



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY

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SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 16th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY

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

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

Happy New Year to everyone reading this, despite what may be happening in other parts of our lives.

At the time of writing, the national mood is darkening, everybody is talking about more restrictions on our freedom, and by the time you read this, it's anyone's guess what may be happening in the world.

And it is that very uncertainty that people find so debilitating and anxiety producing. Planning ahead for anything has become a nightmare, and it has become alarmingly clear how little real control we have over our own lives.

However true that has always been, we are always trying to kid ourselves that we are the masters of our own destiny but we are being forcefully reminded that there are things way beyond our control that shape our lives. Our decisions, life situation, willpower and brute good luck provide a modicum of control over certain things but there is nothing like a pandemic, or a death, or a diagnosis of a serious illness, a divorce or a redundancy to remind us that we are fragile creatures at the mercy of things way beyond our ability to control.

Accepting that fact is hard for many of us, but once we do accept it, we automatically become humbler and less ego centric people. Once we become less self-centred, it becomes easier to put our hands into the hands of one who is beyond all the temporal and temporary difficulties, fears and disappointments we have in life.

Belief in a higher power is a step rather than a leap of faith. Knowing that this higher power is wholly good, merciful, loving and believes that you are created good is a further step that cushions your progress through all the ups and downs that we all face in life.

Jesus never promised us an easy life, but He did say this:

“In this life you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world”

Love and peace, *Martin*

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Otterton Parish Council would like to wish everyone in the Parish a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a healthy 2022. Whist we, of course, hope that nobody will have need, it is worth mentioning that the Village Defibrillator is located on the wall of the Village Hall. It contains instructions for use and can be a life saver (please do advise the Clerk if you have used the device so we can ensure it is maintained).

The Parish Council is also delighted to confirm that after completing a successful planning application, landing lights are to be installed at the Stantyway Recreation Field to enable the Devon Air Ambulance to land safely in darkness - so important for our rural community. Completion of this project has only been possible due to the generosity of some of the businesses in the Village and we are enormously grateful for their support.

During the last COVID outbreak so many residents looked out for their neighbours. It is looking more and more likely that this might once again be necessary - thank you for the many kindnesses you continue to show.

If you are able to help, the Exmouth Foodbank has donation points in all 3 supermarkets in Budleigh Salterton and donations of food, toiletries and Christmas goodies are sought for distribution to those experiencing hardship; and for anyone in Otterton who is suffering financially, the Otterton Relief in Need Fund is available to help. Contact details as follows: dgottley@gmail.com /01395 567701

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 2022. At the last meeting we were pleased to co-opt 4 new councillors but there are still more vacant places. If you are interested in becoming involved in the work of the Otterton Parish Council and would like to know more, please do get in touch with the clerk. Happy New Year.

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

As everyone now knows, the shop has given £20.00 worth of vouchers to every household in the village to be redeemed when purchasing goods in the shop or donated to our village charity, Otterton Relief in Need. It was always an ambition of those who set up the shop that this might one day be possible and having been supported so well over the past two years, it has now been achieved. We sincerely hope that this has brought everybody a little Christmas cheer and with your continuing support we would hope to do it again.

With the exception of Christmas Day, we are open throughout Christmas and the New Year, closing most days at 1 pm, with normal opening hours resuming on Tuesday 4th January, but check the shop website for full details.

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us but with our great team of ‘can-do’ volunteers, we look forward to serving you in 2022 and making the shop better still.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Our new programme starts on 18th January 2022 at 7.30pm in Otterton Village Hall with a talk by Dr John Twibell entitled "Artemisia: The National Collection". John is the curator of the National Collection of Artemisias and will tell us about the diversity of these plants which is vital for science and the environment.

Our AGM will take place just before the talk and our Chairman, Eric, promises it will take no longer than 5-10 minutes (we will keep him to that!) and will be an opportunity to renew your membership as well as welcome new members to the club.

Membership costs only £12pa for 7 talks including 2 social evenings. Visitors are also very welcome, the cost being £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

It was amazing to welcome parents to watch our Christmas nativity, 'Ned's Christmas Discovery'; it was a wonderful show and the children really, really did us proud. They sang their hearts out and put on the most spectacular performance - it was exactly what a nativity should be. We must also give credit to our wonderful staff, without whom this wouldn't have happened! To finish of the Autumn term the children watched a production of Cinderella in school, there was a Christmas party, Heron Class made wreaths, some of the older children went to the Old Vicarage and sang carols to the residents, and the whole school enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. All this was followed by a well earned Christmas break.

Now we are back at school and into the Spring term and we are kicking it off with a team of 7 children from Heron Class entering the EFL Kids Cup 2022. We have also welcomed some new children to our pre-school which is growing term-on-term and has been a fantastic addition to our school.

We have lots planned for this term with sports impact days being delivered by Mrs Mason from the Dartmoor School Sports partnership as well as some more sports competitions. If you would like to keep up to date with what's happening in our school, please follow our Facebook page, Otterton CofE Primary.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next film to be screened in the Village Hall will be "Ammonite". This will be shown on **14th January** at 7.30pm; doors open at 7.00pm.

In 1840s England, acclaimed but overlooked fossil hunter Mary Anning (Kate Winslet) works alone on the rugged Southern coastline. With the days of her famed discoveries behind her, she now searches for common fossils to sell to tourists to support herself and her ailing mother. When a wealthy visitor entrusts Mary with the care of his wife Charlotte Murchison (Saoirse Ronan), she cannot afford to turn his offer down. Proud and relentlessly passionate about her work, Mary initially clashes with her unwelcome guest, but despite the distance between their social class and personalities, an intense bond begins to develop, compelling the two women to determine the true nature of their relationship.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

The AGM of the Otterton Village Hall Committee will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 25th January**. All parishioners are welcome to attend; this will be subject to Covid rules in force at the time.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

2022 is set to be another busy and successful year for the Estate, delivering today what is right for tomorrow through a number of projects locally as well as the 'business as usual' aspects for our staff involved in land and property management, woodland and renewable energy, conservation and our farming operation.

We aim to respond to enquiries about any aspect of our work in a timely manner but would like to take this opportunity to explain the most useful channels. Using the contact form at www.clintondevon.com/contact/ or emailing mail@clintondevon.com are the most effective methods of communication and will mean your query is quickly directed to the most appropriate person, as many staff work away from the office. Should your enquiry require an urgent response, please call the Estate Office on 01395 443881, where the team will be happy to take your call. We would like to request that staff members are not called or messaged on their mobile phones about Estate business in the first instance, unless the matter is an emergency.

We are pleased to welcome several new members to the team. At the Estate Office, Sarah Lloyd joins as Property and Land Administrator and Jola Kawalek as Administrative Assistant in the Business Support Team. Jack Howard is on a Rural Estate and Land Management placement from Harper Adams University until next summer and Georgie Armstrong joins as General Farm Worker, both supporting the Clinton Farms team. From everyone at Clinton Devon Estates, we wish all readers a very happy and healthy New Year.

THE KING'S ARMS

Happy New Year to all. For more information, please visit www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

OTTERTON MILL

Happy New Year to all. Find out What's on: <http://ottertonmill.com/events/>

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

Happy New Year! On behalf of all at Ladram Bay let us take this opportunity to wish you well for 2022.

Start the year as you mean to go on and take full advantage of our discounted **Winter Pool Membership** until 1st March 2022 – due to popular demand limited memberships available. Inclusive of unlimited adventure golf, gymnasium & swimming access, our Pool Complex is open between Weds- Sun (9.30am – 6pm). New membership rates from 5th January 2022 are as follows: Adult £52.50, Child £22.50, Family £112.50. Free winter parking. Day entrance also available. 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.

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, Maintenance, Reception, Security, Takeaway assistants, plus supervisors – these roles will begin in February/March 2022. To apply, simply submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk

From 4th January, Ladram Stores will be open between 9am – 3pm every day. The store will be stocking all your essentials plus hot foods and drinks. 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 the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

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/>

<u>TAXI SERVICE:</u> Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.

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 Wednesday 19th January latest please**