekday parking (excluding peak season) - simply pop in to reception with proof of your address to collect your locals pass. Whilst we welcome guests from the local area, for safety reasons, we would kindly request that all children under the age of 16 have a parent or guardian present on the park at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and support with regards to our Holiday Home movements; our main hire fleet is now in place for 2019. Any further deliveries or collections for the season will be published on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page and the Otterton residents website.

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.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Bicton Arena International Horse Trials will take place between 19th-21st April. Traffic is likely to be busy through Yettington, with horse lorries arriving from Thursday 18th. Because this event falls over the Easter Weekend, the team are keen to make the Easter Sunday great fun for all the family. The horse trials are great for spectators of all ages with plenty to see, food stalls and a licenced bar. The **Tractor Ted** roadshow will join us on Easter Sunday with a range of activities for youngsters. There will also be a children's Easter Egg Hunt and a Dog Show. This month's Countryside Learning article focusses on Chalara or ash dieback, which is set to challenge landowners and change the landscape for many decades to come. To read please visit *Otterton Village Website* www.otterton.info

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A Double Show with The Zoots is being held in aid of **Budleigh Hospiscare** on **Saturday 11th May** at Budleigh Public Hall. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £15 available from Otterton Community Shop or Budleigh Tourist Information Centre. Come and enjoy **Sounds of the 60s and 70s** with this exciting band who have been wowing

audiences around the world with their spectacular sound.

HARMONIES AT THE HUB: Singing Workshop, Saturday 13th April 10.00am - 1.00pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring by treating yourself to a half-day of harmony singing: songs to lift your spirits, boost your energy and nurture your soul! Complete beginners and experienced singers equally welcome, no music-reading ability needed – all songs will be taught by ear. Come along for an uplifting and fun singing session, open to all. Cost £10 / £7 concessions. Venue: The Budleigh Hub, Budleigh Salterton Hospital, East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6HF.

To book your place - Email: singwithbecca@gmail.com or telephone: 01392 437792 or 07717 846814.

HUB HARMONIES : Budleigh Salterton's new community choir, starting Wednesday 15th May 10.30am-12.30pm

Complete beginners and experienced singers are all welcome at our weekly sessions of harmony singing! Gospel, rock, folk, jazz, African, Eastern European. Come along and enjoy singing songs from a wealth of musical cultures from around the world. It's joyful, energising and inspiring - just what we all need! Led by Natural Voice Practitioner Becca Flintham. Wednesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm, weekly from 15th May to 24th July (half term break on Wednesday 29th May). Venue: The Budleigh Hub, Budleigh Salterton Hospital, East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6HF. Cost: £6 per session / £4 concessions. For more info, email: singwithbecca@gmail.com or telephone: 01392 437792 or 07717 846814.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

● **300th Anniversary 1719 - 2019: Salem** (short for Jerusalem), was built in **1719** for a Presbyterian Congregation. This dissenting congregation was first formed in **1709** under the first known Minister **Roger Beadon**. It is said that the congregation met secretly in a barn in Frogmore Lane. **The Act of Toleration 1689** with certain conditions and exceptions, granted dissenters the '**Freedom to Worship**'. Toleration was further increased after the death of Queen Anne in 1714, which probably led to the building of the Chapel. Historically and architecturally it is an important building which has been granted **Grade 11*** status. It is owned by The Historic Chapels Trust, Charity No. 1017321.

● **Date for your Diary: Sixth Annual Art and Craft Exhibition** by pupils from the Raleigh Federation (Drake's and Otterton Schools), will take place **8th & 9th June** as part of the Village Scarecrow Festival - details to follow.

● **Visiting Salem Chapel:** should you wish to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1762 - 1972, associated literature and displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day or even meet our **resident bats**, please use one of the contact details below.

● **Availability:** These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire. The Schoolroom can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a wide range of activities and our rates are **reasonable**. If you are interested, please contact **01395 446189** or **email salembookingseb@mail.com** Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) **www.hct.org.uk**

● **Follow us:** on the website for HCT and follow the link for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh.

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

Before the Second World War started in 1939, the Ladram Bay Holiday Park had been leased to John Palmer of Budleigh Salterton. On the outbreak of the War, Army Authorities requisitioned the camp site, charging Mr Palmer a token rent. It became derelict and Mr Carter at Sea View Farm was given permission to grow crops on it. At the end of the War, Mr Palmer took over the lease again. Mr Carter eventually took over the Holiday Park lease from Mr Palmer in 1953. (See Otterton, Devon/History Website)

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 May edition is Thursday 18th April LATEST please.**