



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

## MARCH 2021

A member of the Raleigh Mission Community



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### SERVICES FOR MARCH

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

#### SUNDAY 7th MARCH

11.00 am Morning Prayer Otterton

#### SUNDAY 14th MARCH

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

#### SUNDAY 21st MARCH

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

#### SUNDAY 28th MARCH

11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton

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

### THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH CLOCK VOLUNTEERS

Some villagers may not realise that the church clock is not automated and requires winding on a weekly basis. Tony Bennett organises the rota and each volunteer is allocated a month during which they are in charge of the winding. It's quite a physical job which involves two mechanisms being wound taking over 100 turns, having first climbed to the top of the tower! Many thanks to all of them for keeping us on time!

*Michaela Savage*

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

The whole of March falls within the Christian season of Lent which is a time of sober reflection on what really matters in life and also a time of testing. This year those important subjects seem to have been exercising us for almost exactly a year now when we have all been thrown into the deep-end in one great extended season of soul searching and introspection. What my experience has taught me is that personal freedom, human contact and chance contacts are very important to me but I have also learned that slowing down, observing and listening to nature and walking regularly are things I have gained. Lent of course is a purely voluntary time of reflection that one chooses but the lockdown is a situation that has been forced upon us. Acceptance is a concept that looms large in Buddhism but also has its equivalent in Christianity too, and in fact all religions that genuinely seek after Truth. Knowing the difference between accepting what cannot be changed and having the courage to change for the better those things that can be changed was the subject of one of the best-known Christian prayers by Reinhold Niebuhr, well-loved as much outside Christianity as it is within it because it strikes a chord of truth within most people who hear it. The “serenity prayer”:

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change...

Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Love and peace, Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear All - Thank you all so much for your continued tolerance and goodwill during these difficult times. Hopefully we will now start to see an easing of restrictions which will make it easier to get together as families and see loved ones. Undoubtedly this will bring additional traffic into the village as folk take advantage of the better weather and the chance of a holiday break to enjoy our beautiful countryside. Your ongoing tolerance and consideration of your neighbours when parking will be very much appreciated and the Parish Council will continue to work with Highways to improve the infrastructure.

John Hiles, the Chair of the Parish Council, has recently joined up with Budleigh in Need and is attending a meeting every Thursday to discuss Covid-19 in the area with a Doctor from the Medical Centre, Marc from the Hub and others.

If anyone is suffering from the effects of Covid-19 financially or medically, they can get in touch with Budleigh Relief in Need charity or the Otterton Relief in Need charity for help. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 1st March by Zoom; for an invitation please contact the clerk.

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

No report received (half-term).

### **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

**2022 Calendar Competition** - It may seem early to do so, but following upon the success of our 2021 calendar, we are inviting you to submit your photographic entries for the 2022 Calendar Competition. Your photos should again be of Otterton, its buildings, surrounding countryside, seascape and wildlife. We are looking for images taken throughout the year, reflecting the changing seasons and beauty of the area in which we all live.

Entries should be emailed to the shop in either jpeg or pdf format by the closing date, **26th May 2021**. Please ensure the photos are of sufficient resolution to print crisply when enlarged to A4. There will again be a £25.00 prize for the photograph selected to adorn the front cover. Get snapping!

Don't forget that news of products and special offers are posted on Facebook and emailed to our customer base so keep alert. We had a great response to the recent posting of our Fish List from which you can pre-order by phone or email.

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### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

Although the news regarding the roll out of the vaccine and the fall in the number of COVID 19 cases is very encouraging, it looks as though the current lockdown restrictions will continue into March. We have, therefore, no alternative but to cancel both the Spring Show and the talk for this month.

Whilst this is very disappointing news, we are hopeful that matters will soon improve so we can get our Club up and running again.

Spring is a very busy time for us gardeners so get those seeds sown now so you can have a bumper harvest to enter for the Autumn Show!

Keep well.

### **THE KING'S ARMS**

Unfortunately The King's Arms is still closed in accordance with government regulations and we don't know when we will be reopening at the moment. Everyone stay safe and we hope to be seeing you all in the very near future for a drink (or two)!

### **OTTERTON MILL**

At the time of writing:

Our Farm Shop is open daily 10am to 4pm. With Easter on the horizon, our famed Hot Cross buns will be available soon. We continue to offer fresh bakery goods daily and are adding new lines weekly to our shelves. Our takeaway service continues during lockdown from Tullulah, 10am to 4pm.

Fish and Chips and Stone-baked Pizza is available 4pm-6.30pm every Friday evening.

Look out for updates on our Facebook page or signage on site.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It still looks likely that our Neighbourhood Plan referendum will take place on Thursday 6th May. This is of course subject to government confirmation, based on pandemic conditions allowing an easing of restrictions.

Other elections will be going on as well – for Devon County Council, and for Police and Crime Commissioner. Arrangements for voting will be made more Covid-safe than last time round, including more support for postal voting and an expansion of proxy voting if (e.g.) someone has to self-isolate near to the election date. You can find out more on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan>

If you need a reminder of what our Neighbourhood Plan is about, you can see it and responses on the East Devon District Council (EDDC) website, at: <https://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 and responses to the earlier consultation (mid-2019) on the Otterton village website at: <http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm>

EDDC have also launched a consultation on an update to their Local Plan, which is seeking comments by 15th March, and we encourage you to have a look. You can find the consultation at: <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/initial-consultations/issues-and-options-consultation-jan-2021/>

## **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

No report this month.

## **HOSPISCARE MEN'S WALK – “Your Way” – 20th March 2021**

Over past years the Otterton community has been both kind and generous in sponsoring Terry Tibbott and Malcolm Crabtree in the annual Hospiscare Men's Walk. This year is the 10th Anniversary of the Walk and obviously it cannot go ahead as usual, with over 800 participants, due to Covid 19 regulations. However, entrants can plan their own walk, hence the "Your Way" title to raise funds for Hospiscare, and so Terry and Malcolm have decided to undertake the Otterton Parish Beating the Bounds walk on Saturday 20th March - socially distanced of course. This walk is just over 10 miles, and if you can, please sponsor them this year as Hospiscare, like all charities, is desperate for funds.

## **CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer**

### **Walks, water and work afoot**

Many paths, lanes and local routes are muddy with all the extra use they are getting from feet, hooves, bike tyres and paws. Warmer March weather and hopefully less restrictions might mean badly affected tracks can dry out and we can get out more easily and spot the first signs of spring. FREE pocket-sized maps to help you explore Mutter's Moor or the Pebblebed Heaths are available from Otterton Community Shop; these include all the tracks and trails which are not shown on OS maps and some mapping apps.

The River Otter seems determined to adjust its course into the flood plain south of the village. A temporary closure between Otterton Bridge and Clamour Bridge will enable *Devon County Council* contractors to reinstate the footpath. During the repair work, walkers can bypass the closed section via Park Lane.

Ground works for the restoration of the Lower Otter will commence this month. Drilling rigs to make detailed assessment of ground conditions may be seen and an aluminium trackway will be installed to allow vehicles to move up and down the site in all conditions. [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com)

## **THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager**

With spring edging closer, flowers blossoming, days becoming longer and the weather warming, we're hopeful that we'll soon be able to safely reopen our doors after the government go ahead and offer our holiday guests a season full of fresh air, fun times and memories to cherish. Our on-park teams have been busy preparing for opening; tending to our beautiful grounds, and planting additional trees and shrubs to enhance the landscape.

Our solar panels which were installed last year continue to perform well, minimising the CO2 produced at Ladram Bay; we look forward to being able to measure the huge impact this has after a full season of operation. Green efforts have also been made with the addition of two new electric vehicles to our fleet and the upcoming installation of the EV charging points for customer use.

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to all the Otterton residents who have continued to support the shop throughout the lockdown period – we do hope you have found the opening of this facility to be helpful. For the foreseeable future Ladram Stores will remain open between 9am - 4.30pm; however timings may change dependent on demand, so please do call prior to your visit or for any enquiries. (01395 567692)

Super news! - We are delighted to announce that for the second consecutive year we've been announced as a finalist within the Holiday Park of the Year category at the Devon Tourism Awards, thus proving our adaptability skills and innovation in 2020. We will of course announce the outcome of this ceremony later this spring. Brighter days are coming!

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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.

<http://www.otterton.info/Church/currentParishNews.pdf>  
<https://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](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) - 01395 446433 **Deadline for April edition is Friday 19th March please**