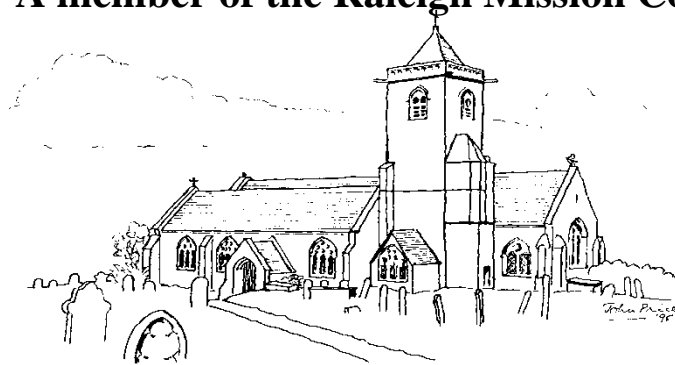




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There are church history features on-line at **Otterton.church** just enter that address in your browser.

CHURCH REOPENING

St Michael's is now open again for private prayer and reflection, with suitable provision for cleanliness and social distancing in place. We look forward to when it is safe for churches once again to become meeting places for collective worship and prayer. For now, the Government strongly advises that for those who do visit churches for individual private prayer, social distancing guidelines are observed. We also remember all at this time who mourn the loss of a loved one who has died during this crisis and recognise that this is a fragile time in the prevention of the spread of this virus.

DOOR TO DOOR DELIVERY OF THE PARISH NEWS

With the continuing support of all the distributors, I am planning to resume door to door delivery with the September edition. The July and August editions will continue to be available online and by email. Let's hope that we will also be seeing a return to something closer to 'normality' in many other ways. Best wishes, Jill

80th Anniversary of BRANDY HEAD OBSERVATION POST

From Sam Walker: Please join us on **Sunday 12th July**, 2pm-5pm, to mark the restoration of the Observation Post, its 80th anniversary and a tribute to its chief scientist, Sir Bennett Melvill Jones, by his grandchildren. The South West Airfields Heritage Trust are hoping to attend and answer questions about the building and the history of the RAF in the local area. Access on foot only, free cup of tea and a biscuit for anyone who makes it! For more information, please email stantyway@gmail.com

THIS EVENT IS OF COURSE DEPENDENT ON COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES AND MAY HAVE TO BE DELAYED, BUT IT IS HOPED TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

One of my favourite songs – a candidate for Desert Island Discs – is the old Nat King Cole number “Nature Boy”, a gentle haunting number in which the final refrain goes “The greatest thing you’ll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return”.

Amidst the health, social cohesion, public order and economic earthquakes that have rocked our nation over recent months it is good to be reminded of a basic human truth that is the core Christian truth that underpins our faith. Whether you are mourning the death of a loved one, yearning to see much missed relatives, lamenting the loss of your job, a policeman or a protestor, whatever your politics or station in life, we are bound together by common human needs and emotions. Most fundamental amongst those is the need for Love. The song puts it well “To be loved *first* and then to love in return”.

The Christian conviction is that as it says in John’s first letter in the Bible, “God is love”, so the basic human need for love can also be expressed as the basic need for God because for Christians, the two words are interchangeable.

If you think that you don’t believe in God or have never experienced God, simply turn the question around and ask yourself, do I believe in Love?

Who has never either loved another or been the object of someone else’s love? Who has never seen love being expressed?

Love is real and because love is real, God is real. Neither can be proved or put under a microscope and pulled apart. But both can be experienced and expressed and in the case of God, can also be worshipped as the first cause of all life.

This God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself – perfect love in human form and the love of Christ for you is always there and always true.

Love, Martin

JOINING HANDS IN CYBER SPACE

Doesn’t it feel strange not to have access to our beloved churches, not to kneel at the communion rail, not to touch base with each other after shared worship?

We are now able to go into church for private prayer, but it may be some time before we can hold services in church again. So, we decided to try and organise a simple version of Morning Prayer and we set up a Zoom meeting for Tuesday mornings at 9.30am. If you would like to join us, I’d be very happy to send you the link. It follows the morning prayer liturgy from Common Worship.

We set ourselves up so that Mike has easy access to his piano and he plays at the beginning and the end of the service. It quickly became obvious that one of the things that people miss is joining in together to sing familiar hymns. So, on Sunday evenings we have been holding a short service called Music, Prayers and Thanksgiving. This is also held in a Zoom meeting at 6.00pm.

You don’t need to download the Zoom app. I can send you the link every time for a new service. If you do have the app you only need the Meeting ID and the password. We now have a Zoom account which means that we don’t have to end the meeting after 40 minutes.

It means that people get a chance to chat and catch up with each other after the service.

It isn’t perfect by any means, but it does mean that we can meet and worship together, pray together and yes, sort of sing together. We also have time on Sundays to express our gratitude to God for the blessings around us.

Do get in touch if you would like to join us, if you’d like to know more about using Zoom or even have a little private practice beforehand.

All best wishes, Revd Margaret Scrivener

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of the community during the Coronavirus pandemic. As the lockdown continues to ease, we are likely to see more visitors to the area so do please be tolerant and kind without of course compromising safety.

Please can we remind all dog walkers to use the dog bins provided when cleaning up after their dog. It isn't fair to conscientious walkers to have to pick up other people's dog mess. Thank you.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place remotely on **6th July** at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend the meeting remotely please email the clerk on clerk@otterton.info so that an invitation to join can be sent to you. Alternatively, please send any questions or comments for the Parish Council by email or post to the Clerk.

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Otterton Primary School has continued to be open throughout the lockdown period for children of Key Workers and is now open for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well.

The children have all settled back in to school life brilliantly and have adapted effortlessly to their new routines and ways of learning. Big thanks go out to them, their parents and our amazing teachers and teaching assistants who are making this possible.

The children have been taking part in the Devon Virtual Games, completing various challenges and competing virtually against children in other schools; one family with children in Year 1 and Year 4 has been walking the East Devon Way from Exmouth to Lyme Regis and they have done over 40 miles!

Our Year 6 children have been presented with their Leavers Hoodies, kindly gifted by OCESA, our PTFA; this has become a tradition that the children wait excitedly all year for and we didn't want this year to be an exception so big thanks to everyone who contributes to their fundraising efforts to enable them to give the children things like this.

We are as always, incredibly proud of the children, especially for the resilience that they continue to show in these most uncertain times.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that from **Monday 6th July** we are restoring our pre-Covid opening hours, so will be open: Monday – Friday 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Customers will be re-admitted to the shop one, and later two, at a time. We will require customers to apply hand sanitiser, but the wearing of masks will be optional for the time being. A new till screen is in place and a one-way system will be marked out. Please continue to pay by card if you can. An air-extraction system is being put in place to increase the flow of fresh air into the shop and will also help to control the temperature.

We are continuing to offer home deliveries of groceries and newspapers to those unable to come to the shop. Call 01395 708324 to place your order and speak to Nikki when calling to pre-order fish or other special meat products.

We are also delighted to welcome back a number of our long-standing volunteers who have been obliged to self-isolate in recent weeks. It will be good to see them and get back to some degree of normality!

OTTERTON MILL

Our award winning Café/Restaurant will fully reopen from **10am on 4th July**, operating an order at the counter service with food and drinks brought to your table to reduce time standing in a queue. There will be separate entry / exit doorways. From 4th July, our Gallery and Crafts Shop will be open 10am to 5pm, with a one-way system, separate entry and exits and plenty of suitable signage/ hand sanitiser available. Please do pop in and view some of the lovely work from local artists and crafts people, some of course from our own village.

Our Farm Shop continues to offer a wide range of artisan Mill bakery goods and the best locally sourced produce available from suppliers across the Westcountry. Open 9.30am to 5pm from 4th July.

Tullulah our vintage horsebox outlet has proved a real hit and will offer its own unique service throughout the Summer, opening daily from 9.30am to 5.30pm; we will also offer informal evening service with our horsebox providing hot and cold drinks, snacks, ice creams and basket meals by the river. First evening service will be on 4th and 5th July.

We hope to be able to offer more undercover seating this summer should the fair weather fail; please do join us and bring your friends and family along to the Mill - we look forward to seeing you.

Stay safe and see you all soon.

Chris, Carol & the Mill Team

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

Sadly we have to inform you that the Chapel and Schoolroom are closed for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You can see the 'Referendum version' of the Neighbourhood Plan and its Appendices, and the Examiner's report, on the East Devon District Council website at 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, Appendices and other related documentation on the Otterton village website <http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm>

We will post further updates on the Otterton village website and via this newsletter, as and when anything changes regarding the referendum. Nothing has changed on this front in the last month!

THE KING'S ARMS

Following the government announcement on 23rd June, we can confirm the rumours. Yes folks it's true, your favourite watering hole will be reopening from **midday on 4th July**. The team is getting everything ready to start bringing you cold beer, fine wine and good food once again in the very near future.

We're sure most of you have seen that we've given the exterior of the pub a little facelift in the last few months and we've also been freshening up inside and on the outside areas.

It will unfortunately still be a very different experience from before lockdown and we ask that you be patient with us whilst we are implementing all the government regulations. Please remember it will be for your own safety and the safety of others.

We would encourage table reservations to avoid disappointment and ask that whenever possible people pay by card.

If anyone has any queries before reopening, do not hesitate to drop us an email to info@kingsarmsotterton.co.uk and we'll try our best to get back to you quickly. We look forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

All the best. Peter and the Team.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

The sun is shining, Ladram is still here and our passionate team are ready to restart the season on **4th July**. We have been given the green light and we are all so excited to welcome back our customers; we have missed you all. We are currently digesting and understanding the guidelines and making adaptations to the Ladram Bay experience to ensure we keep everyone safe. We will be adhering to a strict cleaning and sanitization programme on holiday homes and communal areas. Currently our Swimming Pool, Splash Zone and Soft Play must remain closed; however the great news is we have direct access to the most amazing beach which will be ready and waiting for you. We will of course re-open our swimming facility as soon as it is safe to do so. Our Entertainment programme will be adjusted and moved outside, weather dependent; we will be offering a limited programme to ensure we can safely entertain you. Our chefs are busy preparing the most spectacular menu so you can enjoy a relaxing meal within our Pebbles restaurant or fish and chips from Coast take away. Any questions, please email the team on info@ladrambay.co.uk or our team are on hand between 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday and Saturday 9am -1 pm to assist you. We hope to see you at Ladram Bay over the summer months.

Zoe, Robin and the Ladram Bay team

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

A place for exercise and recreation at a time when local society has needed it most.

One of the positives of the Coronavirus outbreak is how many new people have been introduced to the countryside in the area for the first time. The Pebblebed Heaths, the riverside footpaths and other walking and cycling routes locally being busier than ever, at times. This presents an opportunity to encourage a wider appreciation of the landscape but occasionally a few reminders are necessary too.

After such a long dry spell, fire continues to represent the biggest risk to wildlife and visitor safety on the Commons and would also have a devastating impact should it threaten woodland, farmland or rural properties. Please remember BBQs and fires are not permitted in the countryside and to take all litter home.

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For full length article looking at visitor impact on the Commons and River Otter, find **Countryside Learning** at www.otterton.com

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