



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

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

SUNDAY 10th APRIL

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

FRIDAY 15th APRIL – Good Friday

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| 7.00 pm | Cross of Christ | | East Budleigh |
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SUNDAY 17th APRIL – Easter Day

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

SUNDAY 24th APRIL

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

SUNDAY 1st MAY

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

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

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Otterton Parish Council Open Day event at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th March. There is so much going on in this lovely village and it was great to have the opportunity to share information. Thanks also to new Councillor Melanie Martin for her hard work and organisation to make the morning a success.

A session has been arranged to train folk on how to use the Village Defibrillator on Monday 25th April at 3pm in the Village Hall. The training is free of charge but donations are sought which will go to the Disaster's Emergency Committee to support their work in Ukraine. If you would like a place on the training session, please contact Fran Mills.

On Friday 18th March the Devon Air Ambulance Emergency landing site at Stantyway Recreation Ground was officially opened. The Parish Council is very grateful to the sponsors whose generous donations enabled this project to be completed for the benefit of the community.

Otterton Parish Council has 2 vacant positions; if you are interested in supporting the work of the Council or just in finding out more, do come along to the next meeting on 4th April. This will be our APCM and the occasion on which the Chair of the Council and representatives for local bodies are elected.

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View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

What on earth could be happening in church in April? – oh yes, I remember, it is Easter!

I say “happening in church” but actually Easter happens everywhere and is a celebration and extension of our understanding of life, which is revealed though what happened on that first Easter Sunday, as being not constrained between the parameters of physical life and death but lived against the infinite horizon that is God.

The eternal cycle of life and death is now life, death and NEW life. You can see that cycle writ large in nature which embodies the scientific truth that nothing can be created and nothing can be destroyed - it simply changes into something different.

What we do in church is celebrate that eternal truth that was revealed to an incredulous world on that first Easter morning when Jesus’ tomb was found empty, and his disciples experienced him as alive in a very real (but different and mysterious) way that defies explanation.

Having your perspectives changed so hugely affects the way you see and experience everything. It will also change the way you think and act.

Seeing and experiencing the world from God’s perspective, all troubles, strife and turmoil are transient and yet they all mean something because the nature of God is Love.

Knowing you are loved unconditionally is a life-changing thing both when experienced from another human being and even more so when experienced from God. You become a more confident, courageous and humble person who is free to live their life fearlessly.

Easter is much more than what happened to Jesus on that first Easter morning. It is about you and what it means to be fully human.

Happy Easter,

Martin

Thank you to John for helping me write my first ever intercessions - couldn't have done it without you!

Stacey

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy time at Otterton in the run up to Easter; the children have been out and about on trips and visits and have taken part in a number of sporting events.

Otters Class and Hedgehogs (our pre-school children) went on a visit to Otter Farm in Colaton Raleigh, welcomed by the Clinton Devon Estates team, and had a brilliant visit. They loved learning all about the cows, hearing how much they eat and how they make milk for us to drink, and they were even treated to some delicious milk shakes!

On World Book Day, dressed in their pyjamas, the children at Otterton CofE Primary School enjoyed spending the day with their friends and the classes came together to share stories and ideas. They were even treated to hot chocolate and biscuits; what a wonderful way to celebrate our love of books and reading.

Some of the KS2 children took part in a Dance Festival organised by the Dartmoor School Sports partnership; they learnt lots of new dance styles and techniques and were part of the finale dance with all the children from the other schools taking part.

On Wednesday 9th March, England Football and Barclays put on the biggest EVER football session for girls in school and we signed up to be a part of this. At lunchtime on 9th March, lots of the girls in our school joined in, playing football as part of the #LetGirlsPlay campaign.

We did some fundraising for Comic Relief; the children came to school wearing red and we held a cake sale after school. In April, the children from Otterton and Drake's will be doing a sponsored walk for the people of Ukraine.

The cross-country runners were back in action again as well, taking part in an Exmouth Learning Community Cross Country Event at Bicton Arena; as always, they tried their absolute hardest and represented our school brilliantly, making us feel very proud.

Otters Class have also been on a visit to the Axe Valley Wildlife Park as part of their learning about animals. They enjoyed a great visit, meeting lots of different animals and learning about their care needs and where they live.

We are always happy to welcome new families to our school; if you would like to come and have a look at what we have to offer, please contact the office on 01395 568326 or adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

At last we were able to hold our Spring Village Show after a hiatus of 2 years! The sun shone, the Hall was bedecked with flowers, plants, foliage, tasty produce and excellent photographs. Thank you all for your entries which helped make the Show a big success. The Autumn Show is on 10th September and the photographic subjects are "People and Gardens" and "Treescapes" so you will have plenty of time to get snapping! For a full report on the show please go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk.

Our next talk will be on 19th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will be given by Julia Tremlett on "The National Gardens Scheme". We will hear about the history of the NGS and hopefully about some lovely gardens for us to visit this year.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Our principal grocery supplier, Bookers, is not only increasing prices but also imposing a delivery charge upon us that will cost the shop £1,800 a year. With the support of Simon Jupp MP, representations have been made to the Competition and Markets Authority and the senior management of Bookers, but they remain intent on imposing the charge and appear to show little concern for the impact this will have on community shops and other charitable undertakings. Such are the challenges we face in keeping the shop viable and able to serve you all.

Meanwhile, the shop has a new fruit and veg supplier which has improved the quality of the stock and enabled us to reduce our prices, so take a look when you are next in the shop.

A number of shop volunteers will be undertaking defibrillator training that is being offered in the Village Hall at 3pm on Monday 25th April. We encourage all those who can, to attend.

Finally, shareholders should note that the 2022 AGM will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 21st June 2022**. One for the diary.

THE FORMER LITTLE OTTERS will be holding a fundraising Jumble Sale at East Budleigh Village Hall at 10am on **9th April**. Entrance is 50p and refreshments will be available. All profit from the morning will go to Pete's Dragons in Exmouth and any remaining jumble will be recycled or go to good causes. This is a fabulous way to support a very worthy cause whilst taking a small step to save the planet so please support us if you can. To drop off jumble or arrange for collection **please contact Fran on 01395 568732**. We look forward to hearing from you.

OTTER FITNESS

I am Matthew Meek, an Otterton resident and Level 3 Personal Trainer/Fire Fighter. At present I have three classes running every Thursday at 7am, 9.30am and 6pm in Otterton Village Hall. Each class lasts for 45 minutes, with emphasis on those of any fitness level or age who would like to come and have a great work out.

Based around a strength and conditioning element, with weights, circuits and chair-based activity, the classes are fun and inclusive. A weekend outdoor fitness element will be starting shortly.

The price is £6.50 per class or £60 for 10 classes. Booking is essential: please contact Matthew - 07449 170992 or fitotter@mail.com

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

It was good to be part of Otterton Parish Council's Open Morning in March and talk about the Estate, the Pebbled Heaths and countryside matters with local people. Last month the children at Otterton Primary School took the opportunity to ask questions about the *Lower Otter Restoration Project* and learn more about the changes taking place on their local river. In the coming months we will be offering a series of guided site visits and will publish dates and details here.

For a spring update with all the information about upcoming works for the LORP, visit Countryside Learning on village website at www.otterton.info A new KIER@Lower Otter Facebook page has the most up to date construction information and if you have any questions or concerns about the site works, please do not hesitate to contact Kier either by email at exmouth.PLO@kier.co.uk or mobile on 07716 223056.

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EXMOUTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP

EDCTG is a local charity. Contact details are as follows:

www.exmouthringandride.org.uk - Email edctg@btconnect.com: Tel: 01395 26 66 62 Office hours 10am to 1.30pm

We are a partnership with Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, and with the Parish/Town Councils to provide transport for people with a mobility problem who cannot access the nearest bus stop or public transport so they can be as independent as possible. We have 2 x 8-seater minibuses and a wheelchair accessible car for individual journeys. The minibuses have seats that can be removed to accommodate wheelchairs, small steps and a passenger lift. The journeys have to be booked a day in advance. We pick people up at their front door and return them there, with help from the driver, and we charge a return fare. There are timetabled journeys for shopping. We arrange trips to local pubs, restaurants, coffee, seafronts, silver screen. We advertise our timetable in the Community Shop.

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORIN) Update

Many thanks to David Ottley who has stepped down from the committee after several years as a valued trustee of ORIN. Rev Martin Jacques is now Chair. The charity will continue to offer financial help within the village. Please send any future requests to orin.charity@gmail.com

THE KING'S ARMS

Open every day for food. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, please visit www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

OTTERTON MILL

News: Our hot cross buns are on sale in our Farm Shop; these are always very popular and sell out quickly so please ring the Farm Shop on 01395 568031 to place an order to avoid disappointment. We have a wide selection of Easter goodies in our Mill Shop and Farm Shop. Our Friday Night Fish and Chips and Pizza nights will be starting again on 15th April, available from 5pm to 7pm; please ring the restaurant on 01395 567041 to place an order.

Music: 6th April - Boo Hewerdine - An intimate performance from the big man with a voice as smooth as vintage port! A song writing legend, Boo's hit songs stretch back over two decades and many genres. Former leader of the great 80s band The Bible, Boo has had his songs recorded by kd lang, Paul Young, Natalie Imbruglia and even Mel C. Critically acclaimed, he's been described as "One of the best...", "Consistently accomplished..." and "Amongst the finest we have...". Expect an evening of brilliant words, catchy tunes, and Boo's laid-back, dry delivery.

5th May - Michelle Lewis - This is Michelle Lewis's first visit to the Mill. More polished than folk and more personal than pop, Michelle writes intensely visual songs with a gut punch of emotion. As a storyteller, she explores life's defining moments, juggling the immediacy of first-hand experience with the serenity of emotional wisdom. Her lyrics find beauty in sadness and her music is rich with melody. Guided by her musical influences – Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Patty Griffin, and Jewel among others – Michelle's style is truly her own. Tickets £15 (covers music only). To book, please call 01395 568521 or visit our Mill Shop in the Mill building. Doors open at 6pm.

Milling: 10th & 24th

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

Easter is here! Later sunsets, warmer weather and happy, smiling faces enjoying the great British holiday here at Ladram Bay. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a peaceful and family-focussed springtime full of joy.

Please be advised between March - October all facilities will be closed to local guests. We very much look forward to welcoming you back again for our winter opening from November 2022.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We're recruiting now for a variety of seasonal positions including Lifeguards, Housekeeping team, Restaurant and Bar team, Chefs, Kitchen Team, Maintenance, Reception, Security, Takeaway assistants, plus supervisors. Submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered. We're also excited to launch our apprentice scheme, the perfect opportunity to gain on the job experience alongside recognised qualifications within your chosen field. These programmes will be available within our Sport & Leisure plus Maintenance departments and will include full support from professional and experienced tutors plus working alongside our dynamic teams. To find out more please contact Ianbaker@ladrambay.co.uk (Sport & Leisure) or mattvining@ladrambay.co.uk (Maintenance).



The Zoots, a multi award winning band bringing us Sounds of the 70s and 80s

Saturday 30th April - Doors and Bar open 7pm for 8pm start

Public Hall, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6HF

Tickets £15 available from Hospiscare Shop, Budleigh Salterton, Budleigh Information Centre or phone 01395 445876 – email k.harrison@hospiscare.co.uk

This amazing band have played over 1000 shows and toured over 35 countries. They are recent winners of the 2021 Global Entertainment Best Pop Rock Music Act. As regular performers at theatres, festivals and events worldwide, they are no strangers to entertaining. So dust off your dancing shoes (and 70s/80s fancy dress if you want to!) and join us for what promises to be a great evening. All profits from ticket sales and the fully licensed bar will go to **Budleigh Salterton & District Hospiscare**, the local community charity funding palliative care for patients of Budleigh Salterton Medical Centre and Woodbury Surgery.

There will be limited unreserved seating so please arrive early if you wish to secure a seat.

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Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk; <http://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

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

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