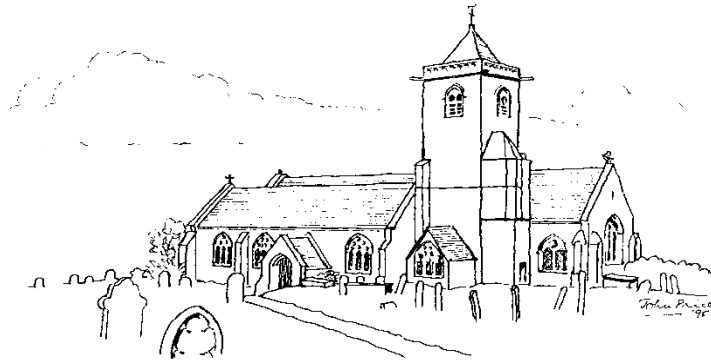




OTTERTON PARISH NEWS JANUARY 2021

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY

9.30 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

PARISH NEWS DELIVERY

The first thing I would like to say is a huge and rather overdue **THANK YOU** to those who delivered the Parish News for many years but have now retired. They are **June Kennard Simpson, Brenda Noble and Clive Parnell**. In their place, I have been very fortunate to 'recruit' **Linda Lowes, Liz Mew and Chris Hunter**. The late **Margaret Davy** also delivered the News for many years, and her place was kindly taken by **Janet Towell**. It goes without saying that delivery of the News to every household in the village would not have continued without these volunteers. The positive response to my recent request for help is very much appreciated and I hope to involve others who volunteered, if they are willing, to share some of the larger delivery areas. I will be in touch! Thank you so much everyone.

Jill Beacham, Editor

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

I am writing this well in advance of course and things change so quickly and so often, your words can be out of date almost as soon as you have written them but one thing that doesn't change is hope.

As inexorably, the Winter changes to Spring, so I hope the dark days of enforced separation from loved ones, fear of disease, lots of premature deaths and severe restrictions on our civil liberties may soon be behind us.

2020 was a year that most of us will want to forget, put behind us, and move on, but at the same time, we have all had to learn and develop different coping strategies, skills and habits to enable us to cope with what was thrown at us.

The situation also revealed a depth of generosity and resilience that many of us didn't know we had. We learned things like "zoom" because we had to but discovered that actually, in many circumstances, it will be a great help in the future.

In adopting daily exercise routines, taken because we weren't allowed to leave home for unnecessary trips, we realised these were beneficial at all times and not just through official "lockdowns".

A quieter, more measured lifestyle (as opposed to official self-isolating) we perceived could also be beneficial. In the first lockdown in March people recorded being amazed at the loudness of birdsong and stopped for the first time in ages to actually look at things properly.

Yes, I think 2020 was a year we'd prefer to forget on the whole, but perhaps not entirely?

I hope and pray that indeed 2021 is collectively a far kinder and happier time for all of us, and that you will be blessed in your life with the gift of peace.

Love and prayers

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A happy & healthy New Year to everyone in Otterton and their family & friends. The Parish Council does not meet in January but will recommence business on 1st February 2021. Our meetings will continue for the moment by zoom, hopefully returning to physical meetings in the spring. New Year's resolutions for the Parish Council will include:

*Trying to find a solution to the parking issues in the village;

*Looking after the areas owned by the Parish Council, namely the Stantyway recreation field, Jubilee playpark, cemetery and Village Green;

* Planting trees to replace those suffering from disease, and encouraging the use of the dog poo bins.

The Parish Council has several vacancies at present so if you are interested in helping to look after our beautiful village and area, do speak to John Hiles; you would be very welcome. Finally a big thank you to everyone who has helped neighbours and friends in the village, especially to the Otterton Community Shop, Iain Ure for his work on the pathways and PROW around the village and Ian Birch and his team for completing such a comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan. Let's hope that 2021 is better for everyone.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

In December, Jill Gladstone stood down from the Shop Management Committee after years of sterling service. As one of the 'originals' who set up the shop, she helped in nursing it through the early years and leaves it in rude health. The village owes her an enormous debt of gratitude. The good news is that she is continuing to volunteer so we all wish her a happy semi-retirement.

2020 was an extraordinary year but we now look forward to what we hope and expect to be a brighter 2021 when we have improvements planned for the shop and new product lines arriving. Happy New Year!



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are so proud of the children this term, even more so than normal. The way that they all came back to school full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to learn, was a real inspiration to us all. They have dealt brilliantly with all the changes that we have had to put in place to keep them safe and have taught us all just how resilient they all are!

The lead up to Christmas would normally involve visits to the church, pantomime trips and families coming to watch the nativity but this year none of this could happen which was a huge shame, but the staff and children were determined that the show must go on and have produced the most incredible performance of the nativity, better than we could ever have hoped for, so we sent copies home to parents and families on a memory stick which was brilliantly received. We have also done all our usual Christmas crafts and activities and have enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch.

The Spring Term will not see any changes for us with the way in which we are operating. Our priority is to keep the children, the staff and our families safe and so bubbles and regular cleaning and handwashing will remain but we hope it will see a turning point in the pandemic and the light at the end of the tunnel will become ever brighter.

You may have seen on our Facebook page Otterton CofE Primary, that we have launched Throwback Thursday which takes us on a journey back down memory lane. It's great to see so many people enjoying the memories from our archive and we hope it will remain a regular fixture on our page.

From all at Otterton C of E Primary School, we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and 2021 brings you a New Year of hope and prosperity.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next film to be screened by the Film Club is to be "1917", which will be shown in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th January. Hard-hitting, immersive, and an impressive technical achievement, **1917** captures the trench warfare of World War I with raw, startling immediacy. Two British soldiers - Lance Cpl. Schofield and Lance Cpl. Blake - receive seemingly impossible orders. In a race against time, they must cross over into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1,600 of their fellow comrades - including Blake's own brother.

To book your seats, please e-mail ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net or phone Andrew on 567661.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held, socially distanced, in the main hall on Tuesday 26th January commencing at 7.30pm. All village residents are welcome. If you would like to attend, to ensure there will be sufficient space, please let Andrew know in advance, on 567661.

THE KING'S ARMS

Happy New Year from Adrian and the Team

Join us for Evergreen Club - 2 meals for £15

Friday Fish Supper night

Saturday Steak and Grill

Traditional Sunday Roasts

Please call to book your table.

OTTERTON MILL

We would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and a happy, healthy 2021. Please note that we will be closing at 4pm weekdays in January but will remain open until 5pm at weekends. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Mill restaurant, gallery and farm shop.

Milling: Come and visit the 18th oldest business in the world! We use water power to produce stoneground wholemeal flour, continuing a 1000 year old tradition here at the Mill. Our millers are happy to answer questions and show you how we produce our flour. **FREE ENTRY!** Milling Times (approx) 11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3pm. Milling dates in January are 10th & 31st.

Music: We hope to see live music return in 2021 and value your support. Details of all our 2021 gigs are available on our website. Please call 01395 568521 to book tickets.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Nothing to report this month.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Nothing to report this month.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Sending all good wishes for a happy, safe and healthy New Year. I will be back in February.

Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer - 01395 443881 - kate.ponting@clintondevon.com

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

Happy New Year! On behalf of all at Ladram Bay let us take this opportunity to wish you well for 2021 – may the year be brighter, happier & much healthier than its predecessor!

Start the year as you mean to go on and take full advantage of our discounted ‘Winter Pool Membership’ available now until 5th March 2021. Inclusive of unlimited adventure golf, gymnasium & swimming access, our Pool Complex is open between Weds - Sun (9.30am – 6pm). New membership rates are as follows: Adult £40, Child £15, Family £100. Free winter parking. Day entrance available.

Our talented leisure team are also excited to launch their brand-new range of fitness classes which will start later this month and include Aquafit, LBT (legs, bums & tums), Circuit Training, Beach Bootcamp & Gym inductions. Ladram Leisure sessions will be available to purchase individually or as a fitness pass block of 10 classes. We will also be launching swimming lessons for those aged 3+ on Tuesday afternoons; if interested, please do sign up for the swimming assessment on Tuesday 5th January. For further information please contact Ian and Ben on ladramleisure@ladrambay.co.uk or call 01395 562548.

From 2nd January, Ladram Stores will be open between 9am – 4.30pm every day. The store will be stocking all your essentials plus hot foods and drinks. For your convenience, mobile phone top-ups and Health Lottery tickets are also available. 2021 calendars featuring stunning local imagery are just £4.99. Contact the shop directly on 01395 567692 for any queries.

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

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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 - 01395 446433 **Deadline for February edition is Tuesday 19th January please**