



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 6th MARCH

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Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays

GERALD VICTOR MILLINGTON BEM

Many congratulations to Gerald on being awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List, for 'services to local history in Devon and Hertfordshire'. Wonderful to have recognition for all his work over many years on the local history of this part of Devon, and for his earlier work in Hertfordshire. From March 1996 until June 2020, Gerald also provided readers of the Parish News with countless fascinating, informative and often amusing glimpses into the history of the Parish of Otterton, and his *History of Otterton ...Did you know?* 'snippets' are greatly missed.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

It is a truth we are all familiar with, that it is often only when it comes to a person's funeral that we find out the most extraordinary things about them. Even when we thought we knew them quite well, it comes as a surprise when facts emerge like they were a prisoner of the Japanese during WWII, or they lived in Africa as a young woman, or they were a bowls champion or they served in the Arctic convoys, or been decorated by the queen, or had been a champion dog breeder, or loved baking or dancing. The list is endless. I come across this repeatedly because I obviously preside at a lot of funerals.

We think we know people because we occasionally have a chat with them, or work with them, or live next door to them but everybody has a hidden side that we don't see and everybody has a vast hinterland of stories, loves, hates, experiences, achievements, joys and fears stretching right back to their youth. Who knows what secrets the unassuming little old lady at number 22 holds? Is she a poet, a master baker, and what tragedies lurk in her history? People are endlessly fascinating, unique, and surprising. One also never knows what pain lurks in their personal histories, from unrequited love to lost children to painful accidents. You never really know people, especially their vast backstories, but these are the episodes that made them who they are today.

Always give people the respect they obviously deserve. We don't know their joys and tragedies, their achievements and failures, and all that is needed to open people up a bit is to get to know them and ask the right questions.

People are endlessly fascinating and the older a person is, the more fascinating and interesting their recollections become because the world has changed so much.

Do it before they leave us or you may only find out about them at their funeral.

Love and peace, *Martin*

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THANK YOU

It has been suggested that the Parish News should start a monthly feature where villagers can write in and say 'thank you' to people who have helped them, or to people who help the village run as the fantastic community it is. If you would like to mention someone, please email jill@beacham.co.uk and your message will be included in the next edition of the Parish News.

FEBRUARY THANK YOU

This month we would like to show our appreciation to **Anne Radcliffe**. Anne, over many, many years has done so much for the Otterton community including being Churchwarden at Otterton Church as well as helping out many villagers at times of need. She has taken people to hospital appointments, sat with people when they have been ill, collected prescriptions, collected shopping as well as being a friendly face to the many people she sees. Anne gives so much of her time to the community of Otterton and we would like to recognise her enormous contribution to the welfare of the village and its residents, and thank her for all that she does.

Dennis Batson passed away peacefully at home on 22nd December 2021. Muriel would like to thank everybody for their wonderful support, acts of kindness and kind words during these last few weeks. It has meant so much. Many thanks.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED

The Trustees hope that families who need some help during this and coming months will be prepared to ask for assistance from the Trust. It has been a difficult time for most of us and sadly, we are all going to feel financial pressure. Price increases in Council Tax, National Insurance contributions, fuel, electricity and oil.

The Trust is here to help. Please don't feel all these increases are your fault. They are not.

All applications are dealt with in the strictest of confidence by the five Trustees.

Please contact us by either:-

Phone - 567701, or text to 07443 414839, or email us on orin.charity@gmail.com

OTTERTON OPEN GARDENS 2022 – from Barbara Ottley

I have been asked to consider organising 'Open Gardens' this year. If I agree to do so again, I would definitely require a committee to help me. However, I need to see firstly if we have enough people prepared to open their garden to the public, bearing in mind the changing Covid situation.

If you think you will be prepared to either open your garden or help with the organising, I would be most grateful if you could let me know by the end of February.

Telephone number: 567701 or email me at barbaraottley8@gmail.com

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are making plans to host an Open Day event in March. The event will be an opportunity for all villagers to come along and meet our existing and new Parish Councillors, find out what we do and what plans are unfolding for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. We hope that you will join us for refreshments and will confirm further details in the next newsletter. The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 7th February** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend and any questions on items on the agenda will be heard. If you have an item you would like to add to the agenda, please contact the Clerk by Friday 28th January so that any research necessary can be completed in order to respond to your item. Thank you for your ongoing consideration of other residents by parking appropriately and showing tolerance to parents at the School during drop off & pick up times (and observing the unofficial one way system during this time – up Church Hill and down Maunders) and to other visitors as they walk & drive through our lovely village. If you are able to help, the Exmouth Foodbank has donation points in all 3 supermarkets in Budleigh Salterton and donations of food & toiletries (especially needed this month tinned fish, tinned cold meat & vegetables, bottled squash, instant mash potato & toilet rolls) are sought for distribution to those experiencing hardship. Keep well & safe and if you haven't already done so, do get your COVID booster to protect yourself and the community.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Vouchers – Don't forget to either redeem or donate your Otterton Community Shop vouchers if you have not already done so and remember that the closing date is **31st January 2022**. No vouchers can be accepted after this date.

The Christmas Raffle raised a total of £168 for the Devon Air Ambulance and our thanks again to Nikki for organising this and to those who donated goods for the hamper. Simon Jupp MP visited the shop and presented the cheque to Toby Russell of the Air Ambulance on our behalf. With your continuing support we have traded well during the last two years and during 2022 we hope to provide you with even less excuse to shop elsewhere!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 15th February** at 7.30pm in Otterton Village Hall and the talk will be given by Claire Forster. Claire, otherwise known as 'The Lady Horticulturalist', will talk to us about "Women in Horticulture Past and Present". She is an RHS certified horticultural consultant who is passionate about gardening and the benefits that plants can bring to our lives. Admission is free for members and £4 for non-members. For more information about the Club please go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a great start to the Spring Term at Otterton. We have welcomed some new children to our pre-school and look forward to welcoming another intake after Easter.

In the last Parish News we told you that some of the children from Heron Class were taking part in the ECCT Kids Cup, a football tournament at Exeter University. This has now taken place and despite it being very cold and wet, the children from Otterton and Drake's combined to form a team and they played brilliantly together, coming fourth in the plate competition; an amazing achievement and we are very proud of the team that took part.

Otters class and Hedgehogs, who are our pre-school children, have been spending time at our school allotment where they have enjoyed exploring and playing; the mud kitchen and the pirate ship are firm favourites! We have had a PE day with Mrs Mason from the Dartmoor School Sports partnership where the children took part in gymnastics, creating and learning routines which were recorded and entered into a virtual competition.

Some of the children from Heron Class took part in the Maths Challenge event that is put on each year by Exmouth Community College, to go and complete fun maths challenges with other children, who will be transitioning to secondary school in the near future.

In the coming weeks, some of Heron Class will be going to a Link Academy Trust KS2 Cross Country Running Event at Stover School near Newton Abbott; they will take part in Cross Country races against children from other Link Academy Trust Schools and are really looking forward to it.

We are always happy to welcome new families to our school; if you would like to come and have a look at what we have to offer, please contact the office on 01395 568326 or adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The film to be screened in the Village Hall on **Friday 11th February** at 7.30pm will be the 2021 film, 'The Courier'. *This is a true-life spy thriller, the story of an unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history, the Cuban Missile Crisis. At the behest of the UK's MI6 and a CIA operative (Rachel Brosnahan), he forms a covert, dangerous partnership with Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky (Merab Ninidze) in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the situation.*

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Countryside Learning article available at www.otterton.info
kate.ponting@clintondevon.com Rolle Estate Office 01395 443881

THE KING'S ARMS

Fish Friday and Steak & Grill Saturday Special Nights are back and available every week! Book your table to avoid disappointment. Now taking advance bookings for Valentines Night (special menu available) and Mothering Sunday (27th March). Pub Quiz will be returning in March. We look forward to seeing you soon.

OTTERTON MILL

News - Our Gallery has lots of unique gifts for that special someone and our Bakery and Farm Shop have Valentine specials.

Music - Tickets now available for our 2022 gigs. Call our office on 01395 568521 or Gallery on 01395 568008.

Milling - 13th & 27th

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

With our opening date in March fast approaching, we're in full flow preparing for another sensational season here at Ladram Bay - in fact our 79th year of providing fun-filled family holidays.

Our amazing swimming pool complex remains open to local guests for the duration of the winter period so do feel free to make use of the fabulous facilities on your doorstep. Open Wednesday - Sunday (9.30am – 6pm), pay as you go day rates are just £4.95 per adult & £3.95 per child with free winter parking. Please note pre-booking is essential; members can do this up to 7 days in advance and non-members the day prior to your swim. 01395 568398/ 562548

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We're recruiting now for lifeguards and housekeeping team with immediate starts. We also have positions available for the season within a variety of roles including Restaurant and Bar team, Chefs, Kitchen Team, Maintenance, Reception, Security, Takeaway assistants, plus supervisors – these roles will begin in February/March 2022. Interested in finding out more? Attend our **Recruitment Day on Saturday 19th February** between 10am- 1pm held in Pebbles Restaurant. Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

We're also excited to launch our **apprentice scheme**, the perfect opportunity to gain on the job experience alongside recognised qualifications within your chosen field. These programmes will be available within our Sport & Leisure and Maintenance departments and will include full support from professional and experienced tutors plus working alongside our dynamic teams. To find out more please contact Ianbaker@ladrambay.co.uk (Sport & Leisure) or mattvining@ladrambay.co.uk (Maintenance).

Ladram Stores will remain open throughout the winter between 9am – 3pm every day. Stocking all your essentials plus hot foods and drinks; contact the shop on 01395 567692 for any queries.

As the season draws closer, we will expect a slight increase in deliveries and collections of Holiday Homes. Information will be updated on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page ahead of these movements; we thank you for your understanding.

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Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk; <http://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

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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. |
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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 Thursday 17th February latest please**