



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS DECEMBER 2020

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## SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Please note that the RMC is aiming to hold Services as indicated below, but these plans may be subject to change.

### SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

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

### SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

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

### SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

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

### THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER – Christmas Eve

6.00 pm	Carol Service		East Budleigh
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass		St Peter's

### FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER – Christmas Day

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

It is hoped that Morning Prayer will be said on Thursdays, 9.30am, at Otterton

## HELP NEEDED WITH PARISH NEWS DELIVERY PLEASE

Clive and Maureen Parnell have delivered the Parish News to 40 or so homes in the village for many years, but are unable to continue with this. I am therefore asking for a volunteer(s) to take on the area covered by the Parnells. This is:

The Green (both sides including Mill House and Chapel House), St Michael's Close, Church Cottage, Barton House, Fore Street up to and including Hair@No57 on one side and up to but not including The King's Arms on the other + The Mill

If you can help, please contact Jill Beacham – 01395 446433 – [jill@beacham.co.uk](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) Thank you.

## View from The Vicarage

We can see the light!

This news that there is a distinct possibility that a Covid-19 vaccine is quite close is probably the best early Christmas present anyone could have asked for. Now we just have to manage the dark winter months and the present lockdown and whatever follows that until the vaccine(s) finally comes on stream. But I find that these current restrictions are suddenly much easier to bear because we have glimpsed the light at the end of the tunnel. The four weeks before Christmas are called Advent, which looks forward to the coming of the eternal light of God into the world at Bethlehem. The most common Advent motif is “Darkness to light” and the spirit of the season is anticipation. As we sit in eager anticipation of a vaccine for a nasty virus, we also wait in eager anticipation of Christ coming into the world.

What we are celebrating at Christmas is God’s permanent loving and redeeming presence in the world. A loving presence that did not just begin and end with the life of Jesus. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end” is said near the beginning and near to the end of the Book of Revelation. Which means that the whole of creation came from God and will end in God, and Jesus was God’s revelation to the world – in historical time - to show us his eternal loving will and purposes.

The celebration of Jesus’ birth every year at Christmas is the celebration of the eternal light of God in the darkness that came to demonstrate his unending love for all created things – yes, even you and me.

Love and prayers,  
Martin

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**This year, the Christmas lights at 8 Maunders Hill, home of Bev and Colin, will be on display in aid of Otterton Church. All donations gratefully received. Thank you.**

### OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

The Board of Trustees wish to express their gratitude to **Mrs Beryl Millington** for her endless and tireless support over a decade or more for the work of the Charity. Her experience and understanding have been greatly appreciated.

Her replacement as the Parish Council representative Trustee is Mrs Emma Wakeling. She can be contacted by phone (01395 542250) or by email [emma.wakeling@btconnect.com](mailto:emma.wakeling@btconnect.com)

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Please be aware that you only have to contact ORINC, through any of the Trustees, and we will be happy to help with any financial matters you are finding difficult.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Otterton C of E Primary the staff and children have been working on the Vision and Values of our school and we would like to share them with you, as a community.

We have formed an Ethos Group made up of a number of children from different year groups across the school and their role is to ensure that everyone knows what our values are and what they mean to us.

As a school, we believe in supporting all members of the community to enable and inspire them to grow as confident, independent learners, fully equipped and ready for life’s challenges. Much like the parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32) we believe that given guidance and support, even the smallest can flourish and achieve.

Our values are Hope – Compassion – Thankfulness – Respect – Trust – Courage. We hope these are all things that you, your family and friends will value as well and if you come across members of our school demonstrating these values, please let us know! We would hope that these values aren’t just something used in school but that they are also used to help and support members of our community as well. We are a small school, with a big heart and we would like to share that with you.

If you would like to get involved with any of our events or celebrations then we would always welcome your support. Even if we can’t be together physically at this time, with you by our side we are Growing Stronger Together.

## **OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Otterton Parish Council meets for the last time in 2020 by zoom on 7th December. If you would like an invitation to attend please let the Clerk know. Alternatively, if you have any queries or subjects you would like raised, please send to the Clerk by 1st December in writing, by phone or email. Regarding planned developments that may affect the village I am pleased to report that the Parish Council, led by John Hiles, are working tirelessly to ensure that life for the residents of Otterton is not compromised in any way. If you have any queries or concerns, do contact the Clerk or speak to John or one of the Councillors direct.

As we approach the run up to Christmas the Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the Otterton Community Shop and the many residents who have supported the community during this difficult year. If you know of anyone who continues to struggle please contact the Clerk or the COVID 19 facebook page.

If you are thinking about new year's resolutions, please consider adding - parking considerately and picking up after your dog! With every good wish for a happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021. (Please note the Otterton Parish Council does not meet in January)

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## **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE**

Amid so much uncertainty, the Community Shop remains open for business and with Christmas in mind we have one or two suggestions.

Our 2021 Calendar has done really well, and we only have about 80 left so don't miss out on the perfect present for family, friends or even yourself! A steal at £6.00. Charity Christmas cards are also on sale in support of Stallcombe House, Woodbury, the residential centre for adults with learning disabilities. A tremendous cause worthy of your support. We also have locally painted cards from House Martin, a nice alternative.

As ever, grocery orders can be phoned through to the shop for collection or if you are unable to collect, we will arrange village delivery. Call the shop on **01395 708324** to order, and for details of the great meat and fish that is available to pre-order.

We will be closed on Christmas Day but otherwise open as usual but with reduced hours on the Bank Holidays. Details to be confirmed shortly.

## **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

Due to the lockdown, sadly we were unable to screen our film for November. We therefore intend, subject to restrictions, to show "Little Women" on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please book your seat by emailing [ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net](mailto:ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net) or by phoning Andrew on 567661.

## **THE KING'S ARMS**

Three course festive menu being served in December until Christmas Eve.

Exciting new seasonal menus starting next week, including some locally sourced in-season specials and our new Evergreen Lunch Club.

Also we have been busy while in lockdown as the pub has been redecorated, so please come and see the changes.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

*Adrian and The King's Arms Team*

## **OTTERTON MILL**

**News:** Should restrictions allow we will be operating our restaurant in the run up to Christmas this year with table service and card payment only. If we can only offer takeaway service this will continue from Tullulah our vintage horsebox and we are sure to add some Christmas fare to whichever opportunity is in place. Our Gallery will also hopefully be able to reopen and the team have some unique gifts for loved ones this Christmas.

The Mill Farm Shop remains open daily; mince pies now available alongside some delicious seasonal fare. Bakery items can be ordered in advance by calling 01395 567031; the Bakers will be delighted to ensure everyone has their 'Daily Bread'.

We have relocated our local traditional Christmas tree to the Car Park this year, along with some festive lighting we hope you all enjoy.

The Mill has now taken delivery of its own onsite defibrillator in case of emergency; we do hope we never have to use it but with the one available at the Village Hall, this gives us even more coverage.

**Milling:** We will be Milling on 8th and 22nd

**Music:** We have a full line up provisionally booked for 2021, several postponed from 2020, so fingers crossed we can return to live music next year.

From Chris, Carol and all the Team here at the Mill, thank you for your support through a very difficult year for us all. We hope you are all able to enjoy Christmas in whatever form it takes and look forward with hope to better times ahead.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Nothing to report this month.

## **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

Greetings from the Committee of Otterton Garden Club. We hope that you are all keeping well. It has been a difficult year but thank goodness for our gardens which have probably never looked so good!

The programme of talks for 2021/22 has been arranged but, although the news about a vaccine is encouraging, it may take some time to be introduced. We have, therefore, decided to cancel the January 2021 talk and to postpone the AGM. We will review the situation on a monthly basis and we hope that, subject to Government guidelines, we will soon be able to meet up again.

Just a reminder that subscriptions paid for 2020 will be carried forward to 2021.

In the meantime we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very healthy New Year.

## **THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing & Events Manager**

With Christmas & the beginning of a fresh, new year upon the horizon, we're looking back on season 2020, during which despite the huge challenges of lockdowns & the introduction of many new procedures, we're proud to have achieved recognition for Ladram Bay Holiday Park. Highlights include retaining our Visit England 5-star status, David Bellamy Gold Conservation Accolade for 2020/21 and receiving the Trip Advisor Best of the Best Travellers Choice award. We were also delighted to achieve Gold at the Devon Tourism Awards 2019/20 and Silver at the SW Tourism Awards 2020 for 'Holiday Park of the Year'.

Throughout November, due to the national lockdown, we have remained closed to all visitors. We have had a small team working daily to keep our grounds well maintained and to ensure our supermarket is fully stocked for you all to utilise. We have seen some familiar faces already collecting their essentials and are pleased this is helping the residents of Otterton. Mike, our Shop manager, is able to provide all essential items and also source a variety of local produce – do let him know if there is something you need and we will do our very best to help. The direct line is 01395 567692, should you wish to phone ahead to confirm our opening hours for December.

Our Covid-19 updates for 'our new normal' can be viewed online at [www.ladrambay.co.uk/covid-19-guidance/](http://www.ladrambay.co.uk/covid-19-guidance/) and should we be able to open the Swimming Pool Complex in the near future, this information will also be clearly displayed online in our statement.

As usual, we will endeavour to keep you informed about the deliveries/collections of Holiday Homes throughout the winter period. Information will be updated on both the village website & the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2021.

## **CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer**

### **Nature's comfort in hard times**

The latest restrictions and uncertainty may have impacted our normal seasonal preparations, inconvenienced Christmas shopping, and prevented sociable festive get-togethers. However, nature has continued unabated in its annual readiness for wintertime. Anyone able to make the most of countryside walks, will have noticed the wealth of fruit on show, from rowan, blackthorn, hawthorn or the dog rose and splash of bright berries against bare or evergreen branches which can hopefully bring solace in these dark times. Evergreens like holly, ivy and mistletoe are symbols of life, being always green, even in the depths of winter. Our ancient forebears brought greenery into their homes believing it held protective powers, and way before Christmas trees, used plants in midwinter rituals and celebration. Read more in the full length seasonal Countryside Learning article at [www.otterton.com](http://www.otterton.com)

Whatever beliefs or symbolism you hold true and however you choose to decorate your homes, bring some evergreen in too, so that hope and life may enter your homes this season. We wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year from all at Clinton Devon Estates.

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## **TAXI SERVICE**

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

**Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas, and sending thanks as always to those who contribute to and distribute the Parish News. Hopefully there are those who also enjoy reading it!**



<http://www.otterton.info/Church/currentParishNews.pdf>  
<https://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](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) - 01395 446433 **Deadline for January edition is Thursday 17th December please**