

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS
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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY			
<u>SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY – Presentation of Christ</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	CW	Otterton
6.00 pm	Taizé Service		East Budleigh
<u>SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 1st MARCH</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton
Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Otterton.			

OTTERTON CHURCH

WINTER WARMER SUPPER

The **Winter Warmer Supper** will be held on **Thursday 13th February** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (**please bring your own drinks and glasses**). Tickets (£7) available from Anne Radcliffe (568059). Donations of Raffle Prizes will be much appreciated.

A winter evening of good cheer – ALL WELCOME

OTTERTON VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – Save the date!

75 years since parties broke out in the streets in communities across the country, Otterton is to recreate the jubilant spirit of VE Day in a special celebration. Join us at the Stantway Recreation Ground from 12noon until 5pm on **Friday 8th May** for an afternoon of Forties Fun with live music from the era, dancing and general nostalgia for all ages.

Please put the date in your diary and keep an eye on the Parish News for more updates over the coming months on what promises to be a memorable event to be enjoyed by all as we commemorate the day the guns fell silent across Europe.

If you have any wartime memorabilia or wish to contribute towards this shared celebration in any way, from making a cake to manning an attraction, please contact ve.day.otterton@gmail.com or call 07468 429264.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

February can be a particularly grim month, lightened for me only by the fact that it is my birthday. But seriously, I know that some people get very adversely affected by grim, grey cold rainy days. I know because I am one of them!

There are measures that one can take, like buying a natural light lamp (or taking a short break to the Canaries!) but the only thing that really keeps me going is knowing that as surely as night follows day, the dark days will get lighter, the sun will shine, and daffodils will herald the re-birth of the natural environment and everything will look brighter and rosier.

In Christian terms, this is the truth of the resurrection written into the fabric of the world's ecosystem. This is a good time for Christians to remind ourselves that for us, the cycle of life and death is incomplete and that for us the cycle is Life – death – New Life.

Resurrection can be found in everyday life and in everyday people. Every time a hopeless situation is transformed, every time a fractured relationship is renewed, every time you learn something and are changed by the blackest of events – that is true resurrection written into the fabric of our lives. It is the eternal source of our hope in this world. We know that nothing is so dark, twisted, or rotten that light and good cannot emerge from it. Our hope is that we will all be transformed, that light will always conquer darkness, that life will always defeat death.

Jesus is that sign of new life, the guarantee that things will get better; he is that green shoot you see poking through the soil on the darkest of days.

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 3rd February** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. If you would like to add an item to the agenda for a meeting, please email the Clerk on clerk@otterton.info Residents are also welcome to attend all meetings and will be given an opportunity to speak/raise an issue with the Council should they so wish.

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a lovely start to the new term at Otterton, welcoming 6 new children into the school.

The children are now able to have Guitar and Ukulele lessons in school as well as Brass; there's been a great uptake on this and we look forward to hearing the children progress.

Next week we are having a visit from Warburtons Bread; the children will be learning about the processes involved in bread production and making some sandwiches to enjoy.

Our Forest School sessions have now started again; thankfully the weather seems to be a bit better and the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, including making bug houses.

The children in Otters Class have enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year; they had a Chinese feast and did some Chinese inspired arts and crafts; they even created their own Dragon dance!

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children took part in an Athletics event at Exmouth Community College; they did really well and as always, were a credit to our school.

Don't forget, our Toddler Group runs on a Wednesday 9.30-11.00, £1.50 per family. If you haven't been before then please come along; it's a lovely welcoming group and you will always be made to feel at home!

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Congratulations to Shirley, the winner of our Christmas Hamper draw which raised £212 for Budleigh Salterton Hospiscare.

A New Year and a brand new and exclusive range in our shop! Direct from 'The Rusty Pig' in Ottery St Mary, we have a delicious selection of charcuterie products for you to try. Whilst for the 'non-meat eaters' we are continuing to expand our range of vegan products.

Don't forget it's Valentine's Day and Pancake Day this month – we've got beautiful cards and tempting chocolates to treat your loved one and all the ingredients you need for those pancakes!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th February** with a talk by Becca Flintham on 'Water, Water Everywhere'. Becca is an environmental teacher and conservationist and also runs a choir in Budleigh Salterton. She will talk to us about all aspects of water gardening such as ponds, bog gardens and water-wise gardening. The talk will take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free for members and £4 for non-members.

For more information about the club please go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is progressing well and is approaching the final stages of development. East Devon District Council (EDDC) has appointed an independent examiner and the section 16, 6 week publicity period is due to close on 22nd January. After this date our NP along with any representations received during the publicity period, will be submitted to the independent examiner for consideration.

The examiner will consider whether or not our NP meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements and will make any necessary modifications. Once the plan has passed examination, EDDC will arrange for a neighbourhood plan referendum. If the majority of Otterton parishioners who do vote, vote yes, then our NP will become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

On **Friday 14th February**, Otterton Film Club will be screening the film version of Downton Abbey. The worldwide phenomenon DOWNTON ABBEY, has become a grand motion picture event, as the beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Written by series creator Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast.

As usual this will be in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Entrance fee is £2 for members, £6 for non-members and £3 for under 16s.

OTTERTON MILL

News

Following the success of our pre-Christmas Rustic Dining events, we are pleased to announce our next date which is **Friday 14th February**; our fabulous four course menu will feature the finest local produce (menu available on site). So for a sumptuous feast for £29.95 a head, call the restaurant on 567041 or pop in to reserve your table.

Milling at the Mill has now moved to a Sunday; this month the team will be Milling on the 2nd and 16th; the Mill is the oldest working mill in the world and operates today as it did in 1068; all are welcome - entry is free.

Music this month sees the popular Rag Mama Rag return to the Mill on the 27th - tickets held at last year's price of £15 each. Looking forward to March, we have a few tickets left for the legendary Boo Hewerdine on the 26th.

THE KING'S ARMS

Here are the important dates in **February** for The King's Arms:

Art History Talks with Lin Holdridge - Tue 4th, 18th & 25th at 10.30am

Talking Pictures with Maggie Giraud - Mon 17th at 10.30am

Valentine's Day Menu - Fri 14th (see website for details)

Pub Quiz - Wed 12th at 8pm

Mothing Sunday is sneaking up on us (22nd March) so don't forget to reserve your table.

THE FORMER LITTLE OTTERS JUMBLE SALE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale held in East Budleigh Village Hall and run by the Former Little Otters Team in November. On that occasion we managed to raise £450 for Pete's Dragons in Exmouth which enables a bereaved family to take a holiday - thank you all so much.

Our next sale is booked for 29th February again at East Budleigh Village Hall at the usual time of 10am. This time our main recipient is NightStop which runs from Julian House in Exeter - a charity that supports young people coming out of care with nowhere to go. We also continue to support the Raleigh Federation (Drake's & Otterton School), CR2EE, Turnaround in Exeter, a women's refuge, and the local charity shops by passing on any leftover jumble.

All donations of jumble gratefully received - to request a collection of jumble please phone Fran on 01395 568732.

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

With season 2020 fast approaching we're in full flow preparing for what's bound to be another incredible year here at Ladram Bay.

Take advantage of our facilities - winter opening right up until 1st March. Our Swimming Pool Complex is open between Wednesday - Sunday (10am – 6pm) for day guests. Pay

as you go rates are just £4.95 per adult & £3.95 per child. Ladram Stores is also open daily between 9am – 5pm for your essentials.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We've positions available for the season within a variety of roles including Restaurant and Bar team, Lifeguards, Housekeeping plus Supervisors. To apply simply attend our Recruitment Day on **Saturday 15th February** between 10am- 1pm held in Pebbles Restaurant. Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

As a result of our recent Gold win for 'Holiday Park of the Year 2019' at the Devon Tourism Awards, we're delighted to announce we're now a finalist within the South West Tourism Awards 2020. To be chosen as one of the premium tourism businesses across SW England is a huge honour – we'll be sure to keep you informed of the results next month.

Our latest green efforts of introducing electric vehicles on park have proved to be very successful and by February we will be proud to boast a fleet of 5 electric vehicles based at Ladram Bay, thus reducing emissions and traffic through the village.

In advance of our caravan movements we thank you for your understanding & support. These will continue to be displayed on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page & village website alongside any changes to opening times of facilities.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Getting outside and enjoying the many walks around Otterton is great for physical and mental health whatever the weather; however taking short cuts across fields, or along the old railway line, to avoid puddles or mud is not! Local farmers would like to remind all walkers to keep dogs under close control and stick to the many rights of way. Thank you.

Lower Otter Restoration Project

In January, a significant milestone was achieved in the delivery of the Lower Otter Restoration Project (LORP). Planning approval was granted for the construction of a new cricket ground to the north of South Farm Cottages, Budleigh Salterton. The planning decision means that should the wider restoration project go ahead as planned, an important sporting, recreational and social focal point for the community will not be lost.

Visit Countryside Learning on Otterton Village website www.otterton.info for full length article with detailed update on this project.

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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.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

***Visiting:** should you wish to view this **1719 Dissenters Chapel - Grade 2* listed**, please use the contact details below. On display are Chapel Records 1762-1972, associated literature, displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day, archaeological drawings of the renovation, including provision made for our **resident bats**.

***Events:** All events are posted on the Stable door below the Schoolroom/Meeting Room.

***Bookings:** These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire. The Schoolroom/Meeting Room can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a range of activities and our rates are **reasonable**. If you are interested, please contact 01395 446189 or email **saalembookingseb@mail.com**; alternatively, use the contact page on the H.C.T. website www.hct.org.uk

* Salem Chapel is owned by the '**Historic Chapels Trust**' and managed by the '**Churches Conservation Trust**', Charity no. 1017321

HISTORY OF OTTERTON.....Did you know?

For many years the Methodists in Otterton held their services on The Green, which they called "The Chestnut Cathedral". In the late 1880s they were offered a cottage for services in the cottages then on the north side of The Green. Unfortunately it was discovered that the lease on the house forbade its use for non-conformists, so Mark Rolle offered "Basclose" and the Wesleyans opened for worship on 29th November 1892, with the sign "Whitefield House" outside. 80 to 90 persons were usual at the services. By 1894 the Estate offered land and the chapel was built on The Green – now Chapel House.

Gerald Millington

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk; 01395 446433

Deadline for March edition is Monday 17th February LATEST please