

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR APRIL			
<u>SUNDAY 1st APRIL – Easter Day</u>			
6.30 am	Daybreak service on Budleigh beach in front of the Long Boat Café		
9.30am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 8th APRIL</u>			
8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 15th APRIL</u>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
2.00 pm	Baptism		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 22nd APRIL</u>			
10.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<u>TUESDAY 24th APRIL</u>			
3.30pm	Holy Communion at 27 Russell Drive, East Budleigh		
<u>SUNDAY 29th APRIL</u>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion East Budleigh and Otterton	CW	East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 6th MAY</u>			

8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am Otterton.			

ST GEORGE'S DINNER

On Saturday 21st April, at 7pm in the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend a Dinner to celebrate (2 days early!) St George's Day. English fare will be provided but please bring your own liquid refreshments. Cost £12.50 per head, payable on the door. Please contact David Ottley on 567701 or email dgottley@gmail.com to book your ticket(s).

View from The Venerable Dr Trevor Jones

Dear Friends,

The recent bad weather we have experienced leads me to one conclusion – life is fragile. When we awake in the morning, when we venture out, we can never predict the outcome. Management theories may abound with 'outcomes', even if I may dare say it in the life of the Church, but this is almost counter cultural to the gift of life God has bestowed on us. Whilst I may be circumspect about predicting 'outcomes' I firmly believe that we need to approach sharing in God's mission with 'intentionality'. We must be intentional in what we believe and in what flows from what we believe, that is what we do.

Intentionality clearly has its roots in resurrection faith. God intends that nothing is lost. God is our creator, our redeemer and our sustainer. If we believe that then we believe that nothing is lost. We die, yes; that is part of the fragility of life. But as in the beginning God creates so in the end God brings us to a new creation.

Easter Day, 1st April, provides us with the opportunity to breathe in afresh this wonderful news and sends us out to live this good news of God's intention for us every day of our lives. And should someone call you an 'April fool', so be it. With all that God intends for us why be afraid? After all, 'We are fools for Christ's sake' (I Corinthians 4: 10)

A happy and joyful Eastertide be with you all!

Trevor Jones archdeacontrevor@gmail.com

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From Michael, Sue, Abi and family: We would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and support during the last few weeks, and for such a wonderful turnout at the church for Edwina's funeral. We have taken great comfort in knowing how many people care and are thinking of us.

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 Parish Council would like to thank all the 'unsung heroes' who helped neighbours and those in need during the recent snowy weather and the flooding of the entrance to the village; your help is very much appreciated. Thanks also to those with 4 wheel drive vehicles who helped transport nurses and doctors to the various medical centres and hospitals in the area. We also thank the Management at Ladram Bay for their generous offer to clear roads (which for reasons of health and safety was not accepted) and for offering stock for the Community Shop to help residents avoid the need to travel. It is actions such as these that make a lovely community – thank you.

On a less fabulous note but to keep our village clean please see the following:-

Dog Fouling - To Report a Stray Dog or Dog Fouling:

You should contact environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk or phone them on 01395 517456 or download the East Devon App to report a stray dog or dog fouling eastdevon.gov.uk/app This App for your Smartphone provides for residents to "Report It", and gives dates of your waste collections, Planning Information and many other very useful bits of information. It's easy to use for dog fouling as it provides a map for the location and a photograph can be added very easily.

Green Waste collections are coming soon - For the lucky early customers for this Garden Waste Collection service which will be collected every other week except January for £48, you will not need to pay the £20 charge for the Green Bin. Sign up at eastdevon.gov.uk/green or call 01395 571515

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THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – from Carron Saunders, Executive Headteacher

Throughout the Spring Term 2018, our topic across the Raleigh Federation has been "Oh, What a beautiful world." For the youngest pupils, that theme has lent itself to a study of aspects of local environment, whilst the older children have been studying the Rainforest.

The Easter holidays begin on Good Friday, 30th March and we return to school on Monday 16th April. The theme for the Summer Term is "Food, Glorious Food", in which our school allotment will come into full use, along with many other activities. Please see the Class Pages on our website to "get a flavour" (no pun intended) of some of the learning that is going on.

Alongside all the curriculum and the Summer Term's special events (such as the Art Exhibition, Sports Day, Summer Production, Leavers' Service, etc), the children in several year groups will be tested on the Maths and Literacy skills against national standards; there are SATs tests for the children in Year 2 and 6 and the phonics screening test for the children in Year 1. As a school, we continually try to build up the children's ability to apply their skills and knowledge in new situations; we encourage them to persevere and be resilient in problem-solving situations, wanting them to enjoy the journey of learning, tackling challenges and taking delight in the wonders of a new discovery. We need the children to have a positive growth mindset in this mastery approach to the curriculum.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No report this month.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next Evening Meeting is on 17th April, a talk by Mike and Edna Squires on 'Feebers Garden'. This is an interesting account of Mike and Edna's garden at Feebers Cottage. Broadclyst. This 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.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Spring Show which is predominantly a flower show with over 60% of the exhibits being flowers and shrubs. This was due to the lack of varieties of daffodils in flower at the time, the drastic reduction of camellias and flowering shrubs and the possibility of there being no entries in many of the classes. We felt by making the decision as early as possible some people would not then incur unnecessary expense. We thank you for your understanding and we look forward to you entering the Autumn Show. For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk or contact Ro Smith on 01395 568871 or E-Mail ro@otterton.info

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

The shop managed to stay open and stocked in spite of the snow, power cuts and floods! We were grateful to the volunteers who trudged through the snow and stayed beyond their shifts to help. A big 'thank you' to Robin Carter who helped us with some additional supplies of milk and bread. We were fortunate that our milk supplier, Trewithen from Cornwall, enabled us to return to our normal stock levels much more quickly than some of the local, large supermarkets, to the pleasant surprise of many of our customers. It was nice to welcome some new faces, who were surprised and appreciative to find that they had a shop with a wide range of competitively-priced products right on their doorstep!

Our local children have been keen to take part in our Easter Egg colouring competition, encouraged no doubt by the tasty-looking Easter Egg prizes! We have attractive Easter cards in stock and hope to start selling plants again in time for Easter. We will be open every day over the Easter Holiday – Good Friday 8.30–3pm; Saturday 8-3pm; Sunday 8.30–12 noon; BH Monday 8.30–3pm.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL - "Sit Down Yoga"

On Tuesdays at 10am, starting on 20th March, there will be a new class for all ages and abilities. This will be "Sit Down Yoga". The idea of this class is to exercise gently and to spend a pleasant hour or so with others. The first six weeks will be free, and tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. So why not come along and have a go? There is a poster on the Village Hall noticeboard giving some idea of what this involves.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in April:

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – Art History Talks

16th and 23rd – Talking Pictures

Easter Sunday (1st) – Food available 12noon till 8pm

4th – Pub Quiz

New menu to be launched during the month.

OTTERTON MILL

From April, we are now open daily 10am-5pm seven days a week.

Easter weekend: With lots of new artists and suppliers now on board for 2018 we look forward to showcasing these over the Easter weekend and holiday period. The Gallery is running a monthly free to enter draw for a chance to win a Cream Tea for two so pop over and fill in an entry; it could be you!

Hot Cross Buns: The famed Hot Cross Bun Run starts 17th March and ends after Easter; be sure to get yours!

Milling: 5th & 19th

Music:

5th - We are delighted to welcome American singer-songwriter Jess Klein on her first visit to the Mill. Jess learned to play acoustic guitar and started writing songs while living in Kingston, Jamaica in her late teens and her first release *Draw Them Near* received 3.5 out of 4 stars from USA Today. On a worldwide tour, Jess performed before an audience of 70,000 at the Fuji Rock Festival in Japan. Jess's latest album *City Garden* was awarded 5 stars by MOJO Magazine and The Boston Globe has described her as "Quite simply one of the most gifted performers this area has produced."
www.jessklein.com

19th - A welcome return for BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Musician of the Year (2009), Tom McConville, a singer and fiddle player extraordinaire. Drawing on traditional music from his Newcastle home with Irish, American and Scottish influences, he creates a truly original sound combining jazz, folk, bluegrass and classical roots. Expect a heart-stopping, virtuoso performance, from fast rhythmic dance tunes through beautiful slow airs, all punctuated by Tom's inimitable Geordie wit. Tom has recorded with and appeared alongside Stephane Grappelli, Barbara Dickson, Lindisfarne, Richard Thompson and many others on well over a hundred albums, and Seth Lakeman and Kate Rusby cite him as hugely influential to their work. www.tommconville.co.uk
Tickets are selling fast so drop into the Gallery or call 01395 568521 to check availability.

Events: 21st-22nd - St George's Weekend - Celebrate England's national saint with a very British menu at the Mill. Lunchtime service is from 11.45am to 3pm. To book your table please phone the Restaurant on 01395 567041.

THE OLD VICARAGE

The residents and staff of The Old Vicarage would like to say a big thank you to everybody for the kind offers of help and sympathy during the recent inclement weather conditions. It was much appreciated.

Advance notice: our Annual Coffee Morning will take place on **Thursday 14th June 2018**. It will be our thirtieth annual coffee morning and we hope you will be able to celebrate this milestone with us. Our chosen charities this year will be the RNLI and Millwater School.

LITTLE OTTERS PRE-SCHOOL

Little Otters have had a busy month making the most of the various weather conditions; we have walked, jumped in puddles and looked for snowflakes and snowdrops. We have also enjoyed lots of singing this month and now have a lovely repertoire of songs for which we need an audience!

The children have also enjoyed joining the school for the 'Open the book' sessions in All Saints Church. Thank you so much to James and the team for the huge effort put into bringing the Bible stories to life.

Over the last month we have spent several days at Otterton School ensuring that the children who are going to make a transition to Otterton are as familiar with the school as those at Drake's.

Next term we have some availability on each session; we are currently open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you are interested in learning more about our work or have a potential Little Otter do pop in and see us. Please phone 01395 443871 to make an appointment. Little Otters also have a vibrant Toddler Group which runs on a Thursday afternoon in the East Budleigh Church Hall between 1.00 – 3.00; do come along and have a cup of tea whilst your little ones play. For more information call 443871.

FROM 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.

EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: Brian Gosling, rather surprisingly, is the winner of the **East Budleigh Club Championship** as he managed to beat the holder, musician Kevin Hurst. The other places of the championship have still to be decided as this report goes to press. The **West of England Chess Championships** which this year are at the **Manor Hotel, Exmouth**, will be played over the Easter weekend. Friendly and ladder games will be played on the next club night. **Chessbase.com** is offering a place on the internet where friends and members of a club can play chess matches against each other for **free**. East Budleigh Chess Club is hoping to take up the offer and this may appeal to potential players who may for various reasons not wish to play over-the-board chess. See Keverelchess.com and Chessdevon.org.uk websites for more local chess news and entry forms for tournaments. The next meeting is Thursday 12th April at 6:50pm at the All Saints Church Hall. Brian Gosling brigosling@aol.com 01395 442060.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Bryony Parkinson, Marketing, PR & Events Co-ordinator

With the season well underway we're thoroughly excited as our new Splash Zone will be finished soon! This sensational multi-activity outdoor zone will be 18m x 9m, Ocean themed and include interactive water features, spray guns & a pirate ship, perfect for exploration and adventures to keep the kids entertained for hours. With this exciting new development there's no better time to visit, especially within our off-peak season. We offer free parking from 3pm excluding school holidays & weekends. (Pool admission- Adults £4.95, Children £3.95). Our opening times are 9am – 5.45pm off peak, or 9am – 6.45pm peak. (Please be aware peak prices will be in operation throughout school holidays). Planning your next night out? Why not visit us for an evening and enjoy some of our amazing April acts to put a spring in your step. Here are some examples of the delights on offer:

- Tuesday 3rd April – Richie Austin – Magician
- Saturday 14th April – Roger Parkes – 'Ladram favourite' Vocalist & Musician; Saturday 28th April – Souled Out – Soul Band

We also have some wonderful daytime workshops from Exmoor Zoo - view the full list of visiting acts at <https://www.ladrambay.co.uk/whats-on/>

We're delighted to announce a new family deal from our 'Coast' takeaway. The family meal deal includes:

- 2 x Cod & Chips; 2 x Children's Meal Boxes; 1 x Large Side; 1 x 1.5ltr Soft Drink; 1 x 500ml Ice Cream

This fantastic offer is only £22.99 – perfect for kids & big kids alike!

Looking for a new challenge? We're still recruiting for seasonal positions within our complex. To find out more or apply with your CV and covering letter please email lispickett@ladrambay.co.uk We look forward to seeing you soon.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

- Just one event this month, but you are welcome to visit at any time - contact details below.
- **'Acoustic Folk Concert'**, 15th April, 4 - 10 pm, £25 to include free drink and choice of Tapas, courtesy of 'POP-UP' Polsloe! Featuring: - **Emily Smith** and **Jamie McClennan, Miranda Sykes, Reg Meuros** and **The Ellis Gang**. Contact David Ash for tickets and further information on, 01395 445346 or email davidash@btinternet.com
- Follow us on the website for H.C.T. (The Historic Chapels Trust). www.hct.org.uk and look 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; the Schoolroom has toilets and a small kitchen and can be hired separately. Charges are reasonable and competitive. For enquiries and bookings, please contact the keyholder on 01395 446189 or salembookingse@mail.com Alternatively, use the contact page on the H.C.T. website www.hct.org.uk

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

Some of us can remember when there were working farms in the village. As late as the 1980s, Otterton Barton, Watering and Stantyway Farms were still operating from the village street. The Barton was originally the Manor Farm run by monks at Otterton

Priory. By the late 18th century, it had a tenant farmer – Thomas Tillman. In 1802 the farm of 751 acres was divided and the southern half (435 acres) became South Farm. The Estate took over the Barton Farm in 1972 to 1989 when the dairy herd was driven down the railway line to its new home at Colaton Raleigh and the farm buildings rebuilt as houses – “Rolle Barton”. (To be continued)

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 Friday 20th April LATEST please.**