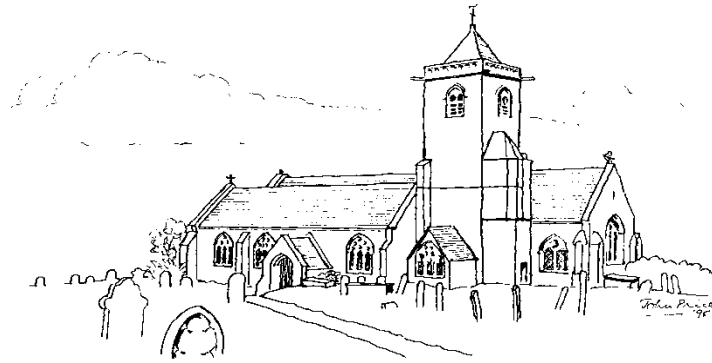




# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

## MAY 2021

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### SERVICES FOR MAY

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

#### SUNDAY 2nd MAY

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

#### SUNDAY 9th MAY

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

#### THURSDAY 13th MAY

6.00 pm	Ascension Day Service		Ottertton
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#### SUNDAY 16th MAY

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

#### SUNDAY 23rd MAY

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

#### SUNDAY 30th MAY

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

#### SUNDAY 6th JUNE

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

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

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

As we emerge from lockdown restrictions, it is a good time to open our eyes and really see the extraordinary environment in which we live. When you live in a certain place you tend to overlook what is right on your doorstep – because it is just “there”.

This tends to be true of all places. When I lived in London many years ago, I never made use of the world-famous sights and sounds in which I lived, and nowadays have to go and see these places on special trips to the capital.

Because we all live in beautiful towns or villages, surrounded by gorgeous countryside, with the sea just a stone’s throw away, it would be a crying shame not to really appreciate everything we have around us.

Appreciation of our environment leads to gratitude, but to whom can you express that gratitude? For a Christian, the answer is simple. Our world and everything in it is a “creation” which means it was created by something, but some “thing” can’t create so that some thing becomes a someone and you end up inevitably expressing your gratitude to a personal God. That personal God has a will and a purpose for all our lives. There is a definition of eternal life in the Bible and it goes like this: “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

A lot of people find their way into faith through an appreciation of the world around them, through a creation narrative, and I count myself as one of them. I came to believe in God before I came to faith in Jesus as the image of that eternal God.

But it doesn’t matter which route you take; the destination is the main thing, and a living faith in God revealed as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the key to unlocking the world around you.

Martin

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**Nicki and Peter Wells**, 36 Fore Street, would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers they received after their son, Chris, died on 16th March. Especial thanks to Richard Gladstone for his support and kindness. Collections are still being made for Devon In Sight and Hospiscare.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear All,

It was with great sadness that we learned this week of the death of Mr David Scott, a past Chair of the Parish Council and active member of the community. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

The good weather and easing of lockdown restrictions are bringing folk out from near and far which is great for the local economy but will of course bring certain frustrations. As always your tolerance and good humour are appreciated.

The Chair of the Parish Council John Hiles has managed to procure a number of saplings ready for planting on Parish Council land in Otterton; however, there will be some left over so if you would like to plant a tree in your garden, do please contact John either through the Clerk or on the Otterton Facebook page.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place via zoom on Tuesday 4th May (Monday is a bank holiday). The meeting will start at 7.30pm as usual but will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm. For an invitation to either meeting, please contact the Clerk specifying which meeting you would like to attend.

With best wishes.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW**  
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### OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

First, a reminder that the deadline for submitting entries to this year’s calendar competition is 26th May 2021, so is fast approaching. Please email your photographs in landscape and jpeg format to the shop at [ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com) We are looking for a good response once again and await your entries. Full details and competition rules are on the shop website at [Ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk](http://Ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk)

The shop is now fitted with air-conditioning which should make it much more comfortable for everyone and help to keep our more perishable stock in good condition, especially during hot weather.

Shareholders should note that, circumstances permitting, this year’s Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 1st July 2021.

As ever, please see our website, Facebook and Instagram posts for the latest news and offers.



### **OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It is great to see all the children back in school after the Easter break. We are looking forward to an action packed term of trips, events, sports days, bikeability and more and we can't wait to share updates of these with you on our Facebook page. This term we have launched a new After School Club; this will cover 3 afternoons a week from 3pm until 5pm; it's very exciting for us to be able to offer this provision along with our existing Breakfast Club. In addition to this, we are also offering an After School Sports Club - the first half term for KS1 and then for KS2 in the second half term. We are also able to welcome back our music teachers so Brass and Guitar lessons are back in full swing. It's great for us to be able to begin the roll out of these additional opportunities.

Dragonflies Class are busy planting and nurturing vegetable plants to grow in our allotment. We hope that over the coming months, the children will be able to use and eat the produce that they grow. Otters Class are working on family and relationships in the PSHE topic which they are really enjoying, and Kingfishers Class have designed and built their own moving vehicles which were a great success!

We look forward as the term progresses to sharing more exciting updates with you. Keep an eye on our Facebook page - Otterton CofE Primary - for all our news and photographs.

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

Conditions haven't been the easiest for us gardeners what with cold winds, heavy frosts and even snow but now it's lovely to see the sunshine even if the air is still a bit chilly.

It looks very promising that with the relaxing of the Government restrictions we will be able to hold our Social Evening on Tuesday 20th July and the Autumn Show on 11th September so please pencil those dates in your diaries. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

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

We are open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday lunch (outside only) until we can open fully in May.

Bookings now being taken for all covered areas, and they are filling up fast.

*Adrian and the team welcome you back.*

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

We are now just days away from our Neighbourhood Plan's referendum on Thursday 6th May. It will take place alongside the elections for Devon County Council and for Police and Crime Commissioner. You should have your polling cards for these in your hands by now, and you will soon see our flyer about the plan through your letterbox.

Arrangements for voting will be made Covid-safe. There is also 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: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan) If you have decided to vote in person, please remember to bring your own pen to mark your votes! Our polling station will, as usual, be the Village Hall.

We encourage all residents to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan – we would really like to see a high turnout to give the outcome a clear mandate. It will be a simple yes-or-no choice on whether to accept the plan, with the outcome determined by a simple majority of those voting. The result will be announced on 9th or 10th May.

If you need a reminder of what our Neighbourhood Plan is about, you can see it and responses to the earlier consultations (mid-2019) on the Otterton village website at: [www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm](http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm) A hard copy of the plan will be available for (pre-booked) inspection at the East Devon District Council (EDDC) office at Blackdown House in Honiton, and on request from the Planning Policy team there. We will publish more details on this on the village website at the link above when we receive them.

You can also see the plan and responses on the EDDC website, at: [eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton](http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton)

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

No news this month.

### **OTTERTON MILL**

**News:** We are open from 9.30am to 5pm until further notice. Outside dining available from the restaurant and takeaway service from Tullulah, our vintage horsebox. We hope that indoor service in the restaurant will start again from 17th May in line with government Covid guidelines. Our gallery and craft shop has reopened and is showcasing a wide range of local work. Test and trace is in operation, hand sanitising and one way systems are in place. Please wear a mask in buildings unless exempt.

**Milling:** 9th & 23rd

A big thank you to those Otterton Villagers who sponsored **Terry Tibbott and Malcolm Crabtree** in the 10th Anniversary **Hospiscare Men's Walk - Your Way** on Saturday 20th March. They completed the walk in just over four hours and raised £320. At the time of writing, on 24th March, the Walk had raised £64,700 from the 600 men that took part. There will be further funds to add to this total which is equivalent to 558 home visits from a Hospiscare Community Nurse Specialist, 1,034 hours of expert palliative care in the Hospiscare In-Patient Unit and 129 hours of bereavement support. Thank you so much for your support! **Terry and Malcolm**

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

A polite reminder that Anchoring Hill is private land, and all walkers should stick to the public rights of way. Enjoy using the footpath between Ottery Street and The King's Arms and the route north, from The Green to Bicton Bridge, but please respect this farmland and follow the Countryside Code. There are currently sheep grazing here so to protect livestock ALL dogs should be on leads when walking here. Thank you.

*Clinton Devon Estates* are celebrating this month as their largest wildlife site, the Pebblebed Heaths, has been awarded the status of National Nature Reserve. To read full length article detailing what this accolade means for the Estate, the heathland and the people that visit, go to the Countryside Learning page at [www.otterton.info](http://www.otterton.info)  
Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com) 01395 443881

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

After a long and uncertain winter, we're over the moon to be back open and doing what we do best! We're keeping everything crossed for further good news later this month and for even more normality to resume. In the meantime, to ensure our guests and Otterton residents are safe, the park will remain closed for day visitors. We've introduced additional safety measures on park including frequent workplace testing to minimise risk.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We've positions available for the season within a variety of roles including restaurant and bar team, lifeguards and activity team, housekeeping, maintenance plus security. To view the current jobs available visit [www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/](http://www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/) Alternatively, submit your CV and covering letter to [info@ladrambay.co.uk](mailto:info@ladrambay.co.uk) to be considered.

As a result of our recent Silver accolade received from the Devon Tourism Awards for 'Holiday Park of the Year 2020/21' we're excited to announce we've now reached the finalist stages of the South West Tourism Awards covering the entirety of the region; an accolade to be proud of.

Enjoying a wander along the Jurassic Coast? Take full advantage of the Bay View Barista. Located in the most iconic spot on park boasting glorious sea views, enjoy a well-deserved pit stop for delicious refreshments and light bites. Open for selected sunny dates throughout the season; we look forward to serving you soon. Thank you for your continued support and here's to a sensational summer ahead!

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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.

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[www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/otterton-parish-magazine.html](http://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 June edition is Wednesday 19th May latest please**