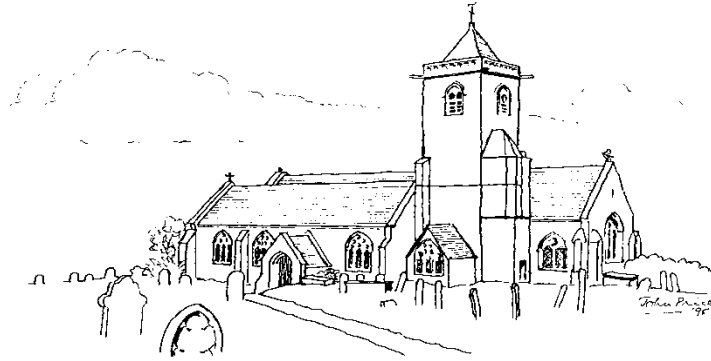




# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2021

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### SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

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

#### SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY

11.00 am Morning Prayer Otterton

#### SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

#### SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

#### SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

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

### THANK YOU

The Christmas lights display at 8 Maunders Hill raised £104.65 in donations for Otterton Church. Bev, Colin and the PCC would like to thank you for your support and for giving so generously.

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

When things look bleak, the situation dark and the future uncertain and full of fear, it is so easy to succumb to despair and hopelessness. At a time like this it is instructive to look at another time when things were even darker.

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century in the midst of the black death, scant social infrastructure and no health service, a woman was so close to death that a priest was called to give her the last rites. As the cross was held over her, her sight started to blur, her body went numb and she saw Jesus on the crucifix start to bleed.

What happened next was a series of fifteen visions through which she was assured that no matter what was happening, or how bad things seemed, God's love and benevolence towards all things was certain and assured. This woman, known only as "Julian of Norwich", went on to write the first book ever attributed to a woman called "Revelations of divine love" and I think we need to hear a little of what she wrote.

"From the time these things were first revealed I had often wanted to know what our Lord's meaning was. It was more than fifteen years after that I was answered in my spirit's understanding. 'You would know our Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well. Love was His meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. What did He show you? Love. Why did He show it? For love. Hold on to this and you will know and understand love more and more. But you will not know or learn anything else - ever.'

This is the knowledge that keeps Christian believers going through thick and thin.

In terms of the pandemic, we are in the dark before the dawn. Hope springs eternal in the heart of believers who know that God is love and rest in that knowledge. I'll end with that other well-known saying of this visionary woman - "In the end, all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Given the most recent government guidelines, the Parish Council will continue to meet by zoom, the next meeting taking place on Monday 1st February at 7.00pm.

If you would like to contribute or attend the meeting, there are several ways to do this. You can join the meeting by requesting an invitation from the clerk (email [clerk@otterton.info](mailto:clerk@otterton.info)), send an email with a question, or phone or write to any of the members of the Parish Council.

As we continue to move through lockdown number 3, we would like to thank everyone who is caring for neighbours and relatives or just taking the time for a friendly chat or call - it makes such a difference. Thank you also to Otterton Mill, The King's Arms and the Community Shop for continuing to serve the community. The Otterton Relief in Need Fund is available to anyone experiencing financial difficulties (contact David Ottley on 567701) and the Otterton COVID face book page can be contacted if practical help is sought.

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### OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Despite the lockdown, the shop remains fully open for business as usual 8.00 to 6.00 Monday to Friday; 8.00 to 3.00 Saturday and 8.30 to 1.00 on Sundays. Orders for collection or delivery can still be made by telephoning the shop [01395 708324] and don't forget that special fish and meat is available to pre-order.

Customers are still invited to enter the shop but must wear a mask and apply sanitiser. If for any reason you cannot wear a mask, you can be served at the door. Please also pay by credit or debit card if you can. We remain grateful for the co-operation shown by all our customers in complying with the Covid-19 protocols.

In some ways this is a quiet time of year, but much is happening behind the scenes of which more next month.



### **OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It hasn't been the start to the new year that any of us wanted or expected, with the children not being able to return to school, but Otterton has remained open for vulnerable children and those of key workers and has welcomed those groups from Drake's as well. Their resilience continues to amaze us every day and they really are producing some excellent pieces of work.

We look forward to when we can all be back in school together but until then we will continue to deliver learning to children remotely; whilst this isn't always easy, it's a challenge that the children (and staff!) have wholly embraced and the children are working really hard to produce some excellent work. We do have some families that are having to get by with limited devices so, if you have a spare tablet or laptop that you would like to donate, please contact us on [adminotterton@thelink.academy](mailto:adminotterton@thelink.academy)

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our talk for February owing to the latest lockdown. We will keep the situation under review on a monthly basis. Hopefully, as the vaccine is rolled out, we will be able to get up and running again. In the meantime keep safe and "watch this space".

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

No report this month.

### **THE KING'S ARMS**

Unfortunately The King's Arms is still closed in accordance with government regulations and we don't know when we will be reopening at the moment. Everyone stay safe and we hope to be seeing you all in the very near future for a drink (or two)!

### **OTTERTON MILL**

Our Farm Shop is open daily from 10am to 4pm with a wide selection of products on offer. Our Bakery continues to offer our Daily Bread and much more; if you wish to order items please call 568031 to avoid any disappointment.

Takeaway food and drinks are also available on a daily basis from 'Tullulah', our vintage horsebox in the car park.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

You may remember that our Neighbourhood Plan went into cold storage when last year's first lockdown happened. All voting activity was suspended across the country, affecting local council elections as well as referenda for Neighbourhood Plans.

We have now heard that there is a strong possibility that this will resume in May, and as such our referendum is being slated for **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. This is of course subject to government confirmation, based on pandemic conditions having eased sufficiently to ease restrictions.

The referendum will be a simple affair – a single question asking if you want to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan for the area. If a simple majority of voting Otterton parishioners vote yes, then our plan will pass to EDDC's Cabinet for ratification. It is then deemed to be 'made' and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

You can see the plan and responses on the East Devon District Council website, at <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton>

You can also see the plan and responses to the earlier consultation (mid-2019) on the Otterton village website at <http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm>

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

**A positive start to the New Year as the Lower Otter Restoration Project is granted approval.**

A very local but landscape-scale project to address the impact of climate change by returning the Otter estuary and flood plain to a more natural condition was given unanimous support by East Devon District Council's planning committee at the beginning of the year.

We all hope 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic, but it is also exciting to see issues of global significance being addressed on our doorstep and know that our corner of East Devon is leading the green recovery in such a decisive and tangible manner. Work is scheduled to begin this spring and be completed in 2023.

Although some local people are disappointed that providing a location for Otterton residents to park was outside the scope of the *Lower Otter Restoration Project*, Clinton Devon Estates remain committed to supporting the Parish Council's ongoing discussions with local landowners and Devon County Council to explore viable solutions to the village's ongoing parking issues.

Read more in this month's full-length article available on the Countryside Learning section of *Otterton website* at [www.otterton.info/](http://www.otterton.info/) or for details, visit [www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk](http://www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk)

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

After a somewhat sombre start to the year, here at Ladram Bay we are endeavouring to remain positive and look forward to the fun, freedom and precious family time ahead in the months to come. Our hard-working teams are focussing to improve our offering, enhance our beautiful grounds and prepare for opening when it is deemed safe to do so.

Throughout the period of lockdown, the Ladram Stores will remain open between 9am - 4.30pm for your essentials plus hot food and drinks. Please note timings may change dependent on demand so please do call prior to your visit or for any enquiries. (01395 567692)

We do hope that you are taking full advantage of our stunning location and enjoying the glorious nature and Jurassic Coast on our doorstep – give us a wave if you're passing!

Throughout the winter period we will keep you informed with the scheduled deliveries/collections of Holiday Homes. Information will be updated on both the village website & the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

Onwards and upwards; here's to a brighter spring ahead!

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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.

**<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 March edition is Wednesday 17th February please**