

OTTERTON PARISH NEWS
MAY 2019
A member of the Raleigh Mission Community

VICAR:

Revd Martin Jacques (443473 & 07795 025016)

revmartinjacques@gmail.com

ASSOCIATE PRIEST:

Revd Karen Young (488121)

thereverendkarenyoung@gmail.com

CHURCHWARDENS:

Ms Anne Radcliffe (568059)

Mr John Archibald

RMC PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Mrs Fran Mills (443397)

raleighmc@gmail.com

office open Mon 1-3pm; Fri 10am-2pm

SERVICES FOR MAY			
<u>SUNDAY 5th MAY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 12th MAY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 19th MAY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 26th MAY</u>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
<u>SUNDAY 2nd JUNE</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.			

<p>COFFEE MORNING TO RAISE MONEY FOR OPEN GARDENS Tuesday 21st May from 10.30 am to 12 noon at The Barn,</p>
--

Ottery Street
Coffee/tea and Cake £2.00 - there will be a "Good-as-New"
Toy Stall and a Raffle.
Any donations for the Raffle or toys to sell on a 50/50
basis will be gratefully accepted.
Contact Barbara Ottley on 567701

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - SPRING HAS ARRIVED!
Could you grow a few plants for **Ottertton Open Gardens Day on 9th June?**
Dig up a few seedlings? Plant some seeds? Help make a difference.
Drop them off at The White House, Behind Hayes, Ottertton or we can pick them up from you – just ask
Gill – 567440.
Thank you in advance to all the potential budding gardeners!

View from The Vicarage

“Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future, and faith is the courage to dance to it today”

These words of Peter Kuzmic encapsulate the character of a truly Christian life. The hope of a future characterised by love, community, justice and peace is the oxygen that feeds and enables our present.

The present is politically, economically, and socially far from perfect but the hope of that blessed future where “every tear will be wiped from our eyes, where mourning, crying and pain will be no more” (Revelations 21) is the hope that enables Christians to go on, despite whatever current circumstances throw up for us to deal with. Christian hope is not a vague wish such as “I hope it is sunny tomorrow”; it is more of a certain expectation based on trust in a God who is faithful to his children and we are all his *potential* children.

Whether believer or non-believer makes no difference to the work of Jesus who died out of love for the whole world. As Paul says in the Bible, “He is the saviour of all humanity, especially those who believe” (1 Tim. 4:10).

The advantage that Christian believers have over non/not sure/or not yet believers is simply that we recognise and know that the future is one of healing and peace, and we work to make that future hope a current reality by finding the courage to dance to it today.

Love and peace, Martin

* * * * *

COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Claire Wright, Corn Cottage, 15 Cornhill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1DW, tel: 01404 815771, claire.wright@devon.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contact: Geoff Jung, Raleigh Ward member, Rosewood, Village Road, Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PR, tel 01395 232328, gjung@eastdevon.gov.uk

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Tony Bennett attended his last Parish Council meeting on 1st April. Tony has been a Councillor for 26 years acting as Chair on several occasions and as a proactive Councillor for many more. During his time on the Council he has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the village and his wealth of knowledge and dry wit will be very much missed – we all wish you well in your retirement Tony.

Other business considered by the Council included the ongoing problem of irresponsible dog owners especially in the Behind Hayes area. Please, please pick up after your dog and use the bins provided for this purpose. A new dog bin has now been installed in the layby opposite the bus turning area in Ottery Street so all areas of the village should have accessible bins.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place in the Village Hall at 7.30 on 23rd April, and the PC was delighted to welcome Kate Ponting from Clinton Devon Estates who talked to us about the ongoing challenge of removing Himalayan Balsam, and Sulina Tallack from EDDC who advised us on consultations regarding the use of 106 funding. Thank you to everyone who came along. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 13th May in Otterton Village Hall; all residents and interested parties are welcome. We continue to seek new Parish Councillors – if you have a passion for the village please do consider joining the Parish Council.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse,
Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
tel: 01395 568732; mobile: 07880 331465; email:
clerk@otterton.eastdevon.gov.uk; website: www.otterton.info**

THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – Otterton C of E Primary School

No report received.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

We have two new 'naughty but nice' product ranges on our shelves, which are really tasty! Roly's fudge, direct from their shop in Sidmouth, in six amazing flavours, all delicious! Moore's biscuits from Bridport also come in a wide range of flavours, and their attractive gift boxes make the ideal 'thank-you' present.

A date for all our shareholders: this year's AGM will be on Thursday 13th June, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

IMPORTANT SHOP NEWS:

After four and a half years, Valerie, our Shop Manager, will be leaving us on 10th May, to pursue her new business. Valerie has played a key role in establishing our shop as a successful business. We must now ensure that we find the right person to help us build on this excellent start. If you know anyone who might be interested in this job then please bring it to their attention and provide them with the contact details below:

For further information call Jill (01395 567857) or Malcolm (01395 568750)

Send email to: ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com for job description and application details.

Closing date Monday 6th May 2019.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting, which is our social evening, is on 21st May with a talk by Richard Horswood, chairman of The Alpine Garden Society. Richard will take us through the creation of his own garden at Freshfields. The meeting will be held at Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free for members and £5 for non-members, food and drinks included. For more information about the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has recently replaced its chairs. As a result we have approximately 40 of the redundant black/chrome chairs looking for a new home in exchange for a discretionary donation towards Hall funds. If you are interested, please get in touch with either Andrew Sharp (567661) or Joan Cullen (567574).

TWINNING QUIZ NIGHT - Quiz and Quiche Evening

Please join us at **7.30 pm** on **Friday 17th May** in the **Village Hall**.

A selection of hot/cold quiche and salads will be provided, but please bring your own glasses and a choice of drinks. Teams will be in groups of **4** at **£7.50** per person. If you can't make a 4 please come along and join a team on the night.

Further information from Marianne on 01395 568104 or Anne on 01395 568059 or Bonnie on 01395 446239.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Our neighbourhood plan was submitted in March 2019 to the East Devon Neighbourhood Planning Team (EDNPT) for the informal health check. We are delighted to report that the feedback received from EDNPT was positive. They stated that our plan read very well and gave a small number of suggestions intended to strengthen our plan and add clarity to the policies incorporated within it.

The wording of our neighbourhood plan has been revised to reflect these comments. During May we intend to plan and publicise the detail of the 6 week review period. This will give you the opportunity to view and comment on the plan. Your input is an important part of the whole process and we look forward to you sharing your views with us.

THE KING'S ARMS – What's on in May

Art History Talks with Lyn Holdridge Tuesday May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th starting at 10.30am

Pub Quiz Wednesday 1st May starting at 8pm

Don't forget to book your tables early for the Bank Holiday weekends to avoid disappointment.

CHARITY MUSIC NIGHT - Friday 10th May – Otterton Village Hall

'SOLAR' – a 6 piece Funk, Disco and Soul band. 6 very talented musicians, including Annika Skoogh on vocals, return after 3 years to perform their dance floor filler classics. In aid of RD&E Paediatric Oncology Fund and Interface Uganda.

BAR, raffle, coffee, tea and cake, plus free bowls of roast potatoes. £10 entry.

To reserve tickets, email suemogers@yahoo.co.uk or call 568072

OTTERTON MILL

Our new facilities have over the last few weeks come online. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our new Farm Shop and facilities over the coming months.

Milling: 2nd, 16th & 30th May

Music:

2nd - Amber Cross - Originally from Maine, USA, Amber spent her early years surrounded by gospel music in a small town church where her father preached and her mother played piano. In 2013 Amber released her debut album 'You Can Come In' and Country Music People Magazine/UK discovered the album and gave it a 5 Star Review and CD Of The Month, saying: "Every now and again a debut CD arrives and you know about 30 seconds in that you are experiencing something a bit special... its appeal is likely to be broad, from bluegrass, rootsy Appalachian, to country or honky-tonk." www.ambercrossmusic.com

9th - Kirsty McGee - Somewhere between jazz, folk, gospel and americana, there's an area of music that doesn't have a name. With a cartographer's attention to detail, Kirsty McGee – a wandering maverick and spellbinding live performer with a voice that has been described as having the texture of smoke & velvet – has spent the past 15 years and seven albums mapping this place, tracking the common origins of song. www.kirstymcgee.com

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

After an egg-cellent Easter, we're looking ahead to what is bound to be a marvellous May half-term at Ladram Bay Holiday Park. Having recently retained the Trip Advisor Traveller's Choice Award and being voted as #9 within the top 25 Best Family Hotels within the UK we're delighted with our recent accomplishments.

Love a good competition? Grab your darts and step up to the oche for our Open Darts festival between 17-19 May. Saturday will welcome the return of the popular singles events, registration from 10am, boasting a prize fund of over £2440. Team up for Paris competitions on Sunday, registration from 11am. Day entrance available for all events.

Swimming with the family? Don't forget parking is free of charge after 3pm for all guests Monday-Friday within the off-peak season and pool admittance is just £4.95 (adult) and £3.95 (child), under 3s free. Otterton residents are also eligible to receive free weekday parking (excluding peak season) - simply pop in to reception with proof of your address to collect your locals pass.

Friends/Family visiting? Take full advantage of our 10% discount offer available to Otterton residents on Holiday Homes & Luxury Lodges*. Simply quote Otterton Parish Newsletter to our team to benefit from reduced rates. (*T&Cs apply)

We still have some job opportunities available for the 2019 season. Why not join our Three Rocks Complex & Housekeeping teams at Ladram Bay or enjoy a new challenge at Castle Inn, located on our sister park Castle Brake in Woodbury? Simply drop in your CV or contact lisaspickett@ladrambay.co.uk to apply.

We recently welcomed 70 under-grads from the University of Liverpool, to study the geology of the wonderful Jurassic Coast – always keen to help encourage education.

A Double Show with The Zoots is being held in aid of **Budleigh Hospiscare** on **Saturday 11th May** at Budleigh Public Hall. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £15 available from Otterton Community Shop or Budleigh Tourist Information Centre. Come and enjoy **Sounds of the 60s and 70s** with this exciting band who have been wowing audiences around the world with their spectacular sound.

EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: The club championship is now reaching its final stage with a number of players in contention and must be decided by the end of May. East Budleigh had a fine victory in the Championship section of the Exeter Chess League beating **Exeter University B** by 1.5- 2.5 points. The match started with a big slice of luck for the visiting team when the University captain on Board 1 prematurely resigned thinking he had a lost game out of the opening. Unfortunately for him and his team he was seeing ghosts and he could have played on although he would have been a couple of pawns down. Ken Alexander on Board 2 had the better ending against his opponent but it soon fizzled out into a solid draw with neither side being able to make any progress. Score so far: 1.5 points to E.B. The University hit back with a win on Board 3 when Mike Lee could not make up the deficiency of his sacrificed Knight! All eyes were now on the remaining Board 4 which would determine the outcome of the match. Max Lee played a pretty tactic to win his opponent's Rook. Although tired after a long game he kept his cool and brought home the victory. Final score 1.5- 2.5 points to East Budleigh.

The club secretary and Ken Alexander have recently been involved in a county match against **Cornwall** in which the Devon team came out on top 9-7. Both players managed wins thus helping **Devon retain the second team championship** – the **Wayling Cup**.

The next club night is on Thursday **9th May**, at 6.50pm at All Saints Church Hall, East Budleigh. The club needs new members in order to survive in its present form. For more information please contact Brian Gosling by email at brigosling@aol.com or by phone at 01395 442060.

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

Last month Countryside Learning Officer, Kate, was pleased to work with the youngest pupils from *Otterton Primary School*, helping them find out more about otters, beavers and harvest mice before taking them for a walk to spot signs of beaver activity nearby. The children also spent a morning on the Commons exploring the woods and heath, and stream dipping in the Colaton Brook.

Members of a local fishing syndicate removed four big sacks of plastic and other debris recently in their annual clearance of one of the fishing beats north of Otterton. They reported slightly less rubbish than usual – a good sign but there is still far too much debris coming down the river from upstream.

This month's full-length Countryside Learning article focusses on local activity to manage the invasive plant Himalayan balsam, which is an ongoing challenge for river habitats like the Otter. To read please visit *Otterton Village Website* www.otterton.info
kate.ponting@clintondevon.com 01395 433881

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

• **Dates for your Diary:** Take time to see the '**Sixth Annual Art and Craft Exhibition**' by pupils from the Raleigh Federation (Drake's and Otterton Schools), on either **Saturday 8th** or **Sunday 9th June** - as part of the Village '**Scarecrow Festival**'. **Open 1.30 - 5.00pm** on both afternoons. Refreshments available in the adjoining Schoolroom. There will be a '**water bowl**' for well-behaved dogs!

• **Visiting Salem Chapel:** should you wish to view the Chapel, Chapel Records 1762 - 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 - **Grade 2* listed** - 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 **saalembookingseb@mail.com** Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) **www.hct.org.uk**

• Salem Chapel is owned by the '**Historic Chapels Trust**' and managed by the '**Churches Conservation Trust**', Charity no. 1017321.

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

On 20th December 1989, Otterton was in darkness. There was a very heavy rain storm (1 inch in half an hour) about 6pm. A flash flood passed down Fore Street at a rapid rate, bypassing The Green, bringing with it a car and 2 wooden bridges, one of which settled in our driveway. Many cottages received flood water. Some of us hauled the car up on to The Green. All traffic going to Sidmouth

was turned away. The fields and roads in the river valley were flooded. This was the worst flood since 1962. We have had a similar flash flood since but not as bad as this one.

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 June edition is Monday 20th May LATEST please.**