



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

## MARCH 2022

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### SERVICES FOR MARCH

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#### SUNDAY 6th MARCH

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

#### SUNDAY 13th MARCH

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

#### SUNDAY 20th MARCH

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

#### SUNDAY 27th MARCH

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

#### SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

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

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

### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is pleased to invite our local parishioners to an **Open Morning on Saturday 19th March** from 11am until 1pm. Join us for tea and cake and take a look at what Otterton Village has to offer; whether you've lived here for years or have recently moved in, there will be something to surprise you. See what Clubs and organisations you could be involved in, tell us if you'd like to start a new one; we would like to hear about great ideas for our beautiful village. It is the Platinum Jubilee this year and we are organising an exciting event on the Village Green in June; if you'd like to help or just find out more, please come along.

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### MARCH THANK YOU

Thank you to the shop committee, Nikki the shop manager and each and every one of the volunteers who help run our fabulous community shop. It is so lovely to have this facility which is only made possible due to the combined efforts of everyone involved. The time you give is really appreciated.

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

In Spring, seeing the first daffodils in my garden emerging from seemingly nothing and then blooming into their familiar form is a sign of faith in the future coming from the natural world. It is a sign to all of us, that no matter how difficult things have been in your life, beauty and new life are always present, though unseen in the winter of our lives. As it is in nature, so it is in life.

When nothing seems to be present or worthwhile, love seems out of reach, and we can feel quite depressed by our circumstances – that resembles the daffodils in the depths of winter.

But under that dark earth, where all seems lost or dead, that germ of new life is still there, waiting to be fed and nurtured and burst forth into the beautiful part of creation that is each plant.

So it is with each and every one of our lives. The church of course believes in life after death, but I like to point out that Jesus also came so that we could enjoy life *before* death.

Life after death can be seen as a template for what we believe about this mortal life. We can see true resurrection in the world around us if we would only look and perceive it.

There is no darkness so dark that light cannot shine forth from it. This attitude to pain and suffering, regret, betrayal, loss, or despair is unique to Christianity with its belief in the redemptive power of suffering.

The light can take a long time to shine, truth be told, but it is still there in the midst of your pain and can emerge in very different forms, ranging from a greater sense of empathy and compassion to a greater love, clarity or wisdom, a certain calm and peace. The peace of God that passes all understanding.

Love and peace, Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The spring term at Otterton C of E Primary School is going well; the children have been busy both inside and outside their classrooms, producing some great work. Otters Class had a dragon egg appear in their classroom and when the baby dragon hatched, it left clues for them to follow a trail all around the village to our school allotment. Heron Class have also been doing some work about Dragons, based on the literary text "Dragonology".

Some of the KS1 children enjoyed a morning at Exmouth Tennis Centre, taking part in an Aesthetics Festival run by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership, where they explored the ways in which they can get their bodies to move, and other gymnastics and dance associated activities.

Both classes have enjoyed visits from Kate Ponting from Clinton Devon Estates who came to talk to them about the Lower Otter Restoration Project; the children took a lot from the visits and are hopeful that they will be able to get out and about in the summer term, seeing some of the changes for themselves.

The KS2 children went to a Link Academy Trust Cross Country event at Stover School. This was a great opportunity for them to get together with children from other schools and try out a sport that is new to many of them.

Our football club is once again running on a Monday afternoon at Stantyway; these sessions are run by the skills team from the Exeter City Community Trust and are really enjoyed by the children that attend. Some of the children have been given the opportunity to go and watch an Exeter City game at the end of March which they are really looking forward to. With Mother's Day approaching, the children at Otterton would like to say a great big THANK YOU to their amazing Mums and everyone else that looks after them. They really do appreciate everything that everyone does for them and send them lots of love and kind wishes for Mothering Sunday.

We are always happy to welcome new families to our school; if you would like to come and have a look at what we have to offer, please contact the office on 01395 568326 or [adminotterton@thelink.academy](mailto:adminotterton@thelink.academy)

### OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

The **Otterton Village Spring Show** will take place on **Saturday 12th March** from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. It is free for anybody to exhibit so please get busy on your entries whether they be flowers, home-made produce or photography. The photographic subjects are 'Early Morning' or 'The River Otter' so do get snapping! The closing date for entries is Thursday 10th March and entry forms are available from the Community Shop, Hair@57, the King's Arms or from Iain Ure, the Show Secretary. You can also download a form from our website - [www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk](http://www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk) The talk this month is on **Tuesday 15th March** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will be given by Sue Minter on 'The History of the Chelsea Physic Garden'. This garden was established in 1673 to grow plants to be used as medicine and is the 2nd oldest botanical garden in England. Admission is free for members and £4 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you at both events.

## **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

The Shop Voucher Scheme was well received and through the generosity of so many, the shop will be making a cash donation to Otterton Relief in Need of £1,832. We are delighted to be able to do this at a time when some of our fellow residents are in such need of support.

Inflation is taking hold again and the higher cost of fuel and food, in particular, is going to place many household budgets under severe pressure. Although wholesale prices are going up, we are absorbing the increases as far as we can. For example, we have held our milk prices despite the large price hike imposed upon us before Christmas and are reducing our margins on fruit and vegetables. We will be doing our best to keep prices as low as we can.

We are pleased to announce that Jackie Waistell has been co-opted onto the shop management committee with a view to formal election at the AGM later this year. We already know that she will be a major asset to the committee and is most welcome.

Are you an early riser? We are always looking for new members for our newspaper team who perform the vital task of opening up the shop each day. If you can help and would like to know what exactly is involved, please contact Geoff Porter through the shop. Tel: 01395 708324

### **PILATES AT OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL - New spaces available!**

Wednesdays 10-11am

Mixed abilities matwork Pilates

£9/session to be paid in blocks

Please contact Grace – 07500 112646 / [info@redbaypilates.co.uk](mailto:info@redbaypilates.co.uk) / [www.redbaypilates.co.uk](http://www.redbaypilates.co.uk)

## **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

The last film of the season will this time be screened on the first Friday of the month, **4th March**. We will be showing 'Black Panther' from Marvel Studios. *After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king - and as Black Panther - gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.*

Have a good summer. The Film Club will be back on Friday 14th October.

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

The work of Clinton Devon Estates in East Devon reached a national audience recently, after featuring in an episode of BBC Countryfile. Otterton Mill, Stantyway Farm and the Otter estuary were visited by the presenters as a number of staff and tenants explained their day-to-day work and showcased projects for the future as part of the Estate's ongoing stewardship of the Otter Valley and the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths. The episode is available to watch on BBC iPlayer. Local farms in the area may have sheep, young cattle or dairy cows grazing out of doors throughout the warmer months. In all countryside areas, check you are on a permissible route and following the Countryside Code at all times. Help keep livestock safe and healthy by not exercising dogs in farm fields and if you are out with a dog on the heaths or Mutter's Moor, ensure they remain with you on the tracks to protect birds that nest on the ground amongst the heather. Picking up after your dog is a legal requirement in all public spaces including footpaths, farm tracks, heathland and woods. There are no exceptions.

Long awaited car park improvements began at Four Firs and Joney's Cross car parks last month. Both these areas will be closed to the public for essential work which is expected to continue through to the end of March. For more information about this and the reopening of the MOD grenade range on Colaton Raleigh Common, read full length article at [www.otterton.info](http://www.otterton.info)

## **HOSPISCARE MEN'S WALK - YOUR WAY, 12th MARCH 2022**

This year's Hospiscare Men's Walk takes place on Saturday 12th March. Members of the Otterton Community have been very kind in sponsoring Terry Tibbott and Malcolm Crabtree in past years. Unfortunately, Terry is unavailable this year. However, Geoff Porter has stepped forward to accompany Malcolm on the Walk which, like last year, can be undertaken locally or in Exeter. Geoff and Malcolm intend to walk locally, undertaking the Otterton Parish Beating the Bounds route which is just over 10 miles. Please sponsor them if you can as Hospiscare, like nearly all charities, is in desperate need of funds. Sponsorship forms are located in the Community Shop.

**OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY** has been given £1,800 by the Community Shop Committee as a result of a large number of residents donating their coupons to us. The Trustees wish to thank our very generous residents who are mindful of those who are less fortunate.

## **THE KING'S ARMS**

Open every day for food. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, please visit [www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk](http://www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk)

### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS – from Dale Wiles**

I am sure we are all aware of and worried about the rising energy costs and the impact this will have on all of us. I have worked in the energy industry for most of my working life and over the years picked up an array of energy saving tips which have probably never been so relevant.

There is nothing here that is ‘rocket science’ and most of it is common sense but it is worth reminding ourselves.

- Switch off lights and appliances when you leave the room (one for the teenagers I suspect!)
- Don’t leave your appliances on standby. They still use power.
- If using gas for cooking make sure the flame doesn’t lap up the side of the pan.
- Use the correct size pan and keep saucepan lids on
- Only fill the kettle up with the water you need
- Don’t open the fridge door unnecessarily. Letting the cold out means it’s got to use energy to cool down again
- Don’t walk around a hot house in a T shirt; put a jumper on and turn the heating thermostat down a degree or two.
- Can you turn the heating off a bit earlier at night perhaps?
- Don’t heat unused rooms. Turn off the radiator and close the door
- Don’t let curtains hang over radiators, tuck them in behind so the heat isn’t wasted
- Don’t linger in the shower; save water and the energy to heat it

These are just a few little saving ideas but collectively they will make a difference.

### **OTTERTON MILL**

Tickets are now on sale for our popular live music nights at the Mill; our first gig in April sees a welcome return for Boo Hewerdine. Pop into the Gallery or call 01395 568521 to reserve your tickets.

With Spring in the air, our outside plant area will be regularly restocked with both traditional and a few more unusual specimens. We are delighted to now offer a range of Devon made Forthglade dog food alongside our selection of treats for our four legged friends - now available in the Farm shop.

Our popular Studio coffee shop will reopen later this month, with a great selection of scoop ice creams and milkshakes available.

Saturday 26th - we will be baking our first 2022 Hot Cross Buns, available from the Farm shop; please pre order to avoid disappointment...they sell like hot cakes! Milling will take place this month on the 13th and 27th - entrance is free to all. We are actively recruiting new team members in varying roles. Please email [escape@ottertonmill.com](mailto:escape@ottertonmill.com) in the first instance.

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

With spring edging closer, flowers blossoming, days becoming longer and the weather warming, we’re busy preparing for the season ahead at Ladram Bay. We re-open for Holiday guests on 18th March; however, our owners and a couple of group bookings will be on park from early March this year - so it’s all go!

We’re sad to say the 2021/22 Winter opening for local guests programme has now finished. Thank you all very much for your support this winter. Please be advised as of 1st March 2022 the swimming pool complex and car park will be closed to local guests as we return to our open park schedule. Between March - October all facilities will be closed to local guests, and only accessible for those staying on park. We very much look forward to welcoming you back again for our winter opening from November 2022 - further details to follow nearer the time. Follow us on our social media channels to be first to find out about next winter's offering.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We’re recruiting now for a variety of seasonal positions including Lifeguards, Housekeeping team, Restaurant and Bar team, Chefs, Kitchen Team, Maintenance, Reception, Security, Takeaway assistants, plus supervisors. Apprentice opportunities are also available within Sport & Leisure and Maintenance departments. Interested in finding out more? Submit your CV and covering letter to [info@ladrambay.co.uk](mailto:info@ladrambay.co.uk) to be considered.

As usual, we will endeavour to keep you informed with any further deliveries/collections of Holiday Homes prior to the start of season. Information will be updated on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

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<b><u>TAXI SERVICE:</u></b> Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.
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