



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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## SERVICES FOR MAY

### SUNDAY 1st MAY

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

### SUNDAY 8th MAY

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

### SUNDAY 15th MAY

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

### SUNDAY 22nd MAY

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

### SUNDAY 29th MAY

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

### SUNDAY 5th JUNE

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**

### **OPEN GARDENS – Sunday 26th June - 11.00 am to 5.00 pm**

If anyone can help with either the parking in the paddock at the bottom of Bell Street, or selling tickets, or selling plants on The Green, it would very much appreciated. I am also making a plea for two gazebos or similar to provide cover at the car park and The Green, in case of rain.

Help will also be needed in the Village Hall where refreshments will be available from 11.30 am until 4.30 pm.

If you have plants available to sell, please bring them to the Plant Stall on The Green at 10.00 am on the day. Sales will help boost the final total being raised.

**Please contact Barbara Ottley either by phone (01395 567701) or email [barbaraottley8@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraottley8@gmail.com) Any help will be most appreciated, even if you can only spare an hour.**

### **BOOK STALL**

Chris Ault will be running a book stall on The Green on Sunday 26th June as part of the Open Gardens Day. She will be selling good quality paperback fiction and children's books. **Book donations would be appreciated before 26th June and she is happy to collect. Tel: 01395 567337.**

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“The sun is out, the sky is blue, there’s not a cloud to spoil the view, but it’s raining, raining in my heart” was a great song by Buddy Holly about a broken heart, but it speaks a great truth that while everything might be fine on the surface of our lives, we can each of us be carrying great burdens that weigh us down, making us very unhappy indeed.

I am not thinking of clinical depression, for which there may be a chemical imbalance, and upon which I am not qualified to comment, but rather the daily hurts, bereavements, abandonments, slights, failures and unkindness borne by all of us at some point.

You never know what is or has been going on in people’s lives that may be causing them great sadness and affecting the way they speak and relate to other people.

And if I can mention another classic – “The tracks of my tears” by Smokey Robinson – we are mostly very adept at covering up the truth and giving the impression that everything in the garden is lovely.

Being honest to someone about how you really feel can be cathartic, but most people find it very embarrassing, so here’s a thought.

Try taking those things, situations and predicaments to God. There is a saying that goes “You are never alone with Christ”. Pouring out your heart to God is equally cathartic and Christians believe it will not be in vain.

When people pray, things happen, sometimes surprising and unexpected things. You may even find that the load on your heart starts to lighten somewhat. If you have really “prayed in anger” before and don’t know where to start, here is something to get you going. It is known as 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 He 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.**

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## CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th May - Summer Supper in the Village Hall 7.00pm (see below)

Sunday 26th June - Open Gardens

Sunday 17th July - Fête on the Village Green

Friday 7th October - Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.30pm

### A SUMMER SUPPER



Chase those Covid blues away and enjoy “A Summer Supper” in the Village Hall  
Tuesday 10th May at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £6.00  
All are welcome but please bring your own drinks  
Contact Anne Radcliffe Tel: 01395 568059



### MAY ‘THANK YOU’

Thank you to the **Otterton Relief in Need Charity** for how they support villagers within the Otterton community. Funds from various gifts or trusts going back many years were amalgamated in 1985 and are now invested and managed in a Trust Fund. The charity is run by 5 Trustees and helps villagers who have short or long term financial needs. In the tax year 2020/2021, £9,937 was paid out. It is comforting to know that in times of need, there is help available. Thank you to everyone who has either donated or is part of the running of this very special charity.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Jess Bailey, Lark Rise, Elsdon Lane, West Hill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1TZ 01404 814056 [jesscamarybailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jesscamarybailey@yahoo.co.uk)

## DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## **OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Defibrillator training recently held in the Village Hall; it was practical and helpful. The Village Defibrillator is provided by Devon Air Ambulance Trust and is paid for by the Parish Council. To ensure this life saving device is always available for private use, it would be helpful if local businesses would provide their own unit. To obtain information regarding the purchase of a Defibrillator unit, please contact Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Ottertton Parish Council held its AGM on Monday 4th April and elected a new Chair, Cllr Tom Wright, who is an experienced Town & District Councillor, and has represented Ottertton for many years whilst living within the Parish Council Boundary. Cllr John Hiles, who has worked so hard for the Council over his 3 year tenure of Chairmanship, accepted the role of Vice-Chair and will provide support and consistency for the Council going forward. Cllr Hiles was thanked for his work on behalf of the village as were the other Councillors, and Mr Iain Ure who does a great job with the Public Rights of Way & Pathways in the Parish as well as overseeing the maintenance of the trees. Since the AGM, 2 more residents have shown an interest in joining the Council which will mean, if they are co-opted at the next meeting, that there will be a full Parish Council looking after the needs of Ottertton in conjunction with East Devon District Council & Devon County Council.

As usual, parking in the village came under pressure over the Bank Holiday weekend. Thank you to everyone for their tolerance, consideration and for providing safe passage on the virtual pavement.

For your diary, the Parish Council, under the organisational skills of Cllr Melanie Martin, is planning a village celebration for the Queen's Jubilee in June - please visit the village website, social media and local advertising for information. It promises to be a great community event. On 9th May all residents are invited to the Parish Council meeting when we will welcome Alison Smith, Public Rights of Way Officer - Definitive Map, from Devon County Council, who is conducting a review of all Public Rights of Way & Pathways in the Parish. She is keen to hear from anyone using the pathways and will endeavour to answer questions. This meeting will (exceptionally) start at 7.00pm, with the usual Council meeting continuing immediately afterwards at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

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

No report received due to school holidays.

## **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB – MAY TALK AND SOCIAL EVENING**

The talk this month is on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm and is given by Robin Hill on 'The Garden at Andrew's Corner'. This garden, which has been open for the NGS for over 50 years, is situated on the northern edge of Dartmoor about 1000 feet above sea level.

Andrew's Corner derives its unique character from the contrast between the rugged grandeur of the open moor and the verdant serenity of a cultivated garden.

We will also be holding our "Social Evening" so please join us for a drink and a few nibbles.

Admission for members is free and for non-members £5 (including refreshments).

For more information about the club please go to:- [www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk](http://www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk)

## **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

Wholesale price increases are coming through on an almost daily basis, but be assured, we will hold prices where we can. However, this is not always possible, given tight margins and the need to maintain the viability of the shop. We will do what we can, whilst you can all help by continuing to shop with us. That car trip to Budleigh or to supermarkets further away is not always necessary and with fuel costs as they are...need we say more?

In recognition of the fact that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, customers are now merely encouraged to wear a mask and apply hand sanitiser when entering the shop. Many customers no longer do so, but Covid is still with us and we appeal for your understanding and co-operation on this still tricky subject.

Finally, we are now stocking Otter beers, not before time you might think!

## **MIXED ABILITIES PILATES**

Wednesdays 10-11am in Ottertton Village Hall. Pre-booking essential. Contact Grace – 07500 112646

[info@redbaypilates.co.uk](mailto:info@redbaypilates.co.uk)

[www.redbaypilates.co.uk](http://www.redbaypilates.co.uk)

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

At the end of this month, over 360 primary school pupils will visit Stantyway Farm, as part of the *Kingfisher Award Scheme*, which connects children to food, farming and wildlife. The youngsters will explore food from arable crops, take a farm walk and learn about the farmland wildlife, including Cirl buntings and hares. After their time on the farm, classes from 12 local schools will complete project work and bring to display and compete for prizes and an overall winner of the Kingfisher trophy. Thanks to Sam and Nell Walker for hosting and the team of volunteers who make it possible. The very best of luck to Otterton Primary who will take part in the competition this year.

For full length update with other countryside news for local walkers including information and exhibitions about the Lower Otter Restoration Project, visit Otterton Village website at [www.otterton.info](http://www.otterton.info)

### **HOSPISCARE MEN’S WALK 2022 – THANK YOU**

A big thank you to those villagers who sponsored Geoff Porter and Malcolm Crabtree in this year’s Hospiscare Men’s Walk. £405 was raised for Hospiscare which is an excellent result. Geoff and Malcolm walked 12.5 miles “beating” the Otterton Parish Boundary, doing the walk “My Way”. 200 walkers did a walk near to where they live while 900 completed the 8 mile walk, finishing at the Double Locks Pub in Exeter. At the time of writing, a very welcome record £93,000 has been raised from this year’s Walk. Thank you again.

### **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)

### **OTTERTON MILL**

**News:** “Mill celebrates Double Gold” - We are delighted to have been awarded Gold by Taste of the West for our 7th consecutive year for our café-restaurant. It is a double celebration for us as we entered our Farm Shop in the retail category for the first time and were also awarded a Gold.

We have started our fish and chip evenings on Fridays, 5pm to 7pm; pre order is recommended to avoid disappointment. Also our ice cream parlour will be open in the courtyard.

**Music:** Michelle Lewis - **5th** - This is Michelle Lewis’s first visit to the Mill. More polished than folk and more personal than pop, Michelle writes intensely visual songs with a gut punch of emotion. As a storyteller, she explores life’s defining moments, juggling the immediacy of first-hand experience with the serenity of emotional wisdom. Her lyrics find beauty in sadness and her music is rich with melody. Guided by her musical influences – Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Patty Griffin and Jewel among others – Michelle’s style is truly her own. Tickets £15.00 (price covers the music only).

To book, please call 01395 568521 or visit our Mill Shop in the Mill building. Doors open at 6pm.

**Milling:** 8th & 22nd

### **THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM**

What a lovely Easter weekend we had here at Ladram - warmer weather and happy, smiling faces enjoying the great British holiday. We’d like to take this opportunity to wish you a belated Happy Easter.

Please be advised that between March - October the car park will be closed to day visitors. We very much look forward to welcoming you back again for our winter opening from November 2022.

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. 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 the deliveries/collections of Holiday Homes over the coming weeks. This will always be between 10am and 2pm and NOT at peak holiday times. Information will be updated on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page.

**POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team:** [Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

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

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

**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 Thursday 19th May latest please.**