



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER			
<i>The information in this edition is correct at the time of printing. For the very latest RMC updates please visit www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/</i>			
<u>SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
4.00 pm	Carol Service		Otterton
<u>FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER – Christmas Eve</u>			
3.00 pm	Christingle		Otterton
6.00 pm	Carol Service		East Budleigh
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass		St Peter's
<u>SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER – Christmas Day</u>			
9.30 am	Christmas Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Christmas Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER</u>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion		St Peter's
	NO SERVICE		East Budleigh
	NO SERVICE		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY</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			

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED

Christmas is the time for giving. Let ORIN support our residents in Otterton during the festive season by providing assistance to buy the Christmas essentials. Please contact us by email, text or phone and we will respond.

orin.charity@gmail.com; 07443 414839 or 567701

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“Christmas is a comin’ and the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man’s hat. If you haven’t got a penny a ha’penny will do, if you haven’t got a ha’penny God bless you”.

Christmas is indeed a comin’ but all the talk now is of supply chain disruptions and the threat that we may not be able to celebrate Christmas as we would like.

But frankly, after the two years of disruption that we have endured (and are still enduring to a smaller degree) to our lives, due to Covid-19, one more bit of disruption will surely just be water off a duck’s back for the majority of us.

And compared to people not being able to attend funerals and blanket travel bans, shortages of pigs in blankets doesn’t really compare.

Any disruption will be deeply annoying to everyone of course but keep in mind it is only the manner of the celebration that could be affected. What we are celebrating can never be affected.

Love came down at Christmas. In the birth of a child to a young unmarried mum, born into insecurity and privation, God came close to us. One of the names for Jesus used in the Bible is “Emmanuel” which means “God is with us”.

What we are celebrating cannot be affected by anything; the way we celebrate it may or may not be affected.

Either way, let the Spirit of who we are celebrating console and strengthen you this Christmas and rejoice and celebrate in whatever way you can within whatever constraints we may face.

On behalf of the church, which only exists because of what happened at Christmas, may I wish you a very happy Christmas!

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on 6th December. This is an important meeting not only because the budget and contracts for 2022 will need to be finalised but also because there will be the opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Council to be co-opted as several casual vacancies have occurred. If you feel that you have the time and enthusiasm to be a Parish Councillor, we would love to hear from you. No particular skills are necessary but it is important to have a balanced range of interests and knowledge across the Council, and a sense of humour is vital. It is also important that every part of the community is represented, so if you would like to know more, please contact the Clerk at clerk@otterton.info

Thank you to all who continue to park their vehicles considerately and for being good neighbours. Unfortunately there is still a high level of COVID in the area so do take care and look out for anyone you know to be vulnerable.

With best wishes and thanks for your support.

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

It is time to thank all our customers who have supported us over the past year. You have come in increasing numbers and contributed directly to the considerable success of the shop. Thanks also to the Committee and every one of our volunteers for all the effort put in to keep the shop running at the level it does, day in day out. Thank you all.

With Christmas approaching, we now have cards and other festive stock available and don’t forget, you can pre-order fish, meat and poultry by calling the shop [01395 708324].

If you have not already bought your Otterton Community Shop 2022 Calendars, either for yourself or as presents, make sure of yours next time you are in the shop.

Finally, a big announcement from the shop is coming shortly. Stand by!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

It was lovely to be able to start up our Club again with our first talks since lockdown held in October and November. We have an interesting new programme of talks planned for next year, the first one being held on 18th January 2022. This will also be our AGM (don’t worry, we promise this will take no longer than 5-10 minutes!) and will be an opportunity to renew your membership as well as welcome new members to the Club. Membership costs only £12 pa for 7 talks including 2 social evenings. For non-members/visitors the cost is £4 per talk (£5 on social evenings).

For further information about the Club please go to: www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now into the second half of the Autumn term at Otterton C of E Primary School and in the run up to Christmas, the children and staff are busy with their festive preparations. We have started work on our Christmas performance in the hope that this year we will be able to welcome parents to watch. The children are very excited about their upcoming trip to the Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, and are looking forward to all the other Christmas festivities that we have planned for them.

OCESA (our school's PTFA) have a brand new committee, all of whom are enthusiastic and full of ideas of how to fundraise for our school. They are helping us to fundraise to make improvements to an area of our playground known as 'Sophie's Garden'; this area has long since been dedicated to Sophie, a child who used to attend our school who sadly passed away after a lifelong illness, but is long overdue improvement to make it the special place that it deserves to be. Their first event was a Bonfire and Fireworks display at Stantyway Farm, which was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone that came to it, helping us to raise an amazing £1,330.

The children took part in a short Service of Remembrance on 11th November at the War Memorial. The oldest and youngest children in the school laid a wreath, some of Heron Class read poems and prayers that they had written and the whole school observed a 2 minute silence to remember those that have served and are still serving our country in the armed forces.

Members of our School Council and Ethos Group have launched our Christmas Shoe Box appeal, putting together present boxes for children that are being helped by the charity Exmouth Friends in Need, a wonderful, volunteer run organisation that helps families in the Exmouth area. As well as this, we have done fundraising for the charity 'Just One Tree' and the BBC appeal for 'Children in Need'. It's wonderful to see the compassion and empathy that the children in our school have for those not as fortunate as they are.

The admissions window for children starting primary school in September 2022 has opened and will close on 15th January. If anyone missed our open day but would like to come and have a look round our school, whether that be for entry into Reception, other year groups or pre-school, then please contact us on 01395 568326 or adminotterton@thelink.academy

REINDEER TRAIL

Otterton C of E Primary School are holding a Reindeer Trail around the village on **Saturday 18th December**, starting at 2pm at the school gate, taking families around the village to help Santa find his missing reindeer, and ending on the village Green for mince pies, hot chocolate and Christmas Carols. £3 entry per family; all are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact Otterton C of E Primary School on 01395 568326.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next film to be screened in the Village Hall on **Friday 10th December** at 7.30pm, will be the Christmas classic "Elf". Directed by Jon Favreau. Starring Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart and Ed Asner.

On Christmas Eve, a long time ago, a small baby crawled into Father Christmas's bag of toys during a stop at an orphanage. Undetected by Santa, the child was accidentally whisked back to the North Pole. Once discovered, the boy was quickly taken under the wing of Santa's most trusted helper and raised as an elf. But when he grew three sizes larger than everyone else in Santa's workshop, it became clear that Buddy would never truly fit into the elf world. So Buddy decided to set off in search of his roots and his real father.

Look forward to seeing you there.

THE KING'S ARMS

The festive season has sneaked up on us once again and it won't be long till Santa is popping down our chimneys. Christmas specials and a festive menu will be running all through December and we'll be bringing in the chimes of Big Ben at New Year with a disco. Please check our website for more information which we will endeavour to keep up to date with all our festive activities. December opening hours will be available shortly as they will be slightly different to usual.

The team wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope to see you all soon.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Has LORP made the flooding worse? The flooding in the lower Otter valley this October was a dramatic example of what will happen increasingly as our climate changes. The river rose quickly to levels higher than they have been here in Budleigh for over eight years; levels rose quickly in surrounding valleys too. This flood event was an entirely natural phenomenon and, importantly, was not caused or exacerbated by the Lower Otter Restoration Project works.

For more information read project update www.otterton.info along with our *Countryside Learning* article about a Creative Nature Box project nearby at Harpford Woods.

Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer mail@clintondevon.com Estate Office: 01395 443881

OTTERTON MILL

News: Our courtyard Christmas tree will be sparkling all month and our excellent mince pies are back; to place an order please ring the Farm Shop on 01395 568031. Christmas specials are on the menu with festive treats available in the Farm Shop and unique gifts from our Gallery & Craft Shop

Milling: 5th & 19th - Bring the family along to see the millers.



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THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

With Christmas & the beginnings of a fresh new year upon the horizon we're looking back on season 2021. Despite the challenges we're incredibly proud not only to have retained our Visit England 5-star status but also to have achieved the additional Gold award which only the highest graded accommodation providers receive. In addition to this, we have been awarded the platinum Loo of the Year award and the Trip Advisor Traveller's Choice award based on our fantastic feedback from our guests.

Fancy a swim? Our Pool complex will be available to local visitors until 1st March 2022. (Closed between 24/12/21 - 26/12/21 and 31/12/21 - 1/1/22 inclusive.) Open 5 days a week (Wednesday-Sunday) between 9.30am – 6pm with free winter parking. Winter membership available at just £70 adult, £30 child & £150 for a family pass, plus day admissions available too.

Ladram Stores will be open for your convenience between 9am-4pm daily, stocking all essential items in addition to a variety of local produce. Please note we are closed for Christmas between 24/12/21 - 3/1/22 inclusive.

After a superb season employing a great many local faces, we're keen to repeat our efforts for the year ahead, thus giving back to our local community. We're currently recruiting for lifeguards; if interested, please email info@ladrambay.co.uk

For future opportunities, do get in touch or keep an eye on our job vacancies area online at ladrambay.co.uk

As usual, we will endeavour to keep you informed with 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 2022.

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.

Thank you to all who help to keep the Otterton Parish News going, in particular those who contribute news and information on a regular basis and those who kindly give up their time each month to make deliveries around the village.



PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **Deadline for January edition is earlier than usual - Wednesday 15th December latest please**