



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS
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SERVICES FOR AUGUST			
<u>SUNDAY 7th AUGUST</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 14th AUGUST</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 21st AUGUST</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 28th AUGUST</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER</u>			
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			

THANK YOU FROM RICHARD AND JILL GLADSTONE

We have lived in Otterton for nearly 17 years and are really sad to leave, although looking forward to our new lives in Sidmouth. After our retirement from our careers in the NHS, we both found great enjoyment and satisfaction from our involvement in Otterton life – Jill enjoyed the new challenges of helping to establish the community shop and Richard was able to indulge his love of photography at the many village events, as well fundraising for the Force cancer charity. Otterton is a beautiful village surrounded by beautiful countryside but what makes it so uniquely special is its people. Not long after we arrived in Otterton, our daughter Niki was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer from which she died four years later. It was the incredible kindness and practical support from the Otterton people which helped us all through those painful years and has continued to do so ever since. Although Niki's children were so young when she died, they still have very cherished memories of the times they spent here with us. We will try to continue to support Otterton events whenever we can and really would like to keep in touch with all our friends. Sidmouth is only just over the hill!

JANE'S JAMS AND CHRIS'S BOOKS

There is another opportunity to support us on **Sunday 14th August 2pm - 4pm** on Otterton Village Green to raise funds for Otterton Church. Plenty of books to choose from so no more required at the moment. If the weather is bad, it will be 2 weeks later on Sunday 28th August.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“We apologise for the delay. Your call is very important to us...” repeated ad nauseum for ages is guaranteed to make anyone’s blood boil. Speaking to a computer when you finally make contact is enough to tip you over the edge. Many young people now text, WhatsApp or email in preference to speaking to anyone in person. And everything seems to be “on-line” nowadays which is good for the companies because they don’t need to employ expensive staff but not so good if your request/query falls outside the four options given.

Lots of sectors in society are being de-personalised and, in the process, isolating and disenfranchising many people into the bargain, especially the not so young. The national church during Covid also encouraged us to put services “on-line” through necessity and then tried to encourage us to continue to do so.

I am resistant to all this “progress” because I am certain we are losing something vital in this headlong rush towards electronic modernity, and not just because I am simply a grumpy old man (which I am).

To me, church is a personal face to face encounter in the company of others, gathered together to give thanks and commune with our creator. It is a communal experience that should engage all our senses ideally and nothing electronic can replace that aspect of it.

In that sense the church is decidedly counter cultural, and whether the worship is experienced as good or not so good, it rests completely on the engagement and input of the people present so we have no one else to blame!

My fear is that the younger generation are just not experiencing enough face-to-face social interaction, with everything in society increasingly being mediated by machines, especially our phones, which I see as a form of social deprivation. The web is a wonderful thing and can be so useful of course, but not for every solitary aspect of life!

Martin

(Vicar)

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<p>SALLY AND GEOFF BURTON would like to thank everyone for their concern and kindness following Sally’s recent car accident.</p>

COUNTY COUNCIL

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear all,

The Environmental Health Team from EDDC are assisting the Parish Council in trying to cut down on the incidences of dog fouling which are spoiling some of our lovely pathways. Please look out for new signage and monitoring by the Environmental Health Team and be ready to report anyone seen to be ignoring the requests to 'pick up after your dog'. Thank you to those many responsible dog owners - it is the few that spoil it for the rest.

The Parish Council does not meet in August but will sit again on **Monday 5th September** in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public so do come along if you are interested.

Keep safe and as cool as you are able over the summer. With best wishes and thank you for your support.

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OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

The Autumn Show will take place on **Saturday 10th September** from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is free for anybody to exhibit or just come along to view the exhibits and enjoy the refreshments.

The closing date for entries is 8th September and entry forms are available from The Community Shop, Hair@57, The King’s Arms or from Iain Ure, the Show Secretary. You can also download a form from our website - www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

Apart from produce and flowers, the home-made produce classes will be 3 sausage rolls; banana loaf; 3 flapjacks and, for men only, 3 chocolate chip muffins. The photographic themes will be “People and Gardens” and “Treescapes” so still plenty of time to take those lovely photographs and to perfect your baking skills.

Enjoy the fine weather whilst it lasts but perhaps we could have just a bit of rain during the night please!



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last September, after a couple of years of bubbles and separation, everyone came back together again; there were no bubbles, no restrictions and the children were able to mix and bond like they always had, which is one of the things that makes Otterton so special.

The move into 2 classes was a big change for everyone but, like they always do, the children embraced this change with determination and resilience and have made it an absolute success.

We opened our new pre-school, starting with just 4 children at the beginning of this school year; we are finishing it with 12 which is absolutely amazing. The pre-school children have been a very welcome addition to the Otterton family; they have fitted in brilliantly and the older children love having them around. 6 of our pre-schoolers will be moving on up to Reception in September and with an additional 4 children joining us as well, we are seeing our biggest Reception cohort for a very long time which is great to see.

There have been so many highlights over this school year that we simply can't list them all, but trips to the Eden Project and to Axe Valley Wildlife Park, allotment visits, sporting activities and our end of year celebrations have all featured. It has been really special to be able to welcome parents back to school events as well - the nativity, our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party and the end of year concert and leavers service to name a few.

We are excited to see where our journey goes next year and we are looking forward to seeing what it brings.

Finally, we would like to say a HUGE thanks to the parents for their ongoing support and understanding. We appreciate how unusual, unsettling and at times daunting the last couple of years have been, but as a school community we have pulled together and got through them. This year has seen steady steps back towards what we know as normality and we hope that the next academic year will continue this way.

If you would like to contact us, please do so on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

With effect from 31st July 2022, the shop will no longer remain open on Sundays until 1.00 pm but close at 12 noon. This is a consequence of there being a shortage of volunteers available to fill the Sunday rota. Our hope is that this will be temporary.

The shop held its Annual General Meeting on 21st June 2022. Jackie Waistell was formally elected onto the Committee and has since become Secretary in place of Geoff Porter. Our thanks to Geoff for his work as Secretary over the past three years. He remains a committee member. We were able to report on a successful trading year when our turnover matched that achieved in 2020-2021 and our net profit rose slightly, which should enable us to put further money back into the village later this year. Again, this is all down to your support and the commitment of our volunteers, for whom a party will be held on 8th September at Houstern Farmhouse. Thank you all.



OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

Please remember ORINC is here to help and support in times of difficulty. Examples of help given include contributions towards rent, fuel, child care, school uniform, food bills, replacement of essential domestic items and financial support during difficult times.

To talk to us about how we could help or support, please contact us at orin.charity@gmail.com

OTTERTON MILL

News: Our ice creams are available daily in our Mill Studio along with the ever-popular Farmer Toms. Friday night pizza and fish and chips is continuing; join us from 5pm to 7pm for alfresco dining by the river, in the wildlife area or at our new picnic tables.

Music:

11th - Jack Lukeman - Jack has been virtually a household name in Ireland for the last 2 decades. In the 2 years pre covid he built an ever-growing audience in the UK by opening on full tours with The Proclaimers, Imelda May, Jools Holland, Graham Gouldman, Hazel O'Connor, Neil Sedaka and The Stylistics. All of which indicates that he appeals to a broad audience, and he has picked up loyal followers on each of those shows. As with these shows, he is currently performing solo in the UK, moving from guitar to ukulele to keyboard and accordion.

25th - Roberts & Lakeman - Duos come and duos go... and some nurture and fine tune their art and watch it grow into something totally original, captivating and award-winning. Bonded by an unseen alchemy, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have entwined their professional and personal relationship into an enviable class act of imaginative songwriting and musicianship with a story that includes over 20 years of music making with the likes of Seth Lakeman, Cara Dillon, The Levellers, Fothering, Kate Rusby and Show of Hands. Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have consolidated themselves as pillars of modern British folk. Tickets £15.00 (price covers the music only)

Milling: Join our Millers on **14th & 28th** to see what it's all about; one thousand years of history in action and entry is free to all. Our millers are always happy to answer your questions.

THE KING'S ARMS

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone for many sunny days and evenings here at The King's Arms! We're delighted to be stocking some new local drinks. The Greendale lager is going down a treat, brewed up on the Greendale Estate and very reasonably priced. The Greend'Ale is a staple here now and has proved very popular. We've also brought in a variety of local spirits such as Devon Vodka, Devon Rum, our Apple Pie Moonshine and three new Devon Gins - Dry, Pink, and Orange & Ginger. Perfect for those late summer evenings in the Beer Garden! Our new food theme nights are going down a treat; in case people have missed them, these are:

Tuesday – Steak & Grill night; **Wednesday** – Pie night; **Thursday** – Curry night

Friday – Seafood Specials; **Saturday** – Bangers & Burgers

To avoid any disappointment, advance booking is highly recommended. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mark & The Team

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Last month volunteers removed encroaching vegetation around one of the benches on the river path south of Otterton and since then it has been lovely to see how many people are resting here again. This practical conservation team, as well as some keen pupils from the King's School, have also spent time removing some of the Himalayan balsam from the west bank. Although at this time the main river is rather strategically undefendable from this invasive species, it has been good to remove a good number of the plants, to keep it in check and restore views of the Otter.

For full length article with educational round up from the summer term and news from the Lower Otter Restoration Project, visit Countryside Learning at www.otterton.info

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We really hope everyone has been making the most of the lovely sunshine. We are getting ready for a busy summer period. As always, we are looking out for any shining stars who would like to join the Ladram team this summer.

We are providing free support for local farmers as part of Devon County Council's Thrive service

THRIVE

HELPING YOU NAVIGATE
THE LATEST CHANGES

With so much change going on in the agricultural industry, we can help you work out what's right for your farm business. Sit down for free with one of our experienced agricultural advisors who can assess your business, make sense of the latest schemes such as SFI, and develop a plan to get you where you need to go.

Whether that's helping with funding applications, explaining the latest schemes and ensuring you are compliant, as well as advising on areas such as business planning, benchmarking, diversification and succession planning, we can guide you through.

As well as this free one to one support, we are also running free workshops on a range of topics such as tree planting, SFI soils standards, digital skills and financial forecasting to name a few.

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Register with us today:

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POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team: Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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 September edition is Friday 19th August latest please.**