



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 2020

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

9.30 am	Harvest Festival		East Budleigh
11.00 am	Harvest Festival Morning Prayer		Otterton

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER – Mission Sunday

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

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER – All Souls

9.30 am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion		East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton

Morning Prayer will be said Wednesday, 10am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am at Otterton.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will take place on Sunday 25th October in the Church at 12.15pm – ALL ARE WELCOME.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“Nature now spreads around in dreary hue

A pall to cover all that summer knew”

So begins a poem by John Clare about the month of October. Summer is behind us and who knows what winter might bring. That seems to induce a strong note of melancholy amongst people. As an introvert given to a melancholic nature all year long all I can say is “welcome!”

For me, melancholy isn't depression; rather it is a state of mind that sees beauty in fragility and vulnerability and can also be the result of harbouring a romantic desire for a perfection in people and relationships that is always elusive.

The truth is that we are all vulnerable and all fragile. The changing seasons remind us that the cycle of life is not unchanging and predictable but a constant and dynamic story of Life, growth, decline, death and then new life again. This story is played out in front of our eyes every year of our lives, and it is played out in the story of the stars and planets, and it is played out in our mortal lives as well.

We certainly seem to understand the Life, growth, decline and death bit very well but as a society we have become more uncertain about the last and arguably most important bit about “new life”.

Our faith in new life is built solidly on the conviction that Jesus died and was raised from the dead, and that this fact revealed the ultimate fate of all creation. We celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive every Sunday and pray that we are given new life spiritually within our mortal lives – a foretaste of what is to come.

As we feel the chill, see the leaves turn brown, and contemplate much harsher weather to come, wherever we are in the cycle of life we can reflect on how this reflects our own life's journey and perhaps contemplate what comes afterwards.

Love and peace,

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all the residents who have taken on extra work over the summer to keep the village looking good and to care for others in our community - your help is much appreciated and the letters of thanks received have shown how pleased and grateful folk have been. The Parish Council are very aware that the fabulous weather and worries about travelling abroad have increased the flow of traffic through the village and exacerbated the parking problems usually encountered during the summer months. Your tolerance and consideration of others is appreciated – for ongoing parking issues please do contact Highways (03451551004) or through the ‘Report a Problem’ page of the website, as it is only this department that has the power to solve these. The Parish Council are currently making the solution to parking in the village a priority and are working with other groups to try and find a way forward.

Whilst the infection rate of COVID remains low in our area the Parish Council have made the lawful decision, which is in line with current COVID guidance, to continue to hold their monthly meetings remotely for the time being. If you have an issue, observation or query you would like to bring to the meeting please contact the Clerk by phone 07880331465, by post Otterton Parish Council c/o Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington EX9 7BW, by email clerk@otterton.info or request an invitation to the online meeting which will be sent to you on the morning of the meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been really lovely to see all the children back at school. They have embraced their return with real enthusiasm and as always, have made us really proud!

We have welcomed 5 new children to school in Reception and they have got off to a brilliant start. We have also welcomed a new staff member, Mr Luxa, who will be at Otterton on a Monday as our specialist PE Teacher.

We are hoping to be able to offer Open Days and make a virtual tour available soon for prospective parents; keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for this and dates!

A message of thanks from Wendy Morrish and Allan

We would like to say a big Thank You to **Mr Bert Savage** for ringing our Church bells every Thursday to coincide with the community's “Clap for the NHS”. Well done Bert, it was much appreciated.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Our 2021 calendar is selling so well we have decided to produce another next year for 2022. A new competition will be announced in the spring but so that you can start snapping autumnal and winter entries over the next few months, we can tell you that the subject will be 'LIFE IN OTTERTON'. We will be looking for photographs of wildlife and human activity set in and around the village. Please remember that images should be in landscape format and of medium to high resolution. Meanwhile, the extended holiday season is reflected in buoyant trading within the shop but our primary focus remains serving the village. We are still arranging home deliveries for those unable to get to the shop or boxes for collection. In either case, phone through your order on 01395 708324.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Nothing to report this month.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The first film of the season will be "Buena Vista Social Club" (Ageing Cuban musicians whose talents had been virtually forgotten following Castro's takeover of Cuba, are brought out of retirement by Ry Cooder, who travelled to Havana in order to bring the musicians together, resulting in triumphant performances of extraordinary music, and resurrecting the musicians' careers).

Due to the reduced capacity of the Village Hall, this will be screened on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October, both at 7.30pm. For the same reason, all those wishing to attend are asked to book their seats a week in advance, either to ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net or by phoning 567661. As a result of the pandemic, the 72 paid up members of last season will have their membership extended through to March 2021. To save the handling of cash, they are asked to pay £12 per head in advance. Numbers permitting, this will give them priority entry to a single screening to each of the next six films to be shown in the Hall. Non-members will still be admitted where space allows, for £6 per screening.

THE KING'S ARMS

We hope everyone is still keeping well and it's wonderful seeing so many familiar faces coming back in. We are still having an unprecedented demand for tables so recommend booking well in advance for dining to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately the return of our Pub Quiz will be put back again until at least November. Hope to see you all soon. Peter and the Team.

OTTERTON MILL

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We are continuing to follow government Covid-19 regulations to keep our customers and staff safe and **we ask that customers use card payments.**

Seasonal lines will be arriving at the Mill and Food shop; do call in and see the unique items that we have to offer.

We have vacancies to work as Front of House/Retail Assistant; if interested please contact us via email with a CV attached.

Milling

11th & 25th

Music

Our music gigs for this year have been postponed but we hope to have a full programme available in 2021.

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

As the end of season 2020 approaches we're reminiscing on what a year it's been! Completely unprecedented, very strange, and rather stressful for us all. Thank you for your kind support over the past few months; it is very much appreciated.

We were overjoyed to receive the *Best of the Best* 2020 status recently by TripAdvisor. This prestigious award is their highest recognition and is presented annually to those businesses that are the Best of the Best on TripAdvisor, those that earn excellent reviews from travellers and are ranked in the top 1% of properties worldwide.

The search has now begun for inspiring landscape imagery to use within our 2021 calendar & promotional materials. Have you captured some stunning local scenery which you feel deserves pride of place as one of our 12 top shots within our calendar next year? We're looking for photos taken throughout the season, in all weather, of our splendid location plus the flora and fauna on park. To enter, email your imagery to carlanewman@ladrambay.co.uk and we'll be sure to credit you.

For the foreseeable future we remain closed for day visitors. For those regular users of the Ladram Stores, please be aware that our 'Short stay' car parking scheme is still in operation. If you are yet to apply for your pass and require one, please contact Mike on 01395 567692. (Proof of address may be required, 15 mins maximum duration, access to shop only). Any changes to our current policies will be listed online at <https://www.ladrambay.co.uk/covid-19-guidance/>

As we move into the winter months, we once again appreciate your understanding with regard to our caravan movements. We will endeavour, where possible, to list these in advance on both the Otterton Village website and the Friends of Otterton Facebook page to minimise any disruption to you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Nothing to report this month.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Lower Otter Restoration and other river news

Visit Countryside Learning at www.otterton.com for details of the Lower Otter Restoration Project's full planning application and your chance to comment.

Last month saw two separate incidents of injured swans on the river. Staff from the *Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust (PHCT)* captured an adult cob (male) from the estuary below White Bridge so a vet could repair a serious cut to his oesophagus, caused by a fishing lure. He made remarkable progress and was released less than a week later.

Sadly, soon afterwards a cygnet from the other swan family became entangled in fishing line and was also removed from the river to receive emergency treatment for extensive tissue damage. With its wounds healed and wing function restored, the youngster was returned and quickly accepted by the parent birds. Both birds are being monitored but are recovering well.

A much-needed sweep was arranged to pick up all the litter in the reedbeds and marsh before the winter. Volunteers from the PHCT and the Otter Valley Association recovered 21 bags of glass, metal and plastic, plus a large container of engine oil!

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SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

News from Salem Chapel

Salem Chapel and Schoolroom C1719 remain closed indefinitely. For emergencies (only) please contact 07544 239289.

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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.

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk 01395 446433 **Deadline for November edition is Wednesday 21st October please**