



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2021

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SERVICES FOR JUNE

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

SUNDAY 6th JUNE

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

SUNDAY 13th JUNE

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

SUNDAY 20th JUNE

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

SUNDAY 27th JUNE

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

SUNDAY 4th JULY

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

From the Scott family:

Poppy and the girls have been greatly moved by the countless acts of kindness and expressions of sadness, admiration of Dave's work with the young and his service in the community.

Unfortunately, restrictions meant many were unable to attend his service; however, we appreciated seeing friends gathered in the churchyard, and those who we were unable to personally acknowledge. We thank all of you.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

The fundamental difference between the secular and religious outlooks on life is that for a non-believer, individuals are inevitably the centre of everything – we have to be, because there is nothing else! The religious outlook is that the centre lies elsewhere with a divine reality that is intimately connected to everything that exists. The ramifications of this central difference affect our ways of seeing and doing in quite radical ways, the most fundamental one being how we understand ourselves and the purpose of life.

Because the Christian believer expresses their belief using the language of relationship, the most common and radical phrase that is used in the Bible is that we are “children of God”. This confirms that we are not the centre of the world and at the same time confers an innate dignity on all people. We discern our sense of meaning, security and purpose from that relationship.

We hear and read so much nowadays about well-being and mental health and while it is often tacitly acknowledged that religious believers are generally “happier” than those without belief, that is due in my estimation to the fact that we are anchored as human beings within a framework that allows us to flourish and also gives us the resilience to withstand the knocks and bruises that form an inevitable part of life.

We are humble enough to know that we don’t and can’t know all the answers to life’s challenges and problems but secure enough to know that as we fumble towards the truth, we don’t do so alone.

Love and prayers, Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

As lockdown eases once again, the village will see an increase in visitor numbers and a corresponding increase in traffic. Please be as tolerant as you can; it has been a difficult time for everyone and visitors to the area are beneficial to the economy. I have received several communications about dog waste in the area and a number of posters have been ordered which will be put up in high traffic areas. Please let me know if you think an area which is a particular problem has been missed. Please will all residents ensure that they clear up after their dogs and ensure that dogs are kept on a lead where appropriate.

The first face to face meeting of the Parish Council for over a year will take place on 7th June in Otterton Village Hall commencing 7.30pm. Whilst we do not anticipate a problem with numbers, it would be helpful if you would let the Clerk know if you intend coming along so that adequate socially distanced seating can be arranged, and please remember to wear a face mask.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



The last half term has flown by which just goes to show how busy we have all been at Otterton C of E Primary School. The Year 6 children, whilst not able to go on their usual residential trip, enjoyed 2 action packed days on Dartmoor, taking part in activities such as scrambling, caving and weaselling; a great time was had by all. The children in Dragonflies Class took part in a clay sculpting exercise with a local potter and produced some fabulous clay birds that, once fired, we hope will become a feature at our school allotment. The vegetable plants that the children have grown from seed are growing well and we hope to start seeing early signs of some vegetables soon. The Dragonflies children have also taken part in a litter pick; the equipment was kindly loaned to us by the Lions Club and lots of pieces of rubbish were collected and disposed of appropriately.

Our Ethos Group and School Council have chosen the charity Toilet Twinning as our charity this term. This works nicely with our school value of Compassion and the children have done some fundraising activities with an aim to raise enough money to twin a toilet block in either Malawi, Uganda or Zambia, the first being a "Wear Blue for the Loo" non-uniform day; they also have a sponsored walk coming up where they will walk 3.7 miles which is the distance that some children in developing countries have to walk just to find fresh water. If you would like to sponsor us or make a donation then please get in touch.

We are delighted to let you know that from September we will be opening the Otterton C of E Primary School Foundation Stage Unit, taking children from 3 years old. If you are interested in your child joining us then please contact us to register your interest. Further details can be found on our website or can be requested from the school office on 01395 568326 / adminotterton@thelink.academy

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

The Community Shop is a major asset to the village, but for all the efforts of those who give so freely of their time to keep it running, it remains dependent upon you all spending money in the shop rather than elsewhere. We are always looking to increase the range and quality of the stock on offer, and as more customers have come to appreciate this, trade has increased and continues to do so. So, keep coming. That trip to Budleigh is not always necessary!

You can also show your support for the sake of £10.00 by becoming a shareholder. This keeps you in closer touch with the shop and permits attendance at the AGM that this year will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 1st July at 7.00pm. Having not been able to invite shareholders to last year's meeting, we hope that as many as possible will be able to attend. To apply, email the Shareholder Secretary at ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com

Enhanced this month is the range of vegan and gluten free products that include bread (on Thursdays), vegan cheese, butter type spreads and milk alternatives. So, even more reasons to support us.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Those of us who did a 'rain dance' because of the dry conditions last month please stop now as our gardens are well watered and our water butts overflowing!

Seriously though, the rain was very welcome and has done our gardens the world of good, particularly for newly planted vegetables, so we expect a bumper crop of entries for the Autumn Show on 11th September.

If the easing of restrictions continues to go as planned, we hope to be able to hold our Social Evening on Tuesday 20th July at 7.30pm, so please make a note of the date. Further details will be given in the July newsletter.

OTTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

In May the club started a 50/50 draw to raise vital monies for the running of the club and also give people the chance to win top 3 cash prizes. We will be doing the draw on the final weekend of each month - it costs £5 a ball. If anyone would be interested in taking part, you can either pay into the club account or put money in an envelope with your name and address and pop it through my door (20 Ottery Street) or text/ring me - Andy Mitchell - on 07533 631978. 50% of the proceeds go to the club and 50% will be split in prize money. As anyone who's been to Stantyway can see, we're in the process of improving not only the pitch but also the changing rooms and toilets etc. Club account details are: sort code 52 10 26 account number 07217986 and reference 50/50 then your name. Please also either text/ring me or drop a note in my door.

THE KING'S ARMS

WE ARE OPEN!

Adrian and the team are looking forward to welcoming you back.

New summer menu, including our famous Crab and Lobster.

Bookings now being taken.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The result of the vote on our Neighbourhood Plan on 6th May was a resounding approval for it – 91.5% of those voting were in favour, on a 47.9% turnout. This is well up with the results in other parts of East Devon since the first result (Lypstone back in 2015).

The final step in the process is the ratification of the vote by East Devon District Council's Cabinet – this will take place on Wednesday 9th June. Assuming they do so, the plan will be deemed 'Made' and will be in full operation.

Those of us who have been involved in getting the plan to this point would like to thank firstly everyone who voted in the referendum – it's good to know the plan has such strong support. Secondly, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to its production – whether by completing the village questionnaires in 2017, analysing results, participating in the traffic counts that year, or by commenting on the draft versions at the various later consultation stages. The help was invaluable! Monitoring of the plan in operation now passes back to the Parish Council.

You can see the Neighbourhood Plan on the Otterton village website, at www.otterton.info

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall re-opened for business on 17th May under Stage 3 of the Government's Roadmap, and is subject to all the ruling Covid-19 restrictions and requirements.

For details of these, please visit <http://www.otterton.info/ottertonhall.htm> and see Hirers' Special Conditions, or contact Andrew Sharp on 567661. For bookings, please phone Joan Cullen on 567574 or fill in the on-line booking form via the above link. Please note: The Committee Room is not currently available for hire.

OTTERTON MILL NEWS

Our restaurant is open again for inside dining. To book a table please ring 01395 568521. We are open 9.30am to 5pm every day with fish and chips and pizza available on Friday evenings 5pm to 7pm. It is advisable to pre-book to avoid disappointment.

MILLING

6th & 20th

MUSIC

24th - Mark Harrison Band: Singer-songwriter Mark Harrison combines with Charles Benfield on double bass and percussionist Ben Welburn to create wonderful early acoustic blues with folk influences. Modern lyrics, contagious energy and good humour provide a unique and highly enjoyable experience. Mark is an excellent and expressive vocalist and a tremendous resonator guitar player as well as being a terrific songwriter and entertainer. Mark Harrison Band's first visit to the Mill promises to be a night to remember. Tickets £15.00 (price covers the music only). To book, please call 01395 568521 or visit our Mill Shop in the Mill building.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Competing at Bicton International Horse Trials this month may be the last chance UK based riders have to impress the Olympic selectors, ahead of the Tokyo Olympics taking place later this summer.

Bicton Arena host their highest-profile fixture this month, between 10th-13th June, the first time Bicton have hosted a 4-star event. Only the Horse Trials at Badminton and Burghley surpass this level being 5-star events, but as neither will run in 2021 this means Bicton will be one of the most significant horse trials in the UK this year.

It is thrilling to have an event of this standard and profile locally. The Arena team have a proven track record in putting on very successful 2 & 3-star events and have a socially distanced model in place to deliver a fixture for riders in these challenging times. As well as overseeing the event organisation, Arena Manager Helen West will also design the cross-country course, advised by Captain Mark Phillips.

Thanks go to the Arena's neighbours at Bicton Park for allowing additional land to be used so the additional distance required for the long cross-country course can be achieved without compromising on the flow of the route.

Although the competition will take place behind closed doors due to Covid-19 restrictions, spectators won't need to miss out on any of the action. The whole weekend is due to be live streamed on Horse & Country TV. Follow the Bicton Arena social media channels for up-to-date information or visit www.bicton-arena.co.uk

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THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

As the school holidays draw closer and our freedom begins to grow, we're very much looking forward to a fun-filled family-focussed summer. To ensure our guests and Otterton residents are safe, the park will remain closed for day visitors. We've introduced additional safety measures on park including frequent workplace testing to minimise risk.

We're delighted to support such an important project for the community in contributing to the costs of the essential lighting needed at Stantyway Field for the air ambulance landing point.

Looking for a new opportunity? We're still recruiting for seasonal cleaners to join our housekeeping team. Shifts will include Mondays and Fridays; however, flexibility can be offered around commitments such as school runs. To be considered, simply submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk

As a result of the recent South West Tourism Awards virtual ceremony, we're proud to have received the Bronze accolade for Holiday Park of the Year 2020/21 – another superb award to add to the collection!

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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 July edition is Friday 18th June latest please**