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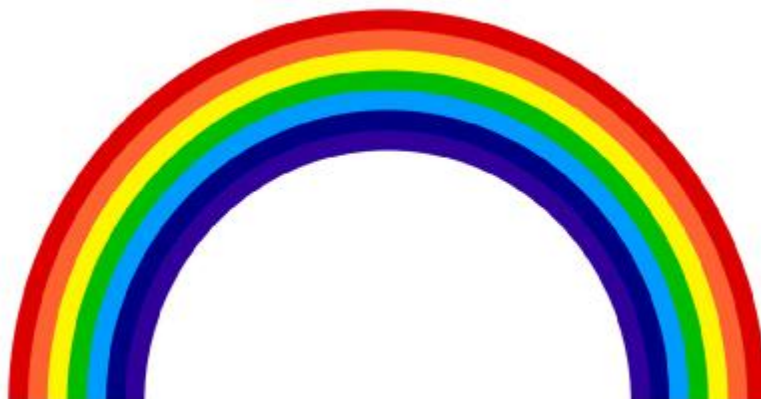
TO ALL THOSE WHO NORMALLY DISTRIBUTE THE PARISH NEWS DOOR TO DOOR

If lockdown restrictions are eased over the coming weeks, it may be possible to resume distribution of the Parish News door to door. **HOWEVER**, this would be entirely dependent on whether those who so kindly undertake the deliveries are comfortable with doing so again.

SO – if any of the distributors (you know who you are!) have reservations, please let me know as soon as possible. For it to work, this needs to be ‘all or nothing’ and normal service will only be resumed when everyone is happy about it! Thank you.

Jill Beacham – 01395 446433 – jill@beacham.co.uk

TAKE CARE AND STAY ALERT



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

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

A bird has built a nest in the clematis bush on our patio and another is building one in the bamboo “forest” that shields our patio from the road.

Sitting in the early evening, the peace of the countryside we now realise is far from peaceful. There is actually a cacophony of birdsong and it is lovely because it reminds us that life goes on unabated and unbound all around us.

And who would have thought that a trip to the garden centre, once a mundane task, is now the sign and symbol of human life tottering slowly back to normality. Weighed down with growbags, compost, tomato plants, marigolds, fuchsias, and geraniums we set about trying to co-operate with nature as best we can – which included replenishing our depleted stocks of bird seed.

Some will know that my mother died recently, and my Dad is in hospital with pneumonia and has just tested positive for covid-19 (evidently picked up in hospital). This is stark reality but the beauty and unbridled life, death and re-birth of the natural world around us is also reality.

Saint Francis is the best-known Christian saint with a special concern for and insight into the natural world. He knew instinctively that through appreciating and being connected to the natural world, one was experiencing the glory of God first-hand.

The depth, beauty and variety of the natural world, from the stars in the heavens to the birds nesting in my garden, and yes, to my dad in hospital, is testimony to the fact that everything bears the mysterious mark of the creative wisdom and will of God - the mystery of life itself.

We cannot understand the mystery. All we can do is marvel at and luxuriate in the marvellous interlocking complexity of it all. We really are all in this together. And by all, I mean every solitary created thing in the universe.

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of the community during the Corona Virus pandemic. As the lockdown eases slightly we are likely to see more visitors to the area so do please be tolerant without of course compromising safety.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place remotely on 1st June 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 to 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, not only of our school but Drake's as well.

During this time the children have taken part in various arts and crafts activities, producing some stunning pieces of art as well as working through the same home learning as their peers.

The children who have remained at home have continued to embrace home learning, doing an excellent job and taking part in regular video meetings with their peers and their teachers. They have taken on various challenges including a Scavenger Hunt, joining in with a World Record Attempt Art Lesson and competing in the Devon School Games.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You can see the 'Referendum version' of the Neighbourhood Plan and its Appendices, and the Examiner's report, on the EDDC 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.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

The shop is now open for an extra 2 hours every Monday to Saturday from 8.00 am to now 3.00 pm. It remains open on Sundays as before from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm. You can still telephone or email your orders for collection or delivery to include our local fish, poultry and meat that have been very popular as has our extended range of gluten free products.

Nikki and all the volunteers have put enormous effort into manning the shop over the last two months to keep the shop trading and everyone supplied. The best way in which you can all thank and reward them is to stay loyal and continue to support the shop as you have. I know that would be much appreciated so keep those orders coming!

After a late flurry, entries for the Calendar Photo Competition are now closed. When the 12 best have been selected, the open vote for the cover photo will be announced.

The AGM is due to take place on 25th June 2020, but the ban on assembly means that alternative arrangements are having to be made. These are likely to require advance voting by postal ballot. Shareholders will be sent further details shortly once the annual accounts have been independently verified.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

We hope to be back in business for the first screening of next season on Friday 9th October.

OTTERTON MILL

We are delighted that our Farm Shop is now open 7 days a week, for daily fresh fruit and vegetables, local fresh meats and a plethora of varieties of cheese. The bakery is also pretty much back in full swing with artisan bread and cakes as well as scones, sausage rolls, tarts and lots more. Alongside this we are offering a small takeaway service from the restaurant which we hope to build on over the next few days and weeks (watch out for more details posted onsite and social media) before hopefully reopening later this Summer. We believe when this does happen we will be operating slightly differently and we ask all visitors to the Mill to assist us in that respect. We have ensured our Mill Gallery and Craft Shop is also ready to open as soon as the Government allow that to happen.

We would like to reassure you that all of our operations are working under the guidance on managing the risk of Covid-19 and those risk assessments and measures undertaken are to ensure we remain Covid-19 Secure in 2020.

Finally from Carol and myself, we would like to express our thanks to the village as a whole for your continued support.

THE KING'S ARMS

Unfortunately it looks as though the village watering hole will remain closed until at least early July but we hope to reopen as quickly as possible once restrictions have been lifted, to bring everyone a glass of their favourite tittle and mouth-watering meals. Everyone please continue to stay safe and we hope to see you all in the near future.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

Ladram remains closed for the time being. We still have a small team working daily to ensure the grounds are well maintained and to ensure our supermarket is fully stocked for you all to utilise.

We are not encouraging visitors to use our Beach. However, as Otterton residents, if you would like to use the Beach for exercise please feel free. Our supermarket is open daily between 8am and 6pm. Mike, our Shop Manager, is able to provide all essential items and also source a variety of local produce – do let him know if there is something you need and we will do our very best to help. The direct line is 01395 567692, should you wish to phone ahead. We look forward to re-opening as soon as we possibly can - stay safe.

Zoe, Robin and the Ladram Bay Team

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Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk; http://www.ukcrimestats.com/

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Those of us who have been able to go out during lockdown have relished the opportunities to explore the wonderful countryside and appreciate the natural world perhaps more fully than before. Luckily Otterton is blessed with an amazing network of paths and quiet lanes, enabling easy access to the river, the coast and even the steeper climb to Mutter’s Moor.

The connection with nature may be welcome but the disconnection from other people may be harder to reconcile for those normally used to attending school, employment, or a myriad of social interactions each week. Taking time to check in more regularly and maintain the small, simple connection with others we see regularly is key to our wellbeing too, especially important for those who have been kept away both from the outdoor spaces and people they love.

As I write, the most stringent restrictions are finally loosening. The challenge will be to maintain these “natural” and “human” connections as life slowly moves back to full speed again. Stay safe | Stay connected.

For full length article on Maintaining Connections, find Countryside Learning at www.otterton.com

FOR SALE: Ninja Multi Cooker – as new. Please contact Ted Morse on 01395 489055 if interested.

TAXI SERVICE

Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.

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.

HISTORY OF OTTERTON.....Did you know?

Sea View Farm was built in 1867 in order that John Skinner could move his farm in Ottery Street, known as Elliotts (now The Barn) to the centre of his fields at Ladram. The Elliotts had been farming from the village since 1613. A letter of 1888 states that Sea View Farm’s profit ‘can only be made from sheep and cider making’. A rick fire in 1934 destroyed 5 tons of hay.

Gerald Millington

After many years of providing readers of the Parish News with countless fascinating, informative and often amusing and unusual glimpses into the history of the Parish of Otterton, Gerald has decided that this month’s ‘snippet’ as he calls them, will be the last. On behalf of all who have enjoyed and learnt from his encyclopaedic knowledge and dedication to bringing us HISTORY OF OTTERTON.....*Did you know?* every single month since March 1996

THANK YOU GERALD

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk 01395 446433 **Deadline for July edition is Friday 19th June please**