



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 15th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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



Jane's Jams and Chris's Paperback Book Stalls



Please come and support us on **Sunday 1st August** 2pm - 4pm on Otterton Village Green, to raise funds for Otterton Church. If raining, the sale will be rearranged for Sunday 15th August.

PS No more books required but please save them for our next village fête.

View from The Vicarage

I think happiness is overrated! A bold statement you may think but only because I think that people may say they want to be happy but actually they mean they want peace and contentment.

I take that slightly more nuanced view – and we may be just talking semantics here - in that I think a permanent state of happiness is unattainable and therefore unrealistic. What I think people call “happiness” is in fact what I recognise as contentment. Being content and at peace is what we all really want and can experience. Happiness and despair are both emotional highs and lows that appear and disappear at various times – hopefully transitory (certainly in the case of sadness and despair) and afterwards we return – God willing - to that more permanent state of peace and contentment.

At a Christian blessing in church, I don't wish people happiness, I evoke the blessing “the peace of God that passes all understanding”, a state of mind / soul that Christians aspire to which has the power to transcend our physical, financial, and social constraints.

While we obviously do pray for physical, mental and societal healing, our “soul” can aspire to that divine peace that, crucially, doesn't depend on our personal circumstances.

Knowing that we are all simultaneously an infinitesimally small fraction of an infinite universe and yet intimately loved by the God of all things brings with it a sense of our honoured place in this world's rich tapestry. Not transient but eternal, apparently insignificant and yet personally known and treasured. These truths give Christian believers a peace that transcends all understanding.

So, I pray for you all that you experience contentment and peace in your life, no matter what your personal situation. The happy times and the sad times will naturally come and go and we can learn from them, but they are oscillations around a hopefully contented and peace filled life.

Love and peace,
Martin

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It hasn't been the school year that any of us could have imagined - bubbles, face masks, lockdowns, home learning, self-testing - and a lot of the children being off school for so long wasn't the plan that any of us had but the children and staff at Otterton pulled together and made the best that they could of the situation we were faced with. Despite everything, with the resilience and determination of the amazing children in our school there have been some magical moments and as the school year comes to an end, we are all thankful for each and every one of them.

The Sports Enrichment Day at East Budleigh was a huge hit with the children; they got to take part in different sporting activities, including Rugby with Exeter Chiefs, Football with Saints South West, Archery and Cycling. A huge well done to all the children for taking part and for demonstrating how brilliant you all are.

September will see some changes made at Otterton; our numbers will be such that we have had to take the difficult decision to move to a 2 class structure - Key Stage 1, made up of Otters Class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Hedgehogs which are our new Foundation Stage Unit children and Key Stage 2, Heron Class, which will be the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Whilst we realise that for some of our parents this was difficult news, the future of our school and the wellbeing of the children in our care are our priorities and this move means that we can offer ongoing stability for them going forward. We hope that in time, when numbers increase, then we will be able to return to a 3 class structure.

Our Foundation Stage Unit looks like it is going to be off to a great start with 6 children having currently signed up, this is an encouraging start and we hope that steady growth will continue. If you are interested in a place for your child then please get in touch with us for more details or an application form.

We would like to thank our local community for their ongoing help and support and hope that the links that COVID got in the way of can now begin to be re-established. We have some exciting plans in mind and hope to be able to extend a warm welcome into our school to some members of our community early into the new school year.

As always, if you would like to contact the school you can do so on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy We also have an active Facebook page where you can keep up to date with the latest school news and see what the children have been up to; search for Otterton CofE Primary School.

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Summer is upon us and the lovely weather and onset of the school holidays will bring many folk to beautiful East Devon. As always, please be tolerant and ease the flow of traffic through the village by parking considerately. With many people walking, it is especially important not to park on the hatched area beside the stream near the pub to allow a virtual pavement for pedestrians. The Parish Council with the help of County Councillor Jess Bailey, continue to press for early repainting of road markings in the village. At the last meeting of the Parish Council it was also agreed to seek funding for replacement of equipment in the Jubilee playpark. If you have experience of making successful funding applications and have time to help with this project, the Parish Council would love to hear from you; please contact the Clerk. The next meeting of the PC will take place on Monday 6th September in Otterton Village Hall unless Government guidelines change.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Covid again! Although the Government have eased the lockdown restrictions, caution is still advised, and the shop will be keeping in place all the measures previously taken to limit the spread of the virus and provide protection for our customers and staff. Those entering the shop will be asked to wear a mask, apply hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing. By maintaining this discipline, we hope to keep the virus at bay and the shop trading as it has throughout the pandemic.

The 2022 Otterton Community Shop calendar is now in production and will be on sale shortly. From the final twelve photographs selected for inclusion, a view over Ladram Bay taken by Roy Morrish was voted onto the front cover and Roy is therefore winner of the £25.00 prize.

Finally, the coolest place in Otterton during warm weather? The shop, now with air-conditioning!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

The Committee met recently to discuss the feasibility of putting on the Autumn Show in September. Whilst restrictions are likely to be eased it is not clear yet what the new regulations will be for the use of the Village Hall. Our main priority is to keep everybody Covid safe and in view of the large number of people we usually get at this event, we have reluctantly decided to cancel the Show for this year. We are very sad about this as the Show is a popular and enjoyable event for both villagers and visitors alike.

However, we still expect to be able to hold the talks planned for the rest of the year i.e. 19 October, 16 November (including our social evening) and 18 January 2022 (plus the AGM).

Further information will be given in the next newsletter.

From the family of Caitlin Kelly:

Sean and Jacqueline at Three Corners have been overwhelmed by the wonderful messages of condolence and support, along with cards and flowers, that they have received since their daughter, Caitlin, passed away in May. They thank everybody who got to meet her or who have been in touch since her passing.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Although the hall is now available for hire, the committee room remains closed. Despite all legal restrictions having been lifted, it is recommended that when using the hall, you should continue to use face coverings, as well as the hand sanitiser provided. Also carry on socially distancing and allow as much ventilation as is possible, by keeping windows and doors open when the hall is in use.

OTTERTON MILL

News: We are now offering counter service when using our café restaurant, or takeaway from our horsebox in the car park. Our Gallery and Craft centre is brimming with new work for the summer and our Farm shop is stocked for all those summer time treats - local ales, cheeses, deli items from our own bakery and of course the freshest bread, baked daily on site. Our Friday evening kitchen continues throughout the summer with takeaway stone baked pizza, and beer battered fish and hand cut chips available 5pm to 7pm.

Milling: Join our Millers to see what it's all about; one thousand years of history in action and entry is free to all.

1st, 15th, 29th August.

Music, our last outside gig for 2021:

12th - Tom McConville - BBC Folk Awards Musician of the Year (2009), Tom is 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. Tom's partnership with wonderful guitarist David Newey has won worldwide acclaim. Expect a heart-stopping performance, punctuated by Tom's inimitable Geordie wit. Tickets £15.00 (price covers the music only) Pre booking required. To book, please call 01395 568521 or visit our Mill Shop in the Mill building.

THE KING'S ARMS

Adrian and the team welcome you to The King's Arms. Open every day for food - why not come and try our fresh lobster and crab which is delivered daily. We look forward to seeing you.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Himalayan balsam has made its return. After many years of dedication from staff and volunteer pullers, the main river at Otterton and floodplain is yet to become a target area for clearance, as work has prioritised driving it from upstream tributaries. However good success in the upper reaches means volunteer teams are slowly getting closer. This year they have already cleared most of the Bicton stream and a 70-metre roadside section, at the bottom of Fore Street.

Employees from Highways England have also spent a day working beside the main river below Otterton. This section, although strategically indefensible (due to seed arriving from upriver) is perfect for groups who are less used to clambering about in stream beds and wet woodlands. It certainly helps keep views of the river more open in high summer.

Read more about the conservation effort to tackle this invasive species at Otterton website www.otterton.info and contact kate.ponting@clintondevon.com 07917 104250 if you have an hour or two to spare and you'd like to get involved.

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THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

With summer seeming just around the corner for so long, it's fantastic to finally have reached the long-awaited school holidays and embrace the warmer weather and our stunning surroundings. Our beautiful beach was most appreciated last month when we had the pleasure of welcoming ITV This Morning presenter Josie Gibson plus film crew to produce a piece on paddle boarding along the Jurassic Coast with expert SUP instructor Becky Dickinson (AKA Beachy Becks). We were delighted to be featured on morning TV highlighting how truly amazing a Devon Holiday can be!

We have now made the decision to ensure our guests and Otterton residents remain safe; the park & facilities will be closed for the foreseeable future to all day visitors. Additional safety measures, such as workplace testing will continue to be used to minimise any risk to all.

Looking for some additional income? We've positions available for the summer season within a variety of roles including housekeeping, restaurant and bar team, chefs, takeaway assistants, leisure & security. To view the current jobs available visit www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/ Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

Here's to a long & sunny summer ahead!

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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.

www.otterton.info/Church/currentParishNews.pdf

www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/otterton-parish-magazine.html

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **Deadline for September edition is Tuesday 17th August latest please**