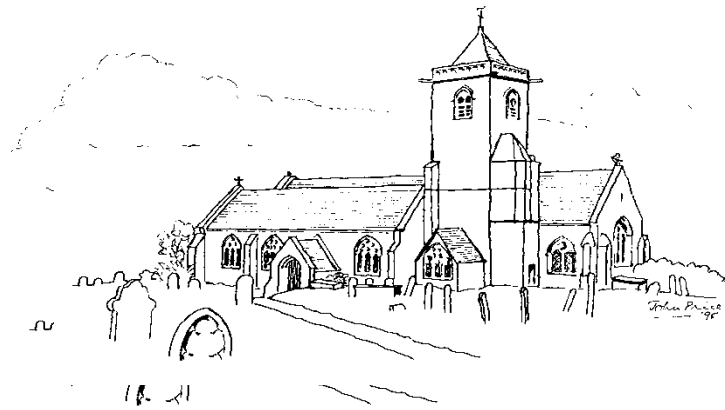




OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

MAY 2024

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SERVICES FOR MAY

SUNDAY 5th MAY

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

SUNDAY 12th MAY

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

SUNDAY 19th MAY

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

SUNDAY 26th MAY

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

SUNDAY 2nd 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

LORD CLINTON - OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Lord Clinton aged 89, peacefully at his home in East Devon on 2nd April 2024. Born Gerard Fane in 1934, he became the 22nd Baron Clinton in 1965, taking on responsibility for 25,000 acres across three estates in North and East Devon, known collectively as Clinton Devon Estates.

The family motto is ‘Tout vient de Dieu’ – Everything comes from God. Lord Clinton never forgot to express his gratitude for what he had been lucky enough to inherit from his great grandfather and the indispensable contribution of the very many individuals whose hard work over more than six decades enabled him to be “a trustee for life” of the Clinton Estate so that he, in turn, might pass on a thriving estate to the next generation.

He will be remembered with admiration and great affection throughout Devon and beyond. Visit www.otterton.info to read a full-length tribute.

Clinton Devon Estates

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“Thank you for waiting. Your call is very important to us”. As I get older, those words start to grate more and more. It is quite a feat to speak to a human being nowadays without negotiating what seems like hours of pressing buttons, being continually re-directed to the website (which wasn't working in the first place – which is why you are ‘phoning’), listening to music “on-hold”, and being inadvertently cut off while nearly reaching the head of the queue. I also get tired of being informed that things are continually changing “for our safety and convenience” – theirs mostly, not yours!

The de-humanisation of interaction between companies and their customers is in my view a retrograde step and provides cover for incompetence as well as saving them all a few quid.

There are of course many benefits to the technological revolution that we are living through, but as many people are now noticing, a lot of bad comes with the good to the extent that it appears that the nature of human beings is being changed, from much shorter attention spans, to depression, anxiety and many other ills associated with young people having access to hugely inappropriate material like hard-core pornography and “how to” suicide sites.

And the worst of it is, we all of us feel absolutely powerless to do anything about it. I'm sure we all feel on our own, trying to push a boulder uphill, when even trying to fight against it.

What it has done to me is make me suspicious of all technology unfortunately, even though I know I use it every day to my benefit, but there comes a point when we cross a line and “enough” becomes “too much”.

Of course, even the church has tried all of this, and has pushed “on-line” services and the like. I'm having none of it – it was all right during the pandemic but real face to face interaction, especially during communal worship, is where I am and where I'll stay. Call me old-fashioned.....

“Thank you for waiting. You are now number three in the queue”.

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contacts: **Charlotte Fitzgerald** – charlotte.fitzgerald@eastdevon.gov.uk; **Melanie Martin** – melanie.martin@eastdevon.gov.uk;
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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Hopefully the better weather is helping to make folk feel more positive, and the flowers coming up all over the Parish give great cause for joy!

This year, instead of a Village Assembly, Otterton Parish Council intend to hold an 'Open Morning' on **Saturday 1st June** between 10am & midday. All Clubs, Associations and Groups are invited to come along and set up a table to advertise their community outreach. Many of the Parish Councillors will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have, and refreshments will also be available.

If you would like to come along to represent your group, **please let the Clerk know by 13th May (clerk@otterton.info)** so a space can be allocated and if in the meantime you have any questions, please speak to one of the Councillors.

The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will be our **Annual General Meeting** when a Chair will be appointed and representatives for various responsibilities will be allocated. If you are interested in the workings of the Parish Council, becoming a Councillor or would like to know more, please do come along; everyone is welcome. The meeting will take place in Otterton Village Hall on **13th May** at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

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

From Angela Marshall

Thank you all so very much for your kind thoughts and prayers, cards and messages, during Nicky's shocking illness. I have been uplifted by them and they have helped to keep me strong and focussed. Nicky adds his sincere thanks. He is making a remarkable recovery. It is long and slow but he has plenty of spirit and he will get there.

Otterton is a wonderful place full of very special people. The best thing that we ever did was to move here from Inner Ting Tong. With my love to you all, Angela.

HOSPISCARE MEN'S WALK

A big thank you to the 35 Otterton residents and their families who sponsored Terry Tibbott, Geoff Porter, Peter Witherby and Malcolm Crabtree on Saturday 9th March in the 13th Hospiscare Men's Walk. They raised £340. 1400 walkers took part and to date £104,000 has been raised, though with funds still coming in, it is anticipated that the final sum will be in excess of £120,000. This will help Hospiscare to continue to provide end-of-life care across the heart of Devon. Thank you again.

STEAM AT THE OLD STATION

On **Saturday 8th June** there will be Steam again at The Old Station from 1pm till 5pm. The Otterton and East Budleigh Light Railway will be running in aid of **Vranch House School**, whose core activities focus on the education of children with physical difficulties from the age of 2 to 18, and for the provision of paediatric therapy and clinical treatment. The charity is registered with Companies House and with the Charity Commissioners.

There will be a small entrance fee to include free rides on the railway (three steam locomotives and two sets of coaches), Mark Waistell singing and playing the guitar, and several stalls including books etc. There will be a catering van selling hot and cold drinks. In addition, thanks to generous cake bakers in the village, there will be home-made cakes sold on the platform.

There will be "all facilities" as we have a generous sponsor providing a portable WC.

There will also be a raffle, and any suitable items you may wish to contribute will be most gratefully received.

Please contact John and Margie on: john-a.edmonds@ic24.net with any bright ideas!



OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

A small report from Otterton Primary School as we have just returned from our Easter holiday. We would like to express our thanks to the Community Shop who kindly donated some Easter treats for our Easter Egg hunt held at the end of last term. Also to The Old Vicarage, who generously donated prizes and an egg for all the students. We will be having a visit from Paralympian David Hill at the end of April; an update will follow in the next Parish News. Toddler group is held every Wednesday 9.30am-11am; all welcome. Please contact the office on 01395 568326 or adminotterton@thelink.academy for more information.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

We work hard to ensure that, when working for the shop, volunteers do not feel tied down by the commitment, and we know this can also be a particular concern of those who are thinking of volunteering. Having regular slots allows people to decide which days and times would suit them best, but if something does crop up, a swift email to the other volunteers will soon elicit a swap and if it doesn't, we find someone to step in. If the concern is working the till, it really is quite straight forward, no more difficult than using a mobile phone and full training is provided. We are only talking a couple of hours each week. If you would like to volunteer, do let us know. It would be great to hear from you. Visit the shop website for more details.

Shareholders are advised that the **OCS Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 4th June 2024**. We very much hope that you will attend, hear of our plans, and join us for a glass of wine afterwards. Reports and the Draft Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2024 will be circulated in advance as usual.

OTTERTON LADIES' COFFEE MORNING – 11am Monday 6th May

At The King's Arms, Otterton. Please come along and make new friends or just catch up with old ones. All welcome. (contact Sharon 708302 for more information)

OTTERTON MILL

News/Events: We have the East Devon Daytime Band performing for us again on May Bank Holiday Monday 6th in the courtyard 11am to 1pm. Our Friday takeaway service is proving very popular again, serving fish and chips and pizzas starting at 5pm.

Music: 22nd - Fran McGillivray & Mike Burke - Fran McGillivray (vocals & bass guitar) and Mike Burke (acoustic, electric & resonator guitars & vocals) are exciting and compelling performers and songwriters with a strong following on the Roots Music scene. Fran and Mike have spent many years honing their craft and have developed a unique take on Roots Music and an amazing empathy on stage. They have performed at many major festivals in Europe and the UK including Rotterdam, Cambridge and Shrewsbury, and have shared the bill with artists such as Bob Dylan, Bert Jansch, John Renbourne and Elvis Costello. They are regulars on the club and concert circuit, and on BBC and local music radio shows. Fran and Mike's own vibrant and original songs are complemented by soulful, dynamic and powerful interpretations of songs which have informed their deep love of Roots Music.

The Fran McGillivray Band's album "Rain" was number 10 in the BluesBlues top 40 Americana+ albums of 2022. Cerys Matthews has played tracks from "Rain" on her BBC Radio 2 Blues Show, and Fran was interviewed live for the show on 27th February 2023. Tickets available online, by ringing our office on 01395 568521 and in person in the Mill Shop. Our live music events are held outside under the stars in our courtyard during the summer.

Ticket price covers music only. Pre-booking required. Doors open at 6pm. Food served 6pm to 7.30pm. Pre-booking not required. Live music starts at 8pm.

Milling: 12th & 26th - come and see the Mill in action. Our wholemeal flour is used in our bakery products and is available to purchase in our Farm Shop and Restaurant/Café. Milling 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm; entry is free.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Ottertton Village Hall is in urgent need of new committee members to assist in the day to day running of the Village Hall. If you would like to join our friendly team, please email village.hall@ottertton.info

OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED: Local Support for Local People

Ottertton Relief in Need Charity (ORINC) exists to provide financial relief to residents of the Parish of Ottertton in need, hardship or distress through situations such as loss of income or domestic crisis. Types of help given include payment of essential bills, rent, electricity, supply of logs and other living expenses.



If you or someone you know would benefit from our support, we encourage you to please apply. Application forms can be found:

- In the **foyer of the Village Hall**
- On our new **website**, www.orinc.org.uk
- Or you can **email**: orin.charity@gmail.com

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

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

THE KING'S ARMS – from Freddie and The King's Arms Team

Hi everybody! Who else can't wait for a bit of nicer weather? Lots of fun things happening at The King's in May...

QUIZZES: 1st May and 15th May

Let's see as many of you as possible! This is a great evening - food & quiz for just £8.00.

HOG ROAST & ALEX DOBSON AT THE KING'S ARMS 6th MAY

On Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday) we are delighted to welcome Alex Dobson to play live from 3pm - 5:30pm. We're also going to have a Hog Roast going! It's a Bank Holiday, so why not bring everyone down for a fun afternoon. Alex does our Music Bingo here monthly and we're excited to have him playing at The King's.

SIDMOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL 26th MAY

On Sunday 26th May, we are going to have "Silence in the Court of Blues" play LIVE at The King's Arms from 4pm. We're calling it Blues & BBQ at The King's. The BBQ will be on for Burgers, Hot Dogs & Halloumi Burgers. This is part of the wider Sidmouth Jazz Festival. This band played here last year, and the feedback was extraordinary. So let's do it again! But MORE! There'll be an outside bar, and a station for Pimm's & Cocktails.

MUSIC BINGO @ THE KING'S ARMS

These events are proving really popular. They take place on the last Friday of the month, so the next Music Bingo is scheduled for Friday 31st May! 2 games for £8.00, lots of prizes and fun to be had, with live music from Alex Dobson. It's essentially bingo, but with songs. No numbers, just song titles. And trust me, you know the song titles!

Thank you as always for your continued support with what the team and I are trying to do here. You've all made us feel so fantastic and a part of this wonderful community, and long may it continue!

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

Our season is well and truly under way now. Don't forget that if anyone is on the lookout for a part-time or full-time job, we may have just the vacancy for you. We can offer flexible hours, summer jobs or a more long-term career path. Just drop us an email to jobs@ladrambay.co.uk to find out more.

FROM PETER HAYWARD

Following my career in the milk industry, I developed a hobby of collecting milk bottles from Devon dairies that would have been delivered to the doorstep between 1930-1980.

I would like to make an appeal to the readers of the Parish News for any milk bottles from Ottertton dairies that may be hiding in a shed or kitchen cupboard. These would be from the 3 dairies below that operated in the Parish, and any others that may be found. If you can help, please contact me on petervalhayward@gmail.com Thank you.

1. F.W.S. Carter from Seaview Farm, Ladram Bay
2. S.J. Williams from Stantyway Farm, Ottertton
3. L. Drake from Crosstrees Farm, Ottertton

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/>

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

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Ottertton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for June edition is Monday 20th May latest please.**