



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR JULY

SUNDAY 7th JULY

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

SUNDAY 14th JULY

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

SUNDAY 21st JULY

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

SUNDAY 28th JULY

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

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

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Village Open Day on 1st June. It was great to see so many group organisers and interested folk, as well as those who just wanted a cup of tea in a congenial atmosphere.

Thanks also to the folk who have suggested an early 'brook clean' to remove the nasty green weeds that are making crossing the brook very hazardous. As soon as a date has been arranged, I will post notices on the notice board and on social media. Any help gratefully accepted. In the meantime, for your safety, please only cross the brook using a bridge.

At the last Parish Council meeting, local resident Kevin Hill was co-opted onto the Council. This leaves one vacant seat. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please do contact the Clerk or speak to any of the Councillors.

The next OPC meeting will take place on 1st July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, followed by refreshments; do join us if you can; you would be very welcome.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
mobile: 07880 331465; email: clerk@otterton.info; website: www.otterton.info**

VILLAGE FÊTE

Sunday 21st July on The Green from 2pm

There will be local jam for sale, book stalls and refreshments available.

Fun games for all the family including a tombola and tug of war!

Please come along and support the event in aid of St Michael's Church and Otterton C of E Primary School

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

I can't be the only one hoping for better weather in July than has been offered to us by June. I harbour misty memories from my youth of long hot summers. Not that the weather has been awful – just not “up to scratch”. This July we are blessed with the Wimbledon fortnight which coincides with the climax of the European football championships in Germany. I'll wager that there will be more than a few arguments over the “remote” and who gets to watch what. On top of all that, we have the Music Festival in Budleigh, so quite a few choices will have to be made. Thank goodness the Scarecrow Festival in East Budleigh is firmly rooted to a date in June!

We almost have too much choice in the first two weeks of July. It will mean that we may have to be a bit brutal as to what we choose to watch or attend. More important than all the above are of course all the things happening in our personal lives. It is my daughter's birthday for example, and she and her partner are visiting for a few days as well.

Handling this July is going to be a juggling act made up of hard choices between various sporting and musical options and fixed unalterable family things that must be done.

It can all seem a bit frenetic, and that doesn't even begin to consider church commitments. You know I really don't think I have time to have an actual job!

So in amongst all that is happening, I'll be savouring those times when I can just sit in the sunshine and think of absolutely nothing or entertain myself with my fanciful daydreams.

Hence why I am hoping for sunny weather. Everything looks better and feels better in the sunshine.

Don't get too stressed, take time out when you need to, take time to survey the scene and appreciate all the blessings that this life has given you. Football, tennis and concerts are all ephemeral really, unlike the long-lasting and truly important things in life like love and relationships and that precious peace of mind to cultivate and enjoy them.

Love and peace, Martin

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OTTERTON LADIES' COFFEE MORNING – 11am Monday 1st July

A chance to make new friends or catch up with old ones. All welcome. Thank you to The King's Arms for generously hosting.



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a start to the last half term at school; we have been super busy! Heron Class held an art exhibition and parents were invited in to see their work; it was lovely to see so many attending. The class visited Stantyway Farm and learned about the different grains and crops grown there and how they look after the crops and cows using organic methods. Highlights included a cow safari, incredible views, hunting for worms and a tractor-trailer ride round the farm and all the way back to school! Thank you so much Sam and Nell Walker! The children have also been out on a trip to Haven Banks in Exeter - developing their skills in climbing, canoeing, kayaking and archery. Another trip out was to Exmouth beach to participate in 3 workshops as part of the Sideshore Sea Safety Project: Sea swimming and Water safety, Environmental workshop and an Art workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to take part in this local project to raise awareness of water safety and looking after our local environment - the children had a lovely day.

Otters Class have had a trip to Clip and Climb in Exeter, a lovely treat and they all had great fun - stretching further and climbing higher. In literacy, the year 1 and 2 children have loved exploring the text 'A first book of the sea' which is full of beautifully written and illustrated poems. The children all had a sensory walk in the sand, over shells and through water to help them explore their senses and use descriptive language. We then headed out in the sunshine to listen to some of the poems. We have also undertaken Phonics Screening and KS1 SATS so a big well done to all!

We are looking forward to Country Dancing at The Old Vicarage soon, and our Sports Day is coming up. Fingers crossed for some nice weather!

Toddler Group - every Wednesday 9.30 - 11am; please come and join us for a fun morning. For further information please call 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON EVENTS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to say that Ladram Bay has offered us a mini digger and driver to dig the footings for the swings to be installed, so we just need to service and paint them ready for installation (any help with this is welcome). There is other work being done too - a new gate and post have been put in and other bits are in the pipeline. As we said before, any help or ideas for fundraising will be more than welcome. Just speak to one of the committee members or phone 07855 774436.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB - AUTUMN SHOW

The Autumn Show will be held on **Saturday 7th September** from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is free for anybody to exhibit, or just come along to view the exhibits and enjoy the refreshments.

The closing date for entries is **5th September** and entry forms are available from The Community Shop, Hair@No57, or from Iain Ure, the Show Secretary. You can also download an entry form from our website:- www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk The Home Produce schedule includes 3 cheese scones, coconut cake, chocolate chip cookies, and coffee cake (men only). The Photographic subjects are "Coastal" and "Harvest".

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

20% off fish in July! We are repeating our highly successful 20% discount on the price of pre-ordered fish and shellfish. Last year we sold over £3,500 of fish as many customers came to appreciate its quality, value for money and the ease of ordering via a call to the shop on **01395 708324**. You can obtain a complete copy of the Fish List from the shop or go to our website at ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk for full details.

On 4th June, the OCS held its Annual General Meeting. The Chairman was able to report another year of profitable trading, largely due to the incredible commitment of all involved. The hope is to continue supporting local good causes including ORINC, but this support for the village clearly remains dependent upon the village supporting the shop.

The first winner of our Loyalty Card draw from those cards redeemed over the first three months of the scheme was Lorraine Gouland. Congratulations!

Finally, this month's flyer promotes the Fish List but is also a reminder that the shop needs more volunteers to fill the gaps left by those stepping down or away on holiday. We particularly need help first thing in the morning so if you are an early riser, we would love to hear from you.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

It is proposed to install solar panels on Otterton Village Hall's south-facing roof, where they would not be visible from the adjacent roads. The aim is to provide electricity for the Hall and the Community Shop. The shop is a substantial user of electricity to run their freezers, fridges and aircon. If you would like to support this project, it would be helpful to receive your approval or any comments you may have. More details and a response form are on <https://www.otterton.info/ottertonhall.htm> This will help us successfully apply for planning permission and assistance with funding.

OTTERTON MILL

Food: If you are looking for a bite to eat then The Mill Friday Night Kitchen, 5pm to 7pm, offers takeaway artisan pizza, fish and chips and more.

Music: Two headline acts play The Mill this month; tickets priced at £15 are selling fast; on **11th July** we welcome Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman and then on **25th** we welcome the Martin Harley Trio, both nights set to be the top events of our 2024 Music line up.

Milling: We will be milling, a thousand-year-old tradition here in Otterton, on **Sunday 7th and 21st**; all welcome.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Although **Steam and Teas** will be but a memory when you read this, we still wish to thank the vast number of people who helped to make the event such a success. From the large number of cake bakers (and cupcakes and flapjacks and others!) to the very willing band of helpers and stall holders and car park marshals, not forgetting our wonderful live music from Mark Waistell, giving the event that extra "something". The raffle was a huge success with a huge number of prizes very generously donated by the Pub, the Mill, Hair at 57, Woodbury Park and so many others. The South Devon Miniature Railway brought two of their locomotives and Pecorama lent two coaches. We did try and keep the queue moving as fast as possible! And thanks to all the visitors, both local and from further afield, who spent so generously while having fun. In the end all the effort by so many was very worthwhile and we were able to hand over **£2094** to Vranth House School, for which they are extremely grateful. *Thanks again to everyone, John and Margie*

OTTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

We are a village club with a small dedicated group of members. Over the last few years, we have been putting a lot of effort into upgrading the facilities at the Stantyway recreation playing field. Massive progress has been made, but we do need help to continue the good work. We have recently taken on grass cutting duties and are in desperate need of an upgrade of the mower(s). The hut is in constant need of running repairs and the kitchen requires an upgrade. The Parish Council have kindly agreed that we can erect a sponsorship panel fence along the pitch side to be displayed on match days. Anyone who is keen or able to help us, or interested in sponsoring a board can contact us as below:

Mike Dabrowiecki, Club Treasurer 07761561238; Neil Shipton, Club Chairman 07511121476

Andy Mitchell, Club Secretary 07533631978; Ian Horne, First Team Manager 07971025256

Any help would be most gratefully received and would give a huge boost to our efforts.

THE KINGS'S ARMS – from Freddie and The King's Arms Team

A couple of key dates for everyone's diaries:

Quiz nights are on **26th June, 10th July & 24th July.**

It's becoming a staple of the last Friday of the month - our **Music Bingo with Alex Dobson** is on **Friday 28th June** and then again on **Friday 26th July.**

Let's hope England go deep in the Euros! We're running a burger and drink deal for £12.50 during matches and remember, every single Euros match will be on in the pub.

See everyone very very soon!

Freddie & Everyone at The King's Arms

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

As some of you may know, Steven Harper-Smith has left Ladram Bay for personal reasons. We welcome Gary Cook to the Ladram Bay team to take over from Steve.

As we are gearing up for a busy summer, we still have some employment opportunities available, so if anyone is looking for full or part time work, please email jobs@ladrambay.co.uk

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED: Local Support for Local People

Ottertton Relief in Need Charity (ORINC) exists to provide financial relief to residents of the Parish of Ottertton in need, hardship or distress through situations such as loss of income or domestic crisis. Types of help given include payment of essential bills, rent, electricity, supply of logs and other living expenses.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our support, we encourage you to please apply. Application forms can be found:

- In the **foyer of the Village Hall**; On our new **website**, www.orinc.org.uk
- Or you can **email**: orin.charity@gmail.com



ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in donating to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES - Heaths to Sea: Landscape recovery of the lower Otter valley

In September 2023, *Clinton Devon Estates* submitted a Landscape Recovery proposal to Defra for funding under the government's new Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS). We are delighted to announce that, starting in April 2024, the project was awarded a 2-year development grant of £750,000 to plan a future potential 20-30-year implementation phase delivering long-term landscape and nature enhancement within the Otter valley.

Our vision is framed by the concept of a 'super National Nature Reserve' (NNR) that connects the Pebblebed Heaths NNR and Otter Estuary Nature Reserve through its agricultural hinterland. We believe this initiative has the potential to:

- 1) deliver an accessible, nature-rich landscape that is resilient to climate change;
- 2) support East Devon's net zero and food production ambitions; and
- 3) drive a stronger, greener and more sustainable economy.



A Stakeholder Communication Advisory Group has been established to help advise on how we should communicate and engage with local communities during the development phase. This includes representatives from local government, local parish councils, land managers and a range of private and environmental organisations with an interest in the landscape and the environmental, social and economic benefits it supports. Stakeholders will be involved in shaping priorities for the landscape plan and there will be opportunities for wider consultation throughout the course of the development phase, and beyond. We will soon be launching a new project website to provide updates and information on the project. If you are interested in being kept up to date on project plans and progress you can register interest and give your thoughts on the project through our Stakeholder Engagement Survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Hei0iFjfmV>

SUMMER PLAY FESTIVAL AT THE MANOR PAVILION THEATRE, SIDMOUTH

12 fantastic plays in 12 weeks from 24th June to 21st September. This will be the 8th year that this remarkable company, the only remaining (professional) repertory company in the country, is coming to Sidmouth. This year's selection, ranging from thrillers to murders, comedy and farce, includes plays by Francis Durbridge, Terence Rattigan, Alan Ayckbourn, and Noel Coward. Do support this unique enterprise. You will not be disappointed. Brochures are available from the Village Hall foyer. See the Manor Pavilion website or contact the box office on 01395 514413 for more details and bookings.

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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.

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Ottertton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for August edition is Thursday 18th July latest please.**