

**OTTERTON PARISH NEWS**  
**OCTOBER 2019**  
**A member of the Raleigh Mission Community**

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<b>SERVICES FOR OCTOBER</b>			
<b><u>SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER- Harvest</u></b>			
9.30 am	Service with Drake's School for Harvest		East Budleigh <b>Ottertton</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Service with Ottertton School for Harvest</b>		
<b><u>SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER – Mission Sunday</u></b>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Ottertton</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER – All Saints Patronal Festival</u></b>			
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>All Souls Service</b>		<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Ottertton.</b>			

<p><b>OTTERTON HARVEST SUPPER</b>                  will be on <b>Tuesday 8th October</b> at 7.30pm in the</p>
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Village Hall  
Tickets (£7) available from Anne Radcliffe (568059)  
**Please bring your own drinks and glasses**  
***Everyone is welcome, and donations of raffle prizes***  
***will be much appreciated***  
***Thank you***

**HAIR @ No 57**  
Alison and Lisa will be wearing **PINK** on  
**Friday 18th October**  
to raise funds and support "**BREAST**  
**CANCER**"  
***Please call in and support us***

**View from The Vicarage**

Dear Friends,  
Did you know that there are official dates for Autumn? No, neither did I but apparently, they are from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, so we are well into the season now. The season lends itself to melancholy, and those of us of a certain age may recall Nat King Cole singing "Autumn Leaves". We speak metaphorically of being in the "Autumn of our lives". It is a time for reflection, looking back on Summer and looking forward to Winter and beyond that to the renewal of Spring. In the church this bitter-sweet season is reflected in the season of Advent (though that doesn't start until December), though nowadays it has largely been swallowed up in the headlong commercial countdown to Christmas.

The most significant festival in October is the Harvest Festival which we will celebrate on 6<sup>th</sup> October in St. Michaels Church at 11am – all welcome obviously. Traditionally we celebrate the fruit of the summer and thank God for the Harvest and although most of us are fairly divorced from the land nowadays, this provides an excellent opportunity to re-acquaint ourselves with the natural cycle of the beautiful farming landscape we inhabit.

The social concerns of the 21<sup>st</sup> century also make an entrance of course when we consider all the people who don't have enough to eat, and a feature of a lot of modern Harvest Festivals is that any produce or money received goes to deserving causes. The natural cycle of the seasons is reflected in church practice and tradition. As it says in the Bible, "There is a time for everything, a time to reap and a time to sow..."

**Martin**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Apologies to everyone for postponing the village meeting to discuss sporting facilities for the village. The new date is 12th October at 3.30pm. Please do come along to have your say on how our funding can be used and increased.

Thank you to everyone living on The Green for your co-operation during the tree works. I hope you agree that a good job has been done and the Council plans to replace the cherry tree very soon. I was also delighted to learn that the chippings from the trees have been used on the School allotment - recycling at its best! Big thanks also to Ian Simpson for removing a wasp nest which was causing problems.

We are coming up to firework season. Please can I urge all residents to consider their neighbours and pets when setting off fireworks and not to do so late at night.

Parking continues to be an issue in the village. Once again, the problem can be eased by consideration for other road users, residents and pedestrians. Please help to make Otterton a safe place.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 7th October commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; everyone is welcome.

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### **THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – Otterton C of E Primary School – from the Headteacher**

We have had a busy first few weeks back at school. We have welcomed 10 new children into school - 7 in Reception, 1 in Year 2, 1 in Year 3 and 1 in Year 4; they have all settled into school brilliantly and we look forward to their journey with us. We also welcomed a new member of staff to the Otterton team, Mrs Katie Skinner, who has joined Dragonflies Class.

We were invited by Clinton Devon Estates to join them for a milk and biscuit afternoon; all the children really enjoyed the milk with several of them saying it was the best they have ever tasted!

Kingfishers Class have attended a presentation by visiting author Tom McLaughlin at Sidmouth College which has really inspired them in their literacy work.

One of our Teaching Assistants is part way through her Forest School Leader course; this will enable us to run forest school sessions in and around the school which will be an amazing opportunity for the children.

Our lovely Toddler Group has now started again; it's lovely seeing all the children again, seeing how they have grown and developed and hearing all about their summer holiday experiences. If you haven't yet attended one of our groups then you are most welcome to come along on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11am at the school.

We have our open sessions for prospective parents coming up, so if your child is due to start school in September 2020 then we would love to welcome you to look around our school; the dates for the sessions are:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-10.30am; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-3pm

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-3pm; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-10.30am

We have a busy half term ahead with many exciting things to come, and look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

### **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE**

Our shop continued to be busy throughout September with many visitors telling us how surprised they were by the wide range and variety of the products on our shelves. Of course there would be no shop at all without our most valuable asset, our wonderful team of loyal volunteers. A small 'thank-you' for all their efforts was the very enjoyable BBQ, kindly hosted by Marianne and David on a perfect late summer evening.

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

Our next meeting is on 15th October with a talk by Mary Benger on “My Passion for Plants”. Mary is the creator of Burrow Farm Gardens from a clay pit to the beautiful garden that exists today. Like many of us, Mary is a plantaholic and we look forward to hearing about her favourite plants. The meeting will be held at Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free to members and £4.00 for non-members. For more information on the club go to [www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk](http://www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk)

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

We have spent the past month continuing to read and discuss all the comments received during the 6-week consultation period and I am happy to announce that the task is now complete. Several of the comments we received have resulted in changes to the objectives and policies within our neighbourhood plan; the changes made are intended to add clarity or strength to the plan. The comments form and our responses to it will soon be made available to view on the Otterton Parish website, along with the revised version of our neighbourhood plan. We also hope to display a hard copy of each in the community shop for viewing. The plan itself and the appendices will be presented as two separate documents. The original questionnaire and also the comments made by parishioners during the consultation period have highlighted some of the major concerns of those who live and work here. To take these concerns forward into action, it is hoped that parishioners with a particular interest in each topic will volunteer to form a separate focus group to tackle each individual issue. There were also many excellent suggestions for community activities and initiatives; it is hoped that some of you will be prepared to give up your time to make these happen. Details can be found within the Neighbourhood Plan Appendices. We remain optimistic that we will be able to present the final plan to Otterton Parish Council and upload onto the village website during the month of October 2019.

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

Otterton Film Club's first screening of the winter season will be “Fisherman's Friend”. This will be shown in the Village Hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm (doors open for refreshments at 7.00pm). Membership can be purchased/renewed on the night, or for new members, application forms are available from the Community Shop.

### **JUMBLE SALE**

The **Former Little Otters** are holding a fundraising **Jumble Sale** on **2nd November at East Budleigh Village Hall** from 10am – 12noon. The wonderful support of the community at our last sale meant that we sent over **£400 to Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare** as well as supporting many local charities with goods. This time we are raising money for **Pete's Dragons**, the wonderful Exmouth charity that supports families facing bereavement through the suicide of a family member. As usual we will also support the schools of the Raleigh Community, CR2EE, Turnaround and the local charity shops by passing on any leftover donations. If you have a donation of jumble, please leave in the Information Point of the East Budleigh Village Hall or phone Fran on 568732 for collection. Do come along and support us and grab yourself a bargain and a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.

### **OTTERTON MILL**

**News:** We are delighted to say that we have again been awarded a Gold in this year's Taste of the West awards and actually went one better by making the final with the top 8 Gold establishments in 2019. We are continuing to bring new lines to the Farm Shop

and Artists to the Gallery so invite you all to pop in and see what the Mill has to offer. Our Milk Vending Machine is now up and running, with milk available 24 hours a day.

**Milling:** This month on 10th & 17th

**Music:** Friday 4th October: Paul Lamb & Chad Strentz - a welcome return visit from UK Blues legend Paul and duo partner Chad. Paul has won countless awards, sold record-breaking numbers of albums, and performed the world over with longstanding musical compatriots The King Snakes. Inducted into the British Blues Awards Hall of Fame (alongside the likes of John Mayall and Alexis Korner), Paul is renowned globally for his infectious brand of music. Recognised as one of the best blues singers in Europe, Chad brings to his vocals and guitar playing a captivating mix of blues, soul, rockabilly and more. All tickets £15 (ticket price covers music only). Pre-booking required. Food served 6pm to 7.30pm, music starts at 8pm. Please call the ticket line (568521) to book.

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

The Milk Vending Machine at Otterton Mill is now fully operational and can take both card and cash payments. The software and instructions have been improved for first-time users. Thank you for all your support and feedback so far. Children from *Ottertton Primary School* filled bottles to share the local organic milk with their classmates and we were also pleased to gift every family at the school one of the re-usable glass bottles. Bottles are available for £2.50 or bring your own and the machine will dispense into your container of choice, in units of half a litre (up to 5 litres). The milk costs £1.50 a litre and is pasteurised but not homogenised, so it tastes just like milk used to taste!

**Have your say on proposals designed to improve visitor access to the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths whilst protecting wildlife and habitats.** A consultation will run from 23rd September until 4th November 2019 where we will be asking local people and users of the commons to let us know what they think of plans to improve visitor infrastructure across the heaths. You can get involved in the following ways - by viewing proposed changes in detail online at [www.Southeastdevonwildlife.org.uk/visitors](http://www.Southeastdevonwildlife.org.uk/visitors) or talking to our teams at three drop-in events:

- Four Firs car park, between 9am-1pm on 28th September
- Joney's Cross car park, between 1pm-5pm on 10th October
- Exmouth Town Hall, between 2pm-8pm on 17th October

When the consultation closes, we will consider all the comments submitted and make our responses available. We hope that funding will be approved in January, once plans are finalised following the consultation. [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com) 01395 446918

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

The King's Arms will be televising the Rugby World Cup during October and November. With the tournament in Japan, most games will be shown in the morning, so we will be laying on some tasty breakfasts to accompany them (collect our flyer from the pub for dates and times). We are also pleased to announce that the King's Arms Quiz Night will start again on 2nd October, and we will also be hosting a Halloween Party for the village children on 31st October from 4pm until 7pm.

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

Despite the end of the season nearing, we're still in full swing here at Ladram Bay, making the most of what has been another sensational year. September was a busy month and highlights included the frequent repeat sightings of Dolphins within the bay, plus another Blue Lobster found her way into the Lobster pots which turned many heads, both down on the Beach and online.

To raise awareness of plastic usage and encourage recycling, whilst keeping our beach looking sublime, we've introduced the 'One Ton Plastic Challenge'. Help us hit our target of plastic collected from the beach and kindly deposit the waste within the large bin adjacent to our new sign on the slipway.

Have you spotted our newest marketing campaign, the #LadramLorry? A 43-foot transporter travelling around the UK raising awareness of our fantastic 5-star park. The Lorry is owned by Greendale Farm Shop and will be making many 'green' deliveries including collecting paper recycling from the business park and transporting animal feed back to Greendale. If you see it on your travels simply snap a pic (not from the driving seat!) and send it our way using #LadramLorry

Planning is now well underway for season 2020 and will include the installation of new solar panels in the winter to lessen our carbon footprint. These will be fitted to our key facility buildings and it is estimated will save a predicted 171 tonnes/year of CO2!

If visiting us this October prior to half-term, our opening times are as follows:

Pool – 9am – 5.45pm; Shop - 8am - 6pm Sunday – Thursday & 8am -7pm Friday & Saturday

Coast Takeaway - Sun - Thurs 5pm - 9pm (Closed Wednesday) & Fri & Sat 5pm - 10pm (Gluten Free menu served Mon, Thurs & Sun. Please ask for details)

Don't forget that Otterton residents are eligible to free weekday parking (off-peak only) on production of a Ladram Bay Otterton pass which is available from Reception.

### **THANK YOU FROM ANGELA**

A huge 'thank you' for all the wonderful cards, from iguanas to frogs, birds to bees, hearts to cakes, and also to everyone who came to Rosemary Cottage to cheer me up on my birthday. It really was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion and much appreciated.

**EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB:** East Budleigh Chess Club is in the process of disbanding due to falling membership. The club had a short (seven years) but happy career. It won the CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION of the Exeter Chess League once and also ran teams in the Devon League and Knockout competitions. **Grandmaster Keith Arkell** gave a memorable simultaneous display and twice turned out for the club's Devon Knockout team. In one of the matches, E.B. came very close to inflicting a shock defeat on Exeter. A **Christmas Reunion Blitz Chess** meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets £5. A Celebration One-day **Open Rapid Chess Tournament** is being planned for Spring 2020 when it is hoped a World-Class Player will make a guest appearance. More details to follow later. Brian Gosling – 01395 442060 or email brigosling@aol.com

### **POLICE**

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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.

### **SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH**

**Heritage Weekend** brought in many visitors, from near and far including the Structural Engineer who during the restoration, together with his apprentice son, was

responsible for putting in the main steel column. The steel column, together with four supporting steel cables help support the roof, thus making the building stable.

● **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 [salembookingseb@mail.com](mailto:salembookingseb@mail.com) Alternatively, use the contact page on the HCT (The Historic Chapels Trust) website [www.hct.org.uk](http://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?*

Blacksmiths have not been working in Otterton since 1990. (The earliest recorded in the village was in 1332). Richard Northcott came to work in Otterton in 1812, taking over the forge in 1830. The Northcotts built agricultural and dairy machinery, some of which survives in the Bicton Gardens Rural Museum. They had another forge in Primley Cottage, Bell Street in 1868 to 1899. In 1929 they sold their businesses to the Carters of Budleigh Salterton. The original forge building survives at the junction of Fore Street and Lea Road.

*Gerald Millington*

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**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](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) **Deadline for November edition is Monday 21st October LATEST please.**