

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR MARCH			
<u>SUNDAY 3rd MARCH</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 10th MARCH</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 17th MARCH</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 24th MARCH</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 31st MARCH – Mothering Sunday</u>			
9.30 am	Service with ~Drake’s School		East Budleigh
11.00 am	Service with Otterton School		Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 7th APRIL</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Otterton.			

Our Lent Appeal

As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide.

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us.

More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org

Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: **020 7739 6292**

View from The Vicarage

There are daffodils in my garden; the fig tree is full of buds; a pair of pheasants regularly strut past the living room window; the night sky brings stars in abundance; we live amidst beautiful countryside beside the sea. East Budleigh and Otterton are both picturesque and welcoming and supportive communities. I lead collective worship in both schools of the Raleigh Federation every week and the subject of the last one was "Counting your blessings". As we awake from Winter, it seems to be the appropriate thing to do, and I think, actually essential to our mental wellbeing. Life throws many curve balls at us, as the Americans say, but some things, like my brief list above, always remain fairly constant.

But who do we thank for such a beautiful world? The collective worship before last I talked about the supposed conflict between science and nature. This is a manufactured debate between people who know very little about either science or religion (except what extremists on both sides say) and the good news I gave to the children is that there is no conflict. You can believe in the Big Bang theory and evolution and also believe that there is a divine hand behind both.

Charles Darwin was a Christian when he wrote *The Origin of Species* and in fact said that his theory "gave a grander view of God" and the scientist who came up with the Big Bang theory was a Roman Catholic priest called Georges LeMaitre. In fact the Big Bang theory was initially derided by some atheist scientists for being "too religious" a view of the universe because it was predicated on a "point of creation" which left the door wide open for the idea of a creator.

So when I look upon the natural world, and the lovely villages where we live, I have no problem thanking God for everything that makes my life worthwhile. I invite you to do the same.

Martin (Vicar of the Raleigh Mission Community)

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Otterton Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th February was well attended by residents, many of whom wanted to show support for the proposals for a 20mph speed limit through the village. After much discussion about the pros and cons of this and taking into account the public support, together with the offer by Councillor Claire Wright to part fund the scheme which will cost in the region of £5000, the resolution to move the project forward was agreed by the Parish Council and will now be taken to

Devon County Council for consideration by the Highways Department. It is hoped that as this scheme will have a positive impact on the village as a whole, that offers of financial support will also be forthcoming from other businesses and users. I am pleased to report that the following statement has been received from the Management of Ladram Bay: 'Should Devon County Council support and approve such a scheme, or come up with a different scheme with proven results, then we will certainly consider funding part of the project in conjunction with other businesses in Otterton, if approached by the Parish Council'.

On other matters, the Parish Council continues to look for activities for the older children in the village and improvements to the Jubilee Playpark. The positioning of additional bins for Dog Poo is also being considered.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 4th March at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

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THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – Otterton C of E Primary School

It has been a very busy half term with lots of brilliant learning and exciting things happening. We've had many broader activities taking place with lovely experiences for all the children. These include a visit to Exeter University Great Hall to work with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, a trip to Living Coasts, Dance & Hockey Festivals, Birds of Prey visit and a Living Timeline to mention only a few things. Next half term we have lots of interesting things planned. We will be making the most of the allotment and using it alongside our learning. Also in school there are exciting new things in the pipeline so watch this space.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting is on 19th March with a talk by Dianne Long, the Chairman of the Devon Gardens Trust, entitled 'Devon Gardens Trust and the work of County Gardens Trusts'. Dianne will talk to us about the work of the DGT whose aim is to conserve and enhance Devon's horticultural heritage, gardens and designed landscapes. The meeting will be held at Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free to members and £4.00 for non-members. For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

OTTERTON VILLAGE SPRING SHOW: The show is on Saturday 16th March in the Village Hall between 2.00pm-4.30pm. Entrance is just 50p. To enter the show you can pick up a form at Hair 57, The King's Arms, the Community Shop or from Iain Ure, the Show Secretary. You can also download a form from our website or even enter on-line; entry of exhibits is free and open to non-members.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next screening by Otterton Film Club will be on Friday 8th March at 7.30pm (Doors open for the purchase of wine and snacks at 7.00pm). The film, as voted for by the members, will be "*Bohemian Rhapsody - a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. Starring Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee, Rami Malek (BAFTA Best Actor Award).*" Entry for members £2, non-members £6. Annual membership £20 for individuals or £30 per couple – application forms available from the Community Shop.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Spring is definitely just around the corner, and on some days it feels as if it has arrived already. Our plants are back and the first pots of daffodils proved extremely popular –

now watch out for the tulips! Don't forget Mothering Sunday; we've got some beautiful cards in stock, and maybe add a box of chocolates as well? Val and several of the Committee members attended the food and drink trade show at Westpoint in February, and we are now exploring the possibility of expanding our range of products from various local businesses.

We were delighted to be joined by some new shareholders and volunteers to our team last month; of course more are always very welcome. **Please note**, we will need **three** new Committee Members by May at the latest this year, to replace those long-standing members who are standing down after our AGM. This is really important – without a valid Committee, there can be no Shop, so please either think about this yourself, or suggest it to others who might be interested. For further details, please ask in the Shop for details about who to contact.'

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The first draft of the Otterton Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion. Much work has gone on over the past month to ensure that the plan meets legal requirements and conforms to national & local planning policies and guidance. We have developed the plan using the views expressed by parishioners in the 2017 Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire and at the two feedback sessions, held in the Village Hall in early 2018. We have refined the layout of the plan so that it can be presented to the East Devon District Council Neighbourhood Planning team, in the best possible format, for a pre-submission health check.

The pre-submission health check will provide an insight as to whether our plan meets the basic conditions for initial formal review. Following that formal review, it would proceed to statutory inspection and then the referendum stage. We will be inviting parishioners to view and comment on the plan during a six week consultation period, details of which we will confirm in due course. If you have any queries about the process or the subject in general, please contact us at ottertonnpsg@gmail.com or on 07940 529807.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in March

Art History Talks with Lin Holdridge - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March at 10.30am

Talking Pictures with Maggie Giraud - Monday 4th & 18th March at 10.30am

Pub Quiz - Wednesday 6th March at 8pm

Don't forget to book your table for Mothering Sunday on 31st March

OTTERTON MILL

Our new development is coming along nicely with new toilets, extended farm shop and deli feature taking shape and hopefully coming back online before Easter this year. We have a great new range of products and artwork in the Mill Gallery with something for everyone. We are also delighted to welcome Claire Bowmer to the kitchen team; many of you will know Claire from her previous business in Budleigh Salterton.

Milling Dates: 7th & 21st

Music: 21st - Eddie Martin - Eddie is quite simply "the most remarkable bluesman of his generation" (Blues in Britain). This charismatic multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter, and one-man band is one of the Mill's most entertaining acts. His performance energy is infectious, as his national steel guitar, rack mounted harmonica and suitcase (acting as bass drum) pound out driving rhythms to complement his soulful vocals. Act of the Year in the 2012 South West Blues Awards!

Now booking for all live music events throughout 2019; next up on 25th April is the fabulous Steve Tilson.

OTTER CYCLING

The nights are drawing out and the days are getting warmer. We'll be out on our bikes again soon. For those who have already contacted us we will be in touch again soon with dates for our next rides. Anyone else who'd like to join our gentle, short cycle rides around Otterton, just e-mail us for more details at ottercycling@gmail.com Thank you.

OTTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Going into the final few months of the season, both Saturday sides are just outside the promotion race so still all to play for. Upcoming March home fixtures are (2nd) Reserves v Sidmouth 3.00; (9th) Reserves v Village Inn 3.00; (16th) Firsts v University 3.00; (17th) Veterans v Waldon 2.00. Come and support your local side.

JUMBLE SALE, 2nd MARCH, EAST BUDLEIGH VILLAGE HALL, 10.00 - 12.00

50p Entry - Refreshments available.

Proceeds to:-OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH, THE RALEIGH FEDERATION, CR2EE & Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

Do come along and grab a bargain. Donations of jumble can be left in the Information Point at the Village Hall or phone Fran for collection 01395 568732. Thank you all so much for your support.

EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: East Budleigh had a memorable Devon KO match against Seaton. Although out-graded on most boards, the players put up a strong showing but no surprise at the final result. Eventually the older established club (Seaton) pulled out in front and fashioned a **5.5-2.5** victory. There were club wins from Grandmaster Keith Arkell and Tom Miner and a good draw from Ken Alexander who had earlier battled against snow and ice to get to the venue. Tom's win was notable because it was his first win for some time. Congratulations to Keith Arkell for winning the Open in the Simon Bartlett Memorial Congress recently at Torquay. The club secretary came equal 2nd in the Major section.

The next club night is on Thursday **14th March**, at 6.50pm at the All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh. For more information please contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone at 01395 442060.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing & Events Manager

We're fast approaching opening weekend at Ladram Bay Holiday Park and can hardly believe how time has flown by this winter; spring is finally on the way & we can't wait! Please be aware that as the park re-opens, opening hours of all facilities will change. For your convenience, timings will continue to be posted online on both our website www.ladrambay.co.uk and the Otterton village website.

In advance of our upcoming final winter caravan movements, we thank you for your understanding & support – should you need to view the planned movements, these can be seen on the village website and posted to the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

Looking for a new challenge? We're still recruiting for seasonal positions within several departments. Find out more or apply with your CV and covering letter to lisaspickett@ladrambay.co.uk

For those of you wishing to take advantage of free parking within the off-peak season please do pop into Reception from 15th March with proof of residence to collect your Otterton Residents Pass. (Please note this excludes weekends)

Safety and security at Ladram Bay are taken very seriously and also in the surrounding Parish. To this aim we would more than welcome any sensible traffic calming or speed reduction initiatives. Councillor Claire Wright had previously promised at a public meeting in January 2018 to fund a 20mph limit from her locality budget. It is now unfortunate that this has failed to be honoured. As the Parish Council have requested,

should the County Council support and approve a suitable traffic calming scheme, Ladram Bay would of course help support this initiative financially alongside other key Otterton businesses.

PCSO JUSTIN WILLIS

**Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; justin.willis@dc.police.uk
exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**

TAXI SERVICE

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

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

River Otter Estuary: Walkers have been delighted that the footpath between White Bridge and Lime Kiln re-opened ahead of schedule. This was the culmination of a joint project between the Environment Agency, East Devon District Council, Bridge Civil Engineering of Chudleigh, and Clinton Devon Estates who worked together to organise repairs after the path was washed away. We are grateful to our volunteer wardens, Doug and Joan Cullen, who kept walkers informed of the alternative route.

For full length seasonal update from around the Estate look for 'Countryside Learning' on the *Otterton Village Website*.

Join *Clinton Devon Estates* and the *Otter Valley Association* for the Spring Litter Pick on 23rd March 11am-1pm. Meet at Lime Kiln car park. FREE car parking and all equipment provided.

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SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

• **Open Weekend:** The Chapel and Schoolroom will be open the **third** weekend in **March - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th** from **11.30am - 4.30pm**. Lots to see and **light refreshments** available in the Schoolroom. All welcome, including well behaved dogs!

• **Visiting Salem Chapel:** should you wish at **any time** to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1793 - 1972, associated literature and displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day or even meet our **resident bats**, please use one of the contact details below.

• **Availability:** These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire. The Schoolroom can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a wide range of activities and our rates are **reasonable**. If you are interested, please contact **01395 446189** or **email salembookingseb@mail.com** Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) **www.hct.org.uk**

• **Follow us:** on the website for HCT and follow the link for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh.

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

Thomas Tedbury, named as a maltster living at Brooklyn Cottage, ran a thriving saddle and harness-makers there. This and boot and shoe makers (cordwainers) were two of the most important businesses in a farming community such as Otterton. 15 are named in 1841. Of these, John Hine and Thomas Patch traded from cottages on The Green. Members of the Pile and Miller families had shops elsewhere in the village. Later, John Farrant and William Faytor traded in the 20th.century. They all required hides for their trades which were supplied by Leat Carpenter's Tannery in East Budleigh.

Gerald Millington

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham**, Barton House, Church Hill, Otterton EX9 7HU - tel: 568130, email: jill@beacham.co.uk **Deadline for April edition is Monday 18th March LATEST please.**