



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 3rd 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

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear all - just a quick reminder that the Otterton Parish Council does not meet in August, and that the September meeting will take place on **11th September** (please note a week later than usual) at the usual time and place. Please send agenda items for the meeting to the Clerk by 31st August.

Please note that there are still vacancies on the Parish Council for residents passionate about the village, and also that recruiting for a new Clerk will commence in September.

For more information, do contact Melanie Martin, Chair of the Council, or the Clerk.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington,
Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW**

mobile: 07880 331465; email: clerk@otterton.info; website: www.otterton.info

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

I clicked on my on-line diary to see what was in store for August to get a little inspiration, when the first thing that caught my eye was my mum's birthday and then, at the bottom of the page, my dad's birthday. Both of them have died within the last three years and I realised that I hadn't really thought about them for a little while. Having my memory jogged quite forcibly, of course I then couldn't stop thinking about them – their lives, their marriage, my childhood, their hopes and dreams, and I became quite emotional. As a Christian, of course I believe in life eternal, so nothing that was spiritually good in their lives was wasted, but also in a very physical way, in the lives of me and my brother and sister, they are living on through us.

It is only as you get older that you start to ponder and appreciate what went before you, what made you the person you are, and times and places in our family histories take on a special, more significant role in our lives. Reminiscences of past times, occasions, weddings, funerals, baptisms, family parties at Christmas pass fleetingly in front of your eyes and you realise more fully what they mean to you.

I suppose that is why subconsciously I have always tried to give one hundred per cent to every big family occasion that I get assigned to do. They are not my family of course, but in every celebration or funeral I realise that I have privileged access to a family occasion that will be remembered, and probably enter that family's memory banks for ever; and one day that ten year old usher will be an old man who will also find himself looking back and half remembering the scene from his youth.

All things pass of course, and as an active memory it will slowly dim as the generations progress and will be mostly forgotten. Forgotten by us of course, but I have a belief in God for whom there is an eternal present, and nothing is ever wasted or lost and all that was wrong or painful is healed and put right.

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contacts: **Charlotte Fitzgerald** – charlotte.fitzgerald@eastdevon.gov.uk; **Melanie Martin** – melanie.martin@eastdevon.gov.uk;
Henry Riddell – henry.riddell@eastdevon.gov.uk

Otterton Ladies Coffee Morning

11.00 am first Monday of every month. At The King's Arms, Otterton.
Please come along and make new friends or just catch up with old ones. All welcome.
Next get-together - 11.00am Monday 7th August
Sharon 708302



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a jam-packed last few weeks of term at Otterton - sports day, a sports enrichment day where the children got to try out, amongst other things, football, archery and martial arts, and despite it being a damp day, having lots of fun; and of course, a summer performance and a fond farewell to our year 6 children as they set off on the next stage of their journeys.

We also had a wonderful afternoon at The Old Vicarage who welcomed the children to do a display of country dancing. Events like these are really special and we are so grateful to be able to offer the children these opportunities.

We had a recent OFSTED inspection in which we were graded 'Good'. We are really pleased with the outcome, and it reflects the amazing children and the fabulous staff we have in our school.

We are looking forward to September when we will welcome 11 new children to our school, 4 in pre-school, 6 in Reception and 1 in year 4. We do still have spaces in all year groups from September; please call 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy to enquire.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Anticipating holidays and the return of drier weather, thoughts turn to barbeques and our special offer of a 10% discount on pre-ordered meat including burgers, sausages, chicken, steaks and kebabs. The offer runs to the end of August so pick up a leaflet from the shop or go to the shop website for full details. There you will also see the current fish list offering a wide range of excellent quality fish and shellfish from Devon Quality Fish in Exmouth.

Marketing is a vital part of what we do, and we are looking for a volunteer to lead our promotion of the shop in all formats to maintain its profile and advertise our regular promotions, whether via social media or more traditional means. If this might be for you, contact Jeremy Wakeling via the shop email at ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com

Our newspaper crew who open up the shop each morning also need more help so if you are an 'early bird', contact Geoff Porter via the shop email to find out what is involved.

OTTERTON MILL

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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. We have a large variety of perennials, shrubs and ferns available, ideal for autumn planting.

Music

17th - Ajay Srivastav - Ajay Srivastav is a critically acclaimed musician and song writer who reflects the life and lessons learnt as a British born artist of Indian heritage, with uplifting songs of protest and change. His unique rootsy guitar style is layered with inflections of sitar and sarod. This ability to merge scales, and techniques from classical Indian music with slide guitar playing, is down to his continual search for commonality where there is difference. His albums 'Karmic Blues' and 'Powerless' are the perfect antidote to the polarised times we live in, exploring issues of division, identity, mental health, inequality and faith, often asking big questions and offering searing insights grounded in peace, positivity, and redemption. An artist we are delighted to bring to the Mill for his debut here in East Devon; one not to miss!

30th - Mississippi Macdonald - Mississippi MacDonald is a 3 times British Blues Awards nominee, from London, England. He has been playing since he was 11 years old and has travelled extensively on the US blues trail, meeting, amongst others, Pinetop Perkins, Willie Big Eyes Smith, Otis Clay and BB King. Described as an English bluesman, and a guy with his feet, soul and spirit firmly rooted in the US southern blues music tradition, "He has turned out an excellent, searing album that simply rocks and roars along from start to finish... one of those releases that come as a welcome surprise in an overcrowded blues music world these days, with genuinely top-notch writing, musicianship and grasp of just what makes a damn fine release." (Blues Magazine, NL) After a debut at the Mill in 2022, we just had to ask him back in 2023!

Milling

13th & 27th - come and see history in action; our friendly millers are always happy to answer questions; 11am-12.30 & 2-3pm.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB – AUTUMN SHOW

August - such a busy time in the garden with lots of pruning, deadheading and harvesting to be done, not to mention ear-marking produce for the Autumn Show.

The Show takes place on **Saturday 9th September** from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is free to anybody to exhibit, or just come along to view the exhibits and enjoy the refreshments.

The closing date for entries is 7th 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 the Schedule and an entry form from our website: www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

Apart from produce and flowers, the home-made produce classes will be:- Vegetarian Pasty; Apple Cake; Ginger Cookies; and, for men only, Lemon Drizzle cake. The photographic themes will be "Otterton Church/Graveyard" and "Wildlife in the Garden".

Quote for the month - "The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies" Gertrude Jekyll.



Otterton Relief in Need Charity (ORINC) exists to provide financial relief to residents of the Parish of Otterton in need, hardship or distress through situations such as loss of income or domestic crisis.

Types of help given include payment of essential bills, rent, electricity, supply of logs, help for children at Christmas and other living expenses.

To find out how we could help you, contact us via our website <https://www.orinc.org.uk/> or email us at orin.charity@gmail.com Paper copies of the application form are also available in the village hall foyer and in the church. Applications can be posted in the private ORINC post box in the foyer of the village hall. The post box is checked weekly and applications responded to as soon as possible.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in donating to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

THE KINGS'S ARMS

For information, please visit our website www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We are all enjoying the summer sunshine here at Ladram and we hope you are too.

If anyone is looking for work, please don't forget to pop a CV up to reception.

If anyone would like to be added to the WhatsApp group for caravan deliveries through the village, please email willtottle@ladrambay.co.uk

SEACHANGE
Community Fundraising Fête
Saturday 9th September
2pm - 5pm
Exmouth Town Concert Band
Visit from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Music - Licensed Bar – BBQ
Raffle - Cakes - Community Stalls - Games
Make the change at Seachange. www.seachangedevon.org
Call: 01395 446896 Email: help@seachangedevon.org
Seachange, East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6HF

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 18th August latest please.**