



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR JULY

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

SUNDAY 4th JULY

9.30 am Holy Communion

CW East Budleigh

11.00 am Morning Prayer

Otterton

SUNDAY 11th JULY

9.30 am Holy Communion

CW East Budleigh

11.00 am Holy Communion

CW Otterton

SUNDAY 18th JULY

9.30 am Holy Communion with Baptism

CW East Budleigh

11.00 am Holy Communion

CW Otterton

SUNDAY 25th JULY

9.30 am Holy Communion

CW East Budleigh

11.00 am Holy Communion

CW Otterton

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

9.30 am Holy Communion

CW East Budleigh

11.00 am Morning Prayer

Otterton

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

View from The Vicarage

You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

You could say that about numerous things this past year. Family, holidays, communal singing, proper weddings and funerals, human contact to name but a few.

One thing that is always noticeable by its absence is good old-fashioned politeness and civility. That can seem like such a trivial thing but without them life becomes coarse and unpleasant very quickly.

If you liken society to a machine, then politeness and common civility are the oil that lubricates all the points at which we rub up against each other. It smooths the running of the machine, that without it overheats and seizes up very quickly.

Anyone who uses any social media and reads comments left by people will know that politeness and trying to see the other person's point of view are often in very short supply. Conversations are apt to become thuggish stand offs with people metaphorically screaming at each other and rationality goes out the window. A lot of social media is becoming overheated and in danger of seizing up altogether.

The "real life" interactions of everyday life, if they are to allow everybody to flourish, depend on what can often be dismissed as trivial things like saying please and thank you, greeting people with a smile, looking people in the eye, allowing people to speak, being generally kind to each other.

Such things are not trivial at all, but essential to the smooth running of society. It would be a tragedy if the coarseness of some of social media were to bleed too far into everyday life, devaluing and undermining the well-being of us all.

As I say, you really don't know what you've got 'til it's gone and once something is lost it is terribly difficult to get it back.

Love and peace,

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Otterton Parish Council met 'face to face' for the first time for over a year at the beginning of June and it was good to see some familiar faces and to learn that the passion for all things Otterton remains in good order.

Several issues were raised about road markings and these have been taken to Highways seeking an early resolution. However, it would be really helpful if residents noted that the diagonal white lines by the stream running along the tented area at the Kings Arms should not be used to park on as this area forms a safe 'pathway' for pedestrians. Your support is appreciated.

The Management from Ladram came along to the meeting and acknowledged and apologised for the traffic problems in the village at the end of May when a badly parked car blocked the passage of a static caravan going through Bell Street. Any practical suggestions to help with the transition of caravans through the village would be appreciated by the Management via the clerk of the Parish Council (clerk@otterton.info)

As we head towards the end of term and the summer season, the traffic through the village will inevitably become heavier; please park considerately and be as tolerant as you can - many, many thanks.

The nasty problem of irresponsible owners not clearing up after their dogs also came up again. Signs have been put up to act as a reminder so do please pick up after your dog, and use the bins provided.

The next meeting of the OPC will take place on Monday 5th July in Otterton Village Hall commencing 7.30pm. It would be helpful if you would let the Clerk know if you plan to attend so that socially distanced seating can be arranged. Many thanks.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

AGM – Change of Date - As the prohibition against gatherings of more than 30 people will now remain in place until 19th July 2021, the Annual General Meeting of the Otterton Community Shop will now take place in the Village Hall at **7.00p.m. on Thursday 5th August 2021**. We are determined that as many shareholders as possible should be able to attend.

The judges have now selected the 12 photographs for the OCS calendar for 2022 from the 145 images submitted. Those chosen will now be displayed in the lobby to the Village Hall until 28th June 2021 allowing you a preview and to vote for the one to appear on the front cover. Whilst there, do drop into the shop!



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What an amazing last half term of a difficult school year the children have been having! It has been really busy with the Y6 Water Sports day and Bikeability; there have been lots of trips to the allotment; we have done a sponsored walk for our charity for this year, Toilet Twinning, raising a wonderful amount of money; the children have taken part in our own school sports day and are looking forward to a community sports day over in East Budleigh with Drake's School where the children will get the opportunity to try out rugby with the Exeter Chiefs, football with Saints South West, dance and archery!

We are in the process of making some updates to our playground, thanks to some kind donations given to the school, and are expecting delivery of some new IT equipment which was funded in part by some more donations from the fantastic community of which we are a part.

Plans for the opening of our Foundation Stage Unit in September are in full swing; there are places available, both funded and non-funded, for children aged from 3 years. If you would like to apply for a place for your child, please contact the school office on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy for an application form.

We are going to be sad to say goodbye to our year 6 children and we wish them every happiness in the next part of their schooling journey but we can't wait to welcome some new children to the school in September; we have new starters in Reception and also into our brand new Foundation Stage Unit. We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable summer and here's hoping for a more 'normal' school year next time around!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Unfortunately, as the current Government restrictions have not been eased as expected, we have had no choice but to cancel the Social Evening planned for 20th July.

This is because, under the current Covid measures for the Village Hall, only 20 people are allowed and use of the kitchen is not permitted.

We are still hopeful that we will be able to hold the Autumn Show on 11th September and will review the situation on 19th July when the Government are due to make their next announcement. Please look out for our entry in the August Parish News when the position should be clearer.

THE KING'S ARMS

Adrian and the team welcome you to The King's Arms. Open daily for food - why not come and try our fresh lobster and crab which is delivered daily. We look forward to seeing you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

East Devon District Council's Cabinet has now ratified the result of the Neighbourhood Plan vote back in early May, and our plan now has full legal force. Monitoring of the plan in operation now passes back to the Parish Council.

You can see the Neighbourhood Plan, and the Decision Notices for the vote and ratification on the Otterton village website, at www.otterton.info

This is the last update we will be providing for this round of activity – we will restart contributions when we have a need to revisit the plan in the future. Thank you for reading!

OTTERTON MILL

News: The lovely weather is here and we are delighted to see so many visitors to the Mill. We are open every day, 9.30am to 5pm, Mill Shop 10am to 5pm. Inside and outside dining is available and our fish and chip and pizza evening on Fridays is proving very popular so do pre order if you can in case we run out.

Milling: 4th & 18th

Music:

8th - Geoff Lakeman and Rob Murch - We are delighted to welcome this dynamic duo, Geoff Lakeman and Rob Murch. Geoff is a patriarch of a folk dynasty, which includes some recognisable Mill favourites. Dad of Sean Lakeman, Seth and Sam and father-in-law of Cara Dillon and Kathryn Roberts, he teases English and Irish folk, Americana and jazz songs out of his vintage duet concertina. Rob's fabulous, finger-style banjo playing adds a unique sound and their sparkling stage presence makes for a great evening's entertainment.

22nd - Flats & Sharps - A welcome return to the Mill for these four talented and effortlessly entertaining young musicians hailing from Cornwall. Flats & Sharps blur the lines between bluegrass, folk, country and pop, gaining recognition for performing their own highly original songs as well as their renditions of bluegrass classics. They honed their skills with 350 live performances over nearly five years, charming and wowing audiences along the way. They have come a long way since their humble beginnings busking in Penzance as 17 year-olds to performing on the Town Square stage at the Country2Country Festival at the O2 in London in March 2015 and more recently at the Proms in Hyde Park.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Cattle and Dartmoor ponies are now grazing Bicton Common, Hawkerland, Dalditch plantation and behind the temporary electric loop on Colaton Raleigh Common. Please remember to keep gates shut and report any issues to our rangers directly on 07792 242242 or 07976 062717. Thank you.

The very successful 4-star International Horse Trials last month also marked the end of an era at *Bicton Arena*, as Helen West is leaving to become the CEO of British Eventing. Helen joined the Arena in 2013 and under her leadership it has become one of the country's foremost equestrian venues, whilst still supporting grass roots riding and the local community. Clinton Devon Estates will be very sorry to see Helen go, but congratulate her heartily on obtaining such a high-profile role in the equestrian world.

This month the team also say goodbye to Eliza Raine, who has spent the year on placement and now returns to *Harper Adams University* to complete her studies to be a land agent. We look forward to welcoming surveyor, Tom Whiffen, who will take up a new full-time graduate position with the Estate, and wish him every success in this new role.

For full length round-up from all areas of the Estate including the home farm and updates about the River Otter Restoration visit Otterton Village Website at www.otterton.info

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THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

We can hardly believe how time has flown by since our reopening in April. We're delighted that the summer seems to finally have arrived and long warm days of outside exploration in the beautiful local countryside & coastal areas are now upon us.

Whilst government restrictions remain in place, to ensure our guests and Otterton residents are safe, the park & facilities will be closed for the summer period to all day visitors. Additional safety measures, such as workplace testing, will continue to be used to minimise any risk to all.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We've positions available for the season within a variety of roles including housekeeping, restaurant and bar team, chefs, takeaway assistants & security. To view the current jobs available, visit www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/ Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

Wishing you a warm & wonderful summer.

OPEN GARDENS in support of BUDLEIGH SALTERTON & DISTRICT HOSPISCARE SUNDAY 4th JULY, 10am – 4pm

Explore thirteen beautiful Budleigh gardens, including the Croquet Club.

Tickets £5 available on the day at any garden – refreshments available at some gardens.

For further information, email l.goddard@hospiscare.co.uk, phone 01395 445876, or check the Events section of our website www.hospiscarebudleigh.org



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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.

www.otterton.info/Church/currentParishNews.pdf
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 August edition is Monday 19th July latest please**