



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR MARCH

SUNDAY 5th MARCH

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

SUNDAY 12th MARCH

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

SUNDAY 19th MARCH

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

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

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

SUNDAY 2nd 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

Thank you to the residents who attended the Otterton Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6th February. Your input, on all matters, enables the decisions made by the Council to be informed and reflect a majority view.

On **27th March** a notice will be put up on notice boards and on the village website informing residents of the forthcoming election of Parish Council members for the next 4 year term. The Otterton Parish Council has 9 seats and the current Council members will all have to decide if they intend to stand again for this voluntary position. This is an opportunity for anyone who is passionate about the village to get involved by nominating themselves by **4th April 2023**. The election itself will take place on **4th May** if more nominations are received than seats available. If you are interested and would like further information, please email clerk@otterton.info in the first instance.

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View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

March is traditionally the time when we start to welcome spring. The daffodils are starting to emerge, the clocks go forward an hour (on 26th), lighter mornings and evenings make life a little easier – especially if you suffer from SAD (seasonal affective disorder) like I do. Not terribly mind you, but enough to make a noticeable difference. Sunlight makes you feel better, lighter and gives you more energy.

Just to underline the fact, I see I have meetings with wedding couples in my diary and just to further ram home the point that spring is about new life, we celebrate Mothering Sunday on 19th March.

That brings together all these themes into one package – flowers, motherhood, gratitude for life and continual love and nurture. No wonder that is the day for our third “Funfaith” event - our new junior church event.

Of course, not everyone can celebrate that event. This can be a painful day for women (and men) who couldn't conceive a child and for others who had a less than ideal relationship with their mothers, but we acknowledge that we are celebrating an ideal in which, for whatever reason, not everyone can partake fully. With anything positive, there is always a shadow side. I always try to acknowledge that in any celebration that I am involved in.

This is a time when it is good to count our blessings, when the natural cycle itself seems to be telling us that not everything is doom and gloom, the future is open and new life and light are coming our way.

We don't hibernate like some animals do, but perhaps many of us do metaphorically. Everything, life itself can be “on hold” during winter but now it is time to shake off those winter blues and enjoy and appreciate life.

Love and peace,

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Half-term – no report received.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Exmouth Quality Fish deliver to us every Tuesday and Friday and during March we are offering their full range of fish and shellfish at a 20% discount. Their boat is based in Exmouth and what they do not catch locally comes in from Brixham. Either way, it is fresh and easily available to pre-order by calling the shop. Details can be seen on the accompanying insert while the full list will be found on the shop website www.ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk Give it a try. Call the shop on 01395 708324.

Giving time to others and putting something back into to the village is amongst the most rewarding things you can do. I know we regularly call for volunteers to help out in the shop but it's a new year and perhaps you can find some time to join the team that keeps the shop going and provides such an important asset to the village. Again, the accompanying insert provides details but go to the website for further information. Then come and have a look at what we do. You will meet people, make friends and above all, have fun and be amply rewarded.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB – SPRING SHOW

The Spring Show will take place on **Saturday 18th March** from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is free for anybody to exhibit or just come along to view the exhibits and enjoy the refreshments.

The closing date for entries is 16th 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 the schedule and an entry form from our website www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

There will also be a mini exhibition in the foyer on the progress on the Lower Otter Restoration Project which should be of great interest to us all.

HOSPISCARE MEN'S WALK 2023

The **2023 Hospiscare Men's Walk** to raise funds for the charity takes place on **Saturday 18th March**. Members of the Otterton Community have been extremely kind in sponsoring Terry Tibbott, Geoff Porter and Malcolm Crabtree in past years. This year the threesome will be undertaking the walk on the outskirts of Exeter starting and finishing at the Double Locks pub, covering approximately 8 miles. **Please sponsor them if you can as Hospiscare, like nearly all charities, continues to be in desperate need of funds.** Sponsorship forms are located in the Community Shop.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We are earnestly looking for new members to come on to the committee. We meet approximately three times a year. If you would like to assist with the day to day running and maintenance of the Hall, thus helping the community, please phone Andrew Sharp on 567661 or email andrew_sharp@tiscali.co.uk

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The next film to be screened will be **'Fisherman's Friends - One and All'**. This will be on **Friday 10th March** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £5 per person entry (under 16s £3) Contactless payments accepted.

Fisherman's Friends - One and All; Starring James Purefoy and Dave Johns

The sequel to the 2019 hit UK comedy charts the next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends uplifting true story. Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues" we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame. FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS ONE AND ALL continues the journey with the loveable 'buoy band', as they navigate the choppy waters of fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

OTTERTON MILL

Events

From Saturday 11th we will be baking our delicious Hot Cross Buns, available from the Farm Shop; please pre order to avoid disappointment...they sell like hot cakes! From 31st, Friday fish and chips and stonebaked pizza are available again from 4-6.30pm.

Music

Tickets are available for all our gigs; please see our website for details. To book tickets please call into our Mill Shop or ring 01395 568521 option 3.

Milling

12th & 26th - come and see our band of merry millers, always happy to answer any questions; they are milling 11.00-12.30 & 2-3pm.



OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

ORINC is here to help and support in times of difficulty; examples of help given include contributions towards rent, fuel, child care, school uniform, food bills, replacement of essential domestic items and financial support during difficult times.

To talk to us about how we could help or support you, either contact us at orin.charity@gmail.com or alternatively, printed copies of the ORINC application form are available in the church and the village

hall foyer. These can be posted in the private post box located in the foyer of the village hall. The post box will be checked weekly and applications responded to as soon as possible.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in making a donation to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

THE KINGS' S ARMS

For information, please visit our website www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY 4th MARCH

The Former Little Otters will be holding a fundraising Jumble Sale in support of the **Budleigh Community Larder** who continue to feed local folk experiencing hardship with hot meals & food from the larder.

The Jumble Sale will take place on **Saturday 4th March** at East Budleigh Village Hall between 10am – 12noon. If you have Jumble to donate, please either bring to the Hall from 9am on the morning, or phone Fran for a collection (568732). Do come along and support this worthy cause and grab a bargain.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We hope everyone has been enjoying some spring sunshine. We are looking forward to opening the park again to holidaymakers in mid-March. As we start to get busy again, we are always looking for superstar team members, so if you are looking for employment, we have something for everyone, from part-time cleaning work to management opportunities. Please email us on info@ladrambay.co.uk for further details.

BADMINTON – COME AND JOIN US



We are the Tuesday Badminton ladies, who meet every Tuesday, 10am – 12noon, in Woodbury Village Hall. We would welcome anyone who would like to give the game a go. No experience is needed – we will show you the ropes if you haven't played before or are a bit rusty! So do call in for a chat and a coffee (byo) – always an essential part of the morning's activity!

For more information, please call Jill Effer on 01395 232890.

POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team: Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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

<p><u>TAXI SERVICE:</u> Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.</p>
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PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **Deadline for April edition is Friday 17th March latest please.**